



May 2006

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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Pastor's Letter

Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed!

Finally, it appears that the weather has caught up with the calendar...and our communities are beginning to dry out. My daughter Leah's choir director told her that this year was the first time in 35 years that Easter Sunrise services were held inside. Despite the weather, Easter morning at Sunnyhills was joyous, with a grand congregation for Sunrise, a full house for the 9:30 celebration and a creatively held, indoor Easter egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who decorated, set up, brought food, stuffed and hid Easter eggs, ran the computer to accompany and directed our choral benediction: Handel's Halleluiah Chorus, and several things I'm sure I've forgotten.



With Easter Sunday behind us on the calendar, it is almost too easy – from a church year and rhythm perspective – to take a deep breath and coast until the next church “event” – Pentecost, June 4. June, of course, takes on a life of its own: a Sunday School picnic, Annual Conference Sunday – when you hear in one way or another what your Annual Conference Member and Pastor did in Sacramento at the regional annual meeting of the denomination. And this year you'll be getting ready to welcome a new pastor on July 1. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Easter tide, as the season is called, which usually occurs during May, is the time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. Biblically, it is the 50 days between the Resurrection and Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Disciples. This year during Eastertide – the Season of Easter we'll be reading stories from the Gospel of John and the epistle of 1 John that emphasize God's love and care for God's people. I'll be preaching a 3 week series: Country Songs and God's Love. If you've got a favorite popular song – country or not – that you feel really expresses God's love, let me know what it is and I'll see where it fits. I hope you'll make a special effort to be in worship for the series – so far, it has been exciting to work on!

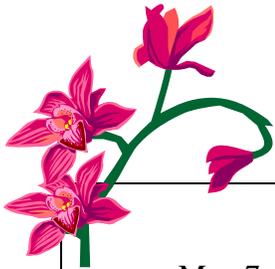
Finally, I want to draw your attention to is an evening of spiritual growth and reflection: Experiencing the Empty Tomb. Cliveden Chew Haas, Laine Sazon, Lola Dorsey and I have worked together to create a two and a half hour program that will allow us to focus on the times in our lives when we have experienced God, the places in our lives where we may need healing,

and the hope we find in coming together as a community of faith to lift one another up. Experiencing the Empty Tomb will be held Friday, May 19, 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Child care will be provided, and we'll end with light refreshments. All are welcome, whether part of our Sunnyhills community or not. For more specific information, talk to Cliveden Haas or Laine Sazon.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Shirley

The schedule for
May



May 7	Erik Larsen preaching		Communion
May 14, 2006	Pastor Shirley	Country Songs and God: God's love is higher than....1 John 4:7-21	Baptism
May 21, 2006	Pastor Shirley	Country Songs and God: 1 John 5:1-6	
May 28, 2006	Pastor Shirley	Country Songs and God: John 15:9-17	
June 4, 2006	Pastor Shirley	Watch out! The Holy Spirit's coming! Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost, Communion

WRAP

Saturday May 13, 2006 - 9:00 AM

Come join in the planning of activities for SUMC; i.e. summer events, Shirley's farewell and a welcome for Rev. Chansoo Lee, our new pastor.

Note from the editor:

Pastor Shirley will be on vacation May 1 and May 22 – May 30.

Susan will be on vacation May 5 – May 21.



May will also be a busy month. I will be in the office the first week of May. Then I will be gone until May 23, 2006, when I will work on the bulletin for the next two Sundays as well as working on the June Beacon. Thank you for your help.

Susan Ramsey, Editor

BEACON DEADLINES: For the June Beacon – Tuesday morning, May 23, 2006.

For the July Beacon – Tuesday morning, June 21, 2006.

Notice: My husband will be unemployed as of the end of July and I will need to be looking for a new job. I will stay at Sunnyhills until the end of June. I also need to find something closer to home because of the cost of gas and my round trip to and from work is 38 miles. I have enjoyed being here and I want to thank you for your kindness. God bless, Susan

Workshop for Congregations Receiving a New Pastor

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

* May 6, Pinole UMC, Pinole, CA
May 6, Gilroy UMC, Gilroy, CA
May 13, First UMC, Sacramento, CA

For: P/SPRC Members, Lay Leaders, & All Church Leaders

Help make this transition a great experience for the new pastor and for you congregation!

Bring a team of 5 – 8 people (You do NOT all have to attend the same workshop) Cost \$25.00 for each church up to 8 people. Lunch and snacks provided. Call: Kathy LaPoint-Collup (916) 686-8303 kflc@alo.com

* Indicates emphasis on cross cultural appointments

REMEMBER!

Trustees Corner:

We are planning to have work parties to repair the fascia boards and support posts on all of the buildings here at Sunnyhills. We are planning to work the Saturdays in July after the 4th. I have contacted the pastor from the Hilltop UMC in Sea side, and he is going to get back to me this week. This is the church group that was such a big help a couple of years ago. We can use all kinds of help, so don't feel like you have to be a carpenter to be of help to the church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell phone. 510 303-6926

Thanks and God Bless,
Rolf Haas Trustees Pres.



<p>A Very Happy Birthday</p>	A simple black and white illustration of a round birthday cake with white frosting and a dark base. Five lit candles are on top of the cake.	<p>Church</p>
<p>05/05 Sarah Chow 05/07 Kathy Middleton</p>		<p>05/21 Laurie & Rolf Haas 05/25 Jess & Lalaine Tanciango</p>



Game Night

Friday, May 19, 6:30 pm
In the Sanctuary

Everyone of all ages are invited to come join us in this wonderful evening of fun. Bring your favorite game. Pizza will be provided.

Income and Expenses

March 2006

INCOME

	<i>MARCH</i>
Offerings	\$3,281.10
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,301.82
Special Giving	\$50.65
TOTAL	\$7,633.57

EXPENSES

	<i>MARCH</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$1,020.27
Operating Exp.	\$3,367.95
Pastor & Staff	\$5,689.38
TOTAL	\$10,077.60

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$42,646.78
Designated funds	\$43,076.44
Cash Available	\$429.66



Experiencing the Empty Grave

An evening of meditation, sharing, prayer and community to focus on the times in our lives when we have experienced God, the places in our lives where we may need healing, and the hope we find in coming together as a community of faith to lift one another up.



All are welcome

Friday

May 19, 2006 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Sunnyhills UMC Sanctuary

Childcare will be provided. Light refreshments will follow. For more specific information call Cliveden Chew Haas or Laine Sazon.



STAFF PARISH - IMPORTANT NEWS

Staff Parish met with District Superintendent Nymphas Edwards on Monday, 4/17 to discuss our needs for a new pastor. We met Chansoo Lee, who is currently a pastor at Park Presidio Methodist Church in San Francisco. Chansoo has been a pastor for a number of years and will not need our parsonage nor health insurance, which is a blessing for us. Staff Parish agreed to welcome Chansoo to Sunnyhills in July.

As a result of the pastoral change, we have set a **Charge Conference** for immediately after worship on Sunday, **May 7th** to approve the new salary.

Members and Friends,

I will take this opportunity to introduce myself briefly. My name is Chansoo Lee. I am originally from Korea. I consider myself a “1.4” generation Korean American. My life in America started out from the New York area in 1974. I went to school and received my deacon’s order the in New York Annual Conference in 1983. I had my membership transferred to California 1989 and became an elder two years later. I joined an internship program from the General Board of Global Ministries in 1983. My overseas assignment was in Japan followed by my US assignment, which was in San Francisco. This was in 1985, and I ended up not returning to the New York area. This is how I came to live in the Bay Area. I have had different churches in this annual conference and my current appointment has been the longest.

I like California and the Bay Area in particular; towns and cities are relatively new, streets, for example, with less pot holes, compared to the East coast. I acknowledge the intrinsic values of diverse cultures and histories of different people. In fact, if I had not left Korea, I would not have been able to outgrow my own narrow world. I try to keep myself informed about current issues, both local and global.

I enjoy different kinds of food, particularly noodles in soup. I like to fix things, including the house, cars, computers, etc. Actually, the kind of fixing I do is basically “replacing” bad parts. I guess, however, this means I am always looking for alternatives to make things work better.

As far as my faith is concerned, I am Jesus centered, biblically based, and theologically articulate. That is to say, I am historically oriented, I recognize its institutional authority, and my view of the world is integrated and open.

Sarah Kim is my wife’s name; we have been married eighteen years. She works for the Social Security Administration as a claim authorizer. I have three daughters, Yennie, Boar, and Joni. Yennie is a senior going to college this fall. Boar will be in 10th grade; and Joni will turn five next month.

Sarah and I are looking forward to meeting you and we are sure that there will be more opportunities to get to know you better. I sincerely hope that as we work together the ministry at Sunnyhills UMC will continue to grow.

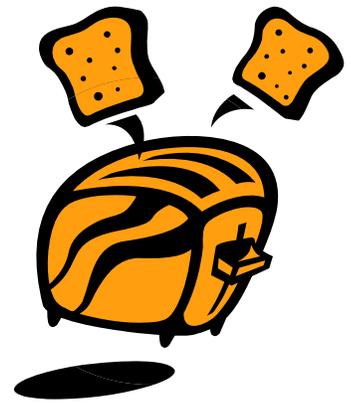
*Sincerely,
Chansoo Lee*



Community Breakfast

Hosted by
Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 7, 2006
7:00 a.m.



The guest speaker is Kurt Ohlfs, Executive Director of Pacific Autism Center for education (PACE), a Santa Clara County based non-profit organization dedicated to individuals of all ages with autism/developmental disabilities.

Mr. Ohlfs will provide information and answer questions about the detection of Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in infants and preschool age children, resources available to the families of those affected by these disorders and the specific programs and facilities provided by PACE for individuals from 3 to over 59 years of age.

For further information regarding this event call Jack or Gwen Freeman at 408-263-8942. **We would appreciate help with setup, serving and cleanup.**

Information regarding PACE may be found at their website: www.pacificautism.org.

Sad News: Billie and Irene Jefferson have been moved to a Hospice center. They are together in the same room. Billie can receive phone calls and cards. One of their daughters is with them. The message said that Irene is failing quickly and Billie has asked for your thoughts and prayers. He can be reached at 1-760-704-6831. You call will go through the nurses station. Please ask if this is a good time to speak to him.

Send cards to:

San Diego Hospice at Glenbrook
1950 Calle Barcelona
Carls Bad, CA 92009



Calendar

May

5-20

Office Closed

7 7:00 AM
(Sun)

Community Breakfast Sunnyhills is host

13 9:00 AM

WRAP

(Sat)

19

Game Night

21 Noon
(Sun)

Lunch Bunch @ Bakers Square
(Calaveras Blvd.)

22-30

Pastor Shirley Vacation

23
(Tue)

BEACON DEADLINE

June

13 9:00 AM

Mission Teams

(Sat)

13-17

ANNUAL CONFERENCE & Office Closed

19-26

Pastor Shirley Vacation

20
(Tue)

BEACON DEADLINE

29-7/7

Office Closed (Susan serving
with CPUMC Youth at Sierra Service Project)

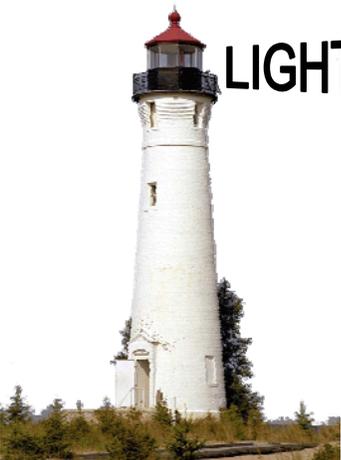
July

Trustees Major Repair/Work Days

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