



The Communicator

Lenten Journey

2011

Congregational Community Church of Sunnyvale

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Thoughts from the Pastor's Study

by Pastor Gen Heywood

It's the season of change. During Lent, the days get longer and the spring flowers bloom. The outward world is starting over. As we move toward Easter, our faith teaches we all can start over, start again. None of us are captive to our past, the good or the bad of the past. Lent is the time to move into a more perfect relationship with God

It is true that knowing your Bible does not make you perfect with God. And learning the stories of our faith can give insight into our current journey with the Divine.

It is true that prayer, being in conversation with God, does not make us perfect with God. And talking with and listening to the one you love deepens the relationship and makes you a better partner.

It is true that fasting does not make us perfect with God. And giving up something so that you have more time for God can only lead to a more mature spirit.

It is true that change does not make us perfect with God who loves us just as we are. And transformation into our fullest potential is a lifetime journey God seeks to travel with us.

It is true that God does not seek perfection from us. Only God can be God. Lent is our opportunity to affirm that we are mortal as we deepen in relationship with God through Bible study, prayer, fasting, and change. This is the more perfect relationship with God, the relationship of the mortal with the beloved Divine.

Blessings,
Pastor Gen

Remember

- Bible Study is on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm each Wednesday.
- Prayer in the sanctuary is on Tuesday mornings from 9 am - 9:30 am.

Join Pastor Gen in prayer
for our church

Tuesday mornings from 9:00-9:30 am.

Take a few minutes for prayer wherever you are
to seek special guidance for our church.

Needed:

Sunday School

Teachers and Assistants

If you think you could possibly help,
please speak with Pastor Gen!

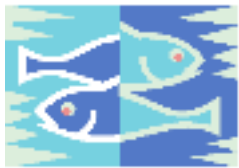


Join Us!

**INTERGENERATIONAL
DRUMMING CHOIR**



Drumming Choir rehearses each Sunday at
10:10 AM with Worship at 10:30 AM.-
and we welcome all to join us at 10:10 AM.



Sunnyvale FISH,

our Food and Clothes Closet,

at this time especially asks for donations of

- peanut butter
- cereals (please, regular -not Costco size- boxes)
- tooth paste
- or money

THANK YOU!

New Four Way Stop Signs at Bernardo & Remington



P.S.:
Note from our
Gathering of the Waters
Ceremony
on Recovenanting Sunday
in September 2010



Waters Were Collected From:

(please forgive spelling errors)

Cape Cod, MA
Tipp City, OH
Winnemucca, NV
Great Salt Lake
Malad City, ID
Jackson, WY
Yellowstone National Park
Cody, WY
Cester, South Dakota
Crazy Horse National Park
Mount Rushmore National Park
Sioux City, IA
Moline Ile
South Bend, IN
Bristol, Mich
Fremont, OH
Fair View, PA
Fair Port, NY
Sonora, CA
Uvas Canyon, Washington State
Spokane, Washington
Seattle, Washington
Mexico
Finland
India



Recipe Corner

This Month :

From Bonnie Harvey's Kitchen

– Stovetop Baked Beans –

As Served for Lunch in Shephard Hall

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| 1 | tablespoon butter |
| 1 1/4 | cups chopped onion |
| 3/4 | cup chopped green bell pepper |
| 2 | garlic cloves, minced |
| 1 | cup ketchup |
| 1/4 | cup packed brown sugar |
| 1/4 | cup maple syrup |
| 2 | tablespoons Worcestershire sauce |
| 2 | teaspoons barbeque smoke seasoning
(such as Hickory Liquid Smoke) |
| 2 | teaspoons prepared mustard |
| 1 | (16 ounce) can red beans,
rinsed and drained |
| 1 | (15.8 ounce) can canniloni beans,
rinsed and drained |

Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic; sauté 4 minutes.

Stir in ketchup and remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Yield: 8 servings (serving size: 1/2 cup)

Weightwatchers points: 3

Calories 170

Fat 2.1 g (saturated fat 9g)

Protein 5.1 g

Carbohydrate 37.1 g

Fiber 4.1 g

Cholesterol 3.8 mg

Iron 1.8 mg

Sodium 467 mg

Calcium 64.5 mg



News from our Conference

From an e-mail received on Feb. 10, 2011

CONFERENCE STAFF for the INTERIM PERIOD

You will see below the configuration of staffing that was affirmed by the Conference Council in November as the option to be selected if the 100k Run Victory Round giving did not result in funding sufficient to maintain the current level of staffing. Thanks to the remarkable outpouring of generosity during the last six weeks of 2010, we are able to move forward with confidence on financially stable ground to fund this level of staffing for the ministries of the Conference during the interim period.

The ministries of Rev. Carol Manahan, Rev. Rodney Yee, Rev. Drew Nettinga, Rev. Deborah Streeter, Rev. John Norris, and Rev. Martha Williams, who have served so ably as Association-based Associate Conference Ministers, fostering community and connection and bringing the face of the United Church of Christ near to congregations and pastors, are cherished and celebrated. Except for John Norris, who has retired, the Association-based ACMs will remain in their positions through February 28, and assist in the transition.

As of March 1, 2011, the Northern California Nevada Conference Staff will be:

Program Staff:

Rev. Phil Hart, Interim Conference Minister
David Bergman-Hill, ACM for Stewardship, Finance and Church Development

Barbara Broadbent, ACM for Pastoral Search and Leadership Development

Rev. Carol Barriger, ACM for Ministry Authorization

Moira Darone, Youth Ministries Program Coordinator

Rev. Carol Manahan, ACM for Covenant Support

Rev. Marty Williams, ACM for Covenant Support

Rev. Deborah Streeter, Communications

Support Staff:

Joy Davis

Tammy Nelson

Annual Gathering of the NCNC:

**Rooted in Love --
the Fullness of God**

May 19-22, 2011

at the Sofitel Hotel in Redwood City

Find more information for all conference news online at www.ncncucc.org.

Or, if you would like help registering or have questions, ask Pastor Gen or Ina.

Also, limited funds are available to help with travel expenses.



UCC GENERAL SYNOD

Imagine What's Possible with 3,500 of your UCC friends in Tampa, Florida!

Come to the 28th General Synod, July 1-5.

For a fuller picture of the 28th General Synod, including information on how to register and get housing, go to ucc.org/synod



Please join us in supporting
the 34th Annual

South Bay and Peninsula

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, April 3, 2011

San Jose Rose Garden Neighborhood

1:00 pm Registration, 1:30pm Walk

Hoover Middle School, 1635 Park Ave, San Jose



Below, find Bonnie's Crop Walk report from 2010:

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty is what Crop stands for. We arrived at Hoover Middle School just as the crowd was leaving. I turned in part of the Congregational Community Church of Sunnyvale donation, got our picture taken and proceeded to walk with the group around the San Jose rose garden.

I wish I had pictures of the generous people who contributed to this cause. Many individuals gave me and Markus money in the three weeks prior to the walk. The Women's Fellowship donated 15% of the profits from the tea they held the same day. Altogether we contributed \$1,220.

On my right are Joshua and Faith and Ken (their dad, my son). On my left is Foster.



CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT OUR CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY, April 17

Worship at 10:30 with Procession of the Palms

SEDER DINNER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 21, from 6:00 PM -

(Please help with set-up from 5:00 PM)

followed by the

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Please sign-up in Shephard Hall - Thank you!

GOOD FRIDAY, April 22

The church is open for meditation from Noon - 3:00 PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 23

Tentative Schedule:

5 PM Decorate Sanctuary for Easter

6 PM Light Dinner

**If you would like to stay at church for a sleep over,
please contact the church office!**

WORSHIP SERVICES ON

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24

Sunrise Service at 6:15 AM,

followed by Easter Breakfast

Morning Worship at 10:30 AM,

followed by Easter Egg Hunt

- Please bring flowers to decorate our Easter Cross! -

Communicator Deadline

Deadline for the Easter Season edition of our Communicator is Friday, April 15, 2011.

We accept submissions of texts, photos & graphics at our office, 1112 S. Bernardo Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or via e-mail (conglchurch@earthlink.net). Phone: (408) 739-3285

Office Hours: Tuesdays - Fridays 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Gabriel's Trumpet



10:30 AM for Sunday Worship Service and Sunday School
Children's Sunday School begins after "Children's Time" with the Pastor
11:30 AM - Fellowship (approximate time)

March & April 2011 Calendar

***Worship & Fellowship
Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
(nursery & childcare provided)***

***Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal: NOW TUESDAYS at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 9:30 AM
Drum Choir, Sundays at 10:10 AM***

Sunday, March 6, 2011
Amistad Sunday

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 7 PM
Service of Oil and Ashes

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 11 AM
Women's Fellowship Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2011
4:00 PM Finance & Personnel Bd Meeting
6:30 PM Church Council Meeting

Sunday, April 17, 2011
Palm & Passion Sunday
Procession of the Palms

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2011
6 PM Seder Dinner and Service of Tenebrae

Good Friday, April 22, 2011
Noon - 3 PM: Sanctuary open for meditation

Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011
5 PM: Decorating the Sanctuary for Easter

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24, 2011
6:15 AM: Sunrise Service
10:30 AM: Morning Worship

Other Meetings TBD