



*Happy Mother's Day  
May 2014*

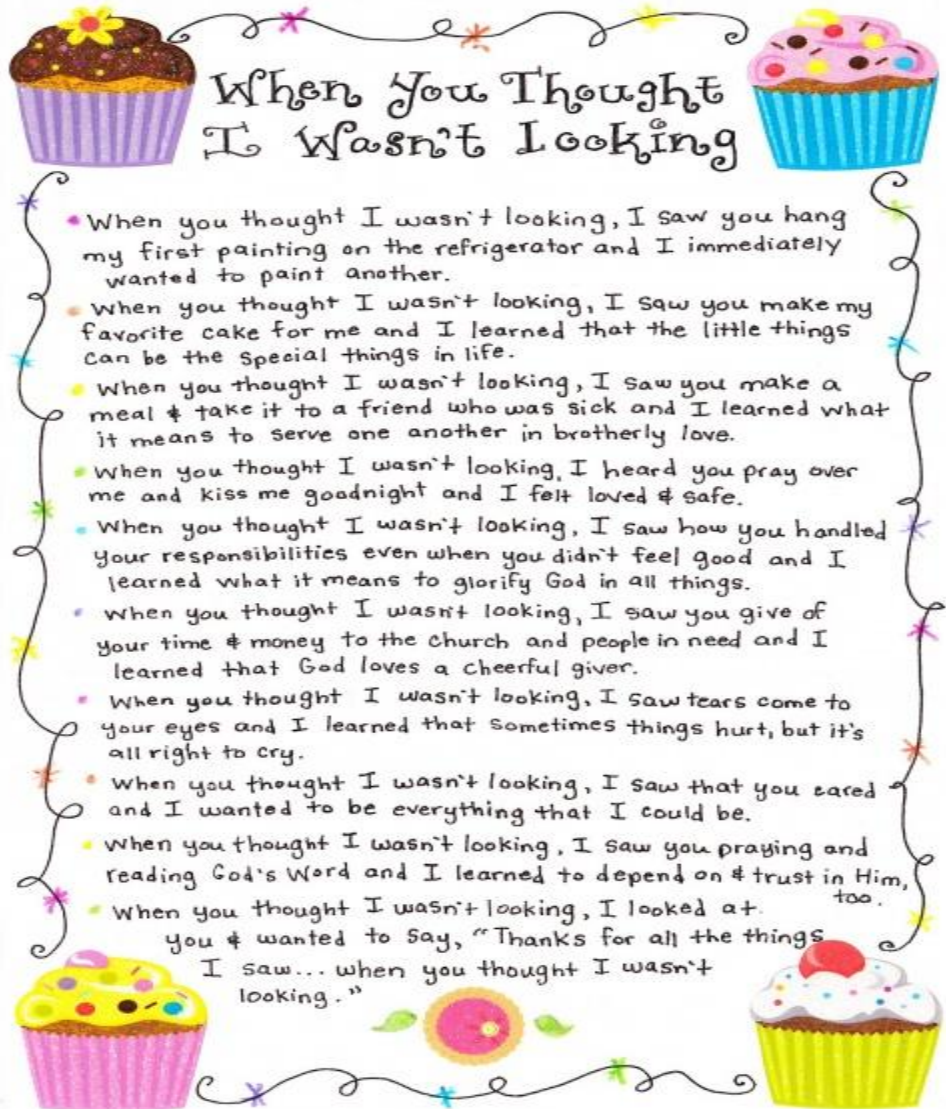
# The Beacon

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## Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – May 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will meet next, **Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at Karen Schreifels' house.**
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 7:00PM in Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **June** issue – **Tuesday morning, May 19, 2014.**





Friends,

Christ has Risen! Christ has risen indeed!

This year, during Lent and Easter, I clung to those words. We had many meaningful experiences during lent: our book study, *The Last Week* (Borg and Crossan); weekly evening vespers, a Pysanky egg decorating class, two regularly scheduled services at Elmwood Correctional Center, and the beginning of weekly bible study in the same venue. And exciting progress as we become the home for a Family Resource Center, funded by First Five of California who brings upgrades, repairs and improvements to our campus. Despite all those high spots, I have felt overshadowed by our losses. The Rev. Chansoo Lee, who served Sunnyhills from 2006 – 2010, died after a head-on collision with a drunk driver. Vennie Holloway, a long-time (perhaps charter) member, passed away after an illness. Neither family chose to have a service at Sunnyhills, and this was an absolutely appropriate decision for both families. But still, these passing's have left an empty place at the table of our hearts.

Grief has no “proper time” or “prescribed progress.” There is no “right way” to grieve. I don't know about you, but with each passing, I feel the losses in my life again: parents, friends, even pets who have gone on before us. So my time of grief, of living with an empty place, includes wonderful memories of the times together, memories of the things I learned from each of them that have made me who I am today. And continuing to rejoice for their lives and the way in which each of them touched the world.

I invite each of you – whether you identify the feeling as grief, or not – to spend some time in that rejoicing. Allow God to bridge the grief and emptiness and soften the sharp edges.

Christ is Risen. Christ has Risen Indeed!

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*



**The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church**  
**Choir** Choir rehearsals continue through the Spring Season, providing beautiful music for our morning Worship. Join us on Thursdays at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord and help us share it with others on Sunday. New voices are always welcome.

**Ad Council**

The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



**Change-Over Sunday**

The weather is warming up and the rain is slowing down, but the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry remains constant. The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **May 25, 2014**. Your continuous support is so greatly appreciated.

**The Trustees**

The Trustees will meet again, Wednesday **May 14, 2014** at **7:30PM**, at **Karen Schreifels'**.



**Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will gather next at the Omega Restaurant on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at **11:30 a.m.**. **YUM!** You don't want to miss out.

**Happy Birthday Wishes to:**

- 05/12 Leah Marcus
- 05/14 Gwen Freeman
- 05/15 Jo Roll
- 05/18 Jack Spilman
- 05/28 Vilma Ware



**Happy Anniversary!!**

- 05/17 Ria and Joe Feldman
- 05/21 Laurie and Rolf Haas
- 05/25 Jess and Lelaine Tanciango

**Income and Expenses  
March 2014**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>March</i>
Offerings	\$4,519.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$7,022.40
Special Giving	\$ 318.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$11,859.50

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>March</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,349.41
Operating Expense	\$ 2,192.29
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,335.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,877.36

**FUND BALANCE**

Cash on hand	\$35,492.27
Designated funds	\$22,026.91



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:

May 11

July 20

Oct. 12

Sincerely,  
Mary Schreifels



### *Scrip for the Whole Year*

Hey friends. Scrip is still around and Mother's day is coming up too. Get your mom, or your loved one some FTD flowers through scrip, chocolates from Sees Candies, or dinners at a lot of places. Check out the scrip forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact Daislyn She can even email you the form. Every little bit helps. And, better yet, you can go online at [go.milpitas.com](http://go.milpitas.com), search for Sunnyhills then you can place orders through Amazon. The church gets about 7% from those orders.

Every little bit helps.

**Daislyn Pease**

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### *Milpitas Community Breakfast – Saturday, May 3, 2014*

Milpitas Unified School District will put an eight-year extension of the Measure B parcel tax before voters in the June 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election. Board member Danny Lau will explain the purpose of renewing the annual \$84 parcel tax which will provide a stable stream of revenue to maintain current programs, attract quality educators and to prepare students for college and 21st century careers.

June will feature Mike Mendizabal and Mike McInerny of the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency of the former Milpitas Redevelopment Agency, regarding the matter of developing a K-8 school in the transit district near the Great Mall.

## *Calendar*

### May

- 1 Kairos Crafters  
Choir Rehearsal
- 3 Community Breakfast  
Worship
- 4 Lunch Bunch
- 5 Centering Prayer  
Choir
- 8
- 11 Worship – *Happy Mother's Day*  
Special Offering for Imagine No Malaria
- 12 Centering Prayer  
Trustees @ Karen's house
- 14
- 15 Choir
- 18 Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer  
Ad Council
- 21
- 22 Choir
- 25 Worship – Change Over Sunday
- 26 Centering Prayer  
Choir
- 29

### June

- 1 Worship
- 2 Centering Prayer  
Kairos Crafters
- 5 Choir Rehearsal  
Community Breakfast
- 7
- 8 Worship
- 9 Centering Prayer  
Choir Rehearsal
- 12
- 15 Worship
- 16 Centering Prayer  
Choir Rehearsal  
*Beacon Deadline*
- 19
- 22 Worship
- 23 Centering Prayer  
Choir
- 26
- 29 Worship

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