

# The Beacon

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**September 2006**

*Some things we all can do to help make Chansoo feel welcome  
and to help the transition go smoothly.*

1. Be sure to share your name with your pastor for several weeks. We have one name to learn and he has many new names to learn.
2. If you have a name tag, please wear it.
3. Be free with your expressions of appreciation, if you like something your Pastor has done say so.
4. Express your appreciation without comparing the new pastor with a former pastor.
5. Don't make promises or commitments that you can not keep.
6. Understand that the new pastors style of showing care may be different than former pastors.
7. Tell the pastor what you need and what you think.
8. Take your church responsibilities seriously and follow through with your appointed tasks without having to be reminded.
9. Acquaint your pastor with those who are ill and with those who are new visitors to the church.
10. After sharing the positive, true and honest appreciations, don't hesitate to kindly share your honest feelings about what you don't like.
11. Hold the transition process in your prayers.

*PS Constructive feedback* is always welcome regarding sermons, whether they be Chansoo's or someone else's.  
*Your SPRC*

## Note from the editor:



**Choir Practices** begin again at **7:00 p.m.** on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Church. There will be a **Community Breakfast** before church, and a **Pot-Luck Luncheon** to **Celebrate** the beginning of **Sunday School** on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** in **Jones Hall**.

**Chansoo will be on vacation September 11 – 16.** His eldest daughter will be going to college in Chicago.

WRAP – Next **WRAP** is scheduled for **September 24**, after church.



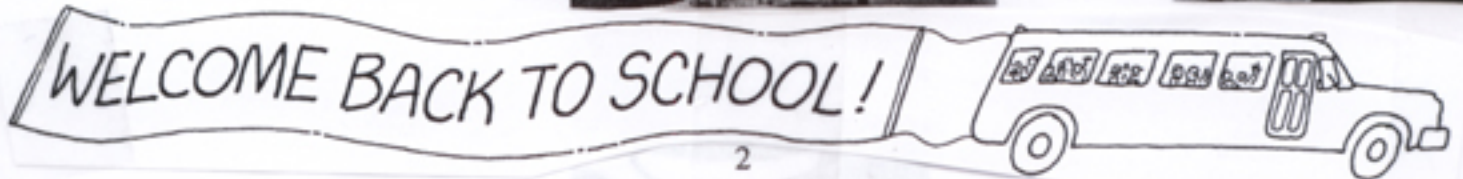
Dear Friends,

With the end of summer approaching, many families are preparing to send their children back to school in September; our family is one of them. Unlike last year, however, it will be a new experience for us. We have three daughters. Yennie, the oldest, will begin college this year. She will leave home, for the first time in her life, a step closer into the "real world," so to speak, where she needs to establish her place. Bora, the middle one, will begin her second year in high school. And, Joni, the last one, will go to kindergarten; she will be taking her first step into the "real world" outside the family. For Sarah and me, we will have to come to terms with the fact that Yennie will be away.

I thought Bora would have to go through the least change, because she would be returning to an environment that she is already familiar. But, after a talk we had in a recent week I found out that this was not the case; she was also going through a subtle and yet profound change of her own. For instance, she has discovered that we are living in a complex world, and that, she feels, she has very little control over it. I feel encouraged by the change that Bora is going through. I am glad that she is finding out about her world. But, I feel a bit sad because she has begun to discover the reality of our world, and at the same time she is struggling to come to terms with a sense of powerlessness.

Also, I have realized that it is not just Bora, but many other youth may have the same experience and be going through similar struggles. Among our church members, we have families with children ranging from infants to college students. Being a parent myself, I feel we need to continue our support for the children by providing an environment where they feel empowered. And I hope we will be able to translate our support into concrete terms for the rest of this year.

Chansoo Lee



**That Youthful Glow**

We here at Sunnyhills are so fortunate to have such a strong presence of young people. I know I am not alone when I express my curiosity in what is going on with them in their lives here, learning about our Christian mission, and outside of Sunnyhills. “Who got a B+ (almost an A) on their Chem test” “Who scored the tying goal on the soccer field last Saturday” “What community service is your class at school trying to provide” “Does your band or choir have a concert coming up”. “What books did you have to read over the Summer”.

With the start of a new school year the **BEACON** would like to start a column showcasing our youth and their activities.

Please email any or all information about yourself, child, niece, nephew or grandchild to [sunnyhillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyhillsumc@gmail.com) by the monthly **BEACON** deadline. We are excited to hear all and learn more about our vibrant young people.



**With a Song in Your Heart...**

Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday evenings beginning September 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Come on and join us – we have lots of fun. Just ask any member of the choir. We promise not to make you sing all by yourself in front of the entire church congregation. (well atleast not the first week or two). *Just Kidding.*

Come on in, the music’s great.



**Fun and Games...Hide and Seek...**

We have been having so much fun at game night that we have added the following **Game Nights** so mark your calendars now for: **September 29, October 27** and **December 1**. Wait, there’s more. The **Game Night in October** is combined with a **Halloween party** – don’t forget to **wear a costume** and **bring a snack** to share. Popcorn will be provided.



**Vision...Today a Labyrinth, Tomorrow the 50<sup>th</sup>**



In a recent sermon Chansoo spoke of a vision for the land area between the street and the sanctuary. Morag Barrass, a member of one of the new families attending church, responded with an idea about creating a Labyrinth. “It requires very little – no water. If you use a few native ground creeping herbs in the design, they would give off their scent as they are stepped on. A Labyrinth is a meditative walk which is ideal for the church. It could be constructed of pavers placed level with the ground, to prevent tripping. Or different colored stones. Maybe a tree in the center with a circular seat around it. It would provide color and interest in the space without a great deal of money for construction or maintenance.” Please share your comments, interest, funds, or expansion of this idea with Chansoo or contact the church office at 262-1486.

**50!!!! You Carry Your Age Well!**

2007 celebrates 50 years of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. We are starting the planning of several events for this great celebration. **Are you interested in helping?** Do you have ideas to share? Call Gwen Freeman 408-263-8942.

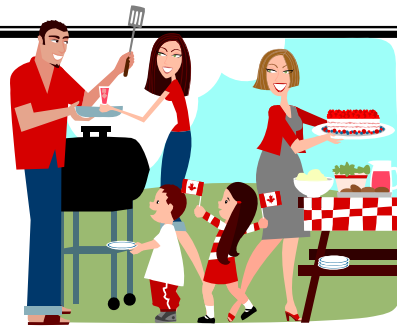


**Scrapbooking..... Sunnyhills Style**

1. What couple at SHUMC has been married the longest? Pictures?
2. What family has lived in the most different states? Pictures?
3. Who are charter members of SHUMC? List? Bulletin from first sermon given here?
4. Who was the first person, or baby baptized here? Pictures?
5. Who was the first Trustees Chairperson?
6. Was there a 5 year anniversary party for SHUMC? Pictures?
7. How about 10<sup>th</sup>? Pictures?
8. There had to be a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pictures?
9. What family has had the most generations baptized at SHUMC?
10. How many new members to SHUMC are there since the earthquake of 1989?

If you can answer any or all of these questions, please email them into [sunnyhillsumc@gmail.com](mailto:sunnyhillsumc@gmail.com). I am sure you have a “Historian”, official or otherwise. But its fun to hear about the history of the church members from its members and **Pictures are a true blessing**. So get out those shoeboxes and discover how much you really know (remember) about one another.





Dear Friends and Family of Sunnyhills,

There have been a few, very well attended gatherings hosted by church members to welcome Chansoo and his family. Fun and fellowship have been had by all attended. It has been such a delight to get to know Chansoo and his family better. If anyone else would like to host or attend a gathering please contact me at (408) 263-8942.

Thanks to all,  
Gwen

### TARRY AWHILE

Jesus tarried among us for a while many long years ago, exuding authority and hope.

He coped with the enemy atop the temple, atop the mountain, and in the wilderness,

brought to us the confidence to connect with God's rhythm.

Jesus tarried awhile with the Samaritan woman at the well.

A woman, for goodness sake! A Samaritan, moreover!

Then, when the townsfolk asked him, he tarried yet two more days there.

Two days! What we might not give to spend even one day with Jesus!

Our encounters with Jesus, sometimes brought about by such an avalanche of

bad experiences they feel as though they could fill the Grand Canyon,

make us ready to pray for the trust in Him to free our captive children,

**our** wants and **our** needs.

And place them in His capable hands and his unconditional Love.

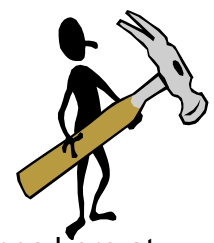
Tarry awhile with Jesus.

Tarry awhile with your inner true self.

Tarry awhile with God.

Written by Daislyn Pease during the 5-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. I make note of words during lectures and later try to create something from them. Luther Smith was one of the lecturers during the Academy. After each lecture, Luther would leave us with a few questions for reflection during the hour until we reconvened. To quote Luther, he would say, "So tarry awhile with these questions." Thus the name.

**TRUSTEES GO MARCHING  
ONE BY ONE..... but they are not enough.**



**September, 2006** – Repairs of the fascia boards and support posts on all of the buildings here at Sunnyhills continued through August. Thanks to all who are pitching in but we need more help.

*If you enjoy using our campus,*

**WE NEED  
YOU!**

THREE SATURDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup>

SEPT. 16<sup>TH</sup>

SEPT. 23<sup>RD</sup>

7:30 A.M. TO NOON

**SUNNYHILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

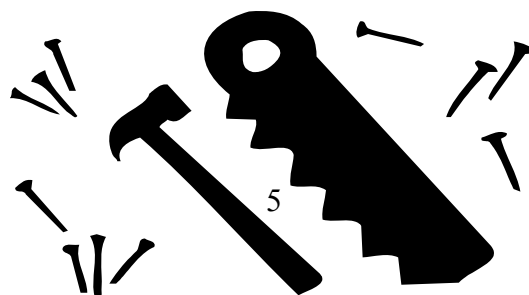
*We will continue our work replacing the bad support posts and fascia boards around each building, then painting them.*

*EVEN IF YOU AREN'T A GIFTED CARPENTER, WE NEED HELPERS TO HOLD THINGS, BRING MATERIALS FOR THE CARPENTER TYPES, PAINTING, ETC.*

**WE WILL BE SERVING A LIGHT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH  
EACH SATURDAY TO THE WORKERS**

***PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE***

***Thank you and May God Bless !***



## *Hip, Hip Hurray!!*

### *A Big Round of Applause for Those Attending the Workdays!!*

We have had wonderful attendance at our workdays in July. Not only did our own members and constituents attend, but also folks from St. Joseph, Santa Maria, the Milpitas Parents Participating Preschool, and kids too. While some of the more skilled carpenters worked on the posts and facia, others cleaned, cooked and worked with Lola on the new upholstery for the chairs. There are jobs available for all who are willing.

A Very  
Happy Birthday  
to



Church Anniversary

09/05 Eric Cruz  
09/12 Ruth Logsdon  
09/15 Erin Cruz  
09/15 Rolf Haas  
09/15 Ron Ray  
09/16 Joe (Jamie) Martin  
09/17 Anna Phan  
09/21 Karen Schreifels

09/22 Warren Scott  
09/25 Isak Larsen  
09/26 Dee Bragg

09/12 Thelma and Robert Wilber  
09/15 Ann and Fred Zeise  
09/21 Aida and Pablo "Jun" Cruz  
09/23 Emil and Laine Sazon

## **Income and Expenses** *July 2006*

### INCOME

	<i>July</i>
Offerings	\$6,630.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,817.69
Special Giving	\$ 51.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,499.49</b>

### EXPENSES

	<i>July</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$916.27
Operating Exp.	\$2,967.95
Pastor & Staff	\$4,777.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,661.89</b>

### FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$41,815.70
Designated funds	\$44,202.35
Cash Available	



**On a sad Note.....**

Jack and Gwen Freeman recently had to say “Good Bye” to their beloved dog Rusty. Rusty had been a part of the Freeman family for more than fourteen years and will be greatly missed. Rusty was seen upon occasion attending Choir Practice and attended the Blessing of the Animals. Prayers go out to the Freemans at this time of loss.

**Here Comes the Clipboard....**

The clipboard will be making its rounds soon for folks to sign up to help on Sunday mornings. Please pitch in and sign up for:

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| 1. Ushers          | They greet the folks arriving for Church and hand out Bulletins. During the service, they pass the collection plates or baskets for the offering.                                |
| 2. Gospel Readers  | Chansoo would like to involve some of the Youth in worship as liturgists. He will be asking some of you very shortly. A new list for the rest of 2006 is in progress.            |
| 3. Fellowship Hour | Help make coffee, juice, set out cookies or crackers (Variety is the spice of life.) Paper supplies, coffee are available with a small supply of lemonade, crackers and cookies. |

Please sign up where you can. The more people participate, the easier it is for all.



# Calendar

## September

- 3 Staff Parish Relations Meeting after Worship
- 4 Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- 7 Choir begins
- 9 Work day
- 10 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall  
Kick-off Sunday School
- 10 Sunday School begins
- 14 Choir Practice
- 16 Work Day
- 17 MUSIC Sunday
- 21 Choir Practice
- 23 Work Day
- 24 WRAP after Service

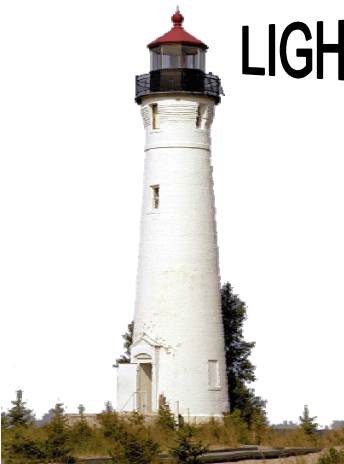
## October

- 1 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall  
World Communion Sunday
- 5 Choir Practice
- 8 Blessing of the Animals
- 12 Choir Practice
- 15 Lunch Brunch at Omega on Park Victoria
- 19 Choir Practice
- 22 WRAP after Service
- 28 Change your clocks back **TONIGHT**  
(or you'll be early for church tomorrow)

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