

the BUILDER



FEBRUARY 2012

✠ LENTEN SMALL GROUPS FORMING ✠

Our new small group ministry is starting off with two groups for Lent. Lent is the 6 week period between Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Palm Sunday (April 1). It is a traditional season for exploring our faith as we approach the mystery of Easter.

One group is called "Healthy Habits—Shaping Up." It will look at specific passages in the Bible as a springboard to discuss disciplined, balanced, spirit-led living. It will meet for six sessions, every-other Wednesday from 7-8:30, starting February 22. The leaders of this group are Karen Fillmore, Betty Dickey, and Lu Anne Behringer.

The other group will take a more traditional direction, and look at the events of Holy Week. Using the Bible, it will explore Ash Wednesday, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Jesus' trial before Pilate, and the Crucifixion. This group will meet six consecutive Wednesdays during Lent, from 7-8:30, starting February 22. The leaders of this group are Susan Ramsey, Rhonda Canale, and Elaine Hughes.

Meeting locations are TBA. Both groups will be more than just a Bible-study. They will also include mutual encouragement, prayer, and outreach. If you join a group, you are only committing to the six-session series. After the six sessions, the group will choose a different 6-session focus, and you are free to continue, to leave, or to switch groups. Although these two groups are both on Wednesday, in the future we plan to offer groups on other days and at other times as well.

At CPUMC our mission is to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and live out our faith in action. I believe that these groups will help us to fulfill our mission more fully. It is my hope that this new small group ministry will grow, will become an important part of our life together at CPUMC, and will provide more opportunity for us to build strong Christian friendships and deepen our connection to God.

Pastor Rob



Cambrian Park UMC

Dear Friends,

Over the past couple of years we have begun each year with a negative budget hoping that we could cover the deficit with fund raisers and utilizing our reserves. This has allowed us to get by, but it has almost exhausted our reserves. The Finance Committee has been keeping you informed of our financial situation through Builder articles and letters. Your response in pledges and one time gifts has been greatly appreciated, but we still do not have enough funds to meet the 2012 budget.

We cannot sustain a negative budget in 2012. Therefore, the Leadership Team asked the Chairs of Finance, SPRC, and Trustees to form an Ad Hoc Committee and meet with Pastor Rob to look at our projected expenses to find a way to enable our church to begin 2012 with a balanced budget. Although we have been cutting expenses in many areas it has not been enough. The Committee carefully considered all options and, sadly, they determined that the only sensible solution was for us to reduce payroll expenses. After much deliberation, it was determined that the position of Choir Director be eliminated and that the Office/Facilities position would be reduced 5 hours per week, closing the office on Mondays. The Committee took this recommendation to the Staff Parish Relations Committee and to the Leadership Team. This was an incredibly difficult decision, but both committees agreed that this was the only viable option.

Although painful, we believe that these decisions are financially responsible and put us in a stronger position for 2012. Please know that the members of the Leadership Team will continue to look for additional ways to increase revenue and, where necessary, cut expenses.

At Barbara's request, we will not be having a celebration event of her music ministry. If you would like to show your appreciation of her ministry with cards, notes, and/or gifts, please bring them to the church no later than Sunday, January 29th, and we will get them to her.

Respectfully,

Robert Kirk-*Pastor*

Susan Ramsey-*SPRC Chair*

Approved by SPRC and Leaders



Most Events This Month Will Be Held at Almaden Hills

Lisa Jacobs

Joint Youth Ministry Director

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“Evening At The Movies”

March 25, 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., at

Be part of this amazing evening,

- * A catered buffet dinner
- * A huge silent auction filled with electronics, gift baskets, and services such as babysitting & yard
- * Breathtaking decorations with movies



- * An amazing talent show

Almaden Hills UMC

which includes:

- gift cards, trips, time share stays,
- work
- reminders of all of your favorite

This fundraiser helps to pay for mission trips, summer camps, leadership retreats, and big events for the 150 teens in the Joint Youth Ministry, so that no one is left out because of finances. Tickets go on sale in mid-February.

Most Youth Group Events will be held at Willow Glen UMC this month.

- Feb 1 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Leadership Team
- Feb 4 -- 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. -- “What If We Did Something” dinner and show for St. Jude at Cambrian Park
- Feb 5 – 12:30pm to 2:30 p.m. -- “Family Matters” picnic lunch and flag football game at the park
- Feb 7- 5:30pm-7:00pm- Confirmation Kick-off
- Feb 8 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- “Dig Deeper I & II” Bible Study
- Feb 11 -- 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. -- “I Need a Valentine's Break” babysitting fundraiser
- Feb 12 -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- Junior High Youth Group
- 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. -- Worship Band Practice
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. -- Hip Hop Team Practice
- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- High School Youth Group
- Feb 14- 5:30pm-7:00pm- Confirmation
- Feb 15 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Guys Night / Girls Night
- Feb 17 -- 5:00 p.m. -- Leave for southern California trip
- Feb 20 -- 5:00 p.m. -- Return southern California trip
- Feb 26 -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- Junior High Youth Group
- 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. -- Worship Band Practice
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. -- Hip Hop Team Practice
- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- High School Youth Group
- Feb 28- Confirmation
- Feb 29 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- “Dig Deeper I & II” Bible Study



SCOUTING MINISTRY

February is the anniversary month of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. UMC Scout Sunday this year is Sunday, February 12th. Look for Scouts from our two Scout units to help greet you to the church service that morning.

Cub Scout Pack 374 had a lot of fun with the annual running of their Pinewood Derby. Overall winners of the day's competition advanced to the Scout's District level Pinewood Derby held in early February. February is the anniversary of the BSA. The Cub Pack will be celebrating this annual high point of the Scouting year with the Blue and Gold dinner for the Scouting families. The Cubs will compete with baking cakes decorated to reflect an assigned theme. The main rule is that all decoration pieces used must be fully edible.

A new Eagle project will commence soon at CPUMC. A Scout from a neighboring Troop will be installing two benches to complete our meditation garden between Wright Hall and The Sanctuary. The benches were always called for in the original design of the meditation garden. We look forward to his bringing the garden project to 100% completion.

Also by press time of "The Builder" the current Eagle project by our church youth member Rajan Kasiraj is projected to be fully complete. Rajan will have replaced the rotted out church sign near the front doors of The Sanctuary with a brand new sign. Thank you Rajan!

Our Boy Scout Troop 373 as a conservation project took part in a Beach Clean Up day on the coast during January. During February the Troop is hoping to camp in the snow in the Sierra's, if weather cooperates with bringing snow this year. Otherwise the Scouts will at the least take part in a low temperature campout, without the snow. This is a training outing being conducted by the Scout District. Our Scouts will be camping with other units from around the Scout District.

If you would like more information about our Scouting Ministry, or would like to join either the Cub Pack or the Scout Troop, please contact me, Ted Kraynick through the church directory or through the church office.



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!

Thanks!

-Kat Kraynick



"Thank you so much for all your prayers and best wishes after my recent fall. It meant so much to me knowing how much you all care."

Thank you all again.

-Raima Gerlach



We at Cambrian Park United Methodist Women are excited about this New Year and hope that you will join us for the coming programs and events.

Local unit Programs:

Jan. 5 - Remembering our Saints, Celebrating the future-potluck

Feb. 4- Family Shelter Program by Sister Margaret-10 am-Fireside.

Mar. 1-11:30 Potluck and program – Program TBA

District Events:

Leadership Development and Membership Training Events:

Jan. 28 (Salinas 1st.) & Feb 4 (Hillsdale UMC) El Camino District UMW 8:30am-1pm. download flyer and registration at :

http://www.gbgm-umc.org/elcaminoreal_dumw/index.html



Women's Retreat- Mission Springs Retreat Center in the Santa Cruz mountains. "Everything has a hole in it, that's how the light gets in" Leonard

Cohen. Check out the flyer, registration and scholarships available at http://www.gbgm-umc.org/elcaminoreal_dumw/index.html . Scholarships available for women going for the first time sponsored by Cambrian Park unit. Check with Betty Dickey

The Green Thing

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and explained, we didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days. The clerk responded, that's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations. She was right, our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Remember this... Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to make us angry.

60th Anniversary Celebration

Cambrian Park United Methodist Church will be celebrating it's 60th Anniversary on June 10, 2012. The celebration will begin in the Worship Service on Sunday and continue in Wright Hall with lunch. Be sure to mark your calendar and save the date.

Help us to make this a special celebration by contacting and inviting former members. More details will be made available as the date gets closer.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT

JAN LOUGEE HOME#(408)369-0602 CELL#(408)203-5514

I feel very fortunate to have spent the last 10 years caring for my aging family members and friends. I have assisted them in a million ways in sickness and health, including packing/unpacking three households and arranging for senior community living. My experiences have been rewarding and have given me insight to the hurdles that create obstacles for seniors. I am organized, flexible, dependable and open to new challenges. I can drive to doctor appointments, grocery stores and errands or take an afternoon ride. I can shop for you, set appointments, pay bills, garden, light house keeping, take walks, walk pets, etc...most importantly, I can be a companion! I can help to assess individual needs and research options if I am unable to meet those needs. My part-time services are available for \$18hr. to bridge a gap between independent living and assisted living at a lower cost than a formal service would charge. My goal is to help with the smaller things that can make a big difference in your life or the ones that you love.

Prayers

- **"Prayers for comfort after a loss" the family of Sarah Dannelly**
- **For healing and strength: John Curfman, Tom Rigler, Ken Beckman, Sam Borland, Jodi, Dave Fillmore.**
- **For hope and encouragement: People living in cars. Broken families.**
- **For comfort after a loss: The McGuire family, the family of Lorraine Irving, and Ana.**
- **For courage and safety: Our police, firefighters, EMTs, and the men and women of the US Military.**



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John &
Melody Ross

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Bud & Susan
Ramsey

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Dick &
Barbara
Stackhouse



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Rebecca
McGuire &
Bruce Luttrell

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Anna Grace
Pyzel

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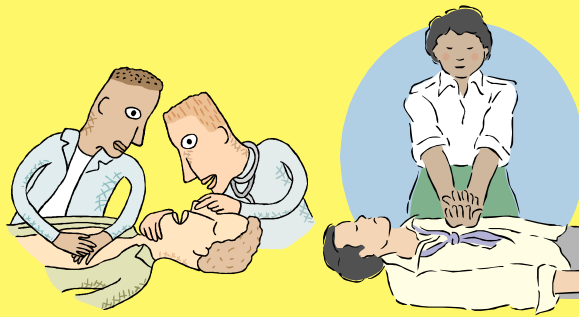
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Gina
Giannini

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Paul Barker

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Helen Hilton
& Wanda
Wilson

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Victoria
Taylor

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Kip Bryant



Safety Outreach Specialists

CPR and AED Training

Saturday, February 25, 2012

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

in Wright Hall

Be prepared to save a life. The Safety Outreach Specialist working with Cambrian Park UMC will be offering American Heart Association classes in CPR which includes Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED, Adult/Child/Infant Choking. You can contact the church office or sign up in Wright Hall. **The cost is \$32.**

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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

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

