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MARCH 2013

Lenten Prayer

Prayer is one of our most important Christian practices. So this Lent, I want to multiply our opportunities for prayer.

Throughout March our sanctuary will be open for prayer every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This will be informal, unstructured prayer. There will be prayer “stations” around the sanctuary where you can sit and pray for the world, for our nation, or for our city, and there will also be a large “prayer wall” where you can write your own personal prayers. If you want to take communion, that will be available, too. Katrina Kraynick and I will be there every Tuesday, and at some point during the hour we will pray together at the altar, and you are welcome to join us, or not, depending on how the Holy Spirit leads you.

During Holy Week we will have a 24-hour prayer vigil. The vigil will start with a simple potluck meal together on Maundy Thursday followed by worship. After the worship, the sanctuary will be open for prayer throughout the night and next day until the Joint Youth Ministry Good Friday service. I plan to have one or two people signed up in hourly shifts in the sanctuary to “keep the prayer going” throughout the vigil. I myself will be covering several of the hours in the middle of the night. I have done vigils like this before, and found that prayer in the sanctuary in the middle of the night is profound. Check our website and our Sunday bulletins for updates.

Pastor Rob



CPUMC BLANKET OUTREACH 2012 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to the following: Clara Baxley, Dotte Beckman, Ed and Sue Darland, Germaine and Bruce Guenard, Bob and Martha Orr, Barbara Stackhouse, Karen Trydahl, Susie Wilson and ATRENTA Inc.

The blankets collected were distributed to:

- **Esther's Outreach families at Lietz and Oster school**
- **Sacred Heart Community Service 1381 South First Street San Jose Ca 95110
sacredheartcs.org**
Sacred Heart Community Service is dedicated to bringing our community together to address poverty in Silicon Valley. Through a comprehensive array of resources, services, and community involvement initiatives.
- **EHC LifeBuilders 2011 Little Orchard San Jose Ca 95125
ehclifebuilders.org**
EHCLifeBuilders operates eight housing and shelter sites across Santa Clara County. They meet the basic needs of homeless people, including food, shelter, hygiene, and clothing.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me” Mathew 25:40

Esther's Christmas Outreach

Esther Jakel, a longtime member of CPUMC, started a Christmas outreach program over 14 years ago for needy families whose children attend Lietz or Oster School here in the Cambrian Park community. Martha Orr and Germaine Guenard continue this outreach program in her memory.

This year we supported 20 families! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED SUPPORT ESTHER'S CHRISTMAS OUTREACK 2012!

Easter Lilies

DID YOU KNOW: Before fully opening, lilies assume a trumpet shape. This shape represents God the Father calling His Son Jesus home, which is a great source of joy for Christians. The choice of white lilies indicates purity and freedom from sin through Jesus' death on the cross. Legend holds that lilies grew wherever Jesus' tears fell, offering hope to believers.

An assortment of spring-potted plants will once again beautify our sanctuary on Easter. They may be purchased for \$9.00—in memory or in honor of someone—or “just because.” Please order only the number of plants you plan to take home. You may take your plant home after the worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31. Orders must be in by March 24.

February Work Party a Success



A GREAT BIG “THANK YOU” goes out to... Betty Dickey, Guy Hatfield, Matt Day, Rhonda McDonald, Bill and David Pyzel for pitching in and making our February Work Party so successful. We accomplished many things in a short amount of time.

Please look for the sign-up sheet for the March Work Party in Wright Hall after worship. The Trustees greatly appreciate your participation and suggestions. If you have ideas of projects to be added to this monthly venture, please email them to sailjoe@sbcglobal.net or facilities@CambrianParkUMC.org.

The March Work Party is scheduled for March 9th, and Easter will be just around the corner. We hope to see you all there.

~Your Trustees

Scouting News

by Ted Kraynick, Scouting Coordinator

The Santa Clara County Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has officially merged with our neighboring Monterey Bay Council to the south. Cambrian Park UMC's three BSA units are now overseen by the brand new Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council. The new Council encompasses the Counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito. It also adds an additional major scout campsite to us here locally - the Pico Blanco Scout Camp located in Big Sur. See us on the web at www.svmbc.org.

You may have seen in the local and national media that the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board was to vote on changing the BSA's prohibition of gay scouts and gay leaders at their meeting on February 6th. Due to intense discussion from Religious Chartering Groups, including the UMC, at the Feb. 6th meeting, that vote was deferred until the National Executive Board meeting in May 2013. Thus no decision has been made as yet by the BSA.

The proposal being discussed and to be voted on would change the 103 year old policy that officially excludes the gay community from participation in the BSA. The proposal if passed would allow the BSA to wash their hands of the issue and move the final decision to the local unit level, the Chartered Organization. CPUMC is but one of tens of thousands of Chartered Organizations nationwide. Each Chartered Organization would have to decide for itself on this issue. It is an interesting compromise by BSA that could result in neighboring Scout units having different official tolerances for the gay community within the same city or same neighborhood.

Boy Scout Troop 373 had a very successful Eagle Court of Honor recently for Ben Sorenson. The Troop in February camped over-night at Sunset Beach following an evening kayaking excursion on Elkhorn Slough in Moss Landing to the south of San Jose.

The Eagle Scout project to build brand new movable steps for the Wright Hall Stage has been completed by Eagle Candidate, Life Rank Scout Samuel Shiau of our Troop 373. Thank you Samuel.



Our Cub Scout Pack 374 during March will be awarding the Arrow of Light achievement to deserving Webelos Scouts who have earned Cub Scouts highest rank. These same Cubs in March will also be bridging into the Boy Scout Troops of their individual choices during the March Cub Pack meeting. Congratulations to all and their parents as well.

Our fledgling Venture Crew 373 has moved their meeting nights to Mondays from Fridays. They now meet the 1st and the 3rd Mondays of each month.

A current adult leader of our Boy Scout Troop 373, Terry Lanier, was the honored recipient this year during the annual presentation of the Silver Beaver awards by our Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council during a special Council Awards Dinner in February. The Silver Beaver award in the BSA is the highest award that a local BSA Council may award an adult leader. Mr. Lanier was a Scoutmaster of our Troop during the 1970's. He remains active in our Troop as our Eagle Candidate Advisor. He also is very active in both our local District and Council leadership roles. Congratulations Terry on a job well done!

Duplicate Bridge a Success!

Our Duplicate Bridge Club has just completed its first year at Cambrian Park UMC, and the number of tables keeps growing. We are averaging 7-8 tables per session – 3 days a week. As a result, contributions to the church for use of the space have been close to \$10,000!

There is some very good competition, yet we are a friendly bunch. Don't you think it's time to give us a try? We play **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 pm to 3:45 pm and the cost is only \$2.50/day**. You may play as little or as often as you want – just sign up ahead of time. If you have a partner, great; otherwise, we'll do our best to pair you up. For more details, please contact **Elaine Hughes** through the church office



Update on Sunday Fellowship Time

A **BIG** “Thank You” to all who help make our Sunday Fellowship time happen every week! I especially want to thank those who help set up or clean up month after month: ***June Nasca, Jill Fish, Fern McLaggan, Betty Daniels, Helen Hilton, Ed & Sue Darland, Bill & Sharon Arlt, Guy Hatfield, and Judie Pennington.*** Also thank you to ***Joan Lo and Lori Wetzell*** (who are retiring from clean up duty) for all their help. We are excited to have ***Jack and Melody Ackerman*** joining our team once a month.

Also several other folks have been stepping up to provide snacks, so that the same people aren't doing it all the time. Thanks to all who help in this way! I hope everyone will continue to check the sign up sheet to see if there is a Sunday you can bring snacks.

Thank you, Melody Ross



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, hands 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.



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 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

An important notice regarding your Financial Contributions Statement!

You may be wondering why you have received a second copy of your financial contributions statement for 2012. **DON'T THROW IT AWAY.** You should replace the old one with new one. This is because we recently learned that for any single contribution greater than \$250 the IRS requires the words *"You did not receive any goods or services in connection with these contributions other than intangible religious benefits"* on the receipt. Because of this requirement, our Financial Secretary, Karen Trydahl, sent out replacement statements to 33 contributors. If you have further questions, you may contact Karen directly. Thank you.

Seekers Update

Our Tuesday morning the *SEEKERS* group is currently reading a neat little book called ***And Never Stop Dancing***. It is about things we probably already know, but need to be reminded of, if we are going to become the people God created us to be. Coming up we are considering a book called ***Embracing the Mystery*** and perhaps a book by the Dalai Lama.

We continue our fun tradition of going out to lunch once a month after our meeting to celebrate those who have a birthday that month. It's tough, but we seem to be up to the challenge!

We are always open to others joining us at any time. Just talk to Barbara Hawkins or Melody Ross if you have questions.

PRAYERS

For comfort after a loss: Pamela Sandstrom and family after the loss of her husband Mark. The family of Rey and Dolly Paredes after their granddaughter lost one of her newborn twins.

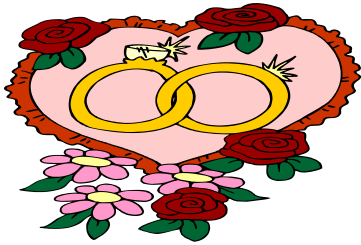
For healing: Sonny Hope. Scott Rogers, battling cancer. Angelo Deo Gracias, battling cancer. Deven, friend of Dallas, battling cancer. Clara Baxley.

For hope and strength to endure: The homeless. The unemployed. Those dealing with addictions.

For health and well-being: Christine Curfman, Barbara Devivo, Joyce Finnell, Raima Gerlach, Joy Hewett, Marvin Hudson, Phyllis Kiel, Bea Mead, Virginia Pando, Jean Perry, Ruth Peters, Mary Quirolo, Pat Rigler, Mel Swenson, Art Thompson, Lillian Wickemeyer.



ANNIVERSARIES



03/05	MEL & KATHY RINEHART
03/21	DAVID & JILL FISH
03/29	BILL & SHARON ARLT



BIRTHDAYS

03/01	DOTTE BECKMAN ANN HANSARD	03/18	MARGUERITE TAYLOR
03/02	JULIETTE DEWITT	03/19	JEAN KUSSELL
03/03	CAROLYN ANDEL	03/21	RAIMA GERLACH
03/06	DIANE HARMS LILLIAN WICKEMEYER	03/23	EMILY BARKER
03/07	EVELYN PHILLIPS	03/25	RUTH PETERS
03/13	LISA JACOBS	03/29	BARBARA HAWKINS
		03/30	KYLE KRAYNICK

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Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for articles is the 15th of the month. Please e-mail articles when possible to:

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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.