



*Happy New Year!!!*  
January 2014

# The Beacon

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**2014** *Happy New Year*

**Happy New Days**

**Happy New Desires**

**Happy New Blessings**

**Happy New Opportunities**

Happy New Chances

Happy New Friends

Happy New Hope

Happy New Dreams

*Happy New Vision*

*Happy New Faith*

*Happy New Love*

*Happy New Life*

*Happy New YOU...*

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## Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – January 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will meet next, **Wednesday, January 8, 2014** at Karen Schreifels' house.
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:00PM** in Jones Hall.
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **February** issue – **Tuesday morning, January 21, 2014.**



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Dear Friends,

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room .. just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged, it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life." She went on to explain, "Old age is like a bank account, you withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank.

I am still depositing." And with a smile, she said: "Remember the five simple rules to be happy: 1. Free your heart from hatred. 2. Free your mind from worries. 3.Live simply. 4. Give more. 5. Expect less

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*

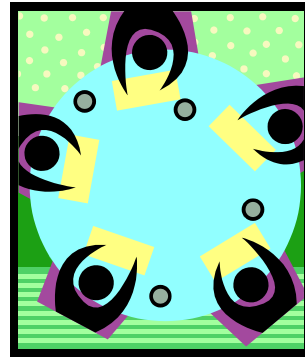
As posted to the California Nevada Annual Conference Forum



**The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church**  
**Choir** Happy New Year SUMC! Time to commit to that New Year's resolution and come on down to the Sanctuary, Thursday nights at 6:30 PM and join the choir. Newcomers are always welcome! The more the merrier as we swing into the New Year next Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Ad Council**

The Administrative Council will meet at 7:00PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



**Change-Over Sunday**

The Homeless and the financially challenged have been somewhat blessed this season with very little rain. But the need for food and donations for the food pantry remains very high. The next **Change-Over Sunday is January 26, 2014**. Please give generously to help keep tummies full. And ***Thank You Again for your generosity through 2013!!!***

**The Trustees**

The Trustees will meet again, Wednesday January 8, 2014 at 7:30PM, at Karen Schreifels'.



**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 2013**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>November</i>
Offerings	\$3,504.64
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,084.30
Special Giving	\$ 715.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$9,303.96

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>November</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,658.32
Operating Expense	\$ 2,326.67
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,340.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,325.19

**FUND BALANCE**

Cash on hand	\$36,783.51
Designated funds	\$17,361.42





**Spiritual Life Work Group**

Our purpose is to be the hands and feet for Christ. Our goal is to spearhead community and congregation outreach. Reaching out and sharing Christ's love with others. This is a great opportunity to be a part of something more. If you would like to join us, for one or more of the following dates they are below. We will meet directly after church services on the following dates in 2014:

- Jan. 19
- Feb. 9
- March 23
- May 11
- July 20
- Oct. 12

Sincerely,  
Mary Schreifels



**Scrip for the New Year**

While you're putting together those New Year's resolutions that many of you do, how about adding a resolution to order more scrip (or start if you've never done it). As you should know by now, it's one small way you can help support your church. While you don't get a discount on the things you order, the church does, and every little bit helps. You don't have to go out on a limb and order something you've never bought before. Just keep it in mind when you plan your grocery shopping, or gift giving. Think ahead for things like Valentine's Day (See's candy is on there, among other good gift items).

Anniversaries, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations for students, next year's Christmas: Keep scrip in mind. And If you don't like the idea of giving a gift card, you can do the shopping with the card you purchase and your loved one doesn't even need to know.

Pick up a scrip order form and check it out. You might be amazed at the stores, restaurants, etc. that you already go to. You can just call Daislyn (656-6023) if you don't want to actually fill out the form. You can enhance your order by going through [gomilpitas.com](http://gomilpitas.com) or the UMC Market,org website. Check on your November Beacon for more details. Our church benefits with additional discounts when you do that.

**Daislyn Pease**

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# *Calendar*

## January

- 2 No Choir Rehearsal
- 5 Worship
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 8 Trustees @ Karen's house
- 9 Choir
- 12 Worship
- 13 Lunch Bunch at Baja Cactus
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 15 Ad Council
- 16 Choir
- 19 Worship – Human Relations Day--Special Offering
- 20 Lay Leadership Committee
- 20 Centering Prayer
- 23 Choir
- 26 Worship – Change Over Sunday
- 27 Centering Prayer
- 30 Choir

## February

- 1 Community Breakfast-Black History
- 2 Worship
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 6 Choir Rehearsal
- 9 Worship-Special Offering-Black College Fund
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 12 Trustees @ Karen's house
- 13 Choir Rehearsal
- 16 Worship
- 17 Lunch Bunch @ Liou's House of Chinese
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 19 Ad Council
- 20 Choir Rehearsal
- 23 Beacon *Deadline*
- 23 Worship
- 24 Centering Prayer
- 27 Choir

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