



October 2014

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – October 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will meet on **Wednesday October 8 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** at Karens'
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 7:00PM** in **Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **November** issue – **Thursday afternoon, October 29, 2014.**



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Dear Friends,

Sunnyhills has had a very busy summer and our Fall looks to be keeping up the same pace.

Last Saturday, September 27, the Family Resource Center held a grand opening. I estimate that more than 300 folks came to our campus that day to celebrate the opening as well as take part in the array of informational and fun exhibits that were set up around the campus. Family Resource Center is funded by First Five of California, which is charged with family and early childhood education, eg; helping to get our children ready for kindergarten - that is; to promote quality parenting in the First Five years of life. The Health Trust, working with First Five has opened the FRC (Family Resource Center), bringing the community a vast array of educational, recreational and referral services to Sunnyhills. In the grand opening, the principals of TruMark Housing were also recognized. Their generous gift helped to springboard a number of other gifts and services that have given us a facelift and really returned Sunnyhills to a beautiful campus. That work will continue as funds are available.

On a personal note, I had rotator cuff surgery early in September and was homebound for several weeks. Though I'm still mostly in a sling, my recovery has been progressing nicely. I am driving short distances, have returned to the pulpit, working with a Physical Therapist and have actively returned to T'ai Chi – though with only one arm moving! Big thanks to all of you that have helped fill in while I was out and especially for the prayers you've sent my way!

October is here, and our World Communion Sunday, October 5 will see our service combined with the Episcopalians. We'll meet at the regular time in our sanctuary, celebrate the day with singing, preaching, communion and even a baptism. Our Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday October 12, following our regular service. All of our campus congregations are invited to join us on the lawn at about 11:00 for the blessing. Your pets are welcome in worship that morning. If your animal loved one doesn't travel well, feel free to bring a picture, collar, or favored toy to receive the blessing on their behalf.

I'll see you in Worship!

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

Choir Choir has resumed and meets on the following Thursdays at 6:30 pm;
October 16
October 23



Ad Council

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



Change-Over Sunday

The weather is warm and the rain is long gone, but the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry remains constant. The next **Change-Over Sunday is October 26, 2014**. Your continuous support is so greatly appreciated.



The Trustees

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



Lunch Bunch

Date and location TBD at Ad Council. Stay tuned to the Tuesday Email Blasts//Postcards.

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

10/16 Anita Valderrama
10/12 Lynn Pope
10/25 Johanne Larsen
10/31 Aida Cruze



**Income and Expenses
August 2014**

INCOME	<i>August</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,572.25
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,159.95
Special Giving	\$ 38.91
TOTAL	\$ 9,771.11

EXPENSES	<i>August</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,083.41
Operating Expense	\$ 2,860.45
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,922.06
TOTAL	\$ 8,865.92

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$23,738.71
Designated funds	\$ 9,967.56



Scrip

Scrip forms are available on the table in the back by the snack table or can be emailed to you by Daislyn. Pick one up or contact Daislyn for the form, and order.

Remember, this is the program where you can get things you really need (like groceries) and still help your church. We get a small percentage from each purchase.

And remember you can get items through the go.milpitas.com website. See previous Beacons for instructions or ask Ann or Daislyn.

Daislyn Pease

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Spiritual Life Work Group

Our work continues, as we reach out to others. The spiritual life group needs you!

As we share the love of God through our cards and letters we know "Faith does not come from your brain, but from your heart"! Your hands and feet are always welcomed.

If you have ideas for this group, or want to update any contact information please feel free to reach out to me at gracexgod@yahoo.com our next meeting will be held directly after church services at 10:45a Sunday October 26, 2014

In Christ's love
Mary Schreifels

Calendar

October

Sunday, October 5, 9:30am U.M. Worship - World Communion

Sunday special

Monday, October 6, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Wednesday, October 8, 7:30pm Trustees @ Karen & Mary's

Sunday, October 12, 9:30am U.M. Worship

Monday, October 13, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Wednesday, October 15, 7:00pm Ad Council

Thursday, October 16, 6:30pm Choir

Sunday, October 19, 9:30am U.M. Worship, 11:30am Lunch

Bunch @ TBD

Monday, October 20, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Thursday, October 23, 6:30pm Choir

Sunday, October 26, 9:30am U.M. Worship, 11:00am Choir

rehearse upcoming hymns

Monday, October 27, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

November

Sunday, November 2, 9:30am U.M. Worship

Monday, November 3, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Sunday, November 9, 9:30am U.M. Worship, 10:30am

(expected) beginning of Food Pantry gift cards

Monday, November 10, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Wednesday, November 12, 7:30pm Trustees @ Karen & Mary's

Thursday, November 13, 6:30pm Choir

Sunday, November 16, 9:30am U.M. Worship, 11:30am Lunch

Bunch @ TBD

Monday, November 17, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Wednesday, November 19, 7:00pm Ad Council

Thursday, November 20, 6:30pm Choir

Sunday, November 23, 9:30am U.M. Worship, 11:00am Choir

rehearse upcoming hymns

Monday, November 24, 11:00am Cent. Prayer

Thursday, November 27 **Thanksgiving**

Sunday, November 30, 9:30am U.M. Worship

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