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OCTOBER 2012

✠ GROWING AND SHARING ✠

October will be a very busy month at CPUMC, and I want to tell you about three church-wide ministries that will begin this month.

The first is our annual pledge drive. The theme is “Grow and Share” and that name reflects the two most important expressions of our Christian discipleship. Our mission statement is to GROW as Christian disciples, and live out our faith through action (SHARING). Our pledge drive will begin Sunday October 7 and end on Commitment Sunday, October 28.

Second, we will resume our small group ministry this month. Betty and Lu Anne will be leading a 6 week group that will begin the middle of October. You will hear more details about this group shortly. Elaine and Rhonda will be forming an Advent-theme small group that will begin November 13. And Betty Dickey, Susan Ramsey and I will be starting up a “Visioning Covenant Group” starting Tuesday October 23. The focus of this group will be to pray, search Scripture, and seek God's direction for our church. This will be a covenant group, and we will take our focus very seriously. But if you feel called to this kind of small group, please come talk to me.

Finally, I'd like to introduce you to a ministry called “Open Table.” As soon as I heard about Open Table I was interested, because it exactly fulfills one of the two goals our church adopted at our planning retreat in March 2011. We said we wanted to develop a church-wide ministry that would lift at least one person or family off of the streets of San Jose. That's exactly what Open Table does. Here's how it works: Cambrian Park UMC would partner with Willow Glen UMC and Almaden Hills UMC. A team of ten to twelve volunteers from the three churches would work together for an 8-12 month period to provide support, accountability, and mentoring to a carefully screened individual or family who is struggling to get out of homelessness and joblessness. This team is called a “Table.” The Table members, together with the individual or family being helped, establish goals, develop a plan, and implement it. Table members network in their congregations and the community for resources to support the plan. The Open Table model began in Phoenix in 2005 and has been used successfully in a dozen communities across America. The Open Table organization (visit www.theopentable.org for more info) will help steer us through this process.

As I have said many times before, our church is small but it's mighty! A lot is coming up in the next few months. Listen and look for updates.

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October 3rd: Wednesday Night Live- HOPE WORSHIP- Dinner, worship and discussion. All ages

October 4th: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Games and Picnic-** (SJUSD off of school this week) at Almaden Lake Park

October 7th AND 21st:

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**

October 9th AND 23rd: 6:50 AM - 7:30 AM **Holey Club** in the parking lot at Pioneer High school! We do breakfast and prayer before school at 6:55am and all students are welcome to join us. Lisa can take you to your high school after the event is over (We do it at Pioneer because they start the earliest- 7:25am).

October 10th: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM **Wednesday Night Live- Bible Study-** 6th-12th- Dinner included- \$3.00

October 14th: Walk-a-thon sponsorship competition is heating up! Get those pledges soon! Don't be afraid to ask people, even if they have been asked. Most people at church expect to be asked more than once and budget for it but even if you get a no, it's worth asking! The form for walk-a-thon pledges is here: http://www.jointyouthgroup.com/us/gallery/36037/other/36037_148689.pdf

Walk-a-thon Prizes!

1. \$75 raised- An awesome Walk-a-thon t-shirt!
2. \$300 or more raised- we will spend a day at Dave and Busters having lunch, playing games and celebrating their hard work.
3. \$500 or more...we are still deciding...something awesome though!
4. Top earners for JH/HSI- \$50 gift certificate to Best Buy, Target or the mall
5. Top amount of individual pledges for JH/HS (doesn't necessarily mean the highest amount)- \$40 gift certificate to Best Buy, Target or the mall.
6. Most laps walked for JH/ HS- 2 Movie passes and Jamba/Starbucks gift card
7. If Junior High raises more money (percentage wise) than Senior High they will get a pizza and dessert party before/after youth group and vice versa.

If the Joint Youth Ministry students (without Lisa's pledges included) raises \$14,000 each student in youth group can fill a pie with any items of their choosing (besides rocks and poop) and "pie" Lisa in the face at youth group!

October 15th: Small Group Dinner Night

October 17th: Wednesday Night Live - Girls Night/Guys Night

October 20th: Senior Class "The Journey" Breakfast at Scramblz

October 25th: Leadership Team

October 28th: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM **COMBO NIGHT- ALL YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY-** \$10 or \$5 if you bring a new friend! Look for details soon!!

Need more info? Check out the JYM website page, or ask on the JYM Facebook page!

<http://www.jointyouthgroup.com/>

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, that same feel of caring for your neighbors that I was accustomed to while growing up on a farm in Iowa.

Another reason 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. Or I would be happy to talk with you at church any Sunday.

Sincerely,
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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!



Scrip – Plan for the Fall!

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 at a **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 this fall.

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 set up 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 opportunities to help out with this important service. Healthy snacks are always appreciated and help make our Fellowship Time even more fun!

Update on Fair Trade Coffee

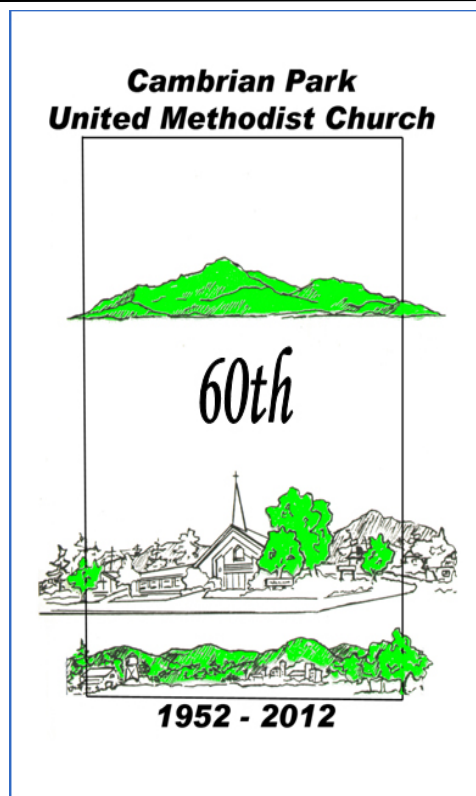
Did you know that the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Coffee Project is ten years old and that thousands of United Methodist churches have lived their values by using *Fair Trade Coffee* and other Fair Trade products??

Our church has been serving *Fair Trade Coffee* for over *eight years!*

The Equal Exchange Organization from which we buy our coffee introduced Fair Trade products to the US 25 years ago. To refresh our memories, Fair Trade is small farmer-centered . . . it helps small farmers thrive and survive. Equal Exchange established small farmer cooperatives throughout the world to do this. It not only helps the small farmer earn a livable wage but also helps protect the environment and encourages sustainable farming.

Recently there is a movement to allow large plantation coffee and cacao into the Fair Trade system; Equal Exchange believes this will weaken Fair Trade and force small farmers to compete with large plantations, which is the very thing Fair Trade was trying to prevent in the first place. We support Equal Exchange by speaking out for and buying authentic small farmer-centered Fair Trade products.

Your Fair Trade Fellowship Coffee Committee,
Melody Ross, Susan Darland, June Nasca



Order your copy of the 60th Anniversary Booklet and CD for \$10.00. The booklet is a record of our history in written word and pictures. There is a page featuring the pictures of the Pastors who have served Cambrian Park over the years with their time, talents and gifts. This history covers the dedication and construction of our first building to the installation of our new solar panels; from family camps to the family Mexico mission trip. This is the story of the life of our church. It serves as a testament to our living out our vision "*To grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and to live our faith through action.*"

The CD has the entire slide show from the 60th Anniversary Celebration. It also includes the many pictures taken during the celebration itself. It is the visual record of the life of our church. Together they serve as a wonderful testament of the many lives and stories that have been a part of this great church.

To order your copy of the booklet and CD please send a check to CPUMC at 1919 Gunston Way, San Jose, CA 95124. Make the check payable to CPUMC

with **60th booklet & CD** written on the memo line. Please be sure to include your name and address.

If you do not want the set you can order just the booklet for \$7.00 or the CD for \$3.00. Time is running out so get your order in right away.

CPUMC Had a Busy Summer Around the Campus (THANKS to EVERYONE for helping out!)

There were many things to do and lots accomplished this summer by the Trustees and other *Fantastic* volunteers of CPUMC this summer.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration in June provided an ample opportunity for many to practice and hone their skills at landscaping and lawn care. With the efforts of many, CPUMC shined like a new penny, inside and out.

The Education Building required some enhancements and repair before the new school year. Tile Laying, cabinet refacing and door replacements are just a few of the challenges met by the Trustees this summer to get the JOB DONE! Thanks again to all who came out on July 21st and lent a hand to help with this endeavor. You made a huge difference: Ted Kraynick, Joan Io, Martha Orr, Bill Pyzel, Guy Hatfield, Matt Day, Andy Hilton, Melody Ackerman, Ray Dicky, Mike Warren, Betty Dickey, Bruce Guenard, Rob Kirk, Jack Ackerman, Tom Canale, Lu Anne Behringer, Miss Vicki from Jazzercise and Rhonda McDonald. Wow, what a great turn-out!

VBS was well attended this year, better than in many years past. Kat Kraynick and her crew did a wonderful job and it is not only a pleasure but a joy to support Children's ministries as they provide this fun, worthwhile **event for the kids.**

The **Amanda Network Event** in August provided another opportunity for CPUMC to sit up and shine. The campus looked great and provided a beautiful backdrop for a great cause. Many of our regular guests and sponsored organizations turned out to share information with attendees, while Ann Brownell presented a very thorough program against bullying in the Sanctuary. The prestigious speakers and music truly hit home with their messages.

Congratulations to Ann, Jim and cohort Mark, for a job not only WELL DONE, but complete. By 8:00PM the campus was completely reset to its normal self and ready for Worship and Sunday School.

Last but not least... **Discovery's return to CPUMC.** The Summer is almost over and Discovery Pre-School came back to our campus on September 1st. CPUMC provides an excellent environment for this program, but with a few changes to the schedule this year, the Trustees and others came through to make sure everything was just right.

Thank you so much! You've REALLY accomplished a great deal over the Summer.

We look forward to future projects this Season and will plan a workday this fall to clip, trim, rake, and clean out those pesky gutters and closets. Please keep an eye out for the invitation in the upcoming bulletins and the next Builder and again... **Thanks for all your help!!!!**

 **Your Trustees** 

Prayers

- 🕯️ **For comfort after a loss: Rhonda McDonald for the loss of a dear family friend; The family of Ruby Long after Ruby's death last month.**
- 🕯️ **For healing: Carol, friend of Elaine, who suffered a stroke; Gary's daughter, fighting cancer; Betsy, friend of Lynda, facing surgery; Minna Borland, who has spent several weeks at Good Samaritan hospital; Raymond Barber who is fighting cancer;**
- 🕯️ **For strength and encouragement: Lu Anne, after a fire in her condo complex this week that has disrupted her life;**
- 🕯️ **For hope and breakthrough: The unemployed and under-employed; Violence in the Middle East.**
- 🕯️ **For success, safety, and wonderful experiences to our many new college freshmen who are beginning a new year, as well as for all the other college students continuing their scholastic adventures.**
- 🕯️ **A prayer of thanksgiving: For San Jose firefighters and the Red Cross who responded so helpfully to Lu Anne's condo fire last week.**



October Anniversaries

- 3 Bruce & Germaine Guenard
- 15 Ted & Bonnie Kraynick
- 16 Tom and Jean Kussell
- 18 Tom & Pat Rigler
- 19 Kristi and Bryan Matsumoto



October Birthdays

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| 2 Debra Keller | 17 Wayne Thompson |
| 6 Rosemary Earl | 19 Katrina Kraynick |
| 8 Barbara Luttrell | 21 Tom Canale & Jaya Kasiraj |
| 9 Kristofer Kraynick | 22 Sharon Arlt |
| 11 Joan Lo & Art Thompson | 28 Germaine Guenard |
| 13 Sara McGuire | 30 Rhonda McDonald |

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?? Please let us know!! Send an email to office@CambrianParkUMC.org, so we can add you to our list!

On **Saturday, November 3 beginning at 10 am**, the United Methodist Women will hold the 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 so they can see 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 a good 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 helping women, youth and children. UMW is starting to secure these donations now for our December 8 event! Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

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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,
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