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✠ POVERTY EMPHASIS, AND.... GUESS WHAT? ADVENT IS COMING! ✠

On January 8, 1964, in his State of the Union Address, President Lyndon Johnson declared “War on Poverty” in the United States. At the time, the overall poverty rate in America was about 17%. Many programs were implemented by the U.S. government during the 1960’s and the poverty rate in America dropped to 12% for a number of years and has hovered between 12% and 15% ever since. It is estimated that the United States has spent 15 trillion dollars on the War on Poverty, and yet has been unable to reduce the poverty level below that 12-15% mark.

During November our church will be looking at the problem of poverty in the United States. How is poverty defined? How is it distributed? What does the Bible say about poverty? Do John Wesley and the Methodists have anything unique to offer to the problem? Has anything changed since 1964?

There will also be a small group starting up in November called “A Different Kind of Christmas: Learning to Live and Give like Jesus.” This group will explore the issue of consumerism in the United States. Ironically, poverty and consumerism go hand-in-hand. There will be two sections of this group, one held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (begins November 6) and the other held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (begins November 7). I hope that this focus on consumerism and poverty will help prepare us for a deeper understanding and appreciation of the holiday season in December.

And—the holiday season is coming fast! Make sure you get these two dates on your calendar right now:

Christmas Bash: Saturday December 8, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Second Annual Christmas Carol Sing: Saturday December 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Pastor Rob



Lisa Jacobs

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All Events at AHUMC this month

- 4th 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High Youth Group**
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Worship Band Practice
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group
- 6th 6:50 AM - 7:30 AM Holey Club**
- 7th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday Night Live- HOPE WORSHIP- Dinner, worship and discussion. All ages**
- 10th 8:00 AM San Francisco Trip!!**
- 11th 8:00 PM Home**
- 12th No School for most Teens!**
- 14th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday Night Live- Bible Study- 6th-12th- Dinner included- \$3.00**
- 18th 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High Youth Group**
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Worship Band Practice
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group
- 20th 6:50 AM - 7:30 AM Holey Club**
- 22nd Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 25th 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Junior High Youth Group**
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Worship Band Practice
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM High School Youth Group
- 28th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday Night Live - Girls/Guys night**
- 29th 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM JYM Leadership Team- 7th-12th graders- Application based group picked in September**



Come One, Come All, Lets Clean Up for Fall!

Once we all "Fall Back" on the 4th, lets "Spring into action" on the 17th with a church wide workday. Please mark your calendars now to join the Trustees as they clean out the gutters, spread the wood chips and maybe even fill the recycling bin with stuff from the attic. There are always tasks to be tackled, none too big or too small if everyone pitches in. Come for the day or come for part of the day. ***Any participation is GREATLY appreciated!!*** Kids are welcome and high-school students will earn Community Service credit, so bring your forms with you.

Come on down to the church, we'll begin at **9:00AM in LiveBig Hall** and go until 1:30PM. Please bring your gloves and shovels, the church's supply is limited.

We can't wait to see you all on the 17th!

♥♥ Your Trustees♥♥

The final numbers are done for September and they reflect great news! I don't know about the rest of you, but I can relax a bit more now that we are on the right track. We are a **positive \$18K year-to-date (YTD)** versus a negative of \$25K last year at this time. I did a comparison of our offerings YTD with 2011 and they are up by more than \$11K this year and our Bridge group has contributed \$7K YTD since March.

A heartfelt thank you for your contributions to Cambrian Park UMC. We may finally be able to reserve some money for improving our 60-year old facilities. Finance and Leadership thank all our church family for believing in CPUMC!

Elaine Hughes, Finance Chair

Education and Community, topics for this election year.

My wife Christina and I, along with our two young children Amanda and Miles are regular attendees at the Cambrian Park United Methodist Church. I'm also part of a team that maintains the church's website. I have lived in the Bay Area for over 12 years and Christina and I have made Cambrian our home to raise our children. The Cambrian District is a special place with a strong sense of community, with that same feel of caring for your neighbors that I was accustomed to while growing up on a farm in Iowa.

One of the reasons Christina and I chose the Cambrian District to raise our family is it's excellent school system. The Cambrian School District continues to rank high comparatively to surrounding Bay Area schools, attracting new families into the community and increasing home values. But over the past few years student test scores in the District have started to decline, causing many families concern for their children's education.

As we prepare to go to the voting booths this election year, I encourage all community members to become aware and informed of all Propositions, Measures and school board candidates related to the education of our community's youth. There are many resources both online and offline that provide unbiased non-partisan information on these educational related topics, such as the League of Women Voters of San Jose, who spoke at our church in September.

I feel there are many issues within the Cambrian School District that need to be fixed and so I have decided to run for the Cambrian District School Board to help provide a solution to these problems. If you would like to learn more about me and my candidacy, please visit my campaign website at www.MattDay.org. I would be happy to talk with you at church any Sunday.

Sincerely,
Matt Day

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Cambrian Park Children's Ministry

News!

10/25: On the Thursday before Halloween, we hosted a **free fall festival** for all kids up to 5th grade. We had a GREAT turn out! Kids came that are members of the church, participated in this year's VBS, and some who received a flier and decided to check it out! The kids got to play in a bounce house, make cookies, decorate pumpkins and spend an evening having fun! Thank you to everyone who gave time or resources to make this event possible! Several parents told me how grateful they were we were hosting this.

Interested in being a Sunday School teacher or helping out one Sunday? Contact Kat at children@cambrianparkumc.org. We are always looking for new people who enjoy serving the kids in our church.

Things to look forward to:

The month of November - In November the kids will be participating in different service projects, as a part of the congregation's focus on poverty! The kids will work on different things in Sunday School and on their own.

December 2nd - Kid's Bible Service. All children will be in service this Sunday to honor our class of 3rd-6th grade students who have been spending 6 weeks learning about what the Bible is, why it is important in our faith journey, and how to use it. It is a very special time where these students will be officially presented with their Bibles. This Sunday is a very exciting one as it is also communion Sunday and the start of our Advent season. The Nursery and cry room will be available for the little ones.

Live Big Children's Sunday School takes place from 10am - 11am in the Education building every Sunday during regular worship. Drop your kids off in the Education Hall before church starts and meet them at Wright Hall for fellowship afterward. We have classes available from preschool through high school.

Grow and Share!

Fall is here, people are back to work and vacation is over. Now is the time for your leaders to plan the 2013 budget. We need your commitment to grow and to share your gifts in God's name!

After making the hard decision last year in reducing staff, our finances for 2012 have remained in the positive. We pray you will continue with your financial commitment to CPUMC and increase it a bit if possible. This increase would allow us to give more to our apportionments, to begin paying back on the principle of our notes and to continue to improve our facilities. (Remember it's 60 years old!)

For your convenience, below is the pledge commitment form. You may turn this in anytime during the month of October to our Finance Committee. We will celebrate our commitment on **October 28**.



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Grow and Share!



2013 Pledge Commitment

Let's grow and share our gifts in God's name! Your pledge helps to support our staff, our facilities and our ministries. Please continue your pledge, hopefully increase it if you can, and start pledging if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your gifts!

Name _____

My **2013 pledge** is as follows:

BASIC CHURCH SUPPORT is: \$ _____

- Annual
- Monthly
- Weekly



I would also like to contribute the following amount(s) to these funds which are not part of the budget. This additional contribution is:

- Annual
- Monthly
- Weekly

\$ _____ Major Repairs
\$ _____ Music Program
\$ _____ SJ Family Shelter
\$ _____ PACT

Signed _____ Date _____

Please submit to the Finance Committee. Thank you for your generosity!

Your Finance Committee and Leadership Team thank you for your continued support to CPUMC!

WHO ARE THESE WOMEN AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

United Methodist Women is a National Mission Organization

that sponsors and maintains programs and projects all over the world for those less fortunate women, children and youth who need schools, health clinics, day care, spiritual connection, micro loans to create their own business, empowerment through leadership development, support of and connection to United Methodist Missionaries and so many other opportunities that will make their lives better. Here at Cambrian Park we have a local group that was founded almost as soon as the church was and we have continued through the years with many different women and different leadership. We continue the legacy of women in mission that began over 145 years ago and that's an amazing number of years and an amazing amount of mission to be proud of. We are open to anyone joining us in this effort.

We have a program once a month but you don't necessarily have to come to it to be a part of us. We hope you would like to join us to get to know who we are and take advantage of the programs offered, some of which are information based and some that have a more spiritual focus. We have a program on Saturday, **November 3rd** called the World Thank offering. It will be in the Fireside room at 10 a.m. In addition we also welcome help on our events and local mission tasks. The **Christmas Bash**, which is coming up on **December 8, 2012** is our biggest fundraiser for the year and we would love help from anyone who wants to join in a fun time that will make money for those projects and programs I mentioned. We send a monetary pledge every year to the national organization and use other funds to help with local missions, scholarships to UMW events, sponsor a reading program and help with occasional retreats for those who want a time away.

Check out the Christmas Bash Flyer included in this newsletter and think about what or where you might contribute. We have a list that will let you know the opportunities available for helping out. In the meantime please put December 8 on your calendar. Blessings.



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

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 establish 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 always opportunities to contribute Healthy snacks are always appreciated and help make our Fellowship Time even more fun!



Got Change?

Once a year, our Finance team suggests that you and your family might want to donate your "loose" change/coins collected for the year. We have a person who is willing to count it for you and you'll receive contributions credit on your regular monthly statements. Simply bring your "jar of coins" on a Sunday. Be certain to include your name so our Finance team can properly identify who gets the credit! It's that easy! Thanks so much for your continued support to CPUMC.

Elaine Hughes

Energy Oscars

California Interfaith Power and Light has chosen CPUMC as a finalist for a 2012 Energy Oscar in Green Building – an annual award for leadership in energy stewardship. After receiving many nominations from across California, CPUMC was chosen as one of only FOUR finalists statewide! We are honored to be recognized for the work done on our Solar Project, which is unique because NO out of pocket money was spent by the church to bring the project to fruition.

The 2012 California Interfaith Power and Light Energy Oscars will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St., San Francisco, at 6:00pm. This year Aisha Fukushima is featured as the entertainment.

Catering has been generously donated by the San Francisco Zen Center, and will be provided by Green's Restaurant, one of San Francisco's most acclaimed restaurants. Green's was a pioneer in establishing vegetarian cuisine in the United States, under the talented leadership of chef Annie Somerville.

Oscar winners will be announced that night, and all finalists will be honored at the event and during the awards ceremony. Any one who wants to celebrate this honor is welcome to come! Simply register at: <http://interfaithpower.org/2012/07/save-the-date-2012-energy-oscars-november-13/> Cost for the evening is only \$20 and includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, dinner, and entertainment. If you would like to carpool, please let Betty Dickey (umw@cambrianparkumc.org) or Laurie Flesher know (webdesigner@cambrianparkumc.org).

Wish us luck at the Oscars!

Scouting News at CPUMC

By Ted Kraynick, Scouting Coordinator

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, all BSA scouts locally, have finished selling popcorn products for their annual national fundraiser. Some of the money raised also goes to the individual scout units that sold popcorn. Thank you very much any and all of you that bought popcorn from Scouts during September and October.

Cub Pack 374 visited the Hiller Aviation Museum located at the San Carlos Airport. They had a great time learning about flight and aviation. The Fall is an excellent time for young Cubs to join a Cub Pack. The Cub Scout program is for boys who are in the Grade School years of Grades 1 – 5.

Boy Scout Troop 373 in October camped at Big Sur and enjoyed the beach there. They are beginning preparations to take on a 50 mile biking and camping ride for next summer. The Troop as a whole is working on their Citizenship Merit Badges as a group at this time. They will be taking part in the annual Scouting for Food campaign during November. The Cub Scout Pack will be participating also. If you get a flyer at your home from our Scout Units or any other Scout Units during November, please participate by donating food to this campaign. The non-perishable food items that the Scouts collect across the County this month will be delivered to The Second Harvest Food Bank.

Venture Crew 373 is getting more and more organized. There is plenty of room for more interested youth members. This is a coed Scout Unit. Our Crew 373 now has its first girl Crew Member! The Crew is growing! The Venture Scout program is a coed Scout program for boys and girls from 14 – 21 years old. The Crew has completed a NRA firearms safety program recently. They will be exercising their new skills at the Los Altos Gun Club during November.


If you have any questions or interested youth in Scouting here at CPUMC please contact me through the church office or through the church directory.

Update on The Amanda Network and the Cambrian Park Lions

This year will be our 4th Annual vigil which will be held at San Jose City Hall on December 21st from 4 – 6pm. It will be in Spanish and English with entertainment from 4 – 5, Speeches 5 – 5:30 then ending with the ½ mile walk to Christmas in the Park.

This month's magazine of Siempre Mujer has Anne Brownell's photo and story about The Amanda Network. There was also a segment about The Amanda Network featured on the two national Spanish Language TV stations. Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Univision – "Despierta America" and on Thursday, "Hablemos Claro con Cuauhtemoc" (Spanish show like "Dr. Phil") which airs on Telemundo at 1:00pm on the west coast.



We are also forming a Lions chapter in Cambrian Park. We are trying to reach out to families to join this group to include the kids in teaching them how to give back to our community. Our next meeting will be held at CPUMC, Friday, November 16 in the Children's Library. We will be there cutting purple scarves for the Amanda Network vigil beginning at 3:00pm. At 6:30pm we will call to order the Lions Club meeting. Please come and check it out. We need at least 20 members to charter the club. Your names will forever be listed as a charter member.



**THE AMANDA NETWORK,
ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN**
4th Annual Candlelight Vigil

San Jose City Hall
Friday, December 21

2012



Schedule:

- 4:00pm Entertainment
- 5:00pm Speeches
- 5:30pm 1/2 Mile Walk To Christmas in The Park

info@AmandaNetwork.org
www.AmandaNetwork.org
For more information call
Ann Brownell (408) 507-2787

**RAISING MORE AWARENESS ABOUT:
BULLYING, SELF-HARM &
SUICIDE PREVENTION**



Ann Solorio Brownell
BULLYING

Hace cuatro años, la vida de Ann Solorio Brownell dio un vuelco. Su hija Amanda, en ese momento en séptimo grado, intentó suicidarse con el cordón de su sudadera en un baño de su escuela, en California. No lo logró. Inmensamente, quedó paralizada, ciega y sufrió daños cerebrales. Dos años de bullying de sus compañeritas escolares, que llegó a miles de mil textos telefónicos ofensivos al mes, llevaron a la talentosa niña a la desesperación.

En su honor, y con ansias de parar lo que se ha convertido en un peligro escolar, su madre fundó la organización sin fines de lucro The Amanda Network. A través de ella dice haber hablado ya con más de cincuenta mil personas y ayudado a salvar la vida de por lo menos cien adolescentes. Cree que el bullying puede y debe dejar de existir. "Requisito el esfuerzo de todos. Un científico una vez dijo que todos somos iguales en un 99.99 por ciento. Si nos concentramos en nuestras similitudes, dejarán de existir las guerras".

Con miras a que nunca se repita la tragedia, Ann les pide a los miles de jóvenes ante los que se presenta que juran que jamás serán hostigadores. Les recuerda que si se enteran de un hostigamiento y no lo reportan, eso los convierte en cómplices. Si una de las compañeritas de su hija hubiese delatado a la otra, Amanda hoy quizás estaría persiguiendo su sueño de ser artista en vez de estar sirviendo como ejemplo trágico de una situación que pudo haber sido prevenida.



MERCENDES SOLER es la conductora de *Siempre Mujer* (CNN en Español). A lo largo de su carrera ha trabajado como corresponsal, comentarista radial y productora. Es autora de un libro y ha recibido 5 Emmys.

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Prayers

For comfort after a loss: The family of Linda Solis after the passing of her mother, Gladys Kessel. The family of Lavon Cardoza after her passing September 28.

For strength and healing: Minna Borland, who is on hospice care. June Nasca, recovering from surgery. Christine Curfman, who has difficulty getting out of the house.

Joy and thanksgiving: For the marriage of Rachel Speck and Joseph Allen October 20.

For hope and opportunity: The jobless and homeless.



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Bruce & Germaine Guenard	Ted & Bonnie Kraynick	Tom and Jean Kussell	Tom & Pat Rigler	Kristi and Bryan Matsumoto



2	3	7	9
Dolly Paredes	Elizabeth Poole	Bea Mead	Stephanie Brownell

10	12	17	20	27
Ann Brownell & Betty Dickey	Annie Deckert	Celine Guenard & Lori Wetzel	Minna Borland	Laurie Flesher

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Karon Keller

On **Saturday, November 3 beginning at 10 am**, the United Methodist Women will hold our traditional World Thank Offering program. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance with spontaneous gifts of gratitude and how it helps others as they celebrate their giving and prepare for another year. Our theme this year will be **"Thanking God for What We See"**. We have much to be thankful for and this will be your time to express your thankfulness. Please plan to come - all are welcome.

Save the date: Saturday, December 8. This is our annual **Christmas Bash** - an event for the **entire family** so mark your calendar before your holiday calendar gets booked! We always enjoy having opportunities to get one of those baskets and your donations of gift cards and retailer certificates will be gratefully accepted to make those baskets more desirable. As you shop at the stores around you, ask those retailers if they are willing to make a donation to our non-profit causes of helping women, youth and children. UMW is starting to secure these donations now for our December 8 event! Thank you for your assistance in any way.

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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 the articles is the 15th of the month.

Please e-mail articles when possible to:

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Thank You,
Tabbytha Jensen -
Editor

