



The Beacon

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How to Tell Your Father You Love Him

- **1** Tell him how he inspired you. As a young boy, Craig's dad took him fly fishing every summer and from those experiences Craig gained a love of nature. After college Craig became a forest ranger, the career of his dreams. If your father has inspired you in any way, this is the ideal time to acknowledge him for the contribution he is making to your life.
- **2** Recognize him as a good role model. What has your father taught you about being a good person? He will be touched to hear from you what you learned by watching him live his life. Remember, he doesn't know for sure unless you tell him.
- **3** Thank him for the respect he has shown your mother. If you are lucky enough to have a father who treats your mother well, you are blessed. Tell him how much that means to you. Men learn how to treat women well by watching how fathers treat their mothers.
- **4** Thank him for staying cool. Perhaps there was a time when you were a child that your father could have been upset, but instead he kept his cool. Perhaps your family faced difficult circumstances and rather than taking frustrations out on his family, your dad stayed calm. Your dad may not know that you noticed. Sharing your memories of those situations will mean more than any gift.
- **5** Appreciate how hard he worked. Dads get up every day and go to work sometimes at jobs they don't enjoy to support their families. Dads work very hard to show how much they care. Tell him "thank you" for working so hard. He may have given up his own dreams for the sake of his children. When you tell him that you appreciate how hard he has worked, he will know you care.
- **6** Give him credit. Your dad may not have been perfect, but perhaps he did the best he could. Give him credit for that. *(Continued on Page 5)*

Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – June 1, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **The Trustees'** will meet next at **Karen Schreifels' house, Wednesday – June 5th at 7:30PM.**
- The next **Ad Council** meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday June 12, 2013 at 7:00PM in Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **July** issue – **Wednesday morning, June 19, 2013.**

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Dear Friends,

The plane landed in San Francisco on time, luggage retrieval went as expected, and Jon met us, so soon, Rebecca, Jon and I were on the road toward home after my almost-month-long travel in Scotland and Ireland. But something didn't feel right: I was sitting on the right in the front seat, and there was no steering wheel in front of me! I had a momentary panic that Jon was driving on the wrong side of the road, then breathed again and let my entire being sink into the realization that "home" means right-side-driving and left-side steering wheels, not the other way round as I experienced for the last month in Ireland and Scotland. The truck we were riding in, and the cars around us seemed SO big – and the roadway SO wide. Clearly, though my body was back in the U.S., it would be a day or so to re-integrate!

Have you ever been in a situation where you realized something was "different", but you couldn't put your finger on whether it was just *different*, or whether it was *wrong*? Perhaps it was a situation of cultural differences – like driving on the "other" side of the road. It is wrong (and dangerous!) to drive on the left in the US, but in the UK it is the custom and law. When I assisted in serving Communion in the Abby at Iona, the other servers and I wondered: intinction or drinking? It is an ecumenical group, using bread and real-wine. We soon found out that there was some of each. Neither is "wrong" – but I noticed some surprised looks as some drank from the chalice before passing it on to the next person, and other surprised looks as some dunked their bread into the chalice before passing it on.

Across the Church, and the world, the discussion over same-gender marriage sparks reactions of "wrong" and/or "different." But I praise God that in more and more countries and states, in more and more Churches, Marriage Equality is being declared as neither wrong nor different, but right, recognizing the rights, values and qualities that have accompanied good marriages throughout the ages.

We of the United Methodist Church have miles and probably years to travel before our denomination officially recognizes the reflection of God's love in same-gender relationships. As individuals, however, we do not need to wait for that "official" pronouncement to know what is right and good, supporting each in our community as, I believe, Jesus would.

It is great to be home. I can't wait to tell you more about my adventures in Ireland and Scotland. See you in church!

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir

The choir will begin their Summer hiatus, Monday June 10th. The last time they will perform will be Sunday, June 9, 2013. Please join me in Thanking the choir for their time and commitment to bringing wonderful music into our worship services. Their musical presence is a true blessing!

The Trustees

The **Trustees'** are scheduled to meet next, **Wednesday, June 5th** at **Karen Schreifels'** house at **7:30PM**. Gardening in the evenings continues Tuesdays at 6:00PM. Come on out and lend a hand.



Ad Council

The next **Administrative Council** is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 12, 2013** at **7:00PM** in **Jones Hall**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your ideas are invaluable.

Change-Over Sunday – June 30, 2013

Thank you again for caring for your brothers and sisters in Milpitas by contributing to this important cause. Thankfully there are numerous signs that our economy is getting better however, many still rely on the Milpitas Food Pantry to help them make ends meet.



Happy Birthday Wishes to:

- 06/18 Lola Dorsey
- 06/22 Catherine Deppe
- 06/24 Erik Larsen
- 06/28 Laine Sazon
- 06/30 Jacob Feldman



Happy Anniversary to:

- 06/21 Janyce and Jim Singleton
- 06/23 Jack and Marley Spilman
- 06/27 Eugenia and Don Egbert
- 06/27 Anna and Huy Phan

**Income and Expenses
April 2013**

INCOME	<i>April</i>
Offerings	\$3,801.49
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$6,520.26
Special Giving	\$ 12.17
TOTAL	\$10,333.92

EXPENSES	<i>April</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,152.68
Operating Expense	\$ 4,457.05
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,930.82
TOTAL	\$10,540.55

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$31,848.74
Designated funds	\$16,257.49



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- **7** Find common ground. If you and your dad have had a challenging relationship, perhaps this is the day to begin reconciliation. Dads mellow with age. If you share a mutual interest, that's a good way to start the healing process.
- **8** Send a healing message. Tell your dad that you want to have a good relationship with him. If you already have a good relationship, tell him how grateful you are for that.
- **9** Say: "I love you." These words are more than words. Saying, "I love you" means that you value and care for your dad. Even if you and your dad have differences, don't let those differences stop you from expressing deep feelings.
- **10** Honor men. Who are the men who have cared about your well-being or had an impact on your life? From grandfathers to uncles to stepdads or a big brother figure, take a moment to acknowledge their contribution. Words reveal how you feel and mean more than presents.
- **11** Laugh out loud. Tell jokes; remember a funny incident; be lighthearted. Nothing unites as easily as relaxing and laughing together.

Happy Father's Day to you all!

Father's Day Is Just Around the Corner.

Remember to pick up that something special for him at one of the many, MANY places you can use Scrip. Take him to a nice dinner at one of the restaurants on the scrip form. Or shop for him at T.J. Max/Marshalls, get him a box of candy from See's, using a scrip card. There's scrip for Barnes and Noble, or take him to a movie at an AMC theater. And don't forget the "sure thing" gift: Get him a gift card for Best Buy, where he can get himself all sorts of stuff.

So happy shopping. There are scrip forms at the back of the sanctuary, or just ask Daislyn for one. But get it soon...our scrip coordinator, Daislyn Pease will be gone quite a while this summer. The last day to put in an order is June 10. She'll be back early in August. If you have birthdays, anniversaries, or other celebrations coming up, think ahead and order your scrip now.

Daislyn Pease

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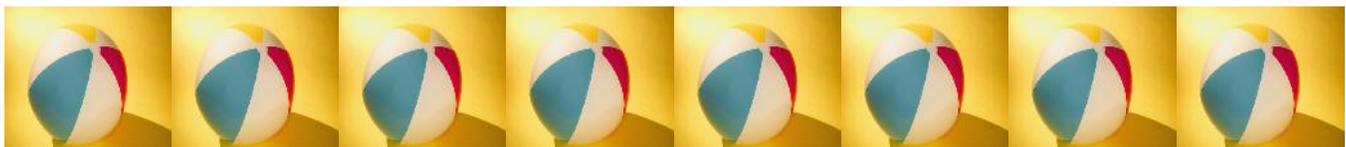
Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, June 1, 2013 - 8:00 a.m.

The breakfast, a 50-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by 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. at Jones Hall, SUMC, 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 June 1, 2013. For more information, call 263-8942.



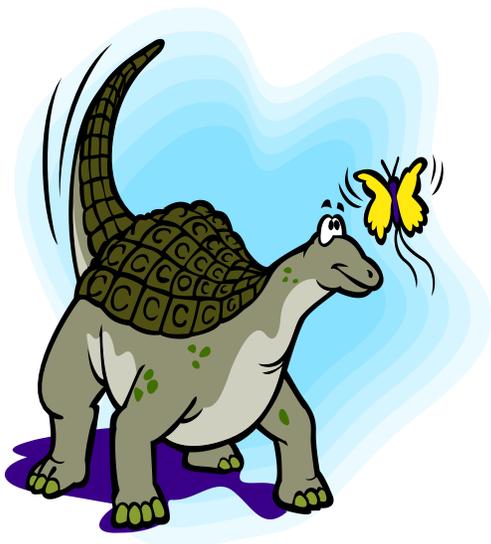
Grillin', Grillin', Grillin', Keep Them Burgers Smokin'.....
(to the tune of "Rawhide")

Come and Get it Everyone! June 9th is our annual end-of-school/beginning-of-summer BBQ. Rolf Haas will again man the grill. Sunnyhills will provide hotdogs, sausage, hamburgers, condiments and paper goods. You are in charge of that all important dish to share and a good appetite. Yummmmm!



Al-Anon Meets Weekly at Sunnyhills UMC

Al-Anon open meeting, Monday Nights - 7:30pm – _____ in the Sanctuary.



Butterfly Garden Workdays

**Tuesday Evenings
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Plenty of chores
big and small
to spruce up the garden!*

**More information:
Cliveden & Guy Haas
(408) 262-5250**

Calendar

June

- 1 Community Breakfast
- 2 Worship
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 4 Gardening in the Evenings
- 5 Trustees' Meeting at Karen Schreifels'
- 6 Kairos Crafters
- 9 Choir
- 9 Worship
- 9 End of School/Beginning of Summer BBQ
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 11 Gardening in the Evenings
- 12 Ad Council
- 13 Kairos Crafters
- 16 Choir – Ann Zeise's House
- 16 Worship – Happy Father's Day!
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 18 Gardening in the Evenings
- 18 Kairos Crafters
- 20 Kairos Crafters
- 23 Worship
- 24 Centering Prayer
- 25 Gardening in the Evenings
- 27 Kairos Crafters
- 30 Worship

July

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 2 Evenings in the Garden
- 7 Worship
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 9 Gardening in the Evenings
- 11 Kairos Crafters
- 14 Worship
- 14 Lunch Bunch
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 16 Gardening in the Evenings
- 18 Kairos Crafters
- 21 Worship
- 22 Centering Prayer

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