



November 2014

The Beacon

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Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will meet on **Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** at Karens'
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, November 19, 2014 p.m. at 7:00PM** in **Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **December** issue – **Thursday afternoon, November 20, 2014.**



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Dear Friends,

Despite the rush that has already begun in stores and on television, Christmas is not quite here yet. Thanksgiving still stands between us and the beginning of Advent.

As many of you know, I've been attending the Academy of Spiritual Formation, one week a calendar quarter for the last year. This next session we'll be looking at gratitude as a spiritual discipline. At the end of our last time together, it was suggested that we start keeping a "Gratitude Journal", each day writing down three things for which we are grateful. At least one of those three must be about a person, and at least one must be different from the day before.

I have to confess, I have not been as diligent with my Gratitude Journal as I had hoped. But thinking and praying about it, as well as the entries I have made, have made a surprising difference in my point of view for many things. I am grateful for my family's care during my recovery from shoulder surgery, and the ongoing healing that limits what I do and carry with my right arm. I am grateful for my martial arts Sifu (teacher), who has gone out of his way to assure my forms and movements do not injure my healing tendon. I am grateful to all of you at Sunnyhills who have moved chairs, boxes, hymnals and so much else that I might have usually taken care of. I am grateful to my daughter Rebecca for working with Bailey, my Paint horse, so that when I was able to return to riding he was not unmanageable or lazy from his time off. And I am grateful to Bailey for being patient with me as we work together again. I am grateful for the prayers and concern of our other Sunnyhills congregations, and the men at Elmwood with whom I do worship and Bible study. I am grateful for the rain, and the sun, and the rain again (See, I am grateful for things that don't include my healing shoulder!). I am grateful for the opportunity to serve among you this year, and for each of the years we have been together.

What are you grateful for? Start a journal, or a notebook, or whatever suits your life and style. Write down what you are grateful for. Send a card or note to people that come up on the list. Then thank God for all you are grateful for.

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley





The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

Choir Choir has resumed and meets on the following Thursdays at 6:30 pm;
November 13
November 20

Ad Council

The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, November 19, 2014** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



Change-Over Sunday

Now that cooler weather and (we hope) rain will be around for a while, the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry remains constant. The next **Change-Over Sunday is November 30, 2014**. Your continuous support is so greatly appreciated.

The Trustees

The Trustees will meet again, Wednesday, **November 12, 2014** at **7:30PM**, at **Karen Schreifels'**.



Lunch Bunch

Sunday, November 16th. We will be eating out at La Milpa.

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 2014**

INCOME	<i>August</i>
Offerings	\$ 2,227.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,513.51
Special Giving	\$ 119.15
TOTAL	\$ 8,859.66

EXPENSES	<i>August</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,400.41
Operating Expense	\$ 2,898.95
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,303.48
TOTAL	\$ 8,602.84

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$24,007.53
Designated funds	\$ 9,966.71



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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Save the date!

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 be joining the other churches in our Circuit at Genesis UMC, 220 S Main St, Milpitas, on Saturday, November 15th for our Conference. We'll start at 9:30 a.m. with worship together, and be finished with our own Church business by noon. Sun Hee Kim will again preside for Sunnyhills. Every church member and attendee is invited!

Sunnyhills Mission this Season

Sunnyhills is involved in ongoing mission work, through our gifts and offerings, as well as presence in jail ministry, among others.

Thanksgiving for the Milpitas Food Pantry, we will again be collecting \$5.00 gift cards for local grocery stores. Grocery Outlet, Safeway and Lucky have been recommended. Pastor Shirley will order a supply of some of these from our scrip supplier, so part of your purchase benefits us as well. You can purchase them from her, or purchase them yourself at a local market. We'll begin collecting these November 2, with a deadline of November 21. Jo Roll, our tireless liaison with the Food Pantry will take them to the pantry on November 23.

Homeless Bags

We have had good response to this last year, so we're going to be packing bags again this year. These bags are designed to carry in your vehicle, so when you encounter someone on the street, or street corner in need, you can give them a bag, which will contain a clean pair of socks, a ready to eat meal, and a bottle of water. This year we also have t-shirts to add to the bags. We'll begin collecting the contents immediately, with assembly to begin November 2 if we have the contents.

We need:

- A case of water bottles

- New white or black athletic socks

- Easy to open can of protein rich food (meat based soup, tuna, etc)

- Easy to open fruit (fruit cups, etc)

- Protein or snack bars (Nature Valley, for instance)

- Single serving jerky or other non-perishable meat product

- Bags to pack in

Pastor Shirley has Starbucks bags, but a durable shopping bag, backpack, etc are also good choices. We have 24 t-shirts, and 24 pr of socks so far.

Let the donations begin!!



Imagine No Malaria

During the 2013 Annual Conference Session, our Annual Conference began a journey with a challenge to raise \$2 million to help eradicate death by malaria on the African continent. As of October 14, 2014 the Conference has raised almost \$1,500,000

A few weeks ago, Emerging from the brainstorming of more than 30 pastors who are in their first appointment, or new to the California-Nevada Conference comes the \$100K Challenge.

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., and the four District Superintendents, are challenging each district to raise \$100,000 by June 1, 2015 to meet the \$2 million goal in time to celebrate during the 2015 Annual Conference Session.

If the California-Nevada Conference reaches the \$2 million goal by June 1, Bishop Warner H. Brown will go into a dunk tank and receive a pie to the face during the Annual Conference Session. If the Central Valley and El Camino Real Districts each reach the \$100,000 goal, their District Superintendents, the Revs. Debra Brady and Kristie L. Olah, will each receive a pie to the face during the Annual Conference Session. The Revs. Schuyler Rhodes and David Samelson have agreed to shave their heads if Bridges and Great Northern reach the \$100,000 mark.

The \$100,000 goal for each district is for funds raised between September 1, 2014, and June 1, 2015. The following are the calculations for each district of what each member and worshiper would need to contribute to reach the \$100,000 goal:

- Bridges District: \$4 per member, \$11 per worshiper;
- Central Valley District: \$8 per member, \$15 per worshiper;
- El Camino District: \$6 per member, \$11 per worshiper;
- Great Northern District: \$8 per member, \$15 per worshiper.

The California-Nevada Imagine No Malaria website, www.calnevimagine.org, is being revamped to include weekly totals.

Sunnyhills is in the El Camino district. Our goal, should we choose to only meet it is \$11.00 per worshiper, less than \$250.

Look to the Weekly Email blast and future Beacon to find out the dates we will be taking up this very important offering.



Calendar

Every Monday @ 11:00AM, Centering Prayer

November

Sunday, November 2 U.M. Worship All Saints'
Sunday, November 9 U.M. Worship
Gift cards for Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 12 Trustees @ Karen & Mary's
Choir
Thursday, November 13 Church conference
Saturday, November 15 U.M. Worship
Sunday, November 16 Lunch Bunch @ La Milpa
Wednesday, November 19 Ad Council
Thursday, November 20 Beacon deadline
Choir
Sunday, November 23 U.M. Worship
Choir rehearsal upcoming hymns
Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 30 U.M. Worship

December

Sunday, December 7 U.M. Worship
Wednesday, December 10 Trustees @ Karen & Mary's
Sunday, December 14 U.M. Worship
Wednesday, December 17 Ad council
Sunday, December 21 U.M. Worship
Special offering for Inn Vision
Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve joint service
Thursday, December 25 Christmas
Sunday, December 28 U.M. Worship

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