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✘ Crab Feed, Small Groups, and Building Hope ✘

Here is a riddle: What has 14 legs, 14 eyes, and 1 heart? The answer: our newly-commissioned class of small group leaders!

In September, seven dedicated members of our church began training to be small group leaders. They received 16 hours of training over 4 months. A few examples of the training topics include: building community in small groups; confidentiality; how to use the Bible to improve people's lives; and 101 ways to pray. In January these leaders will pair up and begin organizing several new groups. More information will be coming soon!

Crab Feed January 14th! By now everyone should know about the Crab Feed January 14th. There will be one seating at 6:30 p.m. For just \$40 you will get all the crab you can eat, plus Boudin sourdough bread, plus salad and pasta. It's only \$12 if you are 17 and under, and it's free if you are 5 and under! And, we will be raffling off dinners at several great restaurants, passes to Go Cart Racers in Burlingame, and maybe even Sharks tickets. So, spread the word, bring your friends and your appetite January 14th.

Building Hope. In August, 45 people from the three JYM churches went to Mexico to build houses with Amor Ministries. The experience was so meaningful, that many of us want to continue doing ministry together here in San Jose. So, we are beginning with two projects. First, we are collecting coats and blankets during January. On Saturday January 28 we will meet at Willow Glen UMC to sort the clothing and make 100 bag lunches, and then Sunday January 29 (after church at 1:00), we will take the coats, blankets and lunches to St. James Park to distribute. Two weeks later (February 11th) we will go to a Habitat for Humanity build in Scotts Valley. If you are interested in finding out more about these projects, see me.

Thank you! With the Brass concert, the Carol Sing, Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, our Christmas season was wonderful. Many people helped organize, decorate, distribute flyers, bring food, sing, and sing some more! My sincere thanks to all of you.

God bless you.
Pastor Rob



Most Events This Month Will Be Held at Almaden Hills

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Joint Youth Ministry- In January most of our events are held at CPUMC

There are a ton of ways you can find out what is happening in our Joint Youth Ministry for teens 6th-12th grade in January. We've got service projects, concerts, Bible studies, small groups, youth group, day trips, sleepovers and so much more. The best way to find out is to check out their website at www.jointyouthgroup.com or go to the Joint Youth Ministry Facebook page! You can also ask Lisa Jacobs, the Joint Youth Director to add you to their weekly online newsletter that is emailed out on Tuesday. Just because it isn't printed on paper, doesn't mean it isn't happening. We've got at least 4 things a week for teens! Here is a sampling of what's happening.

January 4 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Leadership Team

**January 8 -- 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**

**January 10 -- 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.- Hole-y Club at Pioneer High (breakfast & prayer)
January 11 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Dig Deeper Bible Study I & II**

**January 15 -- 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**

January 18 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Guys Night / Girls Night

**January 22 -- 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**

January 25 -- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. -- Dig Deeper Bible Study I & II

January 28 -- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. -- Super Saturday- Service, outdoor activities, food, and more! All teens, all day!

**January 29 -- 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. -- Worship Band Practice
4:30 to 5:30 p.m. -- Hip Hop Team Practice
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. -- Small Group Dinners**

TEENS- DO NOT THROW OUT YOUR OLD CLOTHES!!!!



**Why?
On Sunday,
January 8th we will
have a
"Teen Clothing
Swap".**

Bring the washed items you don't want anymore and swap them with a friend. With over 100 teenagers of all ages and sizes we have a lot of clothes at our disposal. Many of you will get new things at Christmas and you'll need some room in your closet! Save those clothes until January 8th at youth group and swap them! You might love your friends jeans and someone else might really need your slightly worn coat!

So let's help each other out!

Guys and Girls.

Clothes that are still wearable and are recently washed.

Good quality shoes accepted too.

All items not "picked up" by other youth groupers will be given to Sacred Heart Community Center.



Youth and Alumni Christmas dinner 2011



Tim and the PJ kids



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



FOR SALE: 2 KICK-BOX EXERCISERS, GREAT CONDITION \$25.00 EACH
1 FOOSBALL TABLE, GOOD CONDITION \$30.00
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Adventures in United Methodist Women

UMW can be as calm or exciting as you make it. We have quiet times and exciting times and all those times we are making a difference because we are contributing to a cause or actively working on a cause. It can be as calm as a study on the bible, a book reading or as raucous as protesting in front of the state capital on an issue of concern. We quietly save money and collect items for homeless residences nearby, take pledges and do fundraisers to send to programs farther away. It is an act of love and also a need for justice that keeps us going.

We do this because we believe that working towards justice and empowerment for women, children and youth is what God wants from us. We thank you for your support and ask that you join us in this effort whenever you can. We will keep our schedule on the CPUMC website and also keep you informed about the District and Conference UMW events. We hope that whether you want a quiet approach or a more active approach that you will join us in making it work for you and let us know your needs as well. We are here to serve you, the church, women, children and youth and most of all God.

May your new year be blessed.

Betty Spencer Dickey



Friends,

Attached photos of Pastor Rob Kirk, Martha Orr, and Bob Orr having delivered Christmas Outreach gifts to Oster School and Lietz Elementary School on December 12, 2011.

Oster School photo includes Principal Randy Martino and Christina Delaney, Office Manager. The Lietz photo includes Diane Nunes, School Administrative Assistant. The photographer is Bruce Guenard who was treated by the Orrs later that morning to homemade bread with honey and coffee.

Cheers and Peace on Earth, please...

Bruce Guenard



e-Scrip and Scrip

These two fundraisers have been successful throughout the year thanks to the efforts of all of you. The e-Scrip program (raising over \$500 in 2011) can be easily forgotten because once you sign up, you don't have to think about it again for another year. That can also be a flaw in the program because if you don't go on-line and renew your registration, nothing happens. I thought I was signed up but when I checked recently, it had been over a year and a half so for months I thought a percentage of my purchases at Safeway were going to the church but in fact it was not. Please go to www.escrip.com right now and make sure you are currently registered. The supporter ID number is 8060571.

The Scrip program has been extremely successful in 2011 thanks to David Box for the idea and setting it up. Our goal was to raise \$3000 and we surpassed it by \$200, raising \$3200! Our promotion during the holidays culminated with the winners announced on December 18. They were: Nancy Pyzel for the \$25 Target card, Rhonda Canale for the \$50 Best Buy card and Ann Brownell for the \$100 Macy's card. Many folks worked on this program to make it successful. Thanks go to:

David Box, June Nasca, LuAnne Behringer, Evan Dowling, Rosemary Earl, Jim Brownell and Elaine Hughes. Now that we have a routine set up, please seek out the Scrip table whenever you have a need for gift cards for yourself or for others.



Elaine Hughes, Coordinator

Did You Know???

Did you know . . . that when ELAINE HUGHES' daughter Karen was in a parking lot, the door came completely off her vehicle...and she went in a store to buy rope and tied the door back on? . . . that PASTOR ROB once worked in a psychiatric hospital? . . . REY PAREDES warms his hands before church with the use of the microwave? . . . our church has a library and that JEAN PERRY was our long-time librarian? . . . that FERN McLAGGAN says Cambrian Park UMC had five Ferns...and it wasn't only on Palm Sunday? DID YOU KNOW ALL THAT?

Esther's Christmas Outreach 2011

In celebration of the birth of Christ and to bring new hope to those less fortunate.

Thirty-four adults and 49 children in our local neighborhoods were sponsored with grocery cards and gifts this holiday season. Thank you to the following individuals and groups for their participation:

Bonnie Kraynick: contact person for Cub Scout Pack 373 and Boy Scout Troop 374.

Lisa Jacobs: contact person for the Joint Youth Ministry

United Methodist Women-Grace Circle and Sisters in Faith: Dottie Beckman, Jill Fish, Barbara Stackhouse, Karen Tryduhl, Joan Lo, Laurie Flesher, Amy Barker, Elaine Hughes, Melody Ross, Ann Hansard, Virginia Pando, Nancy Pyzel, Susanne Wilson
Brownell family and the Ramsey family

"Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can." John Wesley

Martha Orr

Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life.

[Robert Louis Stevenson](#)



Tropical Christmas Bash Huge Success!

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Cambrian Park Church held a very successful Christmas event on December 10. We converted Wright Hall into a tropical paradise, many folks wore their tropical attire and several tables were adorned in tropical flowers, flamingos and leis. There were 60 people in attendance and their financial generosity was overwhelming. Thank YOU! The Genesis Dancers from the Genesis UMC entertained us with their tropical dancing and hand movements that were so gentle and rhythmic. The Bash offered 3 types of fundraising opportunities: a Silent Auction for 26 baskets filled with gift cards and gift items, tickets for a \$100 Money Basket and a Live Auction for signature desserts, including red velvet cake, panna cotta, stollen and even Palm Tree cookies! When all was said and done, we cleared \$2300 to be used in support of women, children and youth around the world. A special thanks go to the following folks for their contributions: Ann Brownell, Amy Barker, Betty Dickey, Bonnie Kraynick, Clara Baxley, Elaine and Claude Hughes, Hairs Inn, Heidi Hatano, Jean Fuller, Jill Fish, June Nasca, Karen Fillmore, Karon Keller, LaBelle Vous, LaVon Doll, LuAnne Behringer, Marvin Hudson, Rebecca and Ross McGuire, Rhonda Canale and Trader Joe's. Thank you all and see you next December.

Elaine Hughes, UMW Treasurer

Prayers

● **For healing and strength:** John Curfman, Tom Rigler, Ruth Peters, Raima Gerlach, Greg & Lynette Harrison, Don Payne, Baby Gavin.

● **For hope and encouragement:** Those suffering economic distress. The unemployed and underemployed. Those going through emotional turmoil during the holidays. Broken families.

● **For comfort after a loss:** Peter Giannini. Bob, Becky & Drew Hayes.

● **For safety:** Families traveling in January. Students returning to college.

● **For strength and safety:** Our police, firefighters, EMTs, and the men and women and the US Military.

● **For wisdom:** Our politicians.

● **A prayer of joy and thanksgiving:** For the youth of CPUMC.



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Rey & Dolly Paredes



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Nancy Pyzel

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Bonnie
Berberich

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Elisa Barker

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Art Taylor

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Joan Cotta

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Rikki Lougee

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George
Andel

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Barbara
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Barbara
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Ray Dickey

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Rob Kirk

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Jim Brownell

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Deb Norberg



Let's Start
the
New Year
Right!



**Happy
New Year
2012**



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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,
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