



The Beacon

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March 2013

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Black bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning.
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation
Of the newday!

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Note from the editor:



- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – March 2, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Lunch Bunch** will meet next at **La Milpa, Sunday March 10, 2013 at 12:00 a.m.**
- **The Trustees'** will meet next at **Karen Schreifels' house, Wednesday – March 13, 2013 at 7:30PM.**
- The next **Ad Council** meeting is scheduled for **March 20, 2013 at 7:00PM in Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **March** issue – **Thursday morning, March 21, 2013.**



Dear friends,

This morning I took Ben to the San Francisco airport. He's on his way to work a trade show; I got to drive a wonderful stretch of 280 in the early morning. Ben joined our household as my daughter's boyfriend but since he and I spend many hours a week at the dojo, he also qualifies as a "chosen son."

That stretch of 280 is one of my favorite drives, even with moderate traffic. The coastal range, San Andreas Lake, pastures of cows and horses all make it a beautiful drive. And this morning, the daffodils are beginning to bloom.

All that, while driving, put me in a place to really sink into the first Word of our Lenten series: Here. I am here. Holy mystery, you are here. We are here together.

And that logically took me to the second Word: Thanks. I am thankful for so much -and the daffodils blooming against all odds on the highway shoulder remind me of that. Memories of my Mom and Dad who had daffodils and crocus in every home I can remember. Sometimes they were hard to get started; sometimes so hearty they wanted to take over. I am thankful for all those memories and the experiences they point to. The love that Mom and Dad showered on us, the lives they lived that were such an example to all of us.

Which takes me to the third Word: O, practicing jubilation, awakening to the beauty and joy of God. Perhaps John Muir captures it: "oh, these vast, calm measureless mountain days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show us God."

When I first chose Brian McLaren's *Naked Spirituality* to use during Lent, I thought I could cover three "words" each week. While these are not hard concepts, I can't do them justice in 4 minutes a "word". So, I'll be tackling one or two on Sunday morning, and writing you about the rest during the week, posting that to our website and Facebook page.

I hope you'll join me in a committed practice of these Words. This morning is just too glorious to not Praise God!

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley

Worship in Lent, 2013



Thursday Evening Soup and Vespers

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: February 21 & 28

March 7, 14 and 21

Our third year of Thursday evening simple suppers: soup, bread, fruit; and evening vespers using the Haugen Holden Evening Vespers. Sign up in the Sanctuary to bring food; come whether or not you bring food. Stay for choir!



Lenten Study

Sundays 11:00 a.m. in the Office



Embracing a Life of Meaning with Kathleen Norris. This DVD based study leads us through discussions on “what matters most” Belief, the Bible, Community, Place and Us. The participant’s workbook is \$12.95. Sign up in the sanctuary so your workbook may be ordered in advance.



Sunday Mornings During Lent

Sunday Worship – 9:30 a. m.



Pastor Shirley is shaping our Lenten worship around Bruce McLaren’s *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*. This will dovetail with, but not duplicate, our Lenten study.

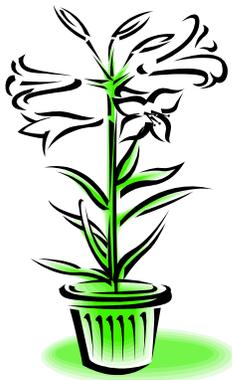




The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir
Come on down to join the choir, **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in **March** as we prepare for Easter with new music. We love to welcome new faces and sing with new voices so don't be shy. From now through Easter, we will meet at this special time, after Vespers in the **Sanctuary**.

Ad Council

The next **Administrative Council** is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 20, 2013 at 7:00PM** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Change-Over Sunday – March 24, 2013

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
And soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it.
You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

Thanks again to all of you who have been "passing it on" through your spare change on "Change-over Sunday". Your generosity is abundant and **VERY** appreciated.

The Trustees

The **Trustees'** are scheduled to meet next, **Wednesday, March 13th at Karen Schreifels' house at 7:30PM**. Please see page 8 for further information from your Trustees.



Happy Birthday Wishes to:

- 03/06 Jamie MacLeod
- 03/06 Daislyn Pease
- 03/06 Tyler Tanciangco
- 03/09 David Johnson
- 03/14 Ealasaid Haas
- 03/26 Huynh Phan



Happy Anniversary!!

03/05 Gwen and Jack Freeman

**Income and Expenses
January 2013**

INCOME	<i>January</i>
Offerings	\$4,349.61
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$6,335.06
Special Giving	\$ 183.03
TOTAL	\$10,867.70

EXPENSES	<i>January</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 2,026.28
Operating Expense	\$ 3,297.62
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,406.23
TOTAL	\$10,730.13

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$36,490.67
Designated funds	\$17,738.25





El Camino Real Leadership Events

Led by Rev. Kristie Olah, District Superintendent
Preacher “Your Call to Lead” and Rev. Greg Berquist,
Conference Superintendent for Leadership Development leading
a workshop and presentation: “Leading through Change”

OPEN TO ALL

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

Church leaders, church members and Clergy are encouraged to attend.

Two events at two locations;

The same material will be presented at each location, so choose one.

Saturday morning March 2nd from 8:45AM to 12:15PM at Walnut Creek UMC

1543 Sunnyvale Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94597

(Please register by February 27th for this event)

Saturday morning March 16th from 8:45AM to 12:15PM at Almaden Hills UMC in San Jose

1200 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118

(Please register by March 13th for this event)

To register: Simply call the District Office (916) 374-1501 and register your name and the church you attend.

Remember, there is no charge for these events. Coffee, juice and pastries will be provided.

Cindy Buna, District Office

CA-NV Conference of the UMC

1276 Halyard Drive

West Sacramento, CA 95691

[\(916\) 374-1502](tel:9163741502)

Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, March 2, 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.



Remember to scrip it when getting ready for St. Patrick's Day or any other time during March. Get that corned beef from one of the grocers on the scrip form. Or take your loved one out for a good corned beef and cabbage at a local restaurant. If birthdays are occurring in March for you or your loved ones, consider giving scrip as a gift. You can either give them the scrip card so they can get what they want, or you can use it to get the gift they've clued you in that they want.

Thanks,

Daislyn Pease
cell: [408-656-6023](tel:408-656-6023)



New Refrigerator Needed for Jones Hall

Our old refrigerator in Jones Hall has given us many years of sterling service, but it is failing at last. It has become noisy, inefficient, and uses way too much electricity. We would like to replace the refrigerator as soon as possible. Of course, we would like to keep our costs down as much as we can, too.

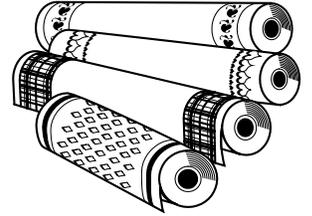
If anyone knows of a possibility for a donated refrigerator or knows somewhere we can purchase a refrigerator inexpensively, please let us know. Please call Guy or Cliveden Haas at 408/262-5250. Many, many thanks for your help!



Bathroom Splendor

Many, many thanks to Jeremy Ho, his family and friends who have painted and hung wallpaper in our Sanctuary bathrooms. Guy Haas provided plenty of technical help along the way as well. Jeremy is a former student of Success! Learning Center and came to our campus to complete his Eagle Scout Project. We appreciate all his hard work and organization of people and materials. It was quite an extensive project, indeed.

The Board of Trustees also hopes to replace the splash paneling and perhaps install new floors, so we aren't finished yet. Be sure to take a few minutes to check out the bathrooms and admire their new look. They look great!



CALLING ALL WORKERS

Help Us Prepare Our Campus and Buildings for EASTER!

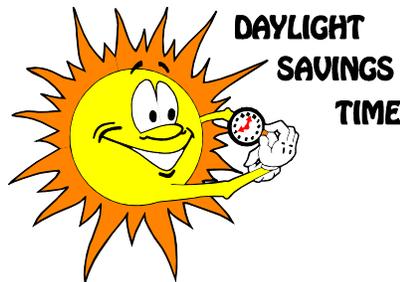
WORK DAY

*Saturday March 9th
9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon*

Jobs for everyone, big and small, young and old.
Please come help us clean our windows, freshen our buildings,
and get the lawns ready for our spring services.



Don't forget to set your clocks AHEAD before you go to bed, Saturday – March 9, 2013.



Daylight Savings Time begins March 10th.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013

6:30 Easter Sunrise



7:30 Potluck breakfast

9:30 Easter Celebration



SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Our new Spiritual Life Committee (Cliveden, Laine, Lola, and Mary) is working diligently to help connect those members and friends we haven't seen lately back into the fabric of our church family. Please keep us in your prayers as we search for God's path for our church. Please contact Cliveden (408/262-5250) or any committee member about housebound, ill, or non-attending members and friends. Each is sorely missed!

Calendar

March

- 2 Community Breakfast
- 3 Worship
- 3 Lenten Study
- 4 Centering Prayer
- 7 Soup and Vespers
- 7 Choir Rehearsal
- 9 Garden workday **Set Your Clocks Ahead one hour tonight before bed.**
- 10 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- 10 Worship – One Great Hour of Sharing
- 10 Lenten Study
- 11 Lunch Bunch at La Milpa
- 11 Centering Prayer
- 13 Trustees meeting at 7:30PM
- 13 Karen Schreffels House
- 14 Soup and Vespers
- 14 Choir
- 17 Worship
- 17 Lenten Study
- 18 Centering Prayer
- 20 Ad Council
- 21 BEACON *Deadline*
- 21 Soup and Vespers
- 21 Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Worship–Palm Sunday -Change Over Sunday
- 25 Centering Prayer
- 31 **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE (6:30 a.m.)**
- 31 Finger-foods potluck
- 31 **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP (9:30 a.m.)**

April

- 1 Centering Prayer Community Breakfast
- 4 Choir Rehearsal
- 7 Worship
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 11 Choir
- 14 Worship

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