

February

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The Beacon

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Note from the editor:



- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will meet on **Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** at Karens'
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 p.m. at 7:00 p.m.** in Jones Hall.
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **March** issue – **Tuesday afternoon, February 24, 2015.**

Dear Friends,

This is the time of year I get to submit our Church Statistics. Never a great deal of fun, these numbers do give an interesting and factual view of who we are.

Some things that surprised me: Average Church attendance in 2013 was 26. In 2014, 19. And not surprisingly, our congregational giving (not including specials and roof contributions) has fallen along with attendance: 24% lower in 2014 than in 2013. We are serving more people in the community, significantly in the Elmwood Correctional Facility where Daislyn and I are involved in several ministries.

Our campus vitality doesn't show up on the reports, though perhaps it should. With 5 congregations, three 12-step groups and three significant community service not-for-profits calling Sunnyhills home, our campus is well used serving the community.

But as a congregation, well, we're failing.

Stay tuned. During Lent (that is, beginning in March) we'll beginning a series of congregational conversations:

Who are we?

Who would we like to be?

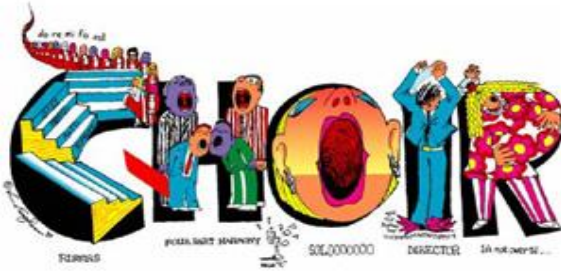
Do we have the resources, energy and commitment to turn the tide?

Where do we go from here?

Please prayerfully consider these questions.

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

Choir Choir rehearsals for the month of February are on the 19th and 26th.

Ad Council

The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



Change-Over Sunday

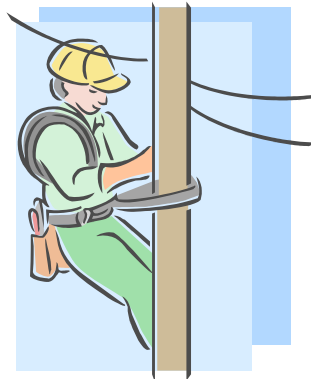
It has gotten MUCH colder and the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry is still warm.

The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **February 28**.

Your continuous support is so greatly appreciated.

The Trustees

The Trustees will meet again, **Wednesday, February 11, 2015** at **7:30PM**, at Karen Schreifels'.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch bunch in February is TBD

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

02/01 Jeremy Mark Westover
 02/02 Jess Tanciangco
 02/21 Robert Roll



Happy Anniversary!!

02/14 Jo and Bob Roll
 02/16 Pastor Shirley and Jon Marcus

**Income and Expenses
 December 2014**

INCOME	<i>December</i>
Offerings	\$ 2,125.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,436.37
Special Giving	\$ 539.54
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 9,100.91

EXPENSES	<i>December</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,587.41
Operating Expense	\$ 6,292.33
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,399.44
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$13,279.18

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$22,011.45
Designated funds	\$10,182.26

**Income and Expenses
 2014**

INCOME

Offerings	\$39,792.89
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$82,647.16
Special Giving	\$ 2,789.73
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$125,229.78

EXPENSES

Mission & Outreach	\$ 16,008.62
Operating Expense	\$ 57,137.58
Pastor and Staff	\$ 63,054.79
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$136,200.99



Milpitas Community Breakfast Saturday, February 7, 2015, 8:00 am

In honor of Black History Month, the upcoming Breakfast will celebrate and reflect upon the 50th Anniversary of the civil rights march for freedom - and encourage ongoing transformation. As a community and nation, it's essential that we continue to pursue our founder's promise of equality. As Dr. Martin L. King Jr. once stated, "Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals". All dedicated individuals are invited to join us to celebrate past victories and victories to come.

The keynote speaker, Walter Wilson, is a well-respected Silicon Valley leader and tireless activist for the vision of Dr. King. The event is rich in tradition and culture, and includes recognition for students and leaders within the community. On this special occasion, breakfast will begin at 8:30 am, and the program will start at 9 am.



Worship in February, 2015

Pastor Shirley will be on vacation for several weeks in February. Kalolaine Lavalu, the coordinator of Senior Adult Ministries at Genesis UMC will preach on Feb 1 and 8. Kalolaine is a candidate for Ordained Ministry in the UMC, and has a real heart for ministry. February 15, our own Cliveden Chew Haas will bring the message. Pastor Shirley will be back in the pulpit on February 22. You won't want to miss any of these special speakers.

Elmwood Ministries.

I'm sure you've heard me speak, or read, one of my letters concerning our joint ministry with our Episcopalian congregations at Elmwood Correctional Facility here in Milpitas. March has a special opportunity, since it is not only an odd month (3rd month of the year) but also has 5 Sundays. Our schedule takes us to Elmwood on the 4th Sunday of every odd month, and every 5th Sunday. With two services in a row, we can always use an extra hand or two, and the real neat thing, is that you go to worship, not to work! If you are interested in joining us in this important ministry, talk to Pastor Shirley before March 8. Clearances are easy, but do take a week or so the first time. For other opportunities, talk to Daislyn about her work in the library, or Pastor Shirley about the regular Bible Study.

Lenten Activities at Sunnyhills

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2015. Our Come-As-you-Are, drop in communion and imposition of ashes will be held in the sanctuary from 5:00 to 6:00.

Lenten soup suppers and vespers will begin Thursday, February 26, and continue through March 26. Soup suppers will begin at 5:15, Vespers at 5:45, and choir at 6:30, (on March 12 and 19, only). Please join us!



Renegade Gospel; the Rebel Jesus

Too often, when we see the mild-mannered, smooth haired Jesus welcoming children, we somehow equate that mild mannered attitude with acceptance or some sort of cosmic sweetness and light toward the dominant culture of the time. During Lent this year, through sermons and a book Study, we'll be exploring the Renegade Gospel: the Rebel Jesus. Every Sunday from Feb 22 to March 29, at 11:15, we'll meet for a short video and book study in the church office. Mike Slaughter's participant book by the same name is available both in print and reader format at Amazon. Don't forget to use the link at www.gomilpitas.com/SUMC.htm so the church also benefits from your Amazon purchase.

Come and build a home-in Mexico!

Pastor Shirley will again be joining several San Jose UMC's for a Mission week in Tijuana, Mexico in July, 2015. Organizational meetings have already occurred. However, you can talk to Pastor Shirley or Daislyn Pease about their experiences on these life-changing missions and perhaps sneak in last minute depending on the Mission's needs..



Calendar

Every Monday @ 11:00AM, Centering Prayer
Every Sunday @ 9:30AM, U.M. Worship

February

Wednesday, February 11 7:30pm Trustees @ Karen's
Wednesday, February 18 5:00pm Ash Wednesday
drop-in communion
& imposition of
ashes

7:00pm Ad Council

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

11:15am Adult Study:

Renegade Gospel

Lenten Soup Supper

5:15pm Vespers

5:45pm Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 26

5:15pm

5:45pm

6:45pm

March

Sunday, March 1 11:15am Adult Study:

Renegade Gospel

Lenten Soup Supper

5:15pm Vespers

5:45pm Adult Study:

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Thursday, March 26

Sunday, March 29

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