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April

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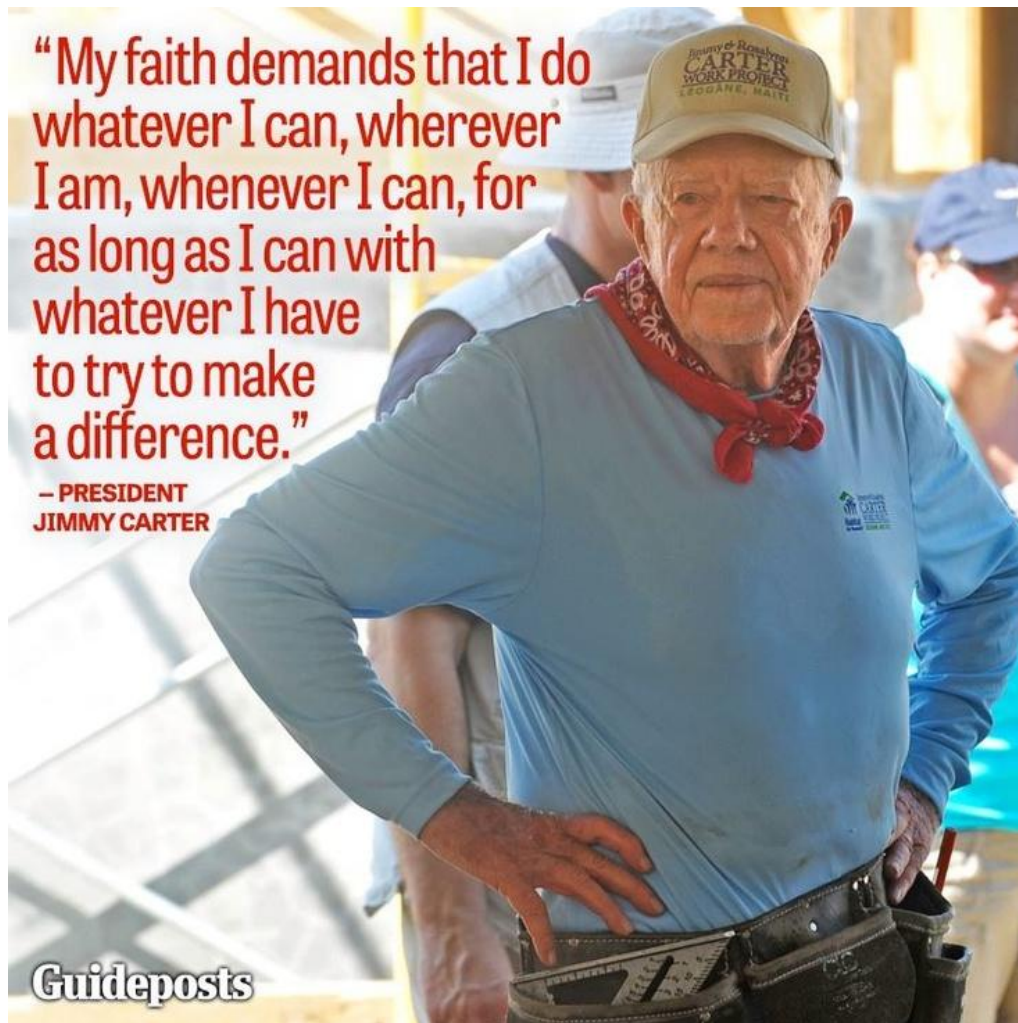
The Beacon

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Pastor Shirley Macemon

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Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will **meet** on **Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** at Karens'
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, April 15, 2015 p.m. at 7:00 p.m.** in **Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **March** issue – **Tuesday afternoon, April 28, 2015.**



Dear Friends,

Lent is coming to a close – Palm Sunday is past and Easter is just around the corner.

One big change for me after Easter will be the number of “Daily E-Mail Devotions” I receive. You see, I got a little over-ambitious for Lent and signed up for not only the St Andrews devotion as e-mail (the same as the devotional booklets we’ve had) but also additional devotions from a couple of other organizations. And that in addition to the Richard Rohr and UCC devotions I receive as email every day. Yes, I could have cancelled them early on. But there are things I would have missed.

Like this morning. Three of the devotional pieces discuss relationships. One, from the UCC uses Romans as a focus:

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." - Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

Another discusses the Christian Faith as a “personal relationship with Jesus” but goes on to note that we in the church use an academic model, preaching and teaching, instead of a more conversational model – not unlike we use to get to know new friends.

And finally., Richard Rohr’s daily emails are discussing Paul, his conversion, and the almost immediate, intense relationship he formed with Jesus as a result of his Damascus Road experience. Without that personal experience, Paul/Saul would have gone on persecuting Jesus’ followers.

So, coming back to Sunnyhills and our continuing conversation, “***Where do we go from here?***” How do we live into the future with intent, recognizing who we are. our possibilities and our values? How do we make sure we are including our relationship with Jesus, not just our academic understanding of what a church is or should be?

Romans reminds us that we must be transformed – not by the world, but by the relationship - the renewing of our minds - with the living Christ in our midst.

I invite you to ponder and pray on this. How does it change the conversation?

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir
This months Choir rehearsals are April 2nd and 9th.

Ad Council

The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM on Wednesday, April 15, 2015** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



Change-Over Sunday

It's getting warmer...
And the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry is hotter still.
The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **April 26**.
Your continuous support is very greatly appreciated.

The Trustees

The Trustees will meet again, **Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30PM, at Karen Schreifels'**.



Lunch Bunch

Lunch bunch is @ Taqueria Las Vegas at **12:00pm, Sunday, April 19th**.

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

04/10 Janyce Singleton
 04/19 Jennifer Touchton
 04/27 Jon Marcus



**Income and Expenses
 February 2015**

INCOME	<i>February</i>
Offerings	\$ 2,735.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,430.93
Special Giving	\$ 129.78
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 9,295.71

EXPENSES	<i>February</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,518.47
Operating Expense	\$ 3,064.99
Pastor and Staff	\$ 3,382.96
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$ 7,966.42

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$22,307.65
Designated funds	\$10,518.15





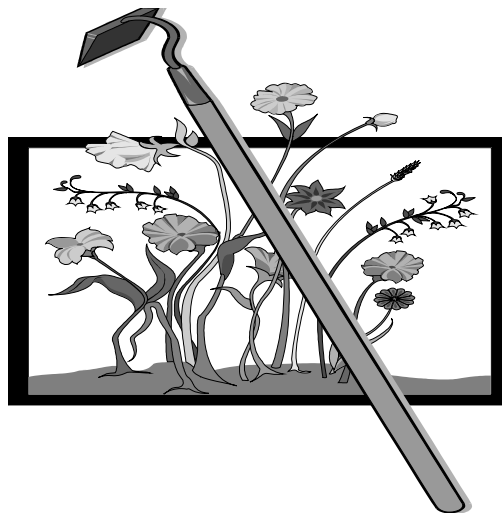
Community Breakfast

Raymond Wong BAEE will be presenting an overview of the concerns of the Milpitas citizens concerned about odor at the Sunnyhills Community Breakfast on April 4. Mr. Wong will present a summary of the issues and specifically address the challenges relating to monitoring the odor. The “odor group” has collected over 18,000 signatures opposing the expansion of the Newby Island Landfill.

If you have any questions, please contact Guy Haas through the church office.

Peace,

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Garden Work Day(s)
Saturday's, April 11th and 18th.
9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Come help us get the garden ready for spring!

Bring gloves, clippers, weeders, etc...

Call Cliveden or Guy for any questions or additional information

1 (408) 262-5250

Calendar

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

April

Sunday, April 5

Easter

6:30am Sunrise Service & breakfast
9:30am Special Offering:
St Andrew Boxes

Wednesday, April 8

7:30pm

Trustees @ Karen's

Wednesday, April 15

7:00pm

Ad Council

Friday, April 17

6:30pm

Where do we go from here?
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Sunday, April 19

12:00pm

Lunch Bunch @
Taqueria Las Vegas

Sunday, April 26

9:30am

Special Offering:
Imagine No Malaria

May

Wednesday, May 13

7:30pm

Trustees @ Karen's

Wednesday, May 20

7:00pm

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