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**DECEMBER 2012 – JANUARY 2013**

**TO CHRISTMAS, AND BEYOND!**

## *CHRISTMAS...*

It is the Christmas season, and a lot is happening this month at Cambrian Park UMC that you do not want to miss.

- **UMW Christmas Bash:** **Saturday 12/8, 1:30-4:00 pm**  
A fundraiser for the mission work of United Methodist Women, serving families and children. Raffle baskets, entertainment, and delicious things to eat.
- **Second Annual Community Carol Sing** **Saturday 12/15, 7:00 pm**  
This is what we all want to do at Christmas time! Campfire, s'mores, Christmas carols, goodies, children's activities. Bring your neighbors and friends.
- **Christmas Eve Service** **Monday 12/24, 7:00 pm**  
An inter-generational family service. Sing Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story, and also Santa will visit with something special for the children!

## *AND BEYOND...*

It is time to start thinking about our Mission trip to Mexico in 2013. We will leave Saturday July 27 and return Saturday August 3. Once again we will be working with Amor Ministries and the churches of the Tijuana area to build houses for families. In 2011 nine people from our church joined with members of Willow Glen UMC and Almaden Hills UMC on this mission trip. The trip was amazing, and most of us who went last time are planning to go again. There will be an informational meeting about the trip after our worship service on Sunday, January 27, 2013. Start praying about whether God is calling you to join us this time!

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**Come celebrate the 10 Year Anniversary of the  
Joint Youth Ministry in style!**

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm-8:00pm**

**Ten years ago the Joint Youth Ministry was just a prayer and in the minds of the faithful members of Almaden Hills, Cambrian Park and Willow Glen United Methodist Churches. Over the years the Joint Youth Ministry has grown into an incredible community for students in 6th-12th grade and their families all over the San Jose area. We want to celebrate the incredible growth, meaningful life changes, hilarious stories and the deep passion the staff, students, volunteers and our churches have to continue on with a ministry that has been pointing student to a relationship with Jesus since the beginning. We want to welcome back the alumni and their families, the prayerful and financial supporters from our churches, the community and the hundreds of current families who have participated in some facet of the JYM.**

**The January 6<sup>th</sup>, dinner and dancing party is Semi-Formal (fancier than church, less fancy than prom) and will feature a catered dinner, DJ with dancing, speakers, JYM movie and a few fabulous surprises. Everyone - church members, family, friends, current students, former students and all others over 5th grade and up are invited to come celebrate with us! We want all of you there. This event is not a fundraiser but a time to honor the ministry and get together in fellowship and celebration!**

**The event will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Jose and tickets can be purchased two ways. You can go to our website- [www.jointyouthgroup.com](http://www.jointyouthgroup.com). On the home page click on the writing that says "10 year anniversary ticket sales"! It will link you to a secure website where you can purchase tickets with your debit or credit card. If you would rather write a check or give cash, please fill out the information below and put the check in Lisa Jacobs box in the church office (also labeled as Youth Mailbox). Each Thursday a volunteer will go through our check and ticket orders and mail your tickets to your home!**

**Name of each attendee \_\_\_\_\_**

**# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Are any attendees JYM student alumni? Yes/No**

**If yes, what year(s) did they graduate? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Are you paying with cash or a check? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please write your full home and email address-**

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**Checks made out to AHUMC please!**

## **CPUMC Events and Accomplishments**

### **December 2011 – November 2012**

#### **December 2011**

- **Esther's Outreach**
- **Held our first local, public-invited Christmas Carol Sing**
- **Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> yearly Amanda Network Vigil, walking from San Jose City Hall to Christmas in the Park**
- **UMW Christmas Bash**

#### **January 2012**

- **Completion of our solar project. Electricity "savings" began in February. "Green" ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in November 2011**
- **Held second annual Crab Feed, netting over \$2600**
- **Submitted a balanced budget for 2012, first time in a few years. Reduced staffing (Music Director's position) in order to accomplish this**

#### **February 2012**

- **Members of church started a Duplicate Bridge group, three times a week on campus, significantly adding rental income for the church**
- **Rajan Kasiraj completed his Eagle Scout project by building a new sign at the corner of Wyrick and Gunston**
- **Six (6) new members joined the church**
- **Two small groups were formed – Healthy Habits and Lenten Journey**
- **CPR training held**

#### **March 2012**

- **Held a community solar information meeting with 13 churches represented – 21 people attended**
- **Oster outreach project created – volunteers assist the Oster school children with reading and math tutoring**
- **Preschool Sunday School classes started up again**
- **Work Day held**

#### **April 2012**

- **"Miss Representation" film was held in sanctuary with over 160 people in attendance.**

#### **June 2012**

- **Celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as CPUMC.**
- **Eagle Scout project by Timmo Bitterly donated 2 new benches for our Meditation Garden**
- **Scouts formed Venture Crew 373 for 14-20 year olds (co-ed) – a "high adventure" type of program**

## **CPUMC Events and Accomplishments December 2011 – November 2012 (Continued)**

### **July 2012**

- **Vacation Bible School “Underwater Adventure” was held with 50 children attending**
- **Work Day held**
- **First Amanda Network Inaugural Day of Awareness held (bullying, suicide and cutting prevention)**

### **September 2012**

- **Discovery rental contract was renegotiated after months of negotiations**
- **Oster outreach project begins for the school year 2012 – 2013**
- **Replaced 3 doors in the Education Building**

### **October 2012**

- **Bible study classes for the children started up again**
- **Clarion church bell ringing was repaired and now rings into the neighborhood each Sunday morning**
- **Made a commitment with 2 other churches to participate in the Open Table project of sponsoring a family in poverty**

### **November 2012**

- **California Interfaith Power and Light names CPUMC a finalist for the Green Energy Oscars for having one of the best “Green Buildings” amongst all the member congregations in California**
- **Received a \$2500 grant through UMW so we may obtain a new hearing assistance system for the sanctuary**
- **Two more small groups formed – “A Different Kind of Christmas” and “Coping with Change”**
- **Work Day held**

### **On-going Ministries and Involvement**

- **PACT (People Acting in Community Together)**
- **Integrated Circuit Lay Leadership**
- **Family Supported Housing/San Jose Family Shelter – serving lunches monthly**
- **Men’s Group**
- **Seekers**
- **Listening Hearts Communion**
- **Friday Bible Study**
- **Joint Youth Group**
- **UMW**

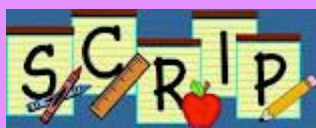
This picture is from the Energy Oscars presentation from California Interfaith Power and Light in San Francisco on October 14, 2012. Cambrian Park UMC was a finalist, one of only four, of all member congregations in California! Although we didn't win, it was an honor just to be selected as a finalist.

There were seven people from Cambrian Park UMC who attended and we had a good time. Rhonda Canale, Laurie Flesher, Betty Dickey and Claude Hughes are pictured with the Certificate.

We have heard from the El Camino Real District officials and the National United Methodist Women asking about our environmental changes and congratulating us on our good work as a church to help protect the earth and save money at the same time. We hope to find others in our church and our community who are interested in the environment and want to help us in our next project. Stay tuned for future developments.







## **GIFT Cards for the Holidays!**

These companies offer a GREAT percentage to the church if you buy their **gift cards** from CPUMC. **Order today and receive them by December 2!** See Elaine Hughes for more details.

**Flowers:** 1-800-Flowers – 12%

**Food:**

Honey Baked Ham – 12%

See's Candies – 20%

Harry & David – 10%

**Movies:**

AMC Theatres Single Gold Ticket – 10%

Century Single Adult – 15%

Cinemark Single Adult – 15%

**Restaurants:**

Applebee's – 10%

Chipotle – 10%

Chilis – 11%

Dave & Busters – 13%

Macaroni Grill – 11%

Maggiano's – 11%

Red Robin – 11%

Restaurant.com – 60%

**Clothing:**

Banana Republic – 14%

Bath & Body Works – 13%

GAP – 14%

Gymboree – 13%

LL Bean – 16%

Land's End – 16%

Old Navy – 14%

Payless Shoes – 13%

Talbot's – 13%

**Misc.:** Shutterfly – 11%



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

Do you have any children at 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 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 . . .there are opportunities to help . . . .Healthy snacks are always appreciated and help make our Fellowship Time even more fun!

# Prayers

## PRAYERS

**For comfort after a loss:** The family of Minna Borland. The family of Carol Jennings. Mike Warren and his family after the loss of his mother, Elaine

**For strength and healing:** June Nasca, Christine Curfman, Virginia Pando, Amy Barker, Rey Paredes, Clara Baxley, Sam Borland, Amanda Brownell, Marie Hernandez.

**For travel mercies:** For all of our family members who will be traveling this holiday season.

**For safety over the holidays:** The police, firefighters, EMTs, and ER staff of our community. The men and women of the U.S. armed forces.



DECEMBER 2012

15	21	21	27
Ed & Susan Darland	Bruce & Barbara Luttrell	Bob & Susanne Wilson	Marlin & Annie Deckert



1	3	4	5
Christine Curfman	Carol McLaggan	Camille Guenard	Richard Bright

6	9	17	18	24
Melody Ross	David Jensen	Maria Hernandez & Bud Ramsey	Melody Ackerman & Dave Major	Valerie Hannon

26	28	31
Betty Harms	Karen Baker	Claude Hughes





## JANUARY 2013

### ANNIVERSARIES

14  
Rey & Dolly  
Paredes

### BIRTHDAYS

01	02	05	07	10
Bonnie Berberich Amanda Day Miles Day Nancy Pyzel	Elisa Barker Arthur Taylor	Rikki Lougee	Dick Roof	George Andel
13	22	23	26	31
Barbara Devivo Barbara Stackhouse	Ray Dickey	Rob Kirk	Jim Brownell	Deb Norberg

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**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.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for articles is the 15th of the month.

Please e-mail articles when possible to:

[newsletter@cambrianparkumc.org](mailto:newsletter@cambrianparkumc.org)

Thank You,  
THE STAFF