



January 2013

The Beacon

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Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.

--Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – January 5, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **The Trustees'** will meet next at **Karen Schreifels' house**, Wednesday – **January 9, 2013 at 7:30PM.**
- The next **Ad Council** meeting is scheduled for **January 16, 2013 at 7:00PM in Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **February** issue – **Thursday morning, January 17, 2013.**
- **Lunch Bunch** will meet next at **Liou's House of Chinese, Sunday January 20, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.**



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Dear Friends,

I have been set back on my heels, so to speak, by the events of the last several weeks.

Perhaps it goes without saying that the murder of 27 in Newtown, Connecticut – 26 children and teachers at the Sandy Brook Elementary School, literally took my breath away and left me with a deep overwhelming sadness as well as a desire to do something to protect other children from gun violence.

Newscasters and others seem to feel the need to be able to “explain” the tragedies’ whys and hows – whether they have any real insight or not. All of the following are threads I’ve heard, but not specific quotations of individuals.

“The shooter was autistic, which leads to violence”

Autism and autism spectrum diagnoses ARE NOT correlated with violence, let alone gun violence.

“We’ve banned God from schools and our society, so this is our wake up call from Him”

God is not banned from schools, as anyone who works in schools, or attends school probably knows. School prayer – often (at least when I was in school) “Christian” teachers insisting that *all* children (Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, Pagan, atheist, etc) in a classroom learn and say Christian prayers has been legislated out of our schools. But as one who was in elementary school several times a week with both daughters, I will attest that prayer (mine, usually silent) and God (ours, known by many names) were both alive and well in that school.

“ Arm the teachers and this sort of thing won’t happen again.” I don’t even know where to begin!

“It is a sign of the predicted end of the world “ – the Mayan calendar predicts December 21 (or is it 23?) as the end of the world.

Assuming that you are reading the January issue of the Beacon, the world as we know it did not end on December 21 (or 23). But the Mayan Calendar presents us with some interesting possibilities. Several scholars indicate that the “end” of the calendar is actually the predicted “beginning” of a new age, an age of justice and righteousness.

Whether or not you put any stock in the Mayan Calendar issues (and I pray you do not...Remember that Jesus said that NONE of us – including him – know the time. Good enough for Jesus is good enough for me!) living in the anticipation and realization of a new age of justice and righteousness calls each of us to live lives that mirror that ethic – justice and righteousness. That is a practice I can get behind for a new age, a new year, or even a next day.

Continue to keep all those affected by the tragedy of Newtown in prayer, as well as all who are affected by mental disease.

Blessings on your New Year!

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir opens the New Year with New Music, Spirited Voices and Old Friends. Come on down to the Sanctuary on **Thursdays at 6:30PM** and join in the fun.

Ad Council

The next **Administrative Council** is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 16, 2013 at 7:00PM** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Change-Over Sunday

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support. Your warmhearted generosity this past Christmas season brought food and shelter to many folks in need. The next **Change-Over Sunday is January 27, 2013**. Your continued prayers for our brothers and sisters during these cold months as well as your contributions are most appreciated.



The Trustees

The **Trustees'** are scheduled to meet next, **Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Karen Schreifels' house at 7:30PM**. What new projects are on the horizon for 2013?



Happy Birthday Wishes to:

- 01/01 Emil Sazon
- 01/10 Don Egbert
- 01/16 Vennie Holloway
- 01/16 Joyce Johnson
- 01/17 Eugenia Allen Egbert
- 01/17 Rebecca Marcus
- 01/22 Laurie Haas
- 01/23 Guy Haas



Happy Anniversary!!

01/19 Anita and Reuben Valderrama

**Income and Expenses
November 2012**

INCOME	<i>November</i>
Offerings	\$4,189.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,367.23
Special Giving	\$ 844.51
TOTAL	\$9,400.74

EXPENSES	<i>November</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,606.74
Operating Expense	\$ 1,997.15
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,541.92
TOTAL	\$ 8,145.81

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$31,111.43
Designated funds	\$17,133.61



Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, January 5, 2013 - 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. The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



I resolve...

When you're making those new year's resolutions come the first of the year, here's a couple you might consider: I resolve to buy more scrip. I resolve to call it scrip, not script.. Script is what you get in a screenplay or movie. (Scrip has no "t" at the end). I resolve to think about scrip for the groceries I get all the time anyway, just through my church. I resolve to think about scrip for birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. Or even, I resolve to just look at a scrip form to see what's available. We don't want you to buy stuff you don't need, but you might be surprised what's there. Or just resolve to consider scrip this coming year.

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Calendar

January

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 5 **Community Breakfast**
- 6 **Worship**
- 7 **Centering Prayer**
- 9 **Trustees Meeting @ Karen Schreifels**
- 10 **Choir**
- 13 **Worship**
- 14 **Centering Prayer**
- 16 **Ad Council**
- 17 **BEACON *Deadline***
- 17 **Choir Rehearsal**
- 20 **Worship**
- 20 **Lunch Bunch at House of Lion's**
- 21 **Centering Prayer**
- 24 **Choir**
- 27 **Worship**
- 28 **Centering Prayer**
- 31 **Choir**

February

- 2 **Community Breakfast**
- 3 **Worship**
- 4 **Centering Prayer**
- 7 **Choir Rehearsal**
- 10 **Worship**
- 11 **Centering Prayer**
- 14 **Choir**
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