

# The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
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**April 2011**

## *Christ Is Alive*

Christ is a live! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, un-touched, un-moved, by human pains,  
but daily in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.



### **Note from the editor:**

The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – April 2, 2011 at 8:00 a.m..**

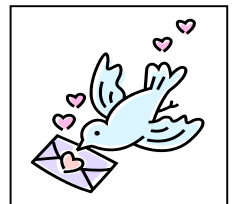
**Ad Council** will meet again, **Sunday, April 3, 2011** after worship in the **church office.**

**Lunch Bunch** will gather again, **Sunday - April 10, 2011, 11:30 a.m. at House of Liou's Chinese Restaurant.**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **May** issue – **Wednesday morning, April 20, 2011.**

**Trustees** will meet again, **Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00PM at Karen Schreifels' house.**

(See Page 4 for further calendar details)





Dear Friends,

We're well into Lent, the 40 day (not including Sunday) time before Easter for meditation and reflection. Frankly, I find that there is *way* too much to meditate and reflect upon!

The earthquake in New Zealand had barely run its news cycle when Japan's earthquake, tsunami and nuclear tragedies have taken their place in the forefront. Across this country, it feels as though many states are retreating to places we know existed from history: overturning collective bargaining laws, attacking women's rights on several fronts, and balancing tax cuts for the very rich on the backs of public education and the less advantaged.

I used a prayer last Sunday that reminded us: "God, you are a God of minimum protection, but also a God of maximum support." That pretty much sums up much of my theology: We are the hands and feet of God in this world. If we take seriously our mission to be those hands and feet, then we not only stand in solidarity with the people of Japan and the Pacific Rim, but we also send funds that can be used for relief and rebuilding efforts. If we take our role seriously as citizens of this state and country, then our voices – through letters and calls to our lawmakers, reflect our stance in working for the Kingdom of God where everyone is welcome, where all have enough.

I urge you to join me, not only in prayer for the trouble spots in the world, but also in action – be it in giving, writing, calling or ??

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*

## Lenten Sermon/Study Series

During Lent, our worship and Pastor Shirley's messages will be focused on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, a book of devotions, prayer and practice is available for congregation members.

April 3: Cultivating Fruitfulness: Risk-taking mission and service

April 10: Cultivating Fruitfulness: Extravagant Generosity

April 17: Palm Sunday Worship

April 24 Easter  
6:30 Sunrise service followed by potluck breakfast  
9:30 Easter Celebration

## Lenten Vespers

Each Thursday during Lent, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a simple potluck meal of soup and bread, followed by a Vesper service and Communion.

**Thursdays: April 7, 14**

**5:30** Potluck soup supper.

Please sign up to bring bread, soup or ready to eat fruit.

**6:15** Vesper service with Communion

**7:00** Choir Rehearsal





► **The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir** Come on down and practice some really great music we're preparing for Holy Week. Thursdays from now through **April 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Choir rehearsals will start at their regularly scheduled time of 6:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, April 21, 2011.

► **Ad Council**

The **Administrative Council** for SUMC will meet at **11:00 a.m.** on **Sunday, April 3, 2011** in the church office. For further information, please contact Guy Haas.



► **Lunch Bunch** will have their next outing, **April 10, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.**, to **House of Liou's Chinese Restaurant** - 1245 Jacklin Rd Milpitas, CA 95035.

► **Trustees**

The Trustees will meet next at Karen Schreifels' house, Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00PM.



The San Francisco Peninsula Alumnae Chapter of  
Sigma Alpha Iota presents its

## *Annual Public Musicale*

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**

**3:00 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View  
1667 Miramonte Avenue

**Kissa Mercado**, soprano      **Chin Beckmann**, piano  
Performing works by *Fauré*, *Debussy*, *Rachmaninov*, *Liszt*

**Cindy Fletcher and Terry Merchant**, violins

**Chin Beckmann**, piano

*Three Duets for 2 Violins & Piano*      *Shostakovich*

*Dumka:*

*Rebecca Clarke*

*Duo Concertante for Violin and Viola, with Piano*

**Marina Dantcheva**, violin

**Noriko Iwamoto**, viola

**Chin Beckmann**, piano

*Requiem for 3 Cellos & Piano*

*David Popper*

Cellists **Laurel Brobst-Gilbert**, **Sue Larson** & guest  
with Pianist **Marge Cassingham**

**Carolyn Pryor**, organ

“O Love, How Deep” Three Hymn Settings by *Craig Phillips*

Admission Free, Donations Appreciated  
Reception to follow

## Happy Birthday Wishes to...

04/10 Janyce Singleton  
04/15 Marilyn Ray  
04/19 Jennifer Touchton  
04/27 Jon Marcus



## Income and Expenses February 2011

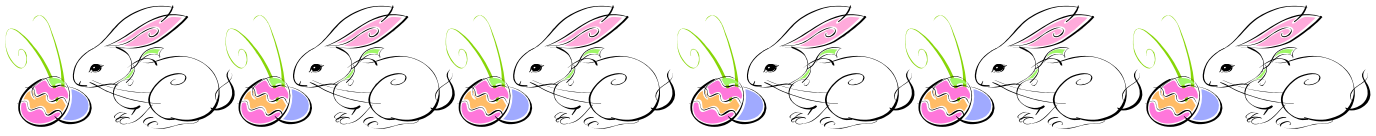
<b>INCOME</b>	<b><i>January</i></b>
Offerings	\$3,097.06
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$3,487.01
Special Giving	\$ 372.14
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,956.21</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b><i>January</i></b>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 892.85
Operating Expense	\$ 2,359.94
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,540.92
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 7,793.71</b>

## FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$42,873.14
Designated funds	\$22,292.33





## Community Breakfast Schedule

The following is scheduled for the Milpitas Community Breakfast in April 2011.

Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, April 2, 2011, 8:00 am

Walmart's initiative and special election which bypasses the June 2010 City Council decision against an expansion of the store has raised a number of new issues. Is this a case of a powerful corporation imposing its will on our local community, or a way to hold elected officials accountable by going directly to the people? Does a Walmart win suggest how our democracy will be controlled in the future, or simply a one-time event to correct a mistake? Is the Walmarting of America creating a poorer society or is it a blessing for the poor that provides products at affordable prices?

Come and join a wide-ranging discussion about the proposed initiative and the potential consequences of this innovative approach by Walmart to not only get their expansion but to avoid following local laws.

The breakfast, a 40-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Breakfast is free (donations requested). All Milpitas residents and business owners are invited to attend and participate. Breakfasts run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Jones Hall, SUMC, 355 Dixon Road (across from Weller School playground). The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. The next Breakfast will be May 7, 2011. For more information, call 263-8942. (re-print of email from Bob Means SNA)



## 9 to 5 “Pay Equality” Event

Come and help California's local 9 to 5 chapter as we illustrate the wage gap on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 4:00PM in Jones Hall. Help us break cookies down to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their actual size to demonstrate the difference in wages between the genders. If you have any questions, please contact Daislyn Pease.

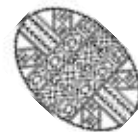


**Easter Sunrise Service  
April 24, 2011- 6:30 a.m.**

**Easter Worship Service  
April 24, 2011- 9:30 a.m.**



## **Pysanky Egg Decorating**



On April 17, Palm Sunday, after worship, Pastor Shirley will lead a workshop using the Ukrainian techniques of Pysanky egg decorating. Real chicken eggs are decorated using a wax-resist (batik) method, producing pretty amazing results. Pastor Shirley will bring all the necessary supplies. Children under the age of 10 may attend but must be supervised by a parent or other designated adult since the process uses candle flames to melt the wax. All are welcome, but please sign up in the sanctuary so we know how many to prepare for!





## *Calendar*

<u>April</u>	2	Community Breakfast
	3	Worship
	4	Ad Council
	6	Centering Prayer
	7	Trustees' Meeting
		Lenten Vespers and simple soup supper
		Choir
	10	Worship
		Lunch Bunch – House of Lion
	11	Centering Prayer
	14	Vespers and simple soup supper
		Choir
	17	Worship <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>
	18	Centering Prayer
	20	Beacon <i>Deadline</i>
	21	Choir Practice
	24	Sunrise Service - 6:30
		Worship - 9:30 <i>Happy Easter</i>
	25	Centering Prayer
	28	Choir Rehearsal
<u>May</u>	1	Worship
		Ad Council
	2	Centering Prayer
	5	Choir
	7	Community Breakfast
	8	Worship <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
	12	Choir
	15	Worship
		Lunch Bunch @ Denny's
	16	Centering Prayer
	19	Choir
	20	Game Nite
	22	Worship
	23	Centering Prayer
	26	Choir Practice
	29	Worship – Change Over Sunday

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