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# SunnysideNews

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

## CHURCH LIFE

### SUNNYSIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES FEATURED IN PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

Our Community Services department is featured in the May 2014 issue of the Pacific Union Recorder. If you receive this magazine, you may have read the article that shares the vision of one of the programs and the work Printess Schlist and other volunteers are doing at McLane High School. If you are not a subscriber, you can find the article at [www.pacificunionrecorder.org](http://www.pacificunionrecorder.org). Simply scroll down on the homepage to Central California and click on the "Sunnyside Church Helps Plant Seeds of Hope".

### ADDRESS CORRECTION FOR DELGARDO-PUTZ FAMILY

The corrected address to send cards and condolences for the Freda Delgado-Putz Family is:

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# SABBATH CELEBRATION

May 17, 2014

**Sunnyside** *Light*  
9:00 – 9:50 A.M.

“Leaning on  
the Everlasting Arms”  
“Pass Me Not,  
O Gentle Savior”

**Prayer**  
Desrie van Putten

**Scripture**  
Matthew 19:3-9

“Beyond the Divorce Papers”  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Worship Service**  
11:15 A.M.

“Leaning on  
the Everlasting Arms”  
“Humble Thyself”

**Welcome**  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Giving Thanks**  
Frank and Connie Carpenter

“Sanctuary”  
“Holy Is the Lord”

**Prayer**  
Desrie van Putten

“Cry Out to Jesus”  
Bob and Yvette Gilbert

**Scripture: Matthew 19:3-9**  
Loanne Soloniuk

“Beyond the Divorce Papers”  
Pastor Dennis Ray

**Benediction**

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Monday, May 19

Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Gideon" - Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 20

Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 21

Community Services Distribution - *by appointment only*  
Bulletin Info Deadline: [bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org) 6:00 p.m.  
Men's Ministry Meeting - Youth Room 6:30 p.m.

### Sabbath, May 24

Sunnyside Light - 9:00 a.m.  
SunnysideUp Café - 10:00 a.m.  
Sabbath School - 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Music & Praise Ministry - Bel Haven Care 1:30 p.m.

### QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING



Access Sunnyside's secure online giving portal from your smartphone. Just scan this code with any barcode reader app and it will take you directly to our online giving site.

## SUNSET

This Friday  
8:00 p.m.

Next Friday  
8:06 p.m.

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 24 - Pastor Ray  
May 31 - Gilbert Barr  
June 7 - Pastor Ray

## MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>May Needs</b>	<b>\$29,860.00</b>
Church Needs Donations	11,463.89
Over (Short)	(18,396.11)
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$149,300.00</b>
Donations Received	97,938.30
Over (Short)	(51,361.70)
<b>Associate Pastor Fund</b>	<b>\$29,905.11</b>
<b>Youth Pastor Fund</b>	<b>\$44,822.00</b>

### TITHE TO CENTRAL CALIF. CONFERENCE

<b>May Tithe</b>	<b>\$13,607.94</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$109,353.58</b>

### THIS WEEK'S OFFERING

**Local Church Budget**



## HEALTHY BYTES

### Almond Butter Chocolate Fudge

I have a new chocolate love, and we all know you can never have too much chocolate... *Almond Butter Chocolate Fudge*. I altered a recipe I got off of [www.detoxinista.com](http://www.detoxinista.com). She has other

great recipes too. This is a chocolate candy that I would actually recommend that you eat a piece or two a day. It has the healthy fats of coconut oil and almonds; the cacao powder is filled with antioxidants; it is sweetened with nutrient-rich maple syrup; and it satisfies that chocolate need that some of us have. So enjoy, guilt free!

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup raw almond butter (or nut butter of choice)
- 1/3 cup coconut oil - melted
- 1/4 cup cacao powder
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon fine Himalayan or sea salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Instructions

1. In a food processor or bowl mix together all ingredients until smooth. (A food processor really makes it easy)
2. Transfer the mixture to a small rectangle dish, lined with plastic wrap for easy removal, and smooth the top with a spatula. (you can also use a small muffin pan with liners to make individual candies.)
3. Place the dish in the freezer, and allow the fudge to set for at least an hour before slicing and serving. Thanks to the coconut oil, this raw fudge will melt quickly if left to sit in a warm room, so it's best served directly from the freezer.
4. Store the leftovers in a sealed container in the freezer. (As far as I know, it will last indefinitely in the freezer – but mine never lasts too long!)

**Notes:** You could easily double this recipe to fill an 8" x 8" pan, if you'd prefer. If you have nut allergies you can make it with a seed butter like sunflower seeds.

I have found that I like making my own almond butter by roasting 3 cups almonds in a 350 degree oven for 15 minutes. While still hot, place in food processor. Blend until crumbled, scrap sides and blend more. You will need to blend and scrape for about 10 minutes. Suddenly it will clump, then liquify – really cool how it does that. But be patient and let it get really smooth or your fudge will be gritty (which isn't a bad taste either). Place almond butter in a jar and store in refrigerator – ready to make more fudge when needed!

For more information on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at [gale4health@yahoo.com](mailto:gale4health@yahoo.com) or visit my blog at <http://gale4health.blogspot.com.au> I would like to remind you that these "Healthy Bytes" are my own suggestions and not medical advice. I get my references from many practical sources. Please read them with this in mind.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JUNIOR DIVISION PARENT MEETING**

All Junior Division parents are invited to attend a planning meeting **this Sabbath**, immediately following the 11:15 worship service in the Youth Room.

**YOUTH NEWS****Supporting One Another - this Saturday night:**

You all saw the really cool invitation to the Youth for Adriana's big un-birthday bash. All Youth are invited. Holiday Inn - Downtown (1055 Van Ness Ave).



**Fundraiser Workbees - this Sunday:** Please meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. We have three sights for work: Cosners - yardwork; Burkharths - windows; Zambranas - carpet cleaning. We'll divide into groups and should get the work done by 1:00 p.m. We'll get lunch after.

**Hartmans' Campout Coming Soon:** Hey guys - it's really gonna happen and soon! We're working on a date.

**Poverello House - May 24:** We'll get together after church and head down to Poverello House to serve lunch with the Meals on Wheels Street Ministry.

**Important Youth Parent Meeting & Lunch - June 7:** Make plans to attend our next parent meeting.

**CHANGE FOR AFRICA 2015**

Don't forget to pick up a jar in the foyer and collect your loose change for the Youth mission trip to Tanzania, Africa. Bring the filled jar as often as you like. There will also be a large jar on the table if you'd like to give any loose change right then and there.

**RECIPES & WORK BEES FOR AFRICA**

Please submit your favorite recipes to Loanne Soloniuk ([soloniuk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soloniuk@sbcglobal.net)) or Misty Cruz ([mcruz@fcoe.org](mailto:mcruz@fcoe.org)) for our cookbook fundraiser or drop them in the box marked "Recipes for Africa" in the foyer. Also, we will wash windows, do yardwork, haul trash, clean carpets or just about any other big household chore on a Sunday that works for you - just sign up in the foyer. Thanks for supporting our mission trip.

**GYM NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Join the Fresno Central Navigators (Pathfinders) **this Saturday night at 8:00** at FAA for volleyball, basketball, and delicious Chinese food. All donations will go to fund their Pathfinders Mission Trip to Honduras.

**SENIOR CITIZEN SEMINAR CANCELED**

The Senior Citizen workshop at the Fresno Central church that was scheduled for this Sabbath has been canceled due to illness. It will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

**CCC POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Capital Campaign Department is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities: general secretarial, Microsoft Word and Excel, Razor's Edge, customer service, accounting, writing, telephone and organizational skills. Must be SDA. Send cover letter, application and resume to Human Resources, <http://ccchr.adventistfaith.org/assets/106093>; [lbarron@cccsda.org](mailto:lbarron@cccsda.org); or PO Box 770, Clovis, CA 93613. **Please respond by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 19.**

**YOUTH PARENT MEETING**

Parents, please join us **June 7** in the Maroa Room immediately following the worship service for a youth parent meeting. We will discuss the Sabbath School teaching schedule, summer activities, work bees, mission trip, and get feedback from you on Youth Pastor needs. We will also have a delicious lunch catered by Cheryl Colombini!

**MUSIC AND PRAISE MINISTRY**

Come join Sunnyside's Afternoon Music & Praise Ministry each Sabbath afternoon as we share songs and verse with the folks in care homes. You can sing along, share a scripture, or simply chat with the residents. All are welcome! For more information contact Joseph Zenith: 289-5611 or [mjzenith@gmail.com](mailto:mjzenith@gmail.com).

**this Sabbath:** Bella Vista Memory Care Community, 5425 W. Spruce Avenue – Fresno – 2:30 p.m.

**May 24:** Bell Haven Care Assisted Living, 2020 N. Weber – Fresno – 1:30 p.m.  
(Sunnyside Grace is scheduled to join)

We would like to have at least two or three groups of children, youth, and adults going so that we can spread out. The residents look forward to the interaction and having someone to talk to, and they ask "when will they come back?"

**CAMP WAWONA SCHOLARSHIPS**

If you would like to send your child to Camp Wawona this summer, a limited amount of financial assistance is available from the Camp. Please contact our treasurer, Ron Fitzgerald, for details: [fitz4381@hotmail.com](mailto:fitz4381@hotmail.com), or drop a note in the treasurer's box outside the church secretary's office. Be sure to include your name, email address, and/or phone number.

**SOQUEL VOLUNTEER PROJECT**

Calling all volunteers to help with a variety of projects at Soquel Conference Center May 18–21 in preparation for Soquel Camp Meeting. Skills needed include electrical, plumbing, painting, sewing (to make curtains for the cabins) and, most importantly, anyone with a desire to help. To register, contact Todd Gallemore at (831) 464-4936, [tgallemore@cccsda.org](mailto:tgallemore@cccsda.org) or online at [cccvolunteerministries.adventistfaith.org](http://cccvolunteerministries.adventistfaith.org).

**"KIDS TIME"****LOOKING FOR TALENT**

Brenda Walsh (Miss Brenda on Kids Time on 3ABN), is looking for children ages 15 and under to perform instrumental or vocal numbers during Kids Time tapings the weeks of June 13 and 20. Lodging provided. Travel and food will be the responsibility of each family. Professional pianist provided for accompaniment. You may use own pianist with pre-approval. Note: no accompaniment tracks are allowed. Please send a DVD demo to: Brenda Walsh, 9851 Astilbe Way, Ooltewah, TN 37363 or email a YouTube demo link to Carole Derry-Bretsch at [simplycarole@verizon.net](mailto:simplycarole@verizon.net).

# GETTING TO KNOW OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

**Tricia, Kaitlyn, and Tri Duong**



**Charles and Lyn LaCross**



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**THE LAST WORD**

If a random sampling of one thousand American Christians were taken today, the majority would define faith as belief in the existence of God. In earlier times it did not take faith to believe that God existed — almost everybody took that for granted. Rather, faith had to do with one's relationship to God — whether one trusted in God. The difference between faith as "belief in something that may or may not exist" and faith as "trusting in God" is enormous. The first is a matter of the head, the second a matter of the heart. The first can leave us unchanged; the second intrinsically brings change.

Such is the faith described by Paul Tillich in his famous work *The Shaking of the Foundations*:

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life... It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage. Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted. You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you, and the name of which you do not know. Do not ask for the name now; perhaps you will find it later. Do not try to do anything now; perhaps later you will do much. Do not seek for anything, do not perform anything, do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted." If that happens to us, we experience grace.

— Brennan Manning  
taken from "Raggamuffin Gospel"

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

Connor Fitzgerald (5/18)  
Cammie Gilbert (5/18)  
Garry Clark (5/19)  
Darla Espinoza (5/19)  
David Phillips (5/20)  
Alec Turley (5/21)  
Russell Fulkes (5/22)  
Julie Jaeckel (5/22)  
Grace Keener (5/22)  
Ruth Ann Stringer (5/22)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
TO...**

Joel & Tiffany Chandler (5/17)  
Randy & Shayla Castanaza (5/19)  
Alex & Jessica Walker (5/23)