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Why are you crying, a young boy asked his mom? “Because I’m a woman,” she told him. I don’t understand,” he said. His Mom just hugged him and said, “And you never will, but that’s O.K.”..... Later the little boy asked his father, “Why does Mom seem to cry for no reason?”. “All women cry for no reason,” was all his Dad could say..... The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why women cry.

Finally he put in a call to God and when God got back to him, he asked “God, why do women cry so easily?”

GOD answered..... “When I made woman, I decided she had to be special. I made her shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world, yet, made her arms gentle enough to give comfort..... I gave her the inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times will come even from her own children. I gave her a hardness that allows her to keep going and take care of her family and friends, even when everyone else gives up, through sickness and fatigue without complaining... I gave her the sensitivity to love children under any and all circumstances. Even when her child has hurt her badly... She has the very special power to make a child’s boo-boo feel better and to quell a teenager’s anxieties and fears...

I gave her strength to care for her husband, despite faults and fashioned her from his rib to protect his heart... I gave her wisdom to know that a good husband never hurts his wife, but sometimes tests her strengths and her resolve to stand beside him unfalteringly.....

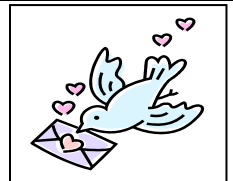
For all of this hard work, I also gave her a tear to shed. It is hers to use whenever needed and it is her only weakness.....When you see her cry, tell her how much you love her and all she does for everyone, and even though she may still cry, you will have made her heart feel good.

She is special!!!!

Love your Mother Always!!!!

And keep her smiling!!!!

Notes from the Editor:



The next **Community Breakfast**, featuring the **Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.**

The next **WRAP meeting** will be **Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the **June** issue –**Tuesday** morning, **May 18, 2010**

May 30th is **Change-over Sunday**.

Dear Friends,

When I read stories in the Bible, I try to see what the writers “do” in what they “say.” And this is what I do when I prepare my Sunday message. This year, I prepared my messages for the Easter season from the Gospel according to John. Reflecting on the readings, I re-thought about various issues central to understanding church life, and I would like to share them with you.

I have found John has a distinct Easter message: The life of Jesus was not finished when his body was laid in the tomb and its entrance was sealed with a rock too heavy for a person to move. His life continues in the life of his disciples. I have arrived at this understanding by recognizing what he does in what he says.

John gives his account regarding the death of Jesus and his burial with a particular purpose: To ensure that his readers accept the finality of Jesus’ death. No one in the account entertains the idea that in some way Jesus could be alive. The disciples saw him dead at the execution. His dead body was moved and laid in a tomb. John emphasizes this point in the story of Mary. She is the only person who went back to the tomb. But, remember, according to John, Mary went back not because she believed “the resurrection” took place, but because she was preoccupied with the idea of giving him a proper burial. In other words, death of Jesus was an accepted fact, and a truth; Mary for one goes back to look for Jesus’ “dead body.”

This is precisely what the authorities who conspired to murder Jesus was hoping for. They wanted the disciples to disappear with the elimination of their leader. And they felt secure knowing that they killed him. Furthermore, the public execution of Jesus by crucifixion instilled fear into the minds of his followers; it was an effective deterrent. But more importantly, Jesus, whom the disciples believed as Son of God, a powerful divine figure supposedly, appeared powerless. With Jesus’ death, the hope of the disciples was buried as well.

But, for John, his account was unfinished; and it rather continues in the appearance stories of Jesus. The appearance stories are a direct challenge to the fact that Jesus is dead. That is to say, *it is a refusal to accept a given fact as truth and at the same time to tell a new truth by redefining the accepted fact.* This is illustrated in the interactions of Jesus with people. Jesus says about something, but those who hear it either fail to understand it or entirely misunderstand it. The death of Lazarus is a good example. Lazarus dies of an illness. His family and the people from the village gave him a proper burial. On the third day Jesus came and declares that Lazarus was not dead but sleeping. Jesus rejects to accept the death of Lazarus, and redefines it.

By redefining the death of Jesus, John, for instance, must have risen from the despair after the execution of Jesus. He must have felt the power that enabled him to reject the finality of Jesus’ death; something within him he felt empowering him to declare he has also seen the Lord.

In my June article I will share with you how this redefining act informs the current denomination wide campaign for congregational redevelopment.

Peace,

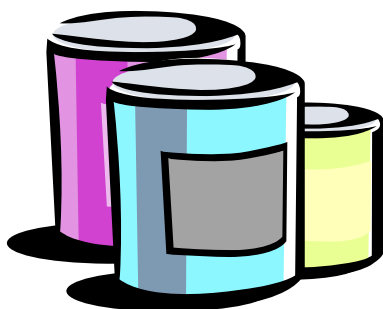
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► **WRAP** will have their next meeting, **Saturday, June 5, 2010**, in the **Church Office** at **9:30 a.m.**
All are welcome. We hope to see you there.



► **Be An Artist Day -- May 15, 2010**
Check out the insert and mark your calendar. It's just around the corner.



► **Change-Over Sunday** is **May 30, 2010**.
Unconditional love and unconditional gifts make immeasurable changes. Thank you again!!

► **Game Nite!**
Fun for All and All for Fun!! Don't be shy. Come join in the fun on Game Nite, Friday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m..



► **Trustees**
The Trustees' meeting scheduled for the 22nd of **May** has been **cancelled**. The new time and day is TBA as soon as it is confirmed. Stay tuned to the emails and the bulletins for further information.

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

05/05 Sarah Chow
 05/12 Leah Marcus
 05/14 Gwen Freeman
 05/15 Jo Roll
 05/18 Jack Spilman
 05/28 Vilma Ware



Happy Anniversary!!

05/21 Laurie and Rolf Haas
 05/25 Jess and Lelaine Tanciango

Income and Expenses March 2010

INCOME

	<i>March</i>
Offerings	\$2,429.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,787.16
Special Giving	\$177.91
TOTAL	\$7,394.07

EXPENSES

	<i>March</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 161.20
Operating Expense	\$ 2,516.85
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,019.39
TOTAL	\$ 7,697.44

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$34,588.42
Designated funds	\$23,790.30



Put a Little Fun in Your Friday Night...

Come on over to the Church on Friday night, May 14, 2010 for **GAME NITE!!** Play some games, share some snacks, and enjoy good times with your friends and family at SUMC. Don't Forget! Friday, May 14, 2010 at 6:30PM. And don't hesitate to bring a friend or neighbor to have fun too! All are welcome to share the good times.

Gathering of the Laity

Lay members, lay leaders, lay speakers, and members
Saturday, May 15, 2010
Alum Rock UMC, 30 Kirk Avenue, San Jose

Lay Celebration and Inspiration

9:00 Sign in
9:30 – 11:30 am

What calls us to leadership in our
local churches?
Led by District Lay Leader Nina Klepac
and other area laity.

Pre Conference Orientation

11:30 am – 1 pm
For any interested lay and clergy.

Led by Rev. Kristie Olah and others.

No fee, but please register:

Online on the district web site, www.sjdist.org
By phone. Call Pam at the district office, 408 295 5341
By email: to sjdist@sbcglobal.net
By regular mail: return slip below to SJ District Office

Name _____ Phone _____
Church _____ Your email _____ Position
in church _____

Neighborhood Garage Sale

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Bring All Your Treasures!!! Don't be shy!

Clean out those Closets

and Clear out those garages!!!

All proceeds to benefit Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Programs

So Bring all those gently used items to:

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

355 Dixon Road

Milpitas, CA 95035

Between 5:00PM and 8:30PM, Friday, May 21, 2010

Then come on back on Saturday to discover all those new treasures you can't live without!!! HAPPY SHOPPING!!!

Calendar

May

- 1 Community Breakfast
- 2 Worship
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 9 Worship Mother's Day
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 14 Game Nite at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Be An Artist Day – SUMC Campus
- 15 Gathering of the Laity
- 16 Worship
- 18 BEACON *Deadline*
- 20 Centering Prayer
- 23 Worship
- 27 Centering Prayer
- 30 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 31 Special Offering – Peace and Justice Sunday
Memorial Day

June

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 1 Choir
- 2 Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
- 4 Worship – *EASTER SUNDAY*
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 10 Community Breakfast
- 10 WRAP at 9:30 a.m.
- 11 Worship
- 11 Lunch at Casa Azteca
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 18 Worship
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 25 Worship Change-over Sunday

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