



**October 2011**

# **The Beacon**

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## ***A CHRISTIAN PUMPKIN POEM***

I am a Jack O' Lantern - my light will shine so bright  
For I am a Christian pumpkin - my symbols tell what's right.



My nose is like the cross on which our Savior died  
To set us free from sin we need no longer hide.



My mouth is like a fish the whole wide world to show  
That Christians live in this house and love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas my eyes are like the star  
That shone on Baby Jesus and wise men saw from far

My color it is orange just like the big bright sun  
That rose on Easter Day along with God's own Son.

And so on Halloween let's set our pumpkins out  
And tell the Trick or Treaters what God's love is all about!

*Author Unknown*

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

The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – October 1, 2011 at 8:00 a.m..**

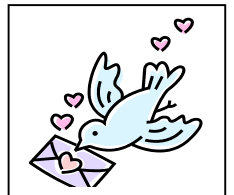
**Lunch Bunch** will gather again, Sunday - **October 16, @ 11:30 a.m..**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the November issue – **Tuesday morning, October 18, 2011.**

**Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.**

**October 30th** is the next **Change-over Sunday.**

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



*"Lights ...*



*Camera...*



*Action...*



Dear Friends,

It never ceases to amaze me how many different ways we are in community in addition to our Sunday Morning worship, and occasional other events. Communications such as the Beacon and weekly email update of activities inform and remind us of what's up in the community and our website contains not only a pretty comprehensive calendar, but also pictures of previous events, some of my sermons from over the last 9 years, and a history of our congregation.

Right now we've got two projects "on the burner" so to speak: The first is a new Directory of our congregation family. This will be a picture directory, produced right in our own office. Mary Lincoln has agreed to help keep our records in order; Wingreg Ware and Mark Perez-Sazon will be taking snapshots of our congregation members so that we've got pictures of everyone involved. Unlike the formal, appointment-required pictures of many church directories, I invite you to send us your informal (non-copyrighted) picture you'd like us to use – especially if you live a distance from Milpitas. In the next week or so, you'll receive a card so that we can update our information. We're hoping to get everyone up to date on addresses, phone numbers, email, birthdays and anniversaries. We'll print names, addresses, phone numbers and email for all of our members and constituents, and long time friends who have moved from the area. If you'd rather we not publish your phone or email we'll follow your wishes but please send them anyway, so that I can get in touch with you if necessary. Our Picture Directory is scheduled to be available in November. If you are included in the directory, we'll make sure there is a copy for you. If you aren't in the directory and would like to have a copy, drop me a line and I'll send one out. While there is no charge for these colorful directories, we will be accepting donations to defray the cost of printing.

The second project is a Sunnyhills Facebook page. Guy Haas and I will be taking some Conference provided training on the "Do's and Don'ts" of social networking for churches. It may be that Facebook is new to you, or you haven't stepped into the Facebook phenomena. Facebook is a good way to keep up with happenings, pictures and coming events on line; Most of what is posted can also be sent to you as an email, so if you prefer to only check email, you don't need to be left out of the information dispersal. When we get our page up and running, you'll receive some instructions on how to set up your own page and link to Sunnyhills.

Despite my love of computer based communication, I can't let the opportunity go by without reminding you of the most important communications possibilities you have at hand. First is prayer; spend some time every day telling God what is on your mind, listening for discernment, nudges, and inspirations. And second (but not least), tell your family and friends that you love them. Keep that line of communication open every day. We never know when loved ones will be taken from us; keep that important communication line open!

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*





► ***Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir*** are now rehearsing **Thursdays** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Please note the change of time. Come on by and lend your voice to add to a *GREAT SOUND*. New music for Christmas is just around the corner.

► ***Lunch Bunch*** will have their next outing, **October 16, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.**, to the **Omega Restaurant**. Omega is located at 90 South Park Victoria. Come along and join in the fun, fellowship and good food.

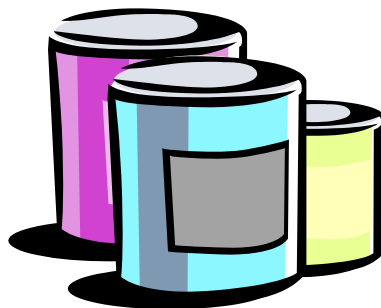


► ***Ad Council***

The **Ad Council** will meet at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 19, 2011** in Jones Hall. For further information, please contact Guy Haas

► ***Trustees***

The Trustees will meet next on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Karen Schriefels House.



► ***The next Change-Over Sunday*** is

October 30, 2011. Your generous donations are Most appreciated as the weather turns colder and the nights become longer. Thank you so much for your support and prayers for our less fortunate neighbors.

## Happy Birthday Wishes to...

10/6 Anita Valderrama  
10/20 Johanne Larsen  
10/25 Bob Martin  
10/31 Aida Cruz



## Income and Expenses August 2011

### INCOME

	<i>August</i>
Offerings	\$4,487.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$3,794.26
Special Giving	\$ 534.53
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,815.79</b>

### EXPENSES

	<i>August</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 2,138.39
Operating Expense	\$ 2,260.50
Pastor and Staff	\$ 6,203.68
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b>\$10,602.57</b>

### FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$43,460.85
Designated funds	\$21,946.76





**“Hear Ye, Hear Ye...”**



**Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, October 1, 2011, 8:00 a.m.**

The following is the next community breakfast scheduled for the 2011-2012 season.

October 1, 2011

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

The breakfast, a 50-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, Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. For more information, call 263-8942.

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**Yikes!**

**Let's have another  
Lawn Party!**

**Saturday October 22nd**

**8:30 a.m.: Gathering, coffee & doughnuts, job assignments**

**9:00-12:00 noon: Grounds clean-up and mowing**

**Remember, many hands make light work!**

**Everyone is welcome! Plenty of jobs to go around.**

**Please bring lawn mowers, weed whackers, clippers, etc.,  
and help us continue the clean up for fall**

(Excerpt from cnumc.org)

# 10-Fold Displays Church's Global Reach

9/22/2011



NEW YORK (UMNS)—The United Methodist Church will begin a 10-day multimedia experience Oct. 10 as part of its 10-fold project, spotlighting 10 ways the church is making an impact worldwide – from planting churches to eliminating death and suffering from malaria. Oct. 10-19, log on daily to [10-fold.org](http://10-fold.org) to explore each day's featured project. The website will feature live webcasts, videos, and stories, as well as ways United Methodists can join the effort. For each click, sponsors will give \$1 to the day's initiative.

[10-Fold](http://10-fold.org) is an interactive global gathering, offered by the General Board of Global Ministries, the mission agency of The United Methodist Church. Just as all of Global Ministries does, 10-Fold puts faith into action, living out the commitment of The United Methodist Church to congregational development, leadership development, global health, and ministry with the poor.

10-Fold began in October 2010, when people from all over the world "gathered," became advocates of Global Ministries' projects, encouraged others to learn about projects, and thereby raised donations to these incredibly valuable missions and projects.

For more information, visit [10-fold.org](http://10-fold.org).

And so it begins...



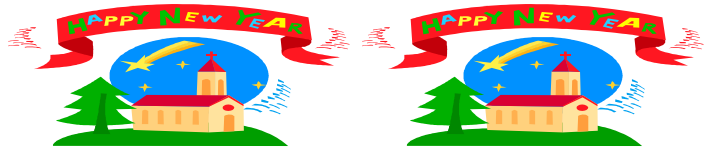
the busiest shopping season of the year...



All season, straight through the end of the year...



Let the church benefit from all that economic stimulation...



Starting today when you use Scrip!

See Daislyn Pease after worship for more details and to purchase scrip.

## *Calendar*

### October

- 1 Community Breakfast
- 2 Worship – World Communion Sunday
- 3 Blessing of the Animals
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 6 Choir
- 9 Worship
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 13 Choir
- 15 Website and Social Media Event
- 16 Worship
- 17 Lunch Bunch at Omega
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 19 Bible Study – Epistle of James (Jones Hall)
- 19 Ad Council
- 20 Choir
- 22 Lawn Work Party
- 23 Worship
- 24 Centering Prayer
- 26 Bible Study – Epistle of James (Jones Hall)
- 27 Trustees' Meeting @ Karen Schreifels' house
- 27 Choir
- 30 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 31 Centering Prayer
- 31 Bible Study – Epistle of James (Jones Hall)

### November

- 3 Choir Practice
- 5 Community Breakfast
- 6 Worship
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 10 Bible Study - Epistle of James (Jones Hall)
- 10 Choir Practice
- 12 Joint Charge Conference with the Circuit
- 13 Worship
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 16 Bible Study – Epistle of James (Jones Hall)
- 16 Ad Council
- 17 *BEACON Deadline*

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