

# The Beacon

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April 2012

## A Prayer for Easter Morning

O Lord Jesus Christ, who upon this day did conquer death and rise from the dead, and who are alive for ever more, help us never to forget your Risen Presence forever with us.

Help us to remember,

That you are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct;  
That you are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console;  
That you are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to inspire;  
That you are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend;  
That you are with us even in death to bring us to the glory of your side.

Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity which can separate us from you, so that in your presence we may meet life with gallantry and death without fear.

You turn our darkness into light, in your light we shall see light.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
Christ the Lord is risen today!  
ALLELUIA

-- Adapted from ThisIsChurch.com

### Notes from the editor:

\*A **finger food potluck** will be held at **11:30 a.m.** after Worship, on **Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** in the **Sanctuary**.



\***Pastor Shirley** will host a **pysanky egg decorating workshop** after the potluck on **April 1, Palm Sunday**. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring a friend.

\*The next **Ad Council** is **Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall**.

\***BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **May** issue is **Thursday, April 12, 2012**.

\***April 29, 2012** is **Change-over Sunday**.



Dear Friends,

We are coming to the end of the Lenten season: Palm Sunday is the first of April, Easter is April 8<sup>th</sup>. Our Palm Sunday worship will begin with the joy and triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and then walk us through Holy Week with Jesus and the disciples. After worship on April 1, a potluck finger food lunch will precede the pysanky workshop. I'm already gearing up for that workshop, with my kitchen table strewn with egg dyes (to make sure they are fresh), wax for the batik process and traditional as well as some more modern design ideas. I hope you will join us and bring a friend.

Easter Sunday, April 8, begins with Sunrise worship on the front lawn (weather permitting) at 6:30, followed by a finger food potluck breakfast. Our Easter Celebration continues at 9:30 with worship.

During this Lenten season, perhaps you have been using our Lenten Meditation booklet during the weeks of Lent. Perhaps you have given up something for Lent, or taken on a new spiritual discipline. The early Church considered Lent to be a "spiritual springtime," a season for the renewal of the soul's life. Not only does this annual spring cleaning/Lenten heart-cleaning better prepare us for Holy Week and Easter, it prepares us to live as "Easter People" throughout the year.

One practice I have been faithful to this Lent is to have sought out and practiced ways to say "I have enough, I shall not want. Thank God!" As the perpetual bargain shopper, I haven't been as successful as I'd like, but these thoughts have kept me mindful. I have found that when I've been faithful: intentional about releasing unneeded stuff and choosing to forgo new unneeded stuff, I have found it not only freeing, but space-making for people and practices I didn't think I had time or space for.

Lent comes to a close in a very few short weeks. Even if you didn't take on a new spiritual practice for Lent, I urge you to find a way in your life to be open to God.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Shirley*

*Please Join Us For Holy Week...*

**April 1, 2012  
Palm Sunday**

- 9:30                      Worship
- 11:30                     Finger food Potluck Lunch in preparation for:
- 12:00 - 3:00          Pysanky (Ukrainian Egg Dying) workshop



**Easter Sunday  
April 8, 2012**

6:30 a.m.    Easter Sunrise

7:30 a.m.    Potluck breakfast

9:30 a.m.    Easter Celebration



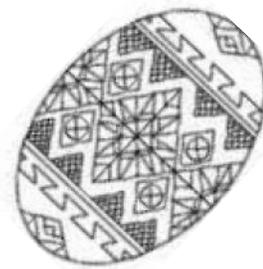


► **Choir** rehearsals will resume their regularly scheduled start time of **6:30PM** beginning **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. We are preparing for Easter and would welcome any additional voices to come on in and sing along. We hope to see you soon.

## Pysanky Egg Decorating

Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012

Eggs are symbols of spring and Easter, symbols of bringing new life, fertility, resurrection. In the Ukraine, the practice of using wax-resist egg dying to decorate eggs with symbols of the season is generations old. These eggs, delicately decorated, become family heirlooms, displayed for many years.



On Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> after the potluck, the workshop will have everything you need to create your own Pysanky eggs: stylus' to apply the wax, dyes of many colors, suggestions for traditional and not-so-traditional designs. Plan on spending your afternoon stretching your creative juices in the spirit of the season.



► **Change-over Sunday is April 29, 2012.** Your generosity is both recognized and appreciated. **Thank you Again for making a difference!!!**

### ► Administrative Council

The next Administrative Council meeting is Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting is located in Jones Hall. Please mark your calendars and come help others of the SUMC family plan for its future.



**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

04/10 Janyce Singleton  
 04/19 Jennifer Touchton  
 04/27 Jon Marcus



**Income and Expenses  
 February 2012**

**INCOME**

	<i>January</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,228.33
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 3,672.01
Special Giving	\$ 187.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$7,087.48

**EXPENSES**

	<i>February</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,192.70
Operating expenses	\$ 2,330.40
Pastor & Staff support	\$ 4,881.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,404.68

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash (designated and undesignated)	\$53,555.64
Designated funds	\$25,920.03





## Community Breakfast Scheduled

The next Sunnyhills Community Breakfast will be held **Saturday, April 7, 2012**. The **Milpitas Unified School District** will be presenting and the breakfast begins at **8:00AM** in **Jones Hall**. A Bond issue and the classroom of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century are the scheduled topics for the day.

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

Peace,

Guy Haas  
(408) 262-1486

## Worship in April

- April 1 Palm Sunday Pastor Shirley preaching
- April 8 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service  
7:30 a.m. Potluck breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
- April 15 Emil Sazon preaching
- April 22 Donna Carpenter preaching
- April 29 Pastor Shirley preaching



## Time for Scrip

Spruce up for spring with scrip. There is scrip for grocery stores, Walgreens, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond, just to name a few. Get some new stuff for the house, or clothes for you or your family. Or enjoy a spring dinner with a loved one, or even just a Jamba Juice or Baskin Robbins Ice cream. Buying Scrip makes a little money for your favorite church too. Check with Daislyn at church, or call her at [408-656-6023](tel:408-656-6023).



*Daislyn Pease*



*Calendar*

April

- 1 Worship – Palm Sunday  
11:30 Finger food Potluck  
12:00 Pysanky Egg Workshop
- 2 Centering Prayer
- 4 Trustees at Karen Schreifels' House
- 5 Choir – 6:30
- 8 **EASTER SUNDAY** Sunrise Service – 6:30  
Easter Potluck Breakfast – 7:30  
Easter Celebration Worship – 9:30
- 9 Centering Prayer
- 11 Ad Council
- 12 **BEACON Deadline**  
Choir – 6:30
- 15 Worship
- 16 Centering Prayer
- 19 Choir – 6:30
- 22 Worship
- 23 Centering Prayer
- 26 Choir – 6:30
- 28 Lawn Party Workday
- 29 Worship
- 30 Centering Prayer

May

- 3 Choir
- 6 Worship
- 7 Lunch Bunch at Liou's House
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 9 Ad Council
- 10 Choir
- 13 Worship – Mother's Day
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 17 **BEACON Deadline**  
Choir
- 20 Worship
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 24 Choir
- 27 Worship
- 28 Centering Prayer
- 31 Choir

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