



October 2012

# The Beacon

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There once lived a vampire the legends say,  
who couldn't stand **blood** in any way.  
While others hunted and killed for delight,  
this monster would hide, for fear of the night.

And when others drank from throats and fled,  
this strange one kissed their necks instead.  
And when the victims screamed their fears,  
he'd talk to them, and dry their tears.

When monsters roam the streets at night,  
this beastly thing would sit and write.  
Stories and poems of love and pain,  
written to those who have been slain.

Now no one knows why he did such things,  
but legends say God gave him wings.  
And to this day the legends state,  
he stands outside, of Heaven's Gate.

So when you die and see him there,  
go talk to him if you dare.  
He'll kiss your cheek, and dry your tears  
and wipe away, all your fears

Even a monster who is born to fright,  
can turn to God, and do what's right.  
Even a man who is born to sin,  
can turn to God, and be **BORN AGAIN**.

Submitted by [Joe Vetromile](http://www.christianstories.com)  
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## Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – October 6, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7:00PM** in Jones Hall.
- There will be a **Lay Leadership meeting in the office Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 6:00PM.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **November** issue – **Thursday morning, October 18, 2012.**
- **DON'T FORGET. Daylight Saving Time ends November 4, 2012. Please set your clocks BACK one hour.**



(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



Dear Friends,

We've had big news in the Christian press over the last few weeks. Jesus had a wife!?!

Of course, if you read the fine print, the news is that Professor Karen L. King of Harvard Divinity School revealed that she'd identified the phrase, "Jesus said to them, 'My wife . . . ,' " written in Coptic (a language spoken in Egypt that used a version of the Greek alphabet) on a scrap of papyrus dated to the fourth century.

The idea that Jesus was married or had a romantic companion isn't particularly new. Novels like Dan Brown's *DaVinci Code*, and movies such as the hilariously irreverent *Dogma* posit a bloodline that started with Jesus and Mary of Magdala. A Christian movement called Catharism, which had disappeared by the fourteenth century, was said to have believed that Jesus was married, or at least romantically linked, to Mary Magdalene.

On one hand, it was unusual for a first century observant Jew to be unmarried. But, if Jesus was married, why don't our canonical gospels make mention of it? King, for her part, has said that she doesn't want people to get the impression that this discovery is evidence that Jesus was married. The text in question was written three centuries after Jesus lived and no other ancient sources say anything about Jesus having a wife.

The larger question for me is, "Does it make a difference in how I follow Jesus? Does it change how I live out the great commandment: Love God, Neighbor and Self?" If it doesn't, then the discussion is great fun, but not of great importance to my life or faith.

I hope to see you in worship this month!

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*



**The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church**  
**Choir** has kicked off its season and continues with practices **Thursdays at 6:30PM**. Stop on by, share your voice and join in the fun!

**Ad Council**

The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, October 17, 2012** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information. All are welcome.

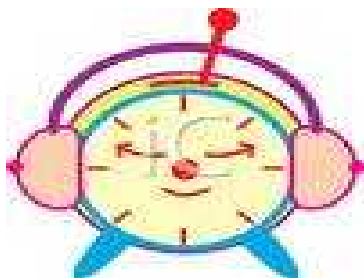


**Change-Over Sunday**

The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **October 28, 2012**. Once again the weather is turning colder and hot meals in all stomachs are only achieved through the generosity of folks like you. Thanks again for all your support!!

**The Trustees**

The Trustees will get together again, **October 20<sup>th</sup>** for a Fall clean-up and painting prep., starting at **9:00AM**. Come on down, lend a hand and have some fun with fellow members of your church family. (See Page 7)



**Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving Time ends **NOVEMBER 4, 2012**. Please remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you retire on Saturday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. (Happy sleeping in an extra hour.)



EL CAMINO REAL DISTRICT  
FALL 2012 COURSES

**SEPTEMBER 29 + OCTOBER 13 2 course offerings**

**LOCATION:** Hope UMC 115 41 Camino Dr., So San Francisco  
(650) 583-1702

**Basic 1 & 2** —In this 2-part course you will discover ways to discern God's call in your life; discuss the early Methodist movement; learn about the Book of Discipline; John Wesley's "Means of Grace"; begin to explore spiritual gifts; learn about "servant leadership"; discover your role in developing leaders. This is for first-time participants.

**Cost** \$10.00 plus cost of text \$12.00

**Refresher Course**—In this 2-part course Local Church Lay Speakers are required to complete a refresher course every 3 years to continue as a local church lay servant.

**Cost** \$10.00 plus cost of text \$12.00

**Bring your lunch. Refreshments provided**

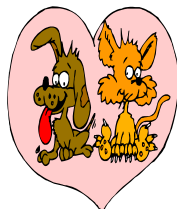
**To register for either course, contact:**

**Dee Anne Paron [daparon@comcast.net](mailto:daparon@comcast.net) or 650-589-6555**



## World Communion Sunday

We're going all out for world Communion Sunday this year, October 7, mark your calendars that we'll begin worship at 10:00 a.m., instead of 9:30 a.m. The Episcopal congregations of St, Joseph and Holy Child will join us in worship, followed by Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn, and a potluck feast in Jones Hall and surroundings. Special music will be provided by a combined choir, and the Tongan Choir from New Vision UMC. Don't miss this special Sunday Morning!



**Happy Birthday Wishes to:**

10/16 Anita Valderrama  
 10/12 Lynn Pope  
 10/25 Johanne Larsen  
 10/31 Aida Cruz



**Income and Expenses  
 August 2012**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>August</i>
Offerings	\$3,967.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$3,274.58
Special Giving	\$ 211.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$7,453.44

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>August</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 980.74
Operating Expense	\$ 2,088.17
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,676.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 7,745.87

**FUND BALANCE**

Cash on hand	\$28,769.40
Designated funds	\$17,296.30



## Worship in October

- October 7    World Communion Sunday    Special Time: 10:00 a.m.    Pastor Shirley Preaching  
Joint worship with St Joseph and Holy Child Episcopal congregations  
Blessing of the Animals following worship  
Pot Luck Lunch
- October 14    Guest Preacher the Rev. Edna Andres
- October 21    Laity Sunday    Worship led by Laine Sazon and Daislyn Pease
- October 28    When the Blind Can See, Mark 10:46-52    Pastor Shirley Preaching
- November 4    All Saints Sunday    Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before    Pastor Shirley Preaching

### **Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, October 6, 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 election this year offers many opportunities for change. Most directly affecting Milpitas citizens are the three Milpitas City Council openings. Seven candidates are vying for the two open council seats, while Rob Means and Jose Esteves seek the Mayorship. With potential outsourcing of the police department, budget problems and RDA funding issues decided by the next council, this election will make a big difference. Come size up the character of these candidates and the sanity of their policies for dealing with the challenges facing Milpitas. For more information, call 263-8942. We hope to see you next Saturday.



### **“Calling All Shoppers”! Its Here! The busiest shopping season of the year!**

We begin with Halloween needing decorations, candy and costumes.... to name a few. Then comes Thanksgiving with food to prepare and more décor (and don't forget Tom or your Tofurky). Finally, celebrating the reason for the season. Whether you are preparing the tree, house, yard or filling Santa's sleigh. Or perhaps you are purchasing Toys for Tots, food to help provide the holiday meal at the San Jose Family Shelter, or Toiletries and cards for the Troops.

Whatever your shopping needs, please remember the church with every purchase you make. Purchase Scrip and make your “Buying power” do double duty this season.

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





*Evening Gardening continues...*

Tuesday evenings through 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.



**Fall Clean-Up**

**Garden Work Day**

**Building Prep for Painting**

**EVERYONE INVITED!**  
*Help us clean up our SUMC church buildings and grounds for fall. Please bring work gloves, paint scrapers, wire brushes, garden tools, etc.*

*Saturday  
October 20, 2012  
9:00 a.m. –  
12:00 noon*



## *Calendar*

### October

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 2 Evenings in the Garden
- 4 Choir Rehearsal
- 6 Community Breakfast
- 7 Worship – World Communion Sunday
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 9 Evenings in the Garden
- 11 Choir Rehearsal
- 14 Worship
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 16 Evenings in the Garden
- 17 Lay Leadership
- 17 Ad Council
- 18 Beacon *Deadline*
- 18 Choir Rehearsal
- 20 Trustees’ Workday – continuing painting
- 21 Worship - Laity Sunday
- 21 Lunch Bunch at Fresh Choice in the Great Mall
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 23 Evenings in the Garden
- 25 Choir Rehearsal
- 28 Worship Change-Over Sunday
- 29 Centering Prayer
- 30 Evenings in the Garden

### November

- 1 Choir
- 3 Community Breakfast
- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS! Set your clocks back one hour.*
- 4 Worship
- 5 Centering Prayer
- 8 Choir
- 11 Worship
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 15 Choir Rehearsal

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