



# The Communicator

## Easter Season

### 2011

*Congregational Community Church of Sunnyvale*

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### *Thoughts from the Pastor's Study*

*by Pastor Gen Heywood*

The Spiritual Journey offers one promise. The Holy One, the Divine, the One Who Is More, is among us. This One revealed in Jesus comes to give us a life to be alive in living.

Following the teachings and example of Jesus, we journey with the Divine. Sometimes, however, we wonder if the Divine is with us. Perhaps it is a loss of a job, being too long without a new job, declining health, unhappiness with school, work, home, or maybe it is the horrors in our world of tsunamis, wars, and disasters that bring the thoughts, "Where are you, God?" "How could you let this happen, God?" In the Christian tradition, God comes to live as we live - to be with us. God does not make bad things happen. They happen.

The God revealed in Jesus does not spare Jesus the suffering of this world. We will not be spared either. Faith does not protect us from facing troubles. Faith is about the choices we make in the face of troubles. It is a journey that God lovingly will travel with us.

Last Fall, four children and three adults built a labyrinth out of spring flowers. Through the winter, the earth was as plain as always. Still out of sight was a hope for something wonderful to come in its time. Now it is here.

Walking the labyrinth is an ancient prayer practice. You might start with a prayer or scripture upon entering or simply clear your mind. Then you walk the path trusting that it will not trick you. It is one path that goes to the center and the same path that returns you to the world (unlike a maze that has a number of tricks and puzzling turns).

In addition, through Holy Week and Easter week, we have our indoor labyrinth on the chancel floor. This labyrinth has been remade and thus refreshed. It is available most weekday mornings as well as some evenings through Holy Week. Good Friday the church is open from noon until 3 p.m. and is a wonderful time to walk and pray the labyrinth.

Being people of faith brings us no guarantee of wealth or health or influence. As a person of faith we have only the promise that God is with us. It is a promise that we experience along the journey and through the dark valleys. It is a promise that helps us choose how we will face whatever we may meet on the journey of our lives.

With Easter Blessings,  
Pastor Gen

**Spring Flower Labyrinth**



**Chancel Floor Labyrinth**



## LOOKING BACK...

*Alice Grace Sutter*



*Born to this Life January 27, 1927  
Born to Eternal Life March 13, 2011  
A Celebration of Life was held at our church  
Saturday, March 26, 2011.*

## The Sisterhood of the Needle & Thread



**Preparing Center Pieces for the Spring Tea**



**100+ "Yo-Yos" for an old-fashioned quilt**



## Church Work Party, April 9



## Refreshing and Renewing the Shoup Indoor Labyrinth



Join Pastor Gen in prayer  
for our church

Tuesday mornings from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

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

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**Needed:**

**Sunday School**

**Teachers and Assistants**

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

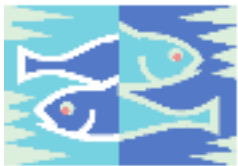


**Join Us!**

**INTERGENERATIONAL  
DRUMMING CHOIR**



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



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!**

**The Southern**  
**Ten Commandments**

*From an e-mail forwarded to us by John Miller*

Some people have trouble with all  
those 'shall's' and 'shall not's' in the  
Ten Commandments. Folks just  
aren't used to talking in those  
terms.

So, in middle Tennessee they  
translated the 'King James' into  
'Jackson County' language ... no joke!  
(posted on the wall at Cross Trails  
Church in Gainesboro, TN)

- (1) Just one God
- (2) Put nothin' before God
- (3) Watch yer mouth
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
- (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
- (6) No killin'
- (7) No foolin' around with another  
fellow's gal
- (8) Don't take what ain't yers
- (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer  
buddy's stuff

Now that's plain an' simple.  
Y'all have a nice day now ya hear!

And bless yer little heart....



## News from our Conference

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Annual Gathering  
of the NCNC:  
Rooted in Love --  
the Fullness of God  
May 19-22, 2011  
at the Sofitel Hotel  
in Redwood City

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*Find more information for all conference news  
online at [www.ncnuc.org](http://www.ncnuc.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](http://ucc.org/synod)



34th Annual  
South Bay and Peninsula  
**CROP Hunger Walk**  
**Sunday, April 3, 2011**  
San Jose Rose Garden Neighborhood



### **Bonnie reports on the 2011 Crop Walk:**

April 3 was a beautiful Sunday for a walk in the San Jose rose garden to celebrate raising money for a very good cause. And the most beautiful part was to turn in the donation from our church.

From our personal plenty, we gave a helping hand to the many in Santa Clara County and in the world who do not have plenty. The annual Crop Walk raises money for two local food banks. The Crop Walk also raises money for the work of Church World Service to help disaster victims, to help refugees, and to help in places where there is not an adequate or stable supply of food and water. CWS (Church World Service) is currently providing emergency relief to some 25,000 people now living at 100 evacuation sites in northeastern Japan. CWS will be joining other agencies to support the more than 376,000 people along the Tunisia-Libya border as they flee the wars. CWS is working in many places in the world to eradicate hunger and poverty and ensure clean water. It feels good to be a small part in healing the hurts in the world.

Our church success was based on the fund-raising work of Marcus Berber, Maxine Eggerth, Dan Kerfoot, Lee Lederer and me, Bonnie Harvey. This team was supported by donations from 33 people 18 of which are regular attendees at our church.

**The total amount turned in was \$1,114.98.**

This is not an absolutely final figure, as there may be an additional donation.



**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,**

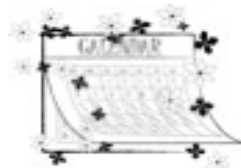
*followed by Easter Egg Hunt*



Please bring flowers  
to decorate our Easter Cross!



And help us fill Easter eggs  
for the egg hunt - we have a lot of empty plastic egg  
shells to reuse!



**Looking Ahead  
- Please Mark Your Calendars!**



**SPRING TEA PARTY**

**" Alice in Wonderland "**

**presented by  
our Women's Fellowship**

**SUNDAY, May 22, 2011  
after Worship Service**

**Spring hats and gloves are optional!**

**Fundraiser to benefit local and global charities**



**Annual Meeting  
of our Church  
Sunday, June 5, 2011  
after Worship Service**

**Communicator Deadline**

*Deadline for the Pentecost edition of our Communicator is  
Friday, June 3, 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)

## *April & May 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, 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**  
followed by Easter Breakfast  
**10:30 AM: Morning Worship**  
followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 25, 2011  
**4:00 PM Finance & Personnel Bd Meeting**  
**6:30 PM Church Council Meeting**

Sunday, May 1, 2011  
**12:30 PM Worship & Community Bd Meeting**

Sunday, May 8, 2011  
**Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 22, 2011  
**Spring Tea**

*Other Meetings TBD*