



The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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June-July 2005

Join Us In Worship This Summer!

9:30 a.m.

Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel and Leah, are the matriarchs and patriarchs of our faith. Their stories are fascinating, teaching us about their relationships with each other and with God. This summer, we'll explore the book of Genesis with these families as our road map.

June 5	Abraham and Sarah Genesis 12:1-9	
June 12	Sarah laughs Genesis 18: 1-15 Last regular Sunday School	Rondeau, a Baroque recorder ensemble will provide special music Annual Conference Offering
June 19 Father's Day	Hagar and Ishmael: Hearing God Genesis 21:8-21	Ordination Celebration! Special Music by the Macemon Men
June 26	Guest Preacher to be announced	
July 3	Daislyn Pease, preaching	
July 10	Rebecca, Jacob and Esau Genesis 25:19-34	Holy Communion Special Offering for Jamaica Mission
July 17	Jacob the Wrestler Genesis 28:10-19	
July 24	Jacob and his Two Wives: Traditional Marriage? Genesis 29:15-28	
July 31	Guest Preacher to be announced	
August 7	Joseph: Shipped Out To Egypt Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Holy Communion
August 14	Joseph Reunited With Brothers Genesis 45:1-15	
August 21	Guest Preacher to be announced	
August 28	Guest Preacher to be announced	
September 4 Labor Day	Erik Larsen preaching	Holy Communion
September 11	Celebration of Children	Sunday School begins!

Dear Friends,

Memorial Day is behind us, which means that summer is fast upon us. Those of us with school age children are getting ready for the change in family rhythm from the school-year-every-day-at-school to a more relaxed (I hope!) schedule of sun, swimming, camping and relaxation – or whatever your families favorite summer activities are!

I have been assured by both Bishop Shamana and District Superintendent Nymphas Edwards that I'll continue to serve Sunnyhills for the next year. I'm pleased to continue to be in ministry with each of you.



We've faced some challenges together, and have some big hurdles this year too. Our property needs some work: specifically on posts and fascia, and that will be costly. The Trustees are working hard on possibilities to get the work done using a combination of hired and volunteer workers, but the materials themselves could be more than \$10,000. As soon as a plan is in place, the congregation will be involved in the ways to raise the money for this needed maintenance.

Although Sunnyhills has come a *long* way from its financial crisis of several years ago, As a small church, though, things can change rapidly. Right now, our financial outlook is slightly behind projections. Summer can be a disjointed time in the life of the congregation and the church. Predictably, families take opportunities to get away, to relax and take it easy, to take family vacations, travel, and camp. Of course, this means our Sunday morning attendance drops and our giving is down as well. As you travel this summer, remember your church and its financial obligations. Lets keep our giving stable and strong through the summer.

I am thrilled to welcome Derrick Rainbow as our new Administrative Assistant. Derrick is an active member of the Alum Rock UMC, and is no stranger to the interworkings of churches. At Alum Rock, Derrick is the vice president of the Leadership Council, and serves as the facility maintenance coordinator. Active in PACT (People Acting in Community Together) and with the Native American community in Santa Clara county, Derrick has a heart for mission and helping others. His background includes working at Stanford University (print shop) and with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. Take an opportunity to drop by the office to get to know Derrick!

Blessings!

Pastor Shirley

Sunday Schedule

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Child care always available	
Children's Sunday School (Children leave from worship)	10:15 a.m.
Fellowship time follows worship	

Our Church Staff

Pastor	Shirley K. Macemon
Administrative Assistant	Derrick Rainbow
Music Director	Gwen Freeman
Accompanist	Citi Pascual
Child Care Provider	Nicole Bleau
Beacon Editor	Cliveden Chew Haas



June July

WRAP

(Administrative Council)
 Saturday, June 4th 9 a.m.
 Last meeting until August. Come and join in the planning of life at SUMC.

Special Music

'Rondeau', a Baroque recorder ensemble will provide special music for Sunday, June 12, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

Trustees

Sunday, June 12 Trustees meet for a walk through of the parsonage

Lunch Bunch

Sunday, June 26 -location TBA

Ordination Celebration!

Pastor Shirley will be ordained at Annual Conference in Sacramento on Friday, June 17th, 8:00pm. Mark your calendar and plan to join the group from Sunnyhills UMC to witness this special event in the life of our pastor. A group will leave SUMC at 3:30 to carpool to Sacramento. Contact Gwen Freeman, 408 263-8942 for more details.



On Sunday, June 19th, we will celebrate Pastor Shirley's ministry during the service and a potluck lunch after service. Contact Daislyn Pease at 408-262-4236 or Gwen Freeman at 408-263-8942 or email gwenffreeman@yahoo.com.

Income and Expenses March April 2005

INCOME:	March 2005	April 2005	Total
Offerings	\$4,670.75	\$3,204.75	\$7,875.50
Building Use & Others	\$3,610.54	\$9,622.07	\$13,232.61
Special giving	<u>\$163.00</u>	<u>\$541.93</u>	<u>\$704.93</u>
Total	\$8,444.29	\$13,368.75	\$21,813.04
EXPENSES:			
Mission & Outreach	\$1,073.33	\$901.40	\$1,974.73
Operating expenses	\$5,217.17	\$3,005.45	\$8,222.62
Pastor & Staff support	\$4,457.69	\$3,674.09	\$8,131.78
Total	<u>\$10,748.19</u>	<u>\$7,580.94</u>	<u>\$18,329.13</u>
Cash on hand	\$38,817.52	\$44,605.33	
Designated funds	\$36,763.72	\$40,255.15	
Cash Available	\$2,053.80	\$4,350.18	

The California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Passion in Jesus Christ  *Compassion for All*

Ever wonder what happens during that week in June when Pastor Shirley and our lay member to Annual Conference (this quadrennium: Guy Haas; alternate, Cathy Deppe) go to Annual Conference? Annual Conference is a gathering of clergy and lay members, called together to deal with the “business” of the Conference, and to worship and celebrate the ministries of the Conference. Our Conference encompasses the geographic area of Northern California and Nevada; almost 400 churches, and more than 90,000 professing members.

This year, Annual Conference Session will be held in Sacramento, June 14 – 18. To get more information on what happens at Conference, visit the website: <http://www.cnumc.org/acs/acs2005/>. During Annual Conference Session, the Daily Connection is posted to the website and reports the highlights of each day.

Flood Buckets

Each year at Annual Conference, a mission collection is taken. Not just money, but things we can collect that will be used in the mission of the UMC around the globe. Every year, the Annual conference collects used eyeglasses, hearing aids and old cell phones.

This year every church is also being urged to bring at least one Flood Bucket to the conference. Flood Buckets are a valuable way the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) helps people around the country and around the world deal with the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a disaster.



Each Flood Bucket will contain:

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| One clean, sealable 5-gallon bucket with the following items packed inside: | 5 dust masks |
| Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle) | 2 pair latex gloves |
| 5 scouring pads | 1 pair work gloves |
| 7 or 8-pack Sponges | 24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove roll from box before placing in bucket) |
| 1 scrub brush | 1 Insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps.) |
| 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes) | 1 Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (If aerosol, cans must have protective caps.) |
| Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle) | \$10 to cover shipping. |
| 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle | |
| Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle | |
| 48 clothes pins | |
| Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.) | |

We'll put all items in the plastic bucket and seal the lid.

Pick an item or two from the list above, and bring to the church office, or to worship on or before June 12. Pastor Shirley and Guy Haas will take our Flood bucket(s) to Conference.

Conference Offering

Each year at Annual Conference Session, churches collect offerings designated to support varied ministries and missions throughout Cal-Nevada's United Methodist connection. This year's Annual Conference theme, *Compassion with the Heart of Christ*, gives the traditional Conference Offering special meaning, connecting us to the lives of our Christian faith family close to home and far away.



This year's Conference Offering will support the Conference's growing Angola Partnership. Our donations will help provide school supplies and much needed teacher support.

New construction is taking place at Shasta Camp - one of the four beloved camps within our conference! When it is finished our Conference Offering will have helped build the new retreat center at Shasta Camp.



We will collect an offering for Conference Missions on June 12.

Celebration in Spirit and Gay Pride Festival 2005

Twelfth annual **Celebration in Spirit** ecumenical worship, Saturday June 11, 2005, 10:00 am at First Congregational Church (at Hamilton and Leigh, San Jose). Renowned theologian Robert Gross will preach. His topic, *A Phoenix Spirituality – spirituality from the ashes*, will address the need for the church to rise above the destruction that is being caused by the political and religious scapegoating of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered persons. On Friday evening, June 10, 7:00pm, a workshop *Towards a Sabbath Sexuality and Spirituality* will be held at the First Congregational Church. For more information contact (408-297-2660, or visit <http://www.gayministries.org>.

The **2005 Gay Pride festival** is held at Discovery Meadow in downtown San Jose, Saturday June 11, Noon to 6pm, and Sunday June 12, noon to 7:30. The Santa Clara County Council of Churches welcomes us to march with them in the parade, Sunday morning at 11:00am, and to help staff the Council of Churches booth at the festival. For more information, call Rev. Margo Tenold, 650-968-8074 or email revmargo@earthlink.net

*A Very Happy
Birthday to:*

June 18 Lola Dorsey
June 22 Cathy Deppe
June 24 Eric Larsen
June 28 Laine Sazon
July 2 George Chow
July 6 Alex Rovere
July 5 Shirley Macemon
July 8 Stacey (Freeman) Anderson
July 10 Cliveden Chew Haas
July 22 Lalaine Tanciango



Happy Anniversary to:

June 12 Irene and Billy Jefferson
June 21 Janyce and Jim Singleton
June 24 Karen Schreifels and Liza
Weber
June 27 Eugenia Allen Egbert and Don
Egbert
June 27 Anna and Huy Phan
July 8 Cliveden Chew Haas and Guy
Haas
July 16 Vennie and Herb Holloway
July 26 Alex walker and Cathy Deppe

(Have we missed anyone?)

Graduates:

Rebecca R. Marcus: from the Middle College (High School) program at DeAnza
College:

If you are aware of other graduates in our church, please let the office know.

Jamaica Volunteer in Mission Trip: August 15 – 27

Pastor Shirley and District Superintendent Nymphas Edwards are co-leading this summer's mission to Jamaica,

The group will be the guest of the Falmouth Circuit of Methodist churches on the north coast of Jamaica. Our projects include painting and light repair of the circuit Manse (Parsonage) and two Vacation Bible Schools. The group will fly into Montego Bay, and during our stay take several day trips from Falmouth to see the beauty and variation of the amazing island of Jamaica. Costs will not exceed \$1,800. The first organizational meeting is scheduled for June 4, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary UMC, 729 Morse Street San Jose, CA 95126 Education Bldg. second floor room 6. Call Pastor Shirley (408-262-1486) or the District Office, 408-295-5341 for more information.

Pastor News!

Rev. Amy Beth Durward, Sunnyhills pastor from 2000 to 2001 gave birth to a delightful baby girl, Melinda Gail on April 7th. Amy Beth has been Associate at Almaden Hills UMC in San Jose for the last two years, and begins July 1 as the pastor at St Helena UMC. Drop her a card at 4532 Samson Way, San Jose, 95124 (before July 1!)



2005 Sunnyhills Confirmation Class



On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, the congregation was privileged to participate in the Confirmation of three young people. Hoan Phan, Helen Phan, and Eric Cruz each confirmed their faith and accepted professing membership in the United Methodist Church. Our confirmation class spent retreat time with Bishop Beverly Shamana, weekly get-togethers with Pastor Shirley, and continued encouragement and discussion with their mentors, Laine Sazon, Cliveden Chew Haas, and Pastor Shirley. Their statements follow:

I want to be confirmed so I could say I chose to be a Christian. If people ask me, "Why do you go to church?," I would be able to say (in my incomplete sentence), "Because I chose to be a member of my faith (and church) so I could have the special time to stop and say thank you to God and give him a special place in my life.

Helen Phan

There are many other important reasons I want to get with the church besides my parents' "recommendation." At this point in my life, I feel should take a step further from just plainly going to church and not know the point of it. I've been going to this church longer than I can remember. Why I want to join at this age is because people my age need to get in touch with God because they don't know right from wrong most of the time. They make many, many mistakes. And I know my life will change after getting confirmed because I'd be putting God higher in my priorities along with that other good and important stuff. He's another important part in my life. The last question I encountered was "Why join this church, Sunnyhills?" It's because my parents dragged me here every Sunday since I was so little. But, I could say they know what they like so maybe this is reason why they took me and my sister to this church. I couldn't blame them.

Eric Cruz

I am getting confirmed because I am ready to take the gift I was given during Baptism and claim it as my own. To me, confirmation is a reassurance of our faith – and I believe. I am ready to formally welcome Jesus into my life to guide and support me throughout the rest of my life.

Hoan Phan

Summer Camps!!!

There is still time to be a part of Conference Camping this summer!

2005 California-Nevada camping opportunities are still available for the summer! camping ministries website: <http://www.calnevcamps.org/> or pick up a brochure in the church office.



There are many opportunities for youth, children, adults, and families. Pastor Shirley will be staff at the Lodestar camps July 31 – August 6. Volunteers are needed for all the summer program. Please refer to the volunteer page on the website for more information. Or ask Pastor Shirley about the rewards of volunteering for church camp!

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First Class Mail

Schools of Christian Mission

United Methodist Women members, woman and men, laity and clergy, youth and children – all who are interested in mission – are invited to attend Schools of Christian Mission this summer. Three mission studies, children in the bible, India and Pakistan, and Public Education will be offered in three one-day schools and two weekend schools.

One day schools:

July 16, Castro Valley UMC

July 23, Los Altos UMC

Weekend Schools:

August 19-21, University Inn, Reno Nevada

September 16-18, Ramada Inn, Santa Nella, CA

These mission education opportunities will expand your understand of the world, the bible, United Methodist mission outreach, and the role of Christians in society. If you've attended in the past, you'll be anxious to go again. If you've never attended, register now for an experience that can change your life. Registration materials are available in the Church Office, or from the registrar, Joanne Iritani, fjiritani@aol.com