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FEBRUARY 2013

LENT AND EASTER ARE COMING

Since earliest times, Easter has been at the center of the Christian year. Easter holds the key to understanding who Jesus is and why he is our Lord and Savior. As the apostle Paul put it, Jesus was *“declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”* (Romans 1:4, NKJV)

A longstanding tradition of the Christian church has been the observance of Lent. Lent is a period of forty days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with Palm Sunday. It represents the forty days Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness before he began his ministry. Because of this association, Lent has traditionally been a time for Christians to increase their spiritual practice. This Lenten season, I would encourage everyone at Cambrian Park UMC to make an effort to spend some time each day in prayer and reading the Bible.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 13, Palm Sunday is March 24, Good Friday is March 29, and Easter Sunday is March 31.

Blessings,

Pastor Rob



Cambrian Park Children's Ministry News!

Children's Ministry in 2013!

We had a great Christmas season in 2012, with lots of activities for kids and families, like our second annual Christmas Carol sing! Kids enjoyed cookie decorating, card making, face painting and a visit from Mrs. Claus!

On Christmas Eve we had a special visit from Santa and he read a story to the kids about the true meaning of Christmas.



FEBRUARY is Bring a Friend February!

Every time a child brings a new friend he or she will receive a candy and a ticket for an end of the month drawing for a gift card to a store of the winner's choice! So be sure to invite some new faces to Sunday School!

Save the Date! We have set our date for this year's VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be taking place July 8th-12th and will once again be free! This year we are having a farm themed VBS and are building the curriculum ourselves! With that said...

We would love your help! If you are interested in volunteering before or during the week of Vacation Bible School please E-mail Katrina at children@cambrianparkumc.org



Are you aware of our Scrip program? You can support this fundraising effort by simply planning ahead. Are you planning a trip this year and like to stay in Comfort Inn (4%), Choice Hotels (4%) or Marriott (8)?

Do you have any children going to college? How about an AT&T 125 Minute Prepaid Card (20%!)? Buying clothes for school? JCPenney (5%), Sears (7%), TJ Maxx (7%), Macy's (10%), LL Bean (16%) and Lands' End (18%!)

Fixing up your home before the holidays? Home Depot (4%), HomeGoods (7%), Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores (6%)

All these and many, many more retailers (<http://www.cambrianparkumc.org/give/scrip--escrip.html>) are participating in the Scrip program. You simply order gift cards from us on Sunday mornings (you can even place an order online in advance at <http://www.cambrianparkumc.org/give/scrip--escrip.html>), then the order is placed and you pay and pick them up the following week or sooner if needed. Many gift cards are available without preorder, so ask! For each card you purchase, CPUMC receives a percentage of that purchase. It's that simple! Please consider this when you start thinking of the things you need to do.

Thank you as always for your support.

Your Scrip Team: Elaine Hughes, LuAnne Behringer, Evan Dowling, June Nasca

Sunday Fellowship Time

We all enjoy this time after worship! Please consider volunteering to either help set up or clean up our refreshments for a Sunday. With a few more hands, we can set up a once a month schedule. Thank you to all of you who consistently help . . . you know who you are and you are much appreciated! Please talk to Melody Ross if this is something you might be able to help with. You can speak with her after church on Sundays, or call the church office at 408-377-8155

Also don't forget our sign-up sheet for snacks for fellowship time. Healthy snacks are always appreciated and help make our Fellowship Time even more fun!



Our Wonder of Christmas Bash Was a Huge Success!

The United Methodist Women had another great Christmas Bash in December 2012. Below is a quick breakdown:

Item	Income	Expenses	Net Total	Comments
Registration	\$ 920.00			63 attendees
Baskets	\$ 748.00			37 Baskets
Desserts	\$ 577.00			20 Desserts
Money Basket	\$ 255.00			
Cash Donation	\$ 60.00			
Total	\$ 2,560.00			
Refreshments		\$ 289.06		
Money Basket		\$ 100.00		
Entertainment		\$ 250.00		Fee Donation
Total		\$ 539.06	\$ 2,020.94	

We could not have been this successful without all of you who created and donated items for our baskets and baked all those scrumptious desserts. Thanks to those who decorated Wright Hall and the tables. We thoroughly enjoyed the Leigh High School Madrigal singers. Their performance was a special treat for everyone.

A special thank you goes out to the following folks:

Amy Barker, Andi Lougee, Ann Brownell, Ann Hansard, Barbara Stackhouse, Betty Daniels, Betty Dickey, Bonnie Kraynick, Ed Darland, Elaine Hughes, Hairs Inn, Heidi Hatano, Helen Hilton, Jean Fuller, Jill Fish, Karen Fillmore, Karen Trydahl, Karon Keller, Kyra Jensen, LaBelle Vous, LaVon Doll, Lindsay Beavers, LuAnne Behringer, Lynda Jensen, Martha Orr, Melody Ross, Rachel Sparks, Rhonda Canale, Susie Wilson, That's Hat, Tom Canale and Trader Joe's. If we missed your name, please forgive us and know that we truly appreciated all the assistance we received.

The \$2,020.94 will be used to support our missions as assistance to our women, youth and children around the world.

Cambrian Park UMW
Elaine Hughes, Treasurer

Scouting Ministry News, by Ted Kraynick

The first item of big news is that as of the New Year, our local Santa Clara County Council of the BSA has officially merged with the Monterey Bay Area Council of the BSA. Monterey Bay found themselves in some bit of a financial predicament, and dwindling resources. The two Councils, by unanimous vote of their Executive Boards, during December, agreed to combine their full resources and created a new Scout Council in their stead. The new BSA Scout Council is called: **Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council.**

Our church's Cub Pack 374 had a visit from Santa Claus for their December Pack Meeting. During January they enjoyed the fun and thrills of competing in the annual Pinewood Derby wooden car races, which were held at the Oster School cafeteria this year on Saturday, Jan. 19th. February will bring around the annual Blue and Gold Dinner, an annual fundraiser for the local Scout Council, now known as the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council.

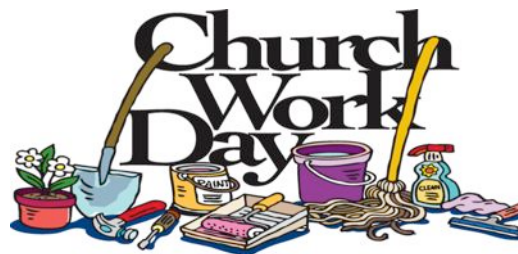
Sunday February 10th is the UMC's Boy Scout Sunday this year! Look for Scouts from our three different Boy Scouting units to be at the service that day to help as greeters.

Our Troop 373 enjoyed Go Kart racing in January. February the Troop will stay the night inside the Monterey Bay Aquarium which includes a special behind the scenes tour of the facility. March finds them visiting the Mystery Spot in the Santa Cruz Mountains. In January the Troop had a special Eagle Court of Honor to recognize the achievements of new Eagle Scout Ben Sorensen. Ben was presented with a flag that had flown over the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. and presented by USNR Chief Petty Officer Steven Joyner in his dress blues uniform. CPO Joyner is also an Assistant Scoutmaster in our Troop 373. He is a Medic-Corpsman for the Marines.

Our fledgling Venture Crew 373 is finally, officially chartered now as of this past January. Good News! They are looking for more members! Boys and Girls ages 14 to 21. Venture Crew is meant to be a more high adventure and special activities form of Boy Scouts, and it IS coed!

If you have a son or daughter that would like to join with one of these groups, or if you would like information on being an adult volunteer, please contact me, Ted Kraynick, either by using the church directory or by contacting the church office.

Good Scouting!



Monthly Work Party with the Trustees

Please mark your calendars to join your Trustees the 2nd Saturday of each month to help maintain and beautify the church and campus. Projects are being planned, closet clean-outs will be completed, spaces will be spiffed up and restored to their original glory.

The Trustees have some great ideas for these Saturdays in 2013, but they can't do it alone. Please volunteer for the months ahead on the sign-up sheets in Wright Hall.

Your time and talents are appreciated and so are your ideas for future projects. Please email any suggestions or ideas to facilities@CambrianParkUMC.org and help make this year a huge success as we improve our church.

We're looking forward to some fulfilling Saturdays with fellowship and fun this year. The first Workday will take place February 9th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Wright Hall Kitchen. We hope to see you all there.

Your Trustees

Finances - Thank YOU!

The year 2012 was wonderful when it came to our church's finances and that's because all of you were diligent in keeping up with your pledges, reducing expenses and increasing the use of our buildings. At the end of 2012, our General Fund was **positive by \$16,000**. Last year at this same time we were a negative \$10,000.) We plan to put the majority of this money into a new Trustees "Special Projects" designated account as seed money for a new furnace for the Education Building. Over the holidays, we've had several issues with the furnace – it's on its last legs and we need to start preparing for the inevitable.

This is the first time we have been running positive in many years. Thus, a great big THANK YOU to you, our church family, is in order.



Finance Team:

Karen Trydahl – Secretary, Contributions and Reporting

Barbara Stackhouse, Treasurer, Expenses

Rhonda Canale, Assistant Treasurer, Expenses

Elaine Hughes, Chair

Andy Hilton, Trustees

Bill Arlt, Endowment Chair

Pastor Rob Kirk



Bridge Group in Wright Hall!

It's been almost a year since our bridge group started and we've been very successful, having an average of 7-8 tables on each playing day (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week). We are always looking for more players--either those who have a regular partner or those who only want to be a substitute. We play bridge in Wright Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. You may play all 3 days each week or only one or two days or only a few times a month! This is a very flexible group.

Have no bridge partner? We'll pair you up. All you need to do is sign up in advance and show up for the days you'd like to play. Donation is \$2.50 - \$2 is contributed to the church for use of the hall and \$.50 goes toward light refreshments.

For complete details, please **contact Elaine Hughes** at the church. Please help us spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Our bridge players are friendly, competitive and yet a lot of fun! (Yes, you can be friendly and competitive at the same time.)



Our Food Cupboard Needs Your Cans!

Even though the holidays are over, that doesn't mean folks in our neighborhood are not going hungry. Don't forget to bring your canned goods and boxed foods, especially protein like cans of **tuna, chicken, beef and jars of peanut butter and macaroni and cheese** to church each Sunday morning. Be sure there's plenty of time before expiration on the foods donated. Unfortunately, we have to destroy any foods that have expired.



Who: Children, youth & adults from 6 to 99

What: **Stop Hunger Now Food** Event

Where: Cambrian Park UMC, Wright Hall

When: March 9, 2013 -12pm

Donations accepted

www.stophungernow.org

Working Together to End World Hunger

Join Cambrian Park and Almaden Hills United Methodist Women in hosting a Stop Hunger Now Event, Saturday, March 9, 2013 at CPUMC, 12:00 noon to 2 pm. You will have a chance to help children and families with better nutrition.

Are you interested in participating in a mission experience but don't have a lot of time? This is the place for you as we have a short, hand's on job for you putting together bags of food for hungry children. Snacks, drinks and lots of fun provided.

Stop Hunger Now works with international partners that ship and distribute the meals in- country. The majority of Stop Hunger Now's meals supply school lunch programs. Due to the ease of assembly and transport, meals can be shipped to areas in crisis.

This is a mission event for all ages and genders. Come together on Saturday, March 9th at 12 noon to experience a fun time assembling meals for hungry children in international countries. We need 40 people to make this happen in two hours. Set up, snacks and drinks provided by UMW. Any donation will be welcome. Cambrian Park and Almaden Hills United Methodist Women are sponsoring this event and putting our fund raising money up to make it happen. We need you all to help make this successful. Please put it on your calendars.

Prayers

For comfort after a loss: For the Kraynick family after the loss of Aunt Anne. For the Lougee family after the loss of Aunt Betty. For the family of Jennings. For Laura (friend of Elaine) who lost her husband. For Amber (friend of Amy) whose sister was killed in Denver. For the family of Peggy Roll who passed away January 12th.

For healing: Scott Rogers, diagnosed with lymphoma. Margaret Kane, friend of Elaine, in chemotherapy. Betty's friend Terry, who is battling cancer. Those dealing with addictions. Baby Jane (friend of LuAnne) dealing with serious eye problems

For hope and strength: Those without jobs or struggling with financial issues.

ANNIVERSARIES



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John & Melody
ROSS

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Bud & Susan
RAMSEY



BIRTHDAYS

1

Bruce LUTTRELL
&
Rebecca MCGUIRE

3

Anna Grace PYZEL

5
Rajan KASIRAJ

7
Lu Anne BEHRINGER
&
Sam BORLAND

8
Elaine HUGHES

10
Stephen BUSSE

14
Gina GIANNINI

16
Paul BARKER

21
Helen HILTON
&
Wanda WILSON

24
Victoria TAYLOR

28
Kip BRYANT



Heifer International Thanks You!

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth.

The small group ministry group which met in November and December on "Christmas is Not Your Birthday!" did a mission project to Heifer International. We collected **\$270** and split it to purchase **bee hives and sheep** for a poverty nation in the world.

We want to thank all who donated to this reputable and worthwhile cause and truly remembering what was most important this past holiday season.

Elaine Hughes & Rhonda Canale, Group Leaders

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Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the articles is the 15th of the month.

Please e-mail articles when possible to:
newsletter@cambrianparkumc.org

Thank You,
THE STAFF

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

www.cambrianparkumc.org

OUR MISSION: To grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and to live our faith through action.

OUR VISION: We are about connecting real faith to real life. We carry our faith into our everyday lives at home, at work, at school and anywhere we go. We are committed to growing faith that has integrity and to making a positive difference because of our faith. We focus on developing Christian principles and practices that make a difference.

Our VALUES: Our values include personal and spiritual growth for all ages, healthy relationships, respectful communication, positive teamwork, safety in all forms, respecting diversity, earth stewardship, impact in the community and mentoring the next generation.