



September 2012

# The Beacon

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## Don't Laugh At Me

I'm a little boy with glasses  
The one they call the geek  
A little girl who never smiles  
'Cause I've got braces on my teeth  
And I know how it feels  
To cry myself to sleep

I'm that kid on every playground  
Who's always chosen last  
A single teenage mother  
Tryin' to overcome my past  
You don't have to be my friend  
But is it too much to ask

Don't laugh at me  
Don't call me names  
Don't get your pleasure from my pain  
In God's eyes we're all the same  
Someday we'll all have perfect wings  
Don't laugh at me

I'm fat, I'm thin, I'm short, I'm tall  
I'm deaf, I'm blind, hey, aren't we all

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Don't call me names  
Don't get your pleasure from my pain  
In God's eyes we're all the same  
Someday we'll all have perfect wings  
Don't laugh at me.

(Excerpts from the song by Mark Willis)

As our children and grandchildren return to school, please remind them words hurt just as much as weapons. Bullying in our schools continues to rise at a catastrophic rate. Please let us all be someone's champion and share with others the love and respect we get in our own families. *Thank you.*

### Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – September 8, 2012 at 8:00 a.m..**
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, September 19, 2012** in **Jones Hall.**
- There will be a **Lay Leadership meeting in the office Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 6:00PM.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **October** issue – **Thursday morning, September 20, 2012.**



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Dear Friends,

This week, I am back at Camp Lodestar, but without the sounds of many campers and counselors at play. I'm here by myself, on what has become an annual week of retreat – primarily to accomplish worship planning for the next season. Previous years, I've come up with my planning materials and a couple other distractions – generally knitting or spinning, and this year is no exception. Except that the more I try and push the planning part of the retreat, the less I get done on that!

So, I'm going to use a technique suggested by a colleague. Step back and take a break. Honestly, that is a little scary. I've generally come home from these retreats with new and fresh ideas for themes for sermons – some lectionary based, some as a series inspired by other reading or congregational input. Stepping back a bit, spinning a bit more, knitting a bit more – even walking in the woods a bit more may lead me to a differently creative approach when I return to the planning part of the week.

Never fear, worship will continue, in a somewhat organized, logical and I hope challenging progression. So you know what we *do* have on the horizon:

Labor Day Sunday is “Labor in the Pulpit” Sunday, with a guest speaker. This has worked well for several years, with interesting speakers from various walks of life.

October 7 is World Communion Sunday. We'll join with St Joseph and Holy Child for a joint service, and continue with the Blessing of the Animals and a potluck lunch.

October 21 is Laity Sunday: I'll sit with you, and several of our members will lead worship.

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*



► **The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir** will be begin rehearsals for the 2012-2013 season, **Thursday, September 6, 2012**. A special Thanks to everyone who helped bring wonderful music to our Sanctuary these past few months.

As choir practices return on the **6<sup>th</sup>**, drop on by the **Sanctuary** on Thursdays beginning at **6:30PM** to join in, bringing a “Joyful Noise Unto The Lord!”

► **Ad Council**

The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, September 19, 2012** in Jones Hall. For further information, please contact Guy Haas. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



► **Change-Over Sunday**

The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **September 30, 2012**. Your continued support is very important. Without supporters like you, some of our Milpitas kids would only get a complete meal once a day in school. Thanks again.

► **The Trustees**

The Trustees will meet again **Wednesday – September 12, 2012** at **7:30** at **Karen Schreifels’ house**. They are also planning a workday, **Saturday – September 22<sup>nd</sup>** to do some painting of the buildings. So, mark your calendars, put on your old jeans or overalls and come on down to the church on **September 22, 2012** to lend a hand, spread some paint, and some love around your church.



## Happy Birthday Wishes to...

9/5 Eric Cruz  
 9/14 Ria Feldman  
 9/15 Erin Cruz  
 9/15 Rolf Haas  
 9/17 Anna Phan  
 9/21 Karen Schreifels  
 9/22 Warren Scott  
 9/25 Isak Larsen  
 9/26 Dee Bragg



## Happy Anniversary!!

09/15 Ann and Fred Zeise  
 09/21 Aida and Pablo Cruz  
 09/23 Emil and Laine Sazon

## Income and Expenses July 2012

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>July</i>
Offerings	\$5,171.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,408.94
Special Giving	\$ 17.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$9,597.45

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>July</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,136.70
Operating Expense	\$ 2,182.72
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,750.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 9,070.14

## FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$28,489.03
Designated funds	\$16,899.44



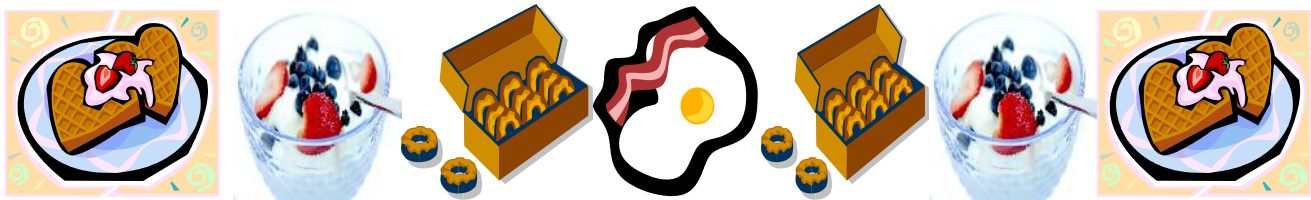


## 2012 LABOR IN THE PULPIT

Labor in the Pulpit takes place in our congregation – and in over 165 worship services in Santa Clara County on Labor Day Week-end. This year, Labor in the Pulpit emphasizes our commitment as people of faith to serve as a “voice for the voiceless” – calling on people of faith to engage as good citizens of our world and register to vote. We can use our vote to cultivate the ability of all to participate meaningfully in economic and social life. Speakers will share stories of the plight of minimum wage workers earning \$8 an hour who must survive on \$16, 640 a year. Information will be provided on the opportunity this year to vote to raise the minimum wage in San Jose from \$8 to \$10 an hour and support a more livable minimum wage as a true expression of our faith. Parishioners in other parts of Santa Clara County will benefit from hearing of the need for a more livable wage. Voter registration cards will be available for those wishing to register.

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Centering Prayer will not meet, Monday – September 3, 2012 due to the Labor Day Holiday.



### **Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, September 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m.**

The breakfast, a 50-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and 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. in the Jones Hall at Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 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 September 8, 2012, when we will kick-off the new program year with presentations on ballot measures of the upcoming election. For more information, please call 263-8942. We hope to see you next Saturday.



Its Almost Here.... Little goblins of all shapes and sizes...

Anxiously awaiting to be treated with anything....

From candy to caramel apples....

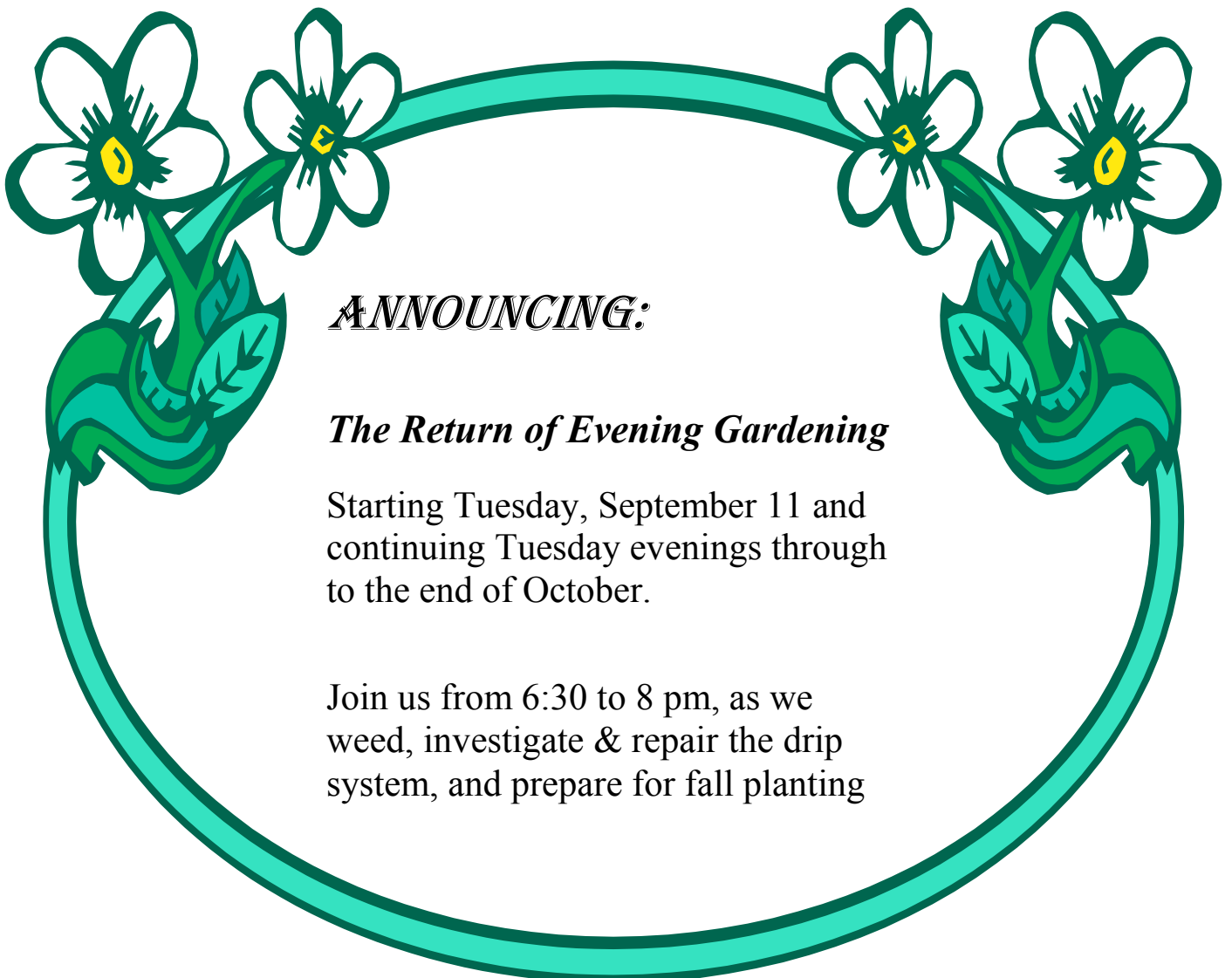
From food to fun....

All available at numerous stores that accept Scrip!!!

Most importantly... **The church benefits**... from every purchase you make....

When you use Scrip.

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



***ANNOUNCING:***

***The Return of Evening Gardening***

Starting Tuesday, September 11 and continuing Tuesday evenings through to the end of October.

Join us from 6:30 to 8 pm, as we weed, investigate & repair the drip system, and prepare for fall planting

**NORTHERN SAN JOSE DISTRICT  
CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY**

**Sunday September 23, 2012 3:00 p.m.**

**All are welcome to our Annual Open Meeting  
and Celebration of Ministries.**

Valley Faith  
Unity Kids Praise Team



**Location: Sunnyvale  
First UMC,  
535 Old San Francisco  
Road, Sunnyvale, CA**

Valley Faith  
Unity Praise Team



Valley Faith  
Unity Praise Band

**Inspiring music and  
stories and tasty  
refreshments  
provided by  
ministries of the  
UMC**



**If you have any questions,  
please call Gwen Freeman  
at (408) 263-8942 or e-mail  
gwenffreeman@yahoo.com**

## *Calendar*

### September

- 2 Worship – Labor in the Pulpit
- 3 **NO CENTERING PRAYER (Labor Day)**
- 6 Choir rehearsals resume.
- 9 Worship
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 12 Lay Leadership – 6:00PM
- Trustees’ Meeting 7:30PM
- 13 Choir Rehearsal
- 16 Worship
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 19 Ad Council in Jones Hall
- 20 *Beacon Deadline*
- Choir Rehearsal
- 22 Trustees Workday – focus on painting
- 23 Worship
- 24 Centering Prayer
- 27 Choir Rehearsal
- 30 Worship – Change Over Sunday

### October

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 4 Choir Rehearsal
- 7 Worship – World Communion Sunday
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 11 Choir Rehearsal
- 14 Worship
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 18 Choir Rehearsal
- 20 Trustees’ Workday – continuing painting
- 21 Worship - Laity Sunday
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 25 Choir Rehearsal
- 28 Worship Change-Over Sunday
- 29 Centering Prayer

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