

# *the* BUILDER



**DECEMBER 2011**

## ✘ MUSIC AND MORE MUSIC! ✘

*Winter is upon us, and night falls early. For some people, this can be a gloomy time of year. And that's why we put up Christmas lights, and plan great stuff for December—especially, music and more music!*

*Here's what we have planned:*

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| <i>Monteverdi Brass Quintet:</i>          | <i>Sat. Dec. 3rd at 6:30 pm</i>      |
| <i>Christmas Bash:</i>                    | <i>Sat. Dec. 10th from 2-4:30 pm</i> |
| <i>Campfire Community Carol Sing:</i>     | <i>Sat. Dec. 17th at 7:30 pm</i>     |
| <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:</i> | <i>Sat. Dec. 24th at 7:30 pm</i>     |

*All through December during our Sunday worship services we will be following the characters of the Christmas story—Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, the Shepherds—on their journey to Bethlehem. Each Sunday there will be an opportunity to go deeper into the story in a Bible study after church.*

*We are also doing our "Esther Outreach" (named after the late Esther Jakel) for the local elementary schools. And also, the Third Annual Amanda Network Vigil will take place Saturday December 10th gathering at Campbell UMC at 4:30 p.m.*

*As you can see, our church is alive and well and fighting the winter doldrums. Come, worship and sing with us!*

*-Pastor Rob*



**Most Events This Month Will Be Held at Almaden Hills**

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**6**

6:50 AM - 7:20 AM Hole-y Club at Pioneer High School Parking Lot- Breakfast and Prayer

**7**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday Night Live- Leadership Team

**9**

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM "I need a break" Babysitting night! at WGUMC

**10**

4:45 PM - 6:00 PM Amanda Network Candlelight Vigil-  
at CAMPBELL UMC

**11**

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High Youth Group  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Worship Band Practice  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Hip Hop Dance Team practice  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group

**13**

6:50 AM - 7:20 AM Hole-y Club at Pioneer High School  
Parking Lot- Breakfast and Prayer

**14**

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday Night Live- Dig Deeper Bible Study I & II

**16**

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Class Post Finals Picnic Lunch at De Anza Park on Kooser and Meridian

**17**

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Carols, Campfire and Community- Singing, S'more making & good times at Cambrian  
Park UMC

**18**

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High Youth Group  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Family/teen Christmas dinner and show!- Hip Hop team/Band performance  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group

**20**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM "Christmas morning" at AHUMC- Breakfast, Ornament making, movies and more!!  
Wear your PJ's

**21**

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM InnVision Service Project- Santa's Elves!

**22**

The JYM and staff takes a total break during the holiday. We will resume regular routine on Wednesday,  
January 4th

**24**

Come to church on Christmas Eve to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

**25**

Merry Christmas!

**"I need a break" Babysitting night,  
Christmas theme! Friday,  
December 9th- 5:00pm-10:00pm at  
WILLOW GLEN UMC! WE NEED A  
TON OF STUDENT BABYSITTERS!  
I will be super packed.**

**Sunday, December 18th-  
ALL YOUTH AND FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY with Band  
and Dance team performance. -  
in between youth groups from  
5:30pm-7:00pm Potluck party  
at AHUMC.**





### **Did You Know?**

**Every Sunday Cambrian Park provides a child's service for K-5th graders! Children are invited to LIVE BIG during the normal church service time. LIVE BIG provides kids with fun and interesting ways to learn about Jesus' love. Every week is a new lesson with a fun activity!**

**In December kids will be engaging in the advent season along side the rest of the congregation!**

**Thanks!**

**-Kat Kraynick**



**FOR SALE: 2 KICK-BOX EXERCISERS, GREAT CONDITION  
\$25.00 EACH**

**1 FOOSBALL TABLE, GOOD CONDITION \$30.00**

**OBO CONTACT RHONDA MCDONALD**

## Can you give us a Helping hand?

We have a couple of opportunities for someone to give to the church by volunteering a little bit of your time. It's another way of doing stewardship.

Our first opportunity is to oversee our *food cupboard* in Wright Hall. This is a cupboard of food that we have available for anyone who is in the need of groceries and some household items. We need someone to do a little organizing of the cupboard and check it about once a month to see what items we need. Also to make sure that the items are not past their "use by" dates. It would also be good if a list of suggested items that are needed for the cupboard could be put in the Builder and/or the Sunday Bulletin once in awhile. This task could be taken on by one or two people and it would be a wonderful service to the church and community. If you are interested in helping serve in this way, please contact Pastor Rob or Susan Ramsey.



### **P.S. CHECK THOSE DATES!**

**When donating food for the food cupboard, please check the expiration dates on all the items. Expired food can NOT be given out – it has to be thrown out. Health regulations prevent the food from being given away. Check the dates before you donate - please.**



The second opportunity is to help with the organization of the celebration of *Cambrian Park United Methodist Church's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* in March of 2012. It does not need to be a big celebration like our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but we would love to have some recognition of this special date. There are Anniversary booklets from our 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries that are available to help give the committee information and ideas. If you are interested in being on a committee to make this special event happen, please contact Pastor Rob or Bud Ramsey.



## CAMBRIAN PARK UMC GREEN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On November 20, 2011, CPUMC ushered in a new era of environmental leadership. Kristie Olah (District Superintendent for the El Camino Real District of the United Methodist Church), Don Rocha (San Jose Council member representing District 9), and Judy Chirco (Former Vice-Mayor) spoke to approximately one hundred people commending the church for its leadership and vision in going solar.

Kristie Olah presented CPUMC with a Certificate for Excellence in Environmentally Friendly Practices from the California Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church, recognizing CPUMC for a variety of improvements, from water saving landscaping and new toilets, to energy efficient light bulbs, as well as the Solar Power Project.

In his remarks, Rocha reminded the congregation that since 1952, CPUMC has been a leader in San Jose in service projects, social justice causes, and now, in Green Ministries. He presented CPUMC with a Commendation for its varied service to the community since March of 1952, and its leadership in the community for reducing the church's Carbon Footprint through the installation of the Solar Power System.

Reverend Rob Kirk, pastor of CPUMC, stated churches have not historically been at the forefront of the green movement, but Biblically, the church is called to care for the earth. Gradually, churches are making environmental concerns a higher priority, and stepping into a leadership role in "greening" campuses and communities. CPUMC has become a role model for all the churches in the area with its Green Ministries.

CPUMC started its Green Ministry by updating the landscaping and upgrading toilets to reduce water usage, changing the light bulbs to energy efficient bulbs and lowering the thermostat to reduce energy usage. Despite reducing energy consumption by 3.2% from 2009 to 2010, the energy bill still went up 2.8% in 2010 due to rate increases from PG&E. Next on the green list was solar power.

The Solar Project Committee that started approximately one year ago had ambitious goals:

- Reduce "Carbon Footprint" (expected result: reduction of 582 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over 20 years)
- Save money on the electrical bill in the first year (expected to save 18% in first year)
- Spend NO upfront money, and have NO balloon payment at the end of any agreement
- Save money overall compared to anticipated PG&E costs over the course of the agreement (Expected savings are approximately \$130,000 over 20 years)

With such challenging goals, the initial struggle was to identify potential solar companies. After soliciting various bids, Real Goods Solar suggested a three-way partnership with Greenzu and CPUMC to achieve the financial goals. Greenzu & CPUMC now have a Power Purchase agreement, allowing the installation of a 24.42 kW Solar System, with 126 solar modules to offset 68% of CPUMC's electrical usage, and 90% of the electrical bill, over the 20 year duration of the agreement. Greenzu owns the system, and Real Goods Solar designed, installed and maintains it.

*Laurie Flesher*

# DONATES \$500 TO CPUMC WHEN YOU GO SOLAR!



**FREE**  
**NO OBLIGATION**  
**CONSULTATION**

Real Goods offers Free Electricity Until 2013, limited time offer, find out today if you qualify, and receive this and so many other benefits.

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- ▶ Return on investment 10-20%
- ▶ Real Goods Solar donates \$500 to Cambrian Park United Methodist

*\*Offer dependent on site conditions. Minimum credit score required.*



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## Crab Feed - Save the DATE!! (January 14th!)

The Second Annual Crab Feed will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for January 14th, and plan on a FEAST!!



### CPUMC Family - Help Out with the Crab Feed!

One of our major church fundraisers is our Annual Crab Fest which is coming up on Saturday, January 14, 2012. We are looking for **Raffle items**. If you have any gift cards you do not use and would like to donate, please let us know. Also, if you have a business or do business with a company that would like to **donate their services** or products as a raffle item for some free advertising, please let us know. **Sponsorships** are also available. We are a 501 (c)(3) non profit charity organization and can provide a letter to anyone making a donation for this event.



We are planning on having two servings this year since we sold out last year! The first serving will be from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, and the second from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Save the date and let your family and friends know that this is an event they do not want to miss.



For more information or to volunteer, contact our Crabby Planning Team:

David Box, June Nasca, LuAnne Behringer, Karen Fillmore, Elaine Hughes, and Pastor Rob Kirk.

Cambrian Park UMC (408) 377-8155, [office@cambridgianparkumc.org](mailto:office@cambridgianparkumc.org)

## ***THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS REALLY HERE!***

Order your **scrip gift cards** now so you receive them in time to give to your family and friends! There are so many reasons to buy scrip:

- Toys and groceries for Esther's Outreach project
- Gift basket items for UMW's Christmas Outreach
- Children and grandchildren, husband and wife
- Newspaper and Mail couriers
- Hairdressers and Manicurists
- and the list goes on...

And, the biggest reason: our church gets a percentage of all your orders just by buying the gift cards though us. So hurry and see you Sunday at our table!



-Elaine

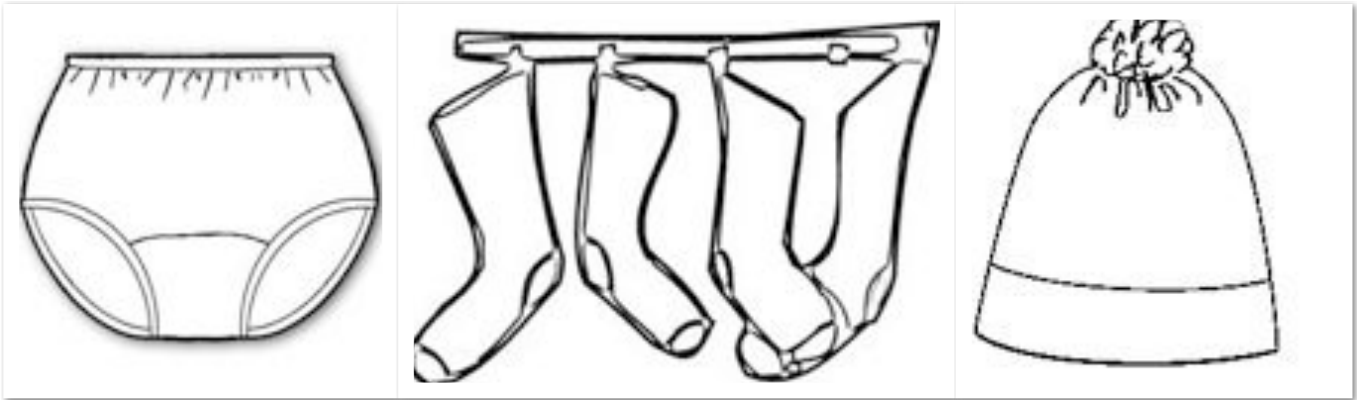
P.S. Don't forget our holiday promotion - receive 1 opportunity ticket for every \$25 you spend now through 11:30 a.m. on December 18 and have a chance to win a gift card!



***Did you know...*** that Susie Wilson, member of our church and former County Supervisor, was honored by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group with a presentation of the "Shattering the Class Ceiling" award?... that **David and Janet Box** moved into a new home... that CPUMC has a new **solar (heating) system** and it didn't cost us a thing? that **Bob and Ann Hansard** are back from a trip to Hawaii?...early next year **CPUMC** will have occupied this campus for **60 years**?... and we have a **charter member** amongst us in the person of **Art Thompson**?... that **Ed and Sue Darland** had to be awakened by the limo driver when they were leaving on a trip? **Did you know all that?**

## Saving for Mary Elizabeth Inn!

**United Methodist Women** are encouraging everyone at Cambrian Park to participate in a "*Panty Drive*". Not exactly the type you are thinking of but a drive to give new panties, socks and knit hats to the women residents of Mary Elizabeth Inn in San Francisco for Christmas. MEI is one of the national residences that UMW supports each year. We will have a big Christmas wrapped box at church and you can add your items to it each week. There are 92+ women there and we hope to give everyone at least one item. We are also saving those small soaps, shampoo & conditioners that are found at hotels. If you can help us it would be very much appreciated by the women at Mary Elizabeth Inn at Christmas. Questions? Contact Betty Dickey at [umw@cambrianparkumc.org](mailto:umw@cambrianparkumc.org)



## Esther's Christmas Outreach

Over 13 years ago, Esther Jakel started a Christmas outreach program for needy families whose children attend Lietz and Oster School here in Cambrian Park. Martha Orr and Germaine Guenard continue this program in her memory.

Can you adopt one of 18 families for the holiday season? You can purchase gifts and grocery gift certificates for a holiday meal, or just gifts, or just grocery gift cards, or you can make a donation in any amount that can be used where needed. Please make checks payable to CPUMC and write Esther's Christmas Outreach in the memo line. Families are open for adoption in Wright Hall every Sunday from November 6 through November 27.



Contact Germaine Guenard or Martha Orr with questions. Thank you for your generous support.  
[office@cambrianparkumc.org](mailto:office@cambrianparkumc.org) or 408-377-8155



CPUMC United Methodist Women  
1919 Gunston Way, San Jose, CA 95124

## Annual Holiday Celebration and Fundraiser

Proceeds go to missions for women & children.

# A Tropical Christmas Bash

## Saturday, December 10, 2011

Enjoy the warmth of your friends, light refreshments and the “hot” opportunities to take home a specialty gift basket or a signature dessert from our auction.

Register online at: [http://www.cambrianparkumc.org/\\_forms/view/3897](http://www.cambrianparkumc.org/_forms/view/3897)

**Time: 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Where: Wright Hall – Cambrian Park UMC**

**Cost: \$15 per adult; \$8 per child under 10;  
children 3 and under – free**

**Please RSVP by 12/5/11**

**Please send payment, payable to UMW, in care of  
Elaine Hughes at the church.**

Invite your family and friends and enjoy the  
afternoon together!

Entertainment by The Genesis UMC Dancers!

Child care available upon request – please contact  
the church office at 377-8155 for arrangements.



# Scouting Ministry News

Cub Pack 374 will be marching in the annual Los Gatos Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. If you are there to enjoy the parade that day, please applaud and cheer some extra for our Cub Scouts! The Cub Scouts will have a lively Pirate Ship Float for the parade that day. The Cub Pack is also participating in the Toys for Tots drive. The Pack is also taking on three families to sponsor in our church's annual Esther's Outreach Christmas Drive. The boys are looking forward to the annual Santa visit during the December Pack meeting in Wright Hall.



Boy Scout Troop 373 enjoyed a day of bicycling in Monterey in mid November. December finds our Boy Scouts rock climbing in the Planet Granite rock climbing gym. The Boy Scout Troop is also supporting three families this month in our annual

Esther's Outreach efforts. November we had a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor to recognize the high achievement of Ali Charif, our newest Eagle Scout Rank recipient. You may remember Ali when he spoke to the congregation in early November as a part of my presentation that Sunday morning about the importance of Scouting Ministry to the United Methodist Church.



If you know a boy who is interested in joining our Cub Scout Pack (school grades 1-5) or Boy Scouts (school grades 6-12) please contact me through either the church directory, or the church office. Have a Blessed Christmas Season.

Thank you. Good Scouting. A Scout is Reverent,

Ted Kraynick, Scouting Ministry Coordinator



# Prayers



☉ For healing and strength: Hank Norberg, Sam and Minna Borland, Raima Gerlach, Ruth Peters, Tom Rigler, Mercedes Giannini.

☉ For comfort and God's presence: David and Jill Fish at the loss of David's father.

☉ For endurance and hope: the unemployed and homeless.

☉ Thanksgiving for the mentors and mentees of the JYM!



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| 15<br>Ed & Sue<br>Darland | 21<br>Bob &<br>Susanne<br>Wilson | 21<br>Bruce &<br>Barbara<br>Luttrell | 27<br>Marlin<br>& Annie<br>Deckert |
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| 1<br>Christine<br>Curfman | 3<br>Carol<br>McLaggan | 4<br>Camille<br>Guenard |
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| 5<br>Alexandra<br>Hannon | 6<br>Melody Ross | 7<br>Beth Luttrell |
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| 17<br>Bud Ramsey | 18<br>Linda Allen | 24<br>Valerie<br>Hannon | 26<br>Betty Harms | 31<br>Claude<br>Hughes |
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*Come, join the Zingers Choir  
for our Christmas Concert*

*December 11, 2011 at 3:00  
PM*

*Right here in the  
Sanctuary of Cambrian Park  
United Methodist Church  
Cookies and Light  
Refreshments in Wright Hall  
after the Concert*



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### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

Please e-mail articles when possible to:

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Thank You,  
Tabbytha Jensen -  
Editor

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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*Check the website for updated information all month!*

**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.

