



The Beacon

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A Few Thanksgiving Quotes from the Bible



Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. ~

Psalms 26:6-8

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. ~

Psalms 50:14-15

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. ~

Psalms 147:7-8

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. ~

2 Corinthians 4:15

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ~

Philippians 4:6

Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – November 2, 2013 at 8:00 a.m..**
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:00PM in Jones Hall**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **December** issue – **Thursday morning, November 21, 2013.**
- **DON'T FORGET. Daylight Saving Time ends November 3, 2013. Please set your clocks BACK one hour.**
(See Page 4 for further calendar details)





Dear Friends,

November is upon us: Daylight Savings time gets put away for another year this Saturday, November 2, most of us have nudged the thermostat so that our homes and vehicles are just a little more comfortable in the early mornings and late evenings. And leaves are changing color (well, as much as they ever do in California!)

Perhaps there are “big” traditions at many times of the year, but in the fall, I am reminded that as we look down the calendar for Thanksgiving and then Christmas, many of those traditions are consumer-oriented, but “inspired” by the Church year. Christmas decorations, lights, ornaments, and presents displayed and advertised well before Halloween, “Advent” calendars celebrating the 25 days before Christmas, whether or not Advent is 25 days long or not, sometimes telling the Jesus story, sometimes not. And Thanksgiving: billed as the once-in-a-lifetime but every-year most-important, all-you-can-ever-want-to-eat family meal. Even though much of our community is far from family, cannot afford (or desire) to put all their food on the table for one blow-out meal, or even have a safe place to eat such a meal if it did come their way.

At Sunnyhills, we’ve started a couple other “traditions.” They may not make the world a safe place, nor feed all the hungry families in Milpitas, but can be our mark in the community.

First is our collection of \$5 gift cards from local supermarkets to be included in the Milpitas Food Pantry’s Thanksgiving baskets. These gift cards allow each family to purchase their own finishing touch for their meal – be it chicken, ham, pork, or whatever their tradition is. We’ll be collecting these cards between now and November 17.

The second tradition is packing of one-meal bags that we may carry in our own vehicles to hand to those who are asking for handouts. We pack the bags with:

- A bottle of water
- A new, clean pair of socks
- An easy-open can of a protein food (beef, tuna, beef soup, etc)
- A serving of shelf-stable fruit (fruit cup, for instance)
- A granola or snack bar
- And a spoon

I can testify that the folks who have received these bags from me have been overjoyed – a meal and a clean, dry pair of socks go a long way to having a better day. We may not change the world, but we can help one person at a time.

We’ll be collecting these items on Sundays or in the church office, and package up as many bags as we can as soon as we have the critical elements. We can add things like individual packages of fruit, jerky, nuts etc, so bring those too if it suits your shopping.

Thank you in advance for thinking outside our “box” as we live in the season of Thanksgiving.

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



A New Way to Support Sunnyhills UMC

You all know that when you purchase Scrip, Sunnyhills receives a portion of the amount you are purchasing – usually from 1% to 10% - of the face value of the Scrip. Talk to Daislyn Pease about purchasing Scrip.

But, if you shop on the internet like I do, a new program from the United Methodist church can point some of your shopping dollars back to Sunnyhills.

WWW.UMCMarket.org is the website where it all starts. Go there and register. To register, the site will need your email address, a password that you choose, your country and zip code. Once registered you can provide more information, but the only mandatory additional information is the name of the organization to which you want your donations made. (Sunnyhills UMC) Check out the online stores signed up for the program. Amazon.com, for instance, donates 4.5% to the organization of your choice. Macys.com 2%, Barnes and Noble 4.5% and so on. Some of the stores only donate for your first online purchase (Walgreens, for instance), but others donate for every online purchase.

I personally purchase a great deal from Amazon. Amazon Scrip is a 4.5% donation; Amazon through UMCMarket is a 4.5% donation, so when I purchase something through the UMCMarket, and pay for it with Scrip, Sunnyhills realizes 9% of my purchase.

Other online stores include: Expedia, Office Depot, Hotels.com, Petco, Overstock.com, Lowe's, Quill.com, FTD, Groupon, Staples just to name a few.



WWW.UMCMarket.org Try it!



November gifts for the Milpitas Food Pantry

For the past several years, we have collected \$5 grocery store cards for the Food Pantry to include in Thanksgiving baskets. We're at it again this year. We're looking for \$5 cards for the local supermarkets, such as Grocery Outlet, Safeway, Target, or Lucky's. Grocery Outlet and Target can be purchased at the stores. Get Safeway and Lucky's from Pastor Shirley, who has pre-ordered some from our Scrip distributor, so we're not only giving to the Food Bank, but Sunnyhills has a dividend too!

Contributions can be brought any Sunday before November 17 or dropped by the Church Office in the same timeframe. Ask Jo Roll if you have questions. But Jo can only accept the gift cards this year – bring your cash to Pastor Shirley for exchange! Help us meet our goal of more than 50 gift cards!





The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
Choir Hey Everybody. Do you like to sing?
Come on down to the **Sanctuary** at **6:30PM,**
Thursday evenings. and share your voice with the
choir. Newcomers always welcome!

Ad Council

The **Administrative Council** will meet at
7:00PM on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013** in
Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for
additional information. All are welcome and
encouraged to attend.



Change-Over Sunday

The next **Change-Over Sunday** is
November 24, 2013. As we take time to reflect
on all the blessings for which we are thankful,
we want to say “Thanks again” for making hot
meals a reality for many. **Thank You!**

The Trustees

The Trustees will meet again, Wednesday **November**
13th at **7:30PM,** at **Karen Schreifels’.**



WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS

El Camino Real District Fall Leadership Event

A Wesleyan Model of Discipleship: Creating Communities of Love Expressed Through Personal Spirituality and Social Responsibility

**Saturday, November 9, 2013
at the
Campbell United Methodist Church**

Rev. Greg Bergquist
Conference Superintendent for Leadership Development
and
Rev. Kristie Olah
El Camino Real District Superintendent



9 am **Registration, Coffee and Conversation**

9:15 **Worship and Workshop begin**

12:15 **End of workshop**

No charge to attend, but please register at <https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/DiscipleofJesus> or call Cindy Buna at [916-374-1502](tel:916-374-1502). Deadline for registration is **Thursday, November 7, 2013.**

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

- 11/03 Ann Zeise
- 11/04 Marley Spilman
- 11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
- 11/06 Hien Phan
- 11/08 Lee Scott
- 11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
- 11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
- 11/14 Margaret Scott
- 11/20 Kristel Tanciango



Happy Anniversary!!

11/16 Eric Larsen and Jennifer Touchton

**Income and Expenses
September 2013**

INCOME	<i>September</i>
Offerings	\$5,265.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,011.45
Special Giving	\$5,169.73
TOTAL	\$15,446.18

EXPENSES	<i>September</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,234.68
Operating Expense	\$ 3,306.17
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,125.74
TOTAL	\$ 9,666.59

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$34,219.82
Designated funds	\$17,031.17



Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, November 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, 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.

For more information, call 263-8942. We hope to see you next Saturday.

Remember Fellowship Time



Every Sunday, several hard working folks from the congregation get tables set up in the back of the Sanctuary, start coffee before worship, and lay out the cookies and other goodies so that we can munch as we talk after worship, and clean up everything when the time is right. For the last several years, Jo Roll has taken on the bulk of this (Thank you! thank you! thank you!) with Jack Freeman often on coffee duty. (Thank you! thank you! thank you!)

More of this need to share these tasks on a week to week basis. On the bulletin board in the Sanctuary, you will find a sign up sheet: sign up for a week or two, a week every month, or whatever is right for you. Grab a friend to sign up with and you'll have great discussions as you set out and clean up the snacks.

If taking on an entire week is daunting, bring a shelf-stable bag of cookies or other treats that can be stashed away for lean weeks. Thank you all in advance!!



Fall for scrip

Well, fall is officially here. Keep on thinking about what you can do for yourself and for your church via scrip orders. Adults and kids of all ages enjoy iTunes, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, and movie tickets through AMC. Everyone will soon be shopping for that all encompassing feast, due to hit the last week of this month. Scrip is available for most grocery stores in Milpitas. And of course, don't forget that Christmas is just a few weeks away, so start thinking now. Check out the scrip form at church on Sunday mornings or email Daislyn (daislyn@sbcglobal.net) to have her send you the most recent form. **See Daislyn Pease after worship for more details and to purchase scrip.**



How does sleeping in an extra hour on a Sunday sound? Daylight Saving Time ends **NOVEMBER 3, 2013**. Please remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before you retire on Saturday, November 2nd.

Annual Church Conference

Our Church Conference is the time of year when we celebrate the ministries of the past year, elect our officers for the upcoming year, and approve the Pastor's Compensation Package. This year, we'll start with a potluck lunch after Worship on Sunday, December 8, then move to our annual meeting at about 11:30. Sun Hee Kim will preside.



Christmas Decorate-the-Sanctuary

Help to deck the halls, decorate the tree, make some Christmas crafts, bring cookies for the cookie exchange, and enjoy the music of the season. Friday, December 13, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Calendar

November

- 2 Community Breakfast
- DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS! Set your clocks back one hour.**
- 3 Worship-Begin Thanksgiving special offering
- 4 Centering Prayer
- 7 Choir
- 10 Worship
- 11 SPRC meets directly after Book Study
- Centering Prayer
- 13 Trustees' Meeting at Karen Schreifels
- 14 Choir
- 17 Worship
- 18 Centering Prayer
- 20 Ad Council
- 21 **BEACON Deadline**
- Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Worship – Change Over Sunday
- 25 Centering Prayer

December

- 1 Worship
- 2 Centering Prayer
- 5 Choir Rehearsal
- 7 Community Breakfast
- 8 Worship
- Potluck and Church Conference
- 9 Centering Prayer
- 11 Trustees @ Karen's house
- 12 Choir Rehearsal
- 13 Christmas Decorating and Cookie Exchange
- 15 Worship
- 16 Centering Prayer
- 17 Ad Council
- 19 Choir Rehearsal
- Beacon Deadline**
- 22 Worship

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