



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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## PASTOR'S NOTES

### NEW CHURCH

The renovation of our new church is coming along very well. Every time I stop by, there are several crews at work making noticeable progress. Last week, Garry and Bill Clark took me on a tour of the facility. I must tell you that I am extremely excited about my new office. It has its own bathroom! I don't even have my own bathroom at home.

As the renovation continues, we are going to start getting antsy to move. As if we needed further motivation, Hope Lutheran is raising our rent beginning next month by 15%. That is a hefty increase and I'd much rather be putting that money into our new facility than one we're renting. Thank you for the financial sacrifices you have made to support the renovation this year and for continuing to support it in 2010.



### PICKS AND SHOVELS NEEDED

Guys wielding picks and shovels are needed on Sunday morning to work on the new church. There is critical trenching work to be done. If you are able, please meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. The project should be complete around noon.

### SECRET SANTA

Once again, whoever you are, we are very grateful for the joy you bring our family this time of year. Diane says that you are one of her favorite things about Christmas. She added that we can never move because she would miss "Secret Santa" too much.

### GOOD NEWS

It is nice to be able share good news about our church family. Fearing the worst, while hoping for the best, Debbie Fritz went in for a lumpectomy on Monday. The surgeon removed a coin-size tumor. On Tuesday night, the surgeon called to tell her it was NOT malignant. She is at home recovering and rejoicing.

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**December 19, 2009  
11:00 A.M.**

**Sunnyside  
Christmas Angels**  
Cradle Roll

**“O Come,  
All Ye Faithful”**

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**“Angels We Have  
Heard on High”**  
**“Good Christians  
Now Rejoice”**  
**“What Child Is This?”**

**“O, Holy Night”**  
Jennifer Proctor

**Prayer**  
Bud & Dianne Dickerson

**“The Blanket”**

**Advent Candle**  
The Burkhart Family  
**“Joy to the World”**

**Mary’s IQ**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**God with Us**  
Johan Reijnders

**“Mary, Did You Know?”**  
Sunnyside Grace

**Offering**

**Offertory**  
**“Mary’s Boy Child”**  
Sunnyside Grace

**Benediction**

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

NO Adventurer Club until January 5  
Early Deadline for Bulletin info:  
bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00  
p.m.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

❄️ *Merry Christmas* ❄️

#### SABBATH, DECEMBER 26

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

**December 26** — Pastor Ray

**January 5** — Pastor Cal

**January 12** — Pastor Ray

### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>December</b> Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	5,456.64
Over (Short)	(12,843.36)
<b>YTD</b> Approved Budget	\$219,600.00
Amount Received	190,082.91
Over (Short)	(29,517.09)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$36,420.64
Church Building Fund	\$424,372.36

This Week’s Offering

❄️  
Local Church Budget

## YOUTH EVENTS

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Saturday at 6pm at the Fritz home — we’ll play the “White Elephant Game” - so, buy a gift that can be given to a guy or girl; don’t spend more than \$20. This will be our last “official” activity for 2009 - hope to see you there!!



### PAINTBALL TO BE RE-SCHEDULED

The weather rained us out, but keep a look out as we are hoping to re-schedule for some time in January!



### WHAT’S COMIN’ UP?

January 2 & 23 - Planning for Youth Sabbath  
January 8 & 29 - Vespers  
January 16 - Monsters Ice Hockey Game (tickets \$12)  
January 30 - Youth Sabbath



### ANNUAL YOUTH SKI TRIP

February 11-15, 2010 — Start saving your money now!!

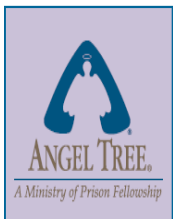


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU

We want to thank each one of you who has given to the Church Renovation Project.

As we move through the holiday season we invite each member to give generously to this project. Every dollar given at this time is important to moving the project forward. If you have not given to this project now is an excellent time as we still are well short of the funds needed to complete this project. Please prayerfully consider what you will do.



**Don't forget to return your wrapped Angel Tree gift by this Sabbath** with the angel attached. Gifts should not exceed \$25.



### JOB WELL DONE, YOUTH!

Congratulations and good job! We surpassed our goal of 750 canned goods for donation to the food pantry. We collected around 900 items! Thanks for your support and hard work. - Pastor Cal

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Church Office will be closed **December 24 thru January 1** for the holidays. However, you will be able to reach Pastor Dennis (647-9485), Pastor Cal (367-7026) and Angela (994-5502) while the office is closed.

### G.L.O.W. Rally

"Let there be Light"

GLOW Rally is sponsored by CCC and will take place on **January 10** at Fresno Central Church.

Some of the speakers will be Pastor Davis Asschrick, director of Arise; Pastor Don Mackintosh, director of AFCOE; and Dr. Eric Walsh of Loma Linda University. Details to follow.

### ROMANCING THE BONDS OF MARRIAGE

Central California Conference Annual Marriage Retreat, **February 19-21** at Sea Crest Resort at Pismo Beach. Speaker is Richard L. Neal, M.D., MPH, FACPM. You will appreciate his practical lectures on making marriage work and experiencing joy. Come and join us! \$475 per couple includes: 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, seminars, materials, and gifts. For more information and registration please call 347-3176 or email [lpasillas@cccsda.org](mailto:lpasillas@cccsda.org). Space is limited to the first 75 couples.

### PEACE IN THE STORM

CCC 2010 Christian Women's Retreat **January 29-31** at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite and **February 5-7** at the Soquel Conference Center. Guest speakers for the Tenaya retreat are Shelley Quinn and Cathy Montague. Guest Speakers for the Soquel retreat are Karen Lewis and Alvy Quispe. Each weekend includes two nights lodging and vegetarian meals. For rates and details or to register go online to [ccc.adventist.org](http://ccc.adventist.org) or call Pat Curtis at 642-2396.

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



**Elly & Erich Blech**



**Deb & Keith Tetz**

## THE LAST WORD

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Linda Barron (12/19)  
Jessica Canham (12/19)  
David Castillo (12/19)  
Eric Colombini (12/20)  
Reed Johnson (12/21)  
Angela McCall (12/21)  
Dennis Ray (12/21)  
Elisa Torres-Messing (12/22)  
Amy Fox (12/23)  
Brittany McCann (12/23)  
Robert Riley (12/24)  
Noella Blech (12/25)  
Joshua Donaghy (12/25)  
Luke Donaghy (12/25)  
Caleb Haldeman (12/25)  
Mirra Priest (12/25)

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Bruce & Karen Eckhart  
(12/19)  
Jim & Jean Robison  
(12/19)  
Bill & Sharon Barreto  
(12/20)

## The Giving Trees

by Kathleen Dixon

I was a single parent of four small children, working at a minimum-wage job. Money was always tight, but we had a roof over our heads, food on the table, clothes on our backs and, if not a lot, always enough. My kids told me that in those days they didn't know we were poor. They just thought Mom was cheap. I've always been glad about that. It was Christmas time, and although there wasn't money for a lot of gifts, we planned to celebrate with church and family, parties and friends, drives downtown to see the Christmas lights, special dinners, and by decorating our home.

But the big excitement for the kids was the fun of Christmas shopping at the mall. They talked and planned for weeks ahead of time, asking each other and their grandparents what they wanted for Christmas. I dreaded it. I had saved \$120 for presents to be shared by all five of us.

The big day arrived and we started out early. I gave each of the four kids a twenty-dollar bill and reminded them to look for gifts that cost about four dollars each. Then everyone scattered. We had two hours to shop; then we would meet back at the "Santa's workshop" display.

Back in the car driving home, everyone was in high Christmas spirits, laughing and teasing each other with hints and clues about what they had bought. My younger daughter, Ginger, who was about eight years old, was unusually quiet. I noted she had only one small, flat bag with her after her shopping spree. I could see enough through the plastic bag to tell that she had bought candy bars -- fifty-cent candy bars! I was so angry. What did you do with that twenty dollar bill I gave you? I wanted to yell at her, but I didn't say anything until we got home.

I called her into my bedroom and closed the door, ready to be angry again when I asked her what she had done with the money. This is what she told me: "I was looking around, thinking of what to buy, and I stopped to read the little cards on one of the Salvation Army's 'Giving Trees.' One of the cards was for a little girl, four years old, and all she wanted for Christmas was a doll with clothes and a hairbrush. So I took the card off the tree and bought the doll and the hairbrush for her and took it to the Salvation Army booth. "I only had enough money left to buy candy bars for us," Ginger continued. "But we have so much and she doesn't have anything." I never felt so rich as I did that day.