



Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform members and subscribers of our current news and events

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 3, 2009

PASTOR'S NOTES

LIFE IS DELICATE

The sudden and tragic death of Jonathan Munro on Monday is a jarring reminder of how quickly life can end. One day Jon was alive and well with his entire life seemingly before him, and the next day he is gone. Many people at Sunnyside, particularly our young people, are deeply hurting over this. It is not that we are without hope, for we believe that Jesus' resurrection from the grave broke the eternal power of death and that what lies before Jon is eternal life. But our hope does not erase our hurt and loss. Those who were close to Jon imagined a future with him in it. Now they must go through the very painful process of re-imagining their future without him in it. At times like these, families close ranks and help those who are hurting. That is what the Sunnyside church family will do for those who are grieving this loss.

Jon's memorial service will be held tomorrow at 1:30, at the Clovis Seventh-day Adventist Church. We wanted to have the service at Hope Lutheran, but the sanctuary is not available tomorrow. Caleb Foss, who was very close to Jon as his youth pastor, will preach at the service.

POTLUCK

We're having potluck this Sabbath, immediately following the worship service.

1ST ANNUAL SDA SNOW SPORT DAY

On Sunday, February 28, members of a Seventh-day Adventist Church or School can purchase discounted lift tickets at Northstar-at-Tahoe. For more information, contact Adele Attix at 530-562-8024.

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**December 5, 2009
11:00 A.M.**

**“Angels from the Realms
of Glory”**

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“We Three Kings”
“The First Noel”
“Silent Night”**

Garden of Prayer
Patricia Ford

Children’s Story
Chad Fitzgerald

Advent Candle
Ildefonso & Jean
Campomanes

**“O Come, O Come,
Immanuel”**

Are You Nuts?!?
Pastor Calvin Redman

“Breath of Heaven”
Alexa Burkhart

Offering

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
FAA Holiday Gala – Ricchiuti Auditorium 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
Adventurer Club – Church 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
Church Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

SABBATH, DECEMBER 12
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunnyside Christmas Party – Voth home 3:00 p.m.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 12 — Pastor Ray
December 19 — Pastor Ray
December 26 — Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

November Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	16,437.47
Over (Short)	(1,862.53)
YTD Approved Budget	\$201,300.00
Amount Received	184,626.27
Over (Short)	(16,673.73)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$39,370.64
Church Building Fund	\$421,557.17

This Week’s Offering

 Local Church Budget

YOUTH EVENTS



CANNED FOOD DRIVE — ROUND 2
December 5 — HLC — 3pm (followed by ice skating)



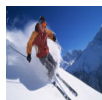
VESPERS
December 4 — Vaughn’s (1828 E Oak Creek Circle) — 6:30pm
December 11 — FAA (Ricchiuti Auditorium) — 6:30pm



PAINTBALL
December 13 — Leaving HLC @7:30am; returning @4pm



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 19 — location TBA — 6pm



ANNUAL YOUTH SKI TRIP
January 11-15, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENOVATION FUND REPORT

Last Sabbath \$94,121.00 was donated to our new church project. In addition a \$10,000 matching gift was given. **Praise the Lord!**

As we progress through the holiday season please remember to give generously to this project. Why not take advantage of the matching gift and double the money you give?

Every dollar given at this time is important to moving the project forward. We still are well short of the funds needed to complete this project. Please prayerfully consider what you will do.

If you missed the walk-through of our new church a couple of weeks ago, you can view pictures of the progress at the church Web site:

<http://sunnyside.adventistfaith.org>.

SABBATH SCHOOL COUNT

Donna Fitzgerald, the church clerk, is asking all Sabbath School Classes children & adult) to take an attendance count for the next two Sabbaths. These numbers are needed for her quarterly report to the conference office. Please send your attendance count to donna559@sbcglobal.net or call her at 292-6727.



ANGEL TREE Sunnyside and Hope Lutheran Church are teaming together again this year to participate in Angel Tree Ministry. Angel Tree is a program that works in connection with Prison Fellowship and churches to purchase Christmas gifts to local children – children of prisoners. For the next two Sabbaths we will have a Christmas tree in the foyer filled with paper angels. Each angel has the name of a child and the gift requested for that child. **Please take an angel and return the gift by December 19** wrapped with the angel attached. Gifts should not exceed \$25.

SUNNYSIDE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & OPEN HOUSE

The Social Committee has planned a holiday celebration at the Voth's home on **Sabbath, Dec. 12, 3-6 p.m.** Please join us to enjoy Christmas music and light desserts.

14476 Silk Oak Lane, Madera 93637

Call 662.1617 if you get lost!



10TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA

at Fresno Adventist Academy,

this Sunday — December 6 at 5:00 p.m.



For more information on attending or sponsoring this event, please contact Richelle Rickard 251-5548 x145 or email rrickard@faa.org.

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

“Jesus, My Lord and Savior” – a Christmas musical will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of Fresno Central Church at the Asian SDA Church (1109 N. Ninth) on Friday, **December 4** at 7:00 p.m. Encore performances will be presented at the Central Church (2980 E. Yale Ave.) on **December 5** at 10:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

LOST KEYS

Sherry Marsh lost her keys at the Christmas in November Party. If you have a set of keys with a “BETTY-BOOP” key ring on it, it belong to Sherry. Call her at 224-9005.

ELDER-SITTER WANTED Woman needs someone to sit with her Alzheimer's patient husband while she attends church services on Sunday mornings. If you would like to earn some extra money and have some loving time to sit with this gentleman, please contact Pastor Tom Newton of River Bluff Church at 313-1507.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
Building Lives Through Relationships...



Desiree & Bob Lutz



Eric, Karen, Bruce & Karissa Eckhart

THE LAST WORD

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Terri Mosley (12/6)
David Daggs III (12/7)
Donovan Daggs (12/7)
David Hawkins (12/8)
Chantal Peterson (12/8)
Sabrina Rogers (12/8)
Jeff Smith (12/8)
Aidan Fitzgerald (12/9)
Willie Brown Jr. (12/10)
Haley Biko (12/10)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Steve & Jennifer Cosner
(12/7)
Jack & Teresa Tolmosoff
(12/7)
Larry & Peggy David
(12/8)

TAKING OUT THE TRASH

by Rabbi David Wolpe



A husband and wife once came to see the renowned Rabbi Gifter, Rosh Yeshiva (headmaster) of Telz Yeshiva in Cleveland. The wife had a complaint.

"Rabbi," she said, "I work around the house all day and my husband refuses even to take out the trash. He says as a student of Talmud, it is beneath his dignity. He sits and studies and watches me lug the barrels out to the street. Is there anything in Jewish law that can compel him to help?"

Rabbi Gifter spent some time trying to make peace between the couple. Along the way he explained that no, there was no Jewish law that compelled the husband to take out the trash.

The next day early in the morning, Rabbi Gifter showed up at the couple's home. The husband, honored by an unexpected visit from the famous rabbi, begged him to come in and have something to eat.

"No," said Rabbi Gifter, "I haven't come for a visit. I've come to take out the trash." The husband was perplexed. "You see," explained the Rabbi, "it may be beneath your dignity, but it is not beneath mine."