

# Calendar

February March 2014

## February:

16 **9:30 am Sunday Worship: (Sanctuary)**

*Raymond Lockley, Guest Preacher*

11:00 am *Book Study, (Church Office)*

11:45 am *Lunch Bunch: Liou's House*

17 11:00 am *Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)*

19 7:00 pm *Ad Council (Jones Hall)*

20 6:30 pm *Choir (Sanctuary)*

23 **9:30 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)**

11:00 *Book Study, (Church Office)*

24 11:00 am *Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)*

27 7:30 pm *Choir (Sanctuary)*

## March

2 **9:30 am Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)**

11:00 am *Book Study, (Church Office)*

6:00 pm *"Fat Tuesday" Sunday Potluck*

3 1:00 am *Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)*

5 **Ash Wednesday**

*Mid-Afternoon: Ashes to Go, Safeway Shopping*

*Center, Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas*

5:00 pm—6:00pm *Come As You Are Communion and*

*Imposition of Ashes (Sanctuary)*

6 3:00 pm *Kairos Crafters (Sanctuary)*

6:30 pm *Choir (Sanctuary)*

9 **9:30 am Sunday Worship: 1st Sunday in Lent**

*(Sanctuary)*

11:00 am *Book Study, (Church Office)*

10 11:00 am *Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)*

12 7:30 pm *Trustees, Karen's Home*

13 6:00 pm *Soup Supper and Vespers (Sanctuary)*

7:00 pm *Choir (Sanctuary)*

16 **9:30 am Sunday Worship: 2nd Sunday in Lent**

*Special offering: One Great Hour of Sharing*

11:00 am *Book Study, (Church Office)*

17 11:00 am *Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)*

19 7:00 pm *Ad Council (Jones Hall)*

20 6:00 pm *Soup Supper and Vespers (Sanctuary)*

7:00 pm *Choir (Sanctuary)*

23 **9:30 am Sunday Worship: 3rd Sunday in Lent**

11:00 am *Book Study, (Church Office)*

11:00 am *Spiritual Life Committee (Church Office)*

24 11:00 am *Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)*

26 6:00 pm *Soup Supper and Vespers (Sanctuary)*

7:00 pm *Choir (Sanctuary)*

30 **9:30 am Sunday Worship: 3rd Sunday in Lent**

11:00 am *Book Study, Church Office*

Dear Friends,

As you probably know from national as well as church news, the United Methodist church is not of one mind with regard to our Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and bisexual brothers and sisters.

Two clergy persons have lost their credentials and several more trials are on the church court dockets following charges brought against clergypersons following their conscience with regard to same sex blessings and marriages. Lay persons from the UMC's below have formulated the following statement declaring their own Churches to be inclusive. There is no mechanism for taking a congregation to trial! In January, your Administrative Board voted to bring this Declaration to the congregation for discussion so that we might add our congregation to the list.

On Sunday, February 26, Bob Roll, Chair of our Administrative Council, will lead a discussion of as the end of our worship service. We'd like to hear from you so that our response reflects the desires of the congregation.

Blessings, *Pastor Shirley*

### DECLARATION OF INCLUSION

**We The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church**

**declare that no one will be denied the services of our church because of sexual orientation. This includes the use of our property for same-sex marriages and holy unions.**

**This action is in accordance with the United Methodist Book of Discipline which states:**

- "inclusiveness denies every semblance of discrimination" (§140)
- "We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God" (§161f).
- "All persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status or sexual orientation are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured" (§161f).
- "We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends". (§161f)

**Therefore, we commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons because we understand that each individual is of sacred worth. We do this in a spirit of biblical obedience as we practice the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ.**



## BeaconLight

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*New every morning is your love,  
great God of light,  
and all day long you are working  
for good in the world.*

*Stir up in us desire to serve you,  
to live peacefully with our  
neighbors,  
and to devote each day to your  
Son,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ the  
Lord. Amen!*

# What's Up at Sunnyhills?

## *Jesus Christ Superstar!*

**March 16, 2:30 pm**

A group from Sunnyhills is attending this amazing musical, staged by a professional company in Saratoga. If you'd like to join us, call The WVLO Musical Theatre Company (408-268-3777) to purchase your ticket for 2:30pm March 16, Tickets are \$31 for those of us who haven't reached seniority (65) or \$29 for those of you with senior privileges.

## *Book Study: The Last Week*

Beginning **February 16** after Worship, in the Church Office: Lenten Book Study: *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus' Final days in Jerusalem* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. In this eight chapter book, Borg and Crossan walk us through Jerusalem with Jesus during that last week. They draw their insights from each of the Gospels, as well as deep knowledge of the culture and politics of first century Israel. The book is available for e-book readers as well as in print. If you order from Amazon, please use the Amazon link at

[www.GoMilpitas.com/sumc.htm](http://www.GoMilpitas.com/sumc.htm)

and the church will receive 7% of the purchase price. Even if you don't make the first week, come if you are interested!

## *Feast before the Lenten Fast!*

**Sunday March 2, 6:00 pm**

We're starting a "new" tradition! A "Fat Tuesday" Sunday night potluck! Fat Tuesday is traditionally a day of feasting prior to the fasting that begins on Ash Wednesday (this year, March 5) We'll do our feasting – with a little Mardi Gras thrown in – on Sunday evening. All the congregations that meet on our Campus are invited, so don't miss out on this wonderful fellowship opportunity. Main dishes will be served from Jones Hall; Desserts and appetizers from the Sanctuary. Come and bring your favorite dish, wither it is traditional or not!

## *Ashes to Go*

**Wednesday, March 5 Mid afternoon at the Safeway Shopping Center on Calaveras Blvd in Milpitas.** Pastor Shirley will join Frs Ernie and Ruth from our Episcopalian congregations in ashes for the masses throughout the mid-day. Call the Church office for exact times.

## *Ash Wednesday Come-As-You-Can Communion and Imposition of Ashes*

**Wednesday, March 5 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Come when you can, stay for as long as you'd like and receive communion and ashes. If you would like to receive communion and ashes on Ash Wednesday and cannot come to the church between 5 and 6 pm, call the office and we'll make other arrangements more convenient for you.

## *Lenten Soup Suppers and Vespers.*

**Thursday nights, March 13 – April 10. 6:00pm**

Join us for a simple meal, and a short vesper service with Communion on Thursday nights during Lent. Sign up in the sanctuary to provide soup, bread or fruit.

## *Pysanky Easter Egg Decorating*

**Sunday April 6 11:00 am**

Easter time always seems to include Easter Eggs, so this year we'll be decorating them Pysanky style. Pysanky is a Ukrainian tradition of coloring eggs using batik methods of was resist. Eggs may be as detailed or as free form as you would like. A sign up will be available in March so Pastor Shirley knows how many eggs to purchase.

## *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 Sundays are February 23 and March 30.** Please give generously to help keep tummies full. And *Thank You Again for your generosity throughout the year*

## *Scrip for the Season*

Every season is a great one for ordering Scrip. You buy script through Daislyn Pease for your favorite stores. You receive gift cards in the amount you pay, but the Church receives 2% to 10% of the amount you purchase. (The amount the church receives is on the Scrip form.) Scrip is a great gift: gift cards for your favorite stores for your favorite folks!

## *Please keep the following friends and family in your prayers:*



Katherine Twite, a long time member of Sunnyhills and our Church Secretary for many of those years, passed away during February.

Cards can be sent to her children at 1739 Conway Street, Milpitas, CA.

## **Recovering and healing from recent illnesses:**

Vinnie Holloway

Rhonda McDonald

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