



February 2011

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Love Is ...

Love is the greatest feeling,
Love is like a play,
Love is what I feel for you,
Each and every day,
Love is like a smile,
Love is like a song,
Love is a great emotion,
That keeps us going strong,
I love you with my heart,
My body and my soul,
I love the way I keep loving,
Like a love I can't control,
So remember when your eyes meet mine,
I love you with all my heart,
And I have poured my entire soul into you,
Right from the very start.

- Meghan -
lovepoemsandquotes.com



Note from the editor:

The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – February 5, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.**

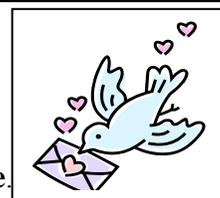
Ad Council will meet again, **Sunday, February 6, 2011** after worship in the **church office.**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the March issue – **Wednesday morning, February 16, 2011.**

Lunch Bunch will gather again, **Sunday - February 20, 2011 @ 11:30 a.m.**

February 27th is the next **Change-over Sunday.**

(See Page 4 for further calendar details)



Dear Friends,

Last spring, faced with increasingly vitriolic rhetoric and calls to action on the national, political front Sojourners called for religious leaders and institutions to covenant to act civilly even in the face of rampant disagreement. Sojourners is community founded in 1971 to articulate the biblical call to social justice and lives out that call with its regular publication, Sojourners Magazine, as well as an active presence in the public eye wherever politics enters into social justice issues.

I formally accepted the Civility Covenant last spring. With the events of the last weeks, that covenant has been updated and renamed the Peace and Civility Pledge, printed below. At the next Ad Board meeting, I will ask the Board, to accept this pledge on behalf of the congregation. I am thankful that our congregation models these principals already; accepting this pledge formally claims these values as our own.

Please read it and pray about how we might respond.

Sojourner's Peace and Civility Pledge:

The church can offer a message of hope and reconciliation to a nation that is hurting and deeply divided. We urge those who claim the name of Christ to “put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

We pledge to God and to each other that we will lead by example in a country where civil discourse and peacemaking are rare. We will work to model a better way in how we treat each other in our many communities, across religious and political lines. We will strive to create safe and sacred spaces for common prayer and community discussion as we come together to seek God's will for our nation and our world.

1.) We believe Jesus' teaching that “Blessed are those who make peace” (Matthew 5:9). We acknowledge that most of us have been guilty of violence in our hearts and with our tongues. We hold ourselves to the higher standard to which Christ called us: to refrain from not only physical violence but violence of the heart and tongue. “Do not commit murder. Anyone who murders will be judged for it,” and “Do not be angry with your brother or sister” (Mathew 5:22-23).

2.) We commit that our dialogue with each other will reflect the spirit of the Scriptures, which tell us, in relating to each other, to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry” (James 1:19).

3.) We believe that each of us, and our fellow human beings, are created in the image of God. This belief should be reflected in the honor and respect we show to each other, particularly in how we speak. “With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God....this ought not to be so” (James 3:9,10).

4.) We pledge that when we disagree, we will do so respectfully, without falsely impugning the other's motives, attacking the other's character, or questioning the other's faith. We will be mindful of our language, being neither arrogant nor boastful in our beliefs as we strive to “be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:2).

5.) We recognize that we cannot function together as citizens of the same community, whether local or national, unless we are mindful of how we treat each other. Each of us must therefore “put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body” (Ephesians 4:25).

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6.) We commit to pray for our political leaders - those with whom we agree or disagree. "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made -- for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

7.) We believe that it is more difficult to hate others, even adversaries and enemies, when we are praying for them. We commit to pray for each other, those with whom we agree and those with whom we may disagree, so that we may be faithful witnesses to our Lord, who prayed "that they may be one" (John 17:22).

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Shirley



“Jesus Seminar on the Road” Coming to Santa Cruz

The “Jesus Seminar on the Road” program of the Westar Institute brings scholars of the Jesus Seminar into conversation with interested people across North America and around the world.

Designed to address significant issues in current biblical and theological research and scholarship, these programs are designed for interested clergy and lay people alike.

Bernard Brandon Scott, Ph.D., Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa Oklahoma and Thomas Sheehan, Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies at Stanford University will be speaking on the topic of Jesus, Politics, and Empire on March 4th and 5th in Santa Cruz. The UMC of Santa Cruz and the UMC of Aptos are two of a group of congregations sponsoring this event.

The event will be hosted by the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz. You can go to www.westarinstitute.org to get more detailed information about this event and to register.

**Save the date
March 12, 2011**

Worship Workshop led by Marcia McFee

Held at Los Gatos UMC

Sponsored by the Integrated Circuit

For more information contact Bob Chicou at
Evergreen UMC, 408 238 7631.



► **The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir** continues rehearsing **Thursdays** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Do you l♥ve the Lord? Do you l♥ve music? Do you l♥ve to sing? Ok, well how about a real strong like? Do you l♥ve to share fellowship with others that have a l♥ve of music? If you have answered “yes” to ANY of these questions drop on by the Sanctuary next Thursday. The rest of the choir would l♥ve to have you join them.

► **Ad Council**

The **Administrative Council** for **SUMC** will meet at **11:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, February 6, 2011** in the church office. For further information, please contact Guy Haas.



► **Change-Over Sunday** is **February 27, 2011**. Wow, January certainly was a gentler month than December. The rain slowed to a crawl, the days warmed up and much of our foliage started blooming early. (Much to the dismay of our friends and neighbors with allergies) However, the need for support of the Milpitas Food Bank did not diminish or become “gentler”. Thanks to everyone who have given in the past and so generously continue to give to this vital ministry.

► **Lunch Bunch** will have their next outing, **February 20, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.**, to **Fresh Choice Restaurant**. Fresh Choice is located in the **Great Mall**.



► **Trustees** have scheduled a work day for **February 19, 2011** from **9am** until **noon**. If the weather's good we'll sweep the upper parking lot, trim trees, and weed the planter areas. If not, inside we'll clean the windows, vacuum the carpet up in the altar area, and find other things to do. The Haas' are not able to be here, so they'll be working in the Butterfly Garden on the **February 12th**. They welcome any willing hands to join them.

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

02/01 Jeremy Mark Westover
 02/02 Jess Tanciango
 02/21 Robert Roll
 02/23 Sharon Fall



Church Anniversary

02/14 Jo and Bob Roll
 02/16 Pastor Shirley Macemon and John Marcus



**Income and Expenses
 December 2010**

INCOME

	<i>December</i>
Offerings	\$4,228.64
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$6,342.41
Special Giving	\$ 10.89
TOTAL	\$ 10,581.94

EXPENSES

	<i>December</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 127.73
Operating Expense	\$ 4,292.68
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,809.70
TOTAL	\$ 10,230.11

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$43,230.48
Designated funds	\$22,231.73

**Income and Expenses
 2010**

INCOME

	<i>2010</i>
Offerings	\$41,981.67
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$59,332.62
Special Giving	\$11,517.39
TOTAL	\$ 112,831.68

EXPENSES

	<i>2010</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 12,214.19
Operating Expense	\$ 28,190.35
Pastor and Staff	\$ 64,449.64
TOTAL	\$ 104,854.18





Community Breakfast Schedule

The following is the Milpitas Community Breakfast Schedule for February 2011.

February 5, 2011

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

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
Jack Freeman (408) 262-1486



Dear Friends,

What a wild ride 2010 was for Family Supportive Housing. Our long awaited dream has finally begun. On September 30th we had the groundbreaking for our new shelter. It has been quite an undertaking and we are proud of our great achievements. Right now it is a large hole in the ground but in 15 months it will be a five story tall building with space for wonderful services for homeless families.

This has been an important year for us with the addition of many new services to assist the families in the shelter. We are grateful for all of the people who come to assist the families, the Occupational Therapists, the Doctors from Children's' Health Council, the student nurses, the student nutrition students. We even have a Physical Therapist who donates wonderful services. In connection with our Healthy Families Program, this is one of the healthiest places to be.

Abundant thanks go to all who make this program available for poor families in our community. Thank you to the providers of services, the corporations and foundations who support our work, to the individuals and churches who are financially supportive, to the many volunteers who give us their time, talent and treasure and to the employees who all care about the program we provide and who care for the families with kindness and dignity. All working together makes a quilt of efforts to provide a temporary home and safe nurturing place for homeless families to work towards self-sufficiency. Thank you for the part you have played in our dream.

Sincerely,

Patricia Crowder, Executive Director



Two Mission Trips Recruiting Team Members

Swaziland, Africa – August 2011

(See complete flyer in the Church office)

Organized by: Boulder Creek UMC

The Kingdom/Country of Swaziland, located in Southern Africa shares its borders with South Africa and Mozambique. It is approximately the size of New Jersey with the population of 1.3 million. This small country of vibrant people and culture is at great risk of extinction.

Over 30% of the population are orphaned and vulnerable children due to the AIDS crisis and according to UNICEF, many are at risk of missing out on schooling, live in households with less food security, suffer anxiety and depression, and are at greater danger of exposure of HIV.

Ministry Description: † Connectional Ministry

VBS at Lomngeletjane Methodist Primary School

† Assistance to those in local communities

† Light manual labor, painting and school maintenance

† Fellowship with local Methodist Women

† Visit Bulembu in northern Swaziland, the City of Hope, orphan ministries

Trip size: 12 adults (18 years and older)

First team meeting: January 29, 2011

For further information, please see the flyer in the church office or contact Becky Perry at perry95006@yahoo.com or (831) 338-4998



Building Hope

Mission Trip to Mexico

Willow Glen UMC,
Almaden Hills UMC &
Cambrian Park UMC

July 30-August 6, 2011

In one week, we will travel to Mexico, build a two-room house with Amor Ministries and travel back home. We will sleep in tents pitched in a basic campground, work full days in the Mexican sun, rain or wind and shower with a bucket of water warmed only by the sun. This trip will change your life as you get to know and fall in love with the people of Mexico who live in these conditions every day. Amor Ministries has been building in Mexico for 30 years. Find out more about their work at www.amor.org

The cost of the mission trip includes all mission expenses including the cost of the building materials (\$675 for adults, \$400 for children under 10). Your deposit of \$200/adult and \$100/child is due by March 20, 2011.

Interested?

Informational meetings will be held at all three churches in January:

January 9

Almaden Hills UMC, 11:45am

January 23

Willow Glen UMC, 12:15pm

January 30

Cambrian Park UMC, 11:15am

See photos from the 2009 trip and hear about our experiences first-hand. Find out more about the mission trip including the daily schedule and building plan. Discuss trip safety and finances. Ask all of your questions, and have them answered by folks who have taken this trip before and want you to join the team for 2011.

Contact Pastor Susan Smith (susan@wgumc.org) or Lisa Jacobs (lisa3cyouth@gmail.com) for more information.

Learn Skills, Make Friends, Change Lives

Romantic Scrip

With Valentine's day just around the corner, consider purchasing scrip now. Sunnyhills can be your Valentine too when you buy scrip for your loved one(s). If your honey likes candy, consider a box of See's Candy. It only costs you \$12.38, but the church gets 23% of that.

See how you can have two Valentines that way? Or, take your honey out to dinner. We have these restaurants on the list: Applebees, Black Angus, Chipotle, Claim Jumper, Marie Calendar's, Olive Garden, and Outback. Or how about a movie? Get an AMC movie ticket or gift card. Or if your loved one loves reading, there's Barnes and Noble, Borders, or Amazon scrip. And don't forget the newest addition to scrip, Target, for clothes or just about anything. Just think about it. Daislyn will take scrip orders for the next few Sundays at church. Or, call or email her at (408) 262-4236 and daislyn@sbcglobal.net.

Calendar

February

- 3 Choir
- 5 Community Breakfast
- 6 Worship
- 6 Ad Council
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir Practice
- 13 Worship – Black History Special
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 16 Beacon *Deadline*
- 17 Choir Practice
- 20 Worship
- 20 Lunch Bunch at Fresh Choice
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 24 Choir Practice
- 27 Worship Change-over Sunday
- 28 Centering Prayer

March

- 3 Choir
- 5 Community Breakfast
- 6 Worship
- 6 Ad Council
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir
- 13 Worship
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 17 Choir
- 20 Worship
- 20 Lunch Bunch at La Milpa
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 23 Beacon *Deadline*
- 24 Choir Practice
- 27 Worship – Change Over Sunday
- 28 Centering Prayer
- 31 Choir

The Beacon

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