



February 2012

The Beacon

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Psalm 23

(Another way to look at this Psalm.)

The Lord is my Shepherd--That's **Relationship!**
I shall not want--That's **Supply!**
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures--That's **Rest!**
He leadeth me beside the still waters--That's **Refreshment!**
He restoreth my soul--That's **Healing!**
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness--That's **Guidance!**
For His name sake--That's **Purpose!**
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--That's **Testing!**
I will fear no evil--That's **Protection!**
For Thou art with me--That's **Faithfulness!**
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me--That's **Discipline!**
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies--That's **Hope!**
Thou annointest my head with oil--That's **Consecration!**
My cup runneth over--That's **Abundance!**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life--That's **Blessing!**
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord--That's **Security!**
Forever--**That's Eternity!**

Face it, the Lord is crazy about you. What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives, but WHO we have in our lives! What wonderful ways to learn how he *loves* you.

Author Unknown

Notes from the editor:

*Lunch Bunch will gather again on **February 5, 2012**. Location is to be determined.

*The next **Ad Council** will be Wednesday, **February 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.**

*There will be an **Ash Wednesday Service** in the **Sanctuary, February 22, 2012 4:30-6 p.m.**
come as you are drop-in communion and ashes.

***BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **March** issue **Thursday - morning, February 16, 2012.**

***February 26, 2012 is Change-over Sunday.**





Dear Friends,

In the past few weeks, I've read several very different articles that each mentioned the "basics" of Christianity. One article espoused the view that is not at all uncommon: Christianity is a series of "beliefs": If you don't *believe*, then you aren't a Christian. Many progressive Christians, along with other articles I've read of late, hold the view that Christianity is a "way" to live: If your *life* doesn't reflect the teachings of Jesus, then you aren't a Christian. I'm not sure I can cut things with such a sharp knife. However, I am convinced of several things:

- As followers of Jesus, we are called and challenged to make this world a better place for all.
- In living a life reflective of Jesus' teachings, there are "traditional" Christian beliefs that don't necessarily help.
- If we proclaim loudly and strongly that we know and are exactly following the "will of God", we're fooling ourselves: God's ways are not our ways; if we are comfortable we're probably looking in a mirror, not listening for God.
- When I take specific, targeted time to be still and know God, I am both more in tune to what I understand as God's will, and am a better witness to the teaching of Jesus in my life.

During Lent, I'm preaching a series on Spiritual Practices and Disciplines. The Lenten Study book will follow those themes, and a small group will meet on Tuesdays (7:00pm, location to be determined) during Lent to further explore the Practices and Disciplines of the week. If you are local, you can receive your Lenten booklet on Sunday mornings from about mid-February. If you are out of town and would like a copy, please contact the church office and we'll send you one.

I hope you'll make a special effort to be with us for this series.

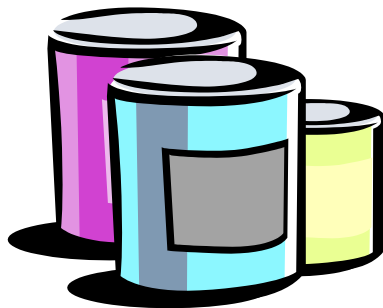
Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



► ***Do you love music?*** Do you like to sing? Are you free on Thursday nights? If you answered yes to any two of these questions, come on down to the **Sanctuary, Thursdays at 6:30PM** and join in the music and the fun. The choir looks forward to new faces and voices.

► ***Ad Council*** will have their next meeting, **Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in Jones Hall at 7:00p.m.** We hope to see you there.



► ***Thank you*** for your continued support of the ***Change over Sunday*** ministry that helps families in need of food. With the family shelters here in Silicon Valley full to capacity this year, we are reminded that this contribution truly makes a difference to many. The next ***Change-over Sunday is February 26, 2012.*** Thank you Again!!!

► ***Lunch Bunch*** will get together again on **February 5th at 11:30AM.** The location is yet to be determined, but keep your eyes on those emails and Worship bulletins.



Happy Birthday Wishes to...

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



Happy Anniversary!

02/14 Jo and Bob Roll
 02/16 Pastor Shirley and Jon Marcus

Income and Expenses December 2012

INCOME

	<i>December</i>
Offerings	\$ 6,587.62
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,537.95
Special Giving	\$ 6,073.64
TOTAL	\$19,199.21

EXPENSES

	<i>December</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,394.00
Operating expenses	\$ 4,365.76
Pastor & Staff support	\$ 7,173.05
TOTAL	\$12,932.81

Income and Expenses 2011

INCOME

Offerings	\$55,170.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$66,250.98
Special Giving	\$11,457.43
TOTAL	\$132,878.41

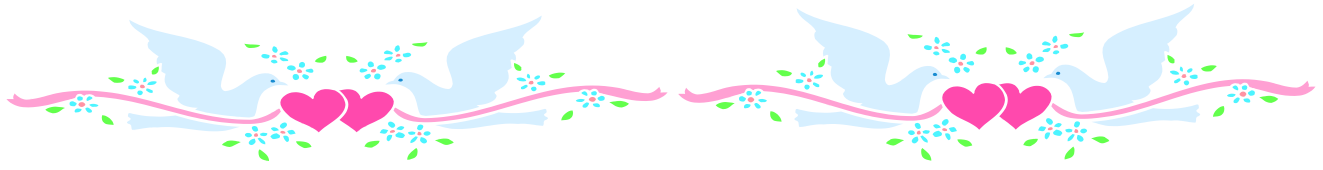
EXPENSES

Mission & Outreach	\$ 19,566.43
Operating Expense	\$ 33,019.39
Pastor and Staff	\$ 67,433.78
TOTAL	\$120,019.60

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$56,159.33
Designated funds	\$27,139.02





Community Breakfast Scheduled

The next Sunnyhills Community Breakfast will be held **Saturday, February 4, 2012**. The **Flamekeepers** will be presenting and the breakfast begins at **8:00AM** in the **Sanctuary**. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please contact me through the church office.

Peace,

Guy Haas
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Worship in February

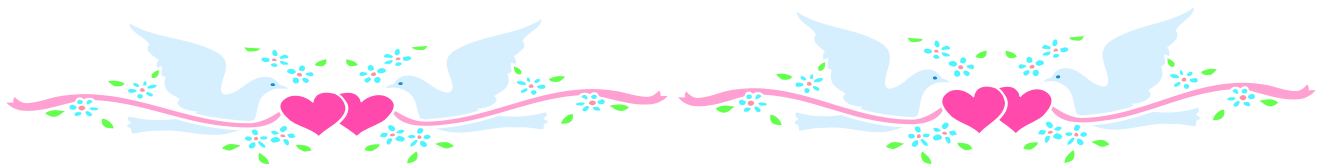
February 5	Bound to Care	Mark 1:29-39	Holy Communion
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February 12	Insiders and Outsiders	2 Kings 5:1-14	
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February 19	Transfiguration: Unity in our Diversity	2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9:2-9	
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Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
February 22	Come As You Are Communion	

February 26	Spiritual Practices: Foundations	First Sunday of Lent
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Lenten Study 2012 – Spiritual Practices and Disciplines



During Lent, Pastor Shirley's messages will be centered around Spiritual Practices and Disciplines. ***Please come:***

Tuesdays February 28 – April 3

and join a small group study as we further explore the practices and disciplines of the week.

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: To Be Determined

(Please watch your weekly emails and Worship Bulletins)

Materials: Lenten Study Booklet
(to be available mid-February)



Calendar

February

- 2 Choir
- 5 Worship
- 6 Lunch Bunch – Location TBD
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 9 Choir
- 12 Worship
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 15 Ad Council
- 16 BEACON *Deadline*
- 19 Choir
- 19 Worship
- 20 Centering Prayer
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 23 Choir
- 26 Worship– Change-Over Sunday
- 27 Centering Prayer
- 28 Lenten Study Group
- 29 Trustees' Meeting at Karen Schreifels'

March

- 1 Choir
- 4 Worship
- 5 Centering Prayer
- 6 Lenten Study Group
- 8 Choir
- 11 Worship
- 12 Lunch Bunch Location to be determined
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 13 Lenten Study Group
- 14 Ad Council
- 15 BEACON *Deadline*
- 15 Choir
- 18 Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer
- 20 Lenten Study Group
- 22 Choir
- 25 Worship
- 26 Centering Prayer

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