



June 2006

The Beacon

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Four years ago, when I wrote my first "Pastor's Letter" for the Beacon, I honestly didn't know what a Pastor's letter was supposed to say, or even what purpose it served. We've come along way in the last four years – except for that little bit of trepidation every time I sit down at my computer to write the Pastor's Letter for the Beacon. A blank page on a computer screen is generally a little daunting. Some months we've got a lot going on in the life of the church, either locally or globally that I know exactly what I want to share with you. Some months are holidays, so they are logically targeted.

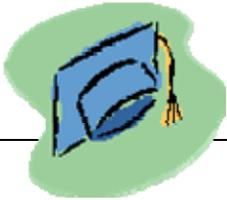


But this month is hard. I'm saying Good Bye. And I'm saying Thank You. And a part of me wants to tell you all those things I've forgotten over the past four years. I probably won't! As you know on July 1, I'll become the pastor of the New Vision United Methodist Church in Millbrae and Chansoo Lee becomes the pastor here at Sunnyhills. Itineration, the regular moving of pastors, is a "feature" of the United Methodist Church. But, I digress. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement and support, for your leadership, your ideas, your creative thinking, your endurance and your faithfulness over the past four years. Sunnyhills is a healthier congregation in spiritual life, attendance, finance and attitude than it was in 2002. Clearly you have worked hard to make it happen.

I urge you to continue your gracious welcoming of every person that walks into the sanctuary, no matter when they come, how they are dressed or even if they might make noise in the midst of the service. First impressions are important, and they are one of the things I hear about over and over from our visitors and new members. I know your first Sunday with Chansoo and his family will be gracious.

I've had wonderful experiences here: the Companions in Christ group that met faithfully for almost a full year, various study groups I've lead and participated in, Blessing the Animals, Homecoming, our Santa Cruz family camp, Mexico mission with Daislyn and Robbie, Choir, Living the Questions, Christmas Caroling, Confirmation class, and many more. Thank you again, God Bless you all.

Working for the Kingdom,
Pastor Shirley



The schedule for June



June 4, 2006	Pastor Shirley	Watch out! The Holy Spirit's coming! Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost, Communion
June 11, 2006	Pastor Shirley	Peace and Justice Sunday Mica 6:4	
June 18, 2006	Laine Sazon		
June 25, 2006	Judith Pruess-Mellow	"Freedom to Age Joyfully – You are a sparkler, firecracker or...?"	

Summer Greetings,

As I get ready to move on to a different job, I wanted to take the time to say thank you to all of you for making me feel welcome. I know you will do the same for Rhonda McDonald, the new office manager. I have enjoyed my time working in the church office even though it was only for six months. Life circumstances make it important for me to find a job a little closer to home and one with a few more hours.

I want to thank Cliveden, Daislyn, Guy, Gwen, Bob and Jo for all their help with articles for the Beacon and for trying to answer any question that came up. I send a very special thank you to Laine for the plant and card she left in the office for me that first week. It was so thoughtful and made me really feel welcome.

I wish Shirley the best of luck and God's grace as she continues on her spiritual journey with her new assignment. It has been a privilege and "fun" to work with her.

I pray God will continue to let our paths cross as we travel through this great adventure, called "life".

God bless you all,
Susan Ramsey



Note from the editor:

Annual Conference June 13th – June 17th
Pastor Shirley will be on vacation June 23rd – June 30th



BEACON DEADLINES: For the July – Tuesday morning, June 21, 2006.

Good morning Sunnyhills United Methodist Church....

Please allow me to take a few minutes to introduce myself. I am Rhonda McDonald and I have been selected by your SPRC committee to fill the position of Office Administrator for your church. I am excited at the opportunity to assist in the church office and help your new pastor, Chansoo Lee, get started at Sunnyhills. I have over 25 years in office management and Human Resources but every position is different and look forward to getting to know you as I learn this new job.

I moved to the Bay Area in 1975 with my parents, having come from Indiana and the Centerville United Methodist Church. My parents and I transferred our membership to St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Fremont. My husband Earl and I were married in St. Paul's in 1988 and still attend there. Our children Victoria 17, and Jamie 13 attend St. Paul's as well. We all love to sing, play piano and soccer. (I leave the soccer *playing* to them)

A part time job is very appealing to me because of my two active teen-agers. I like to be available to them and their activities as much as possible. I was my son's team mom for Soccer last year and loved it. I am also working another part time job at Cambrian Park United Methodist Church in San Jose, and have been there since November 2003. My duties at CPUMC are quite similar to those I will be performing at Sunnyhills but I ask for your patience and guidance as I take on this new challenge.

My office hours at Sunnyhills will be 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday. I am not certain of my official start date yet. Susan Ramsey will be training me in June and summer vacations are upon us. I will note my start date in the bulletin as I find out when that is.

I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know Sunnyhills better so please don't hesitate to drop by.

Thank you for such a wonderful opportunity.

Rhonda



Trustees Corner:

June 24, 2006 – We need people to help clean and paint the pastor's office.

July 8, 2006 – We will start working on the repairs of the fascia boards and support posts on all of the buildings here at Sunnyhills. Remember that stewardship is giving of your gifts, time and talents. 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> <p>06/06 Mary Vincent 06/18 Lola Dorsey 06/22 Catherine Deppe 06/24 Eric Larsen 06/28 Laine Sazon</p>		<p>Church</p> <p>06/21 Janyce & Jim Singleton 06/21 Ron & Marilyn Ray 06/23 Marley & Jack Spilman 06/24 Karen Schreifels 06/24 Liza Weber 06/27 Eugenia & Don Egbert</p>
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	<p>We're going to have a celebration!</p> <p>On June 18, 2006</p> <p>Join in the fun and fellowship as we celebrate the <i>Ministry of Pastor Shirley.</i></p> <p>There will be a pot luck right after church.</p>	
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Income and Expenses

April 2006

INCOME

	<i>APRIL</i>
Offerings	\$4,286.86
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,049.04
Special Giving	\$54.00
TOTAL	\$9,389.90

EXPENSES

	<i>APRIL</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$916.27
Operating Exp.	\$3,326.20
Pastor & Staff	\$3,132.70
TOTAL	\$7,375.17

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$44,799.83
Designated funds	\$43,468.12
Cash Available	\$1,331.71



A Time Of Welcome

July 2, 2006

Chansoo Lee's first Sunday with us will be July 2, 2006. We will celebrate his joining our congregation with a barbecue/pot-luck after worship. Watch for more details.



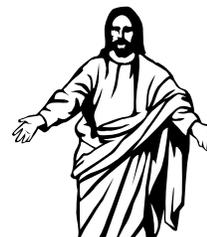
Memorial Service

Saturday

June 17, 2006

1:00P.M

for Billy and Irene Jefferson



Calendar

June

13 9:00 AM Mission Teams

(Sat)

13-17 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & Office open new hours

19-20 Office open 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

21 - 23 Office Close

27 -29 Office open 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

18 Shirley's Farewell

19-26 Pastor Shirley Vacation

24 Clean up and paint pastor's office

20 (Tue) **BEACON DEADLINE**

July

2 Chansoo's welcome

3 - 7 Office Closed

8 Begins Trustees Major Repair/Work Days

9 WRAP after church service

11 - 13 Office open 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

17 - 18 Office open 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

18 Shirley's Farewell

23 Lunch Bunch - Burrito Factory

27 - 28 Office open 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

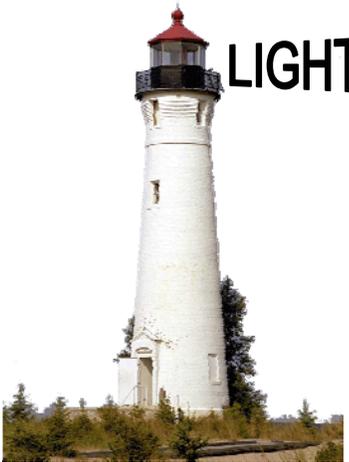
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20 Lunch Bunch place TBA

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