



# The Beacon

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November 2010

(Excerpts from) Thanksgiving Blessing

by *Jill Eisnaugle*

This Thanksgiving holiday with its blessings so grand should serve to remind us of the joys at hand  
The friendships we treasure, our families dear, the love we've been given and shared, year to year  
The food at our tables, where many have none the dawn of each morning beneath the bright sun  
The dreams that we carry; the warmth in our hearts that bring us together when we are apart.

The walks by the lakeshore as stars light the sky the joys in the children who quickly pass by  
The stillness of nature, the comforts of home each blessing the greatest that could ever be known  
The warm, pleased scents from the kitchen, delight arousing the senses near the firelight  
The wondrous decor of the season to come good tidings, best wishes for everyone.

The freedom we hold, so to live peacefully the soldiers who serve us, so diligently  
The air that we breathe, the flowers we grow the brightness of spring, the coldness of snow  
Our sons and daughters, our husbands and wives and the furry creatures who capture our lives –  
All are blessings we're given to cherish, always yet, especially so on Thanksgiving Day.

Celebrate this time for the beauty abound be thankful for all of the blessings you've found  
For in the end, blessed you will truly be – a soul filled with love, peace and harmony  
Happy Thanksgiving, my friends; I am blessed, indeed I am thankful for the love you have shared, selflessly  
May each road that you travel be paved with a smile have a wonderful holiday....enjoyed in style!

And as always... May God Bless!

## Note from the editor:

The next **Lunch Bunch** will be **November 14, 2010** at **Max's Savory Chicken**  
on **Landess** at **11:30 a.m.**.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **December** issue -**Tuesday** morning, **November 16,**

**All Church Conference** is scheduled for **November 13, 2010** at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Alum Rock UMC**  
in **San Jose.**

**November 29** is **Change-over Sunday.**

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



*Let Us Give  
Thanks....*



Dear Friends,

I am thankful.

I am thankful for the brave and generous souls who had vision, energy and enthusiasm to form Sunnyhills UMC more than 50 years ago.

I am thankful for the forward-thinking members who have seen the ups and downs of organizational life, bringing us to who we are today.

I am thankful for the many, many folks who have kept our physical plant operational through their work on maintenance projects, rebuilding, landscaping, and repairs.

I am thankful for all those who make this church in this community a priority in their lives.

I am thankful to all who come on Thursday evenings to rehearse worship music that enhances our worship experience on Sunday morning.

I am thankful for those of you who come out to help, even if the event you're helping with isn't your "favorite" activity.

I am thankful for all those who reach out to each other, with cards, rides, and calls.

I am thankful for families who, in the midst of personal issues and strife, make Sunday morning a priority "because we need to be here".

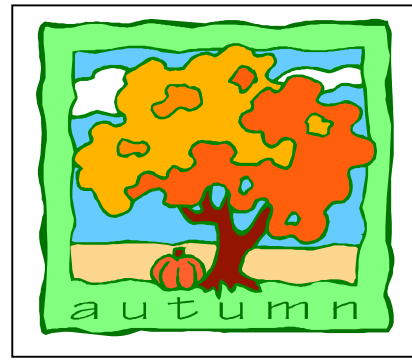
I am thankful that we have folks with good ideas who take action on them.

I am thankful and privileged to serve God in this community.

I am thankful for all this, and much more.

With thanks,

Pastor Shirley

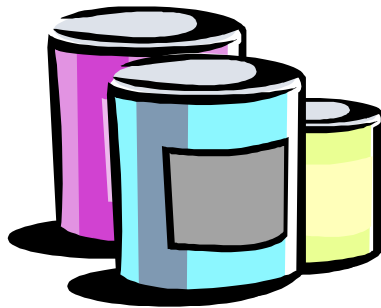


► **Choir**

Hey Everybody, drop on by any **Thursday** at **6:45** and you'll hear the sweet music of your Choir drifting out of the **Sanctuary**. Don't delay and don't be shy. Christmas is coming faster every year so come on in and let's learn some new music together.

► **All Church Conference**

SUMC will be holding its Annual Conference **Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.** The conference will be held at **Alum Rock UMC, 30 Kirk Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127**. Please mark your calendars and we hope to see everyone there. Thank you.



► **Change-Over Sunday** is **November 28, 2009**.

The hot temperatures we experienced two weeks ago sure turned **MUCH** colder *fast*. Your donations help families afford at least one **HOT** meal a day. The Milpitas Food Pantry only exists because of understanding friends like you and your neighbors. **Thank you again!**

► **“Yummy, Yummy Jello**

We are collecting Jello for Milpitas Food Pantry Thanksgiving baskets. Again we have offered 100 boxes of various flavors so please remember Jello when you go shopping. We're also accepting Jello cups.

Please bring them with you to worship, the first three Sundays of November. Thanks, Jo Roll



**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

- 11/02 Juanita Westover
- 11/03 Ann Zeise
- 11/04 Marley Spilman
- 11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
- 11/06 Hien Phan
- 11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
- 11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
- 11/14 Margaret Scott
- 11/20 Kristel Tanciango
- 11/25 Mitchell Joe Westover



**Happy Anniversary!**

11/16 Eric Larsen and Jennifer Touchton

**Income and Expenses  
September 2010**

**INCOME**

	<i>September</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,284.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$3,274.29
Special Giving	\$10,029.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,587.37</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>September</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 106.37
Operating Expense	\$ 1,885.90
Pastor and Staff	\$ 3,386.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,379.01</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$44,287.78
Designated funds	\$34,902.79

\*\* Special Donation (\$10,000.00) for Building Repair





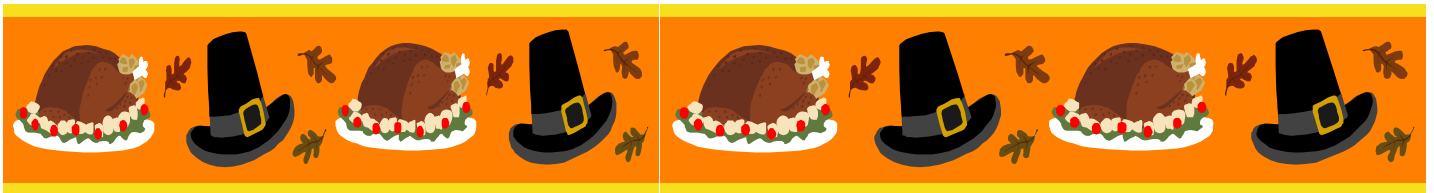
## Community Breakfast Schedule

The following is the Community Breakfast Schedule for the remainder of 2010.

November 6, 2010	The Humane Society
December 4, 2010	Milpitas Fire Department
January 8, 2011	County Grand Jury

All participants are responsible for food and paper items for which you will be notified in advance.

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### SCRIP Reminder

***Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! It's that time of year AGAIN!!!***

Its time to start preparing for that wonderful feast of the year... *Thanksgiving*. Time to compare prices in the advertisement papers and shop folks, and why not use SCRIP. Scrip can be used for every part of your meal, because SCRIP is accepted at almost all grocery stores. And don't forget the Jello. You can use SCRIP for purchasing the Jello for the Milpitas Food Pantry feast. It can't get much easier than that. It truly is as easy as 1..2..3..

1. Purchase scrip from Daislyn on Sunday or via email at [daislyn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daislyn@sbcglobal.net)
2. Purchase all your food stuffs at your favorite store, and don't forget the Jello
3. The church gets a small profit from each transaction.

Don't forget, that 'other' all important holiday is just around the corner and scrip makes great gifts too! Wouldn't it be great if the church benefited from all those purchases. What a quick and *EASY* fundraiser!!

Thanks, and don't forget to find me after church.

*Daislyn*



**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year...**

*“Parties for Hosting, Marshmallows for toasting and caroling out in the ... “ (well you get the picture.)*

*You are cordially invited to an evening of caroling and dessert -- Friday, December 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*Bring a dessert to share, a list of your favorite carols and invite your friends. Share this wondrous season with all of those you love!!*

**Annual Charge Conference -- Saturday -- November 13, 2010**

**SUMC will be holding its Annual Charge Conference on November 13, 2010.**

This will be a combined Charge Conference with the other churches within our circuit.

- † **Location: Alum Rock United Methodist Church  
30 Kirk Avenue  
San Jose, CA 95127**
- † **10:00 a.m.: Opening Worship combined with other circuit churches**
- † **11:00 a.m.: Charge conferences begin in separate classrooms with a circuit pastor presiding over the conference**
- † **11:45 a.m.: All churches gather together for a potluck luncheon**

**If you have any questions please contact Pastor Shirley or the church office.**

**SVGMC**

Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus



Invites you to join them at...

♪ **Christ The Good Shepherd Church** ♪  
**San Jose, CA**



to...Celebrate the season of family gatherings and caroling with friends as **SVGMC** sings a program that is sure to leave you feeling merry and gay well into the New Year!



Enjoy the rich, rounded sound of our talented men singing songs both familiar and new.



From traditional favorites to new Christmas classics, songs that pull on your heart-strings to those that make you laugh out loud, this concert promises a holiday experience unlike any other in the Silicon Valley.



Tickets available on-line or at the door -- \$20.00



December 10, 11, at 8pm and December 12, at 3pm



## Calendar

### November

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 3 Bible Study at Karen Schreffel's
- 4 Choir Practice
- 6 Community Breakfast
- 7 Worship - Change-Over Sunday  
Ad Council
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 10 Bible Study at Karen Schreffel's
- 11 Choir Practice
- 13 All Church Conference at Alum Rock UMC
- 14 Worship
- 15 Lunch Bunch at Max's Savory Chicken
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 16 *BEACON Deadline*
- 17 Trustees' Meeting
- 18 Choir Practice
- 21 Worship
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 25 *Happy Thanksgiving!! (No Choir)*
- 28 Worship – Advent Begins  
UM Student Sunday – Special Offering
- 29 Centering Prayer

### December

- 2 Choir Practice
- 4 Community Breakfast
- 5 Worship
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 9 Choir
- 10 Christmas Carols and Dessert
- 12 Worship
- 13 Ad Council
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 16 Choir
- 19 Worship
- 20 Centering Prayer
- 23 Choir
- 24 Christmas Eve Service

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