

The Beacon

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CHRISTIAN BEAUTY SECRETS

1. *“The only way to talk about another is to speak as though you know they’re listening”*
2. *“You never do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.”*
3. *“Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.”*
4. *“Don’t overlook life’s small joys while searching for the big ones.”*
5. *“A problem recognized is a problem half solved.”*
6. *“Prosperity is living easily, happily and lovingly in the World whether you have money or not.”*
7. *“If you want to see a shorter Winter, borrow money that is due in the Spring.”*
8. *“The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace.” Psalm 29:11*

Submitted by H/Holloway

Note from the editor:



Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. On **October 1st, World Communion Sunday**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church, and a **Stewardship Campaign meeting** after church services. **The Blessing of the Animals** will be held on **October 8th at 10:30 a. m.**

The next **Lunch Brunch** will be held at **Omega on Park Victoria at 11:30 a.m.** after church on **October 15th. WRAP -- Next WRAP** is scheduled for **October 22, at 11:15 a.m.**

Tic, Tock, Tic, Tock, Don’t forget to reset your clock. Fall one hour back on **October 29th and SPRC** will meet **after church services.**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the November issue – Wednesday morning, **October 18, 2006.**



Dear Friends,

Last Sunday after the social hour we had WRAP, monthly administrative meeting. The meeting went longer than usual because of a special item on the agenda: Planning for the 50th anniversary of Sunnyhills UMC, which is expected to take place sometime in October next year. At the meeting I was assigned a task: To help the congregation decide on a theme for the celebration. I believe making conscious efforts in choosing a theme right for the occasion is important because it is in turn inseparably connected to envisioning the future of Sunnyhills UMC. I have given some thoughts on my task and I want to share them with you.

It has been three months since my new appointment at Sunnyhills began. During this time, I have come across various self-descriptions of the congregation; and two of them stood out most. One, Sunnyhills UMC was the first integrated Methodist church west of Mississippi; and in my opinion, the founding members' commitment to integration was reaffirmed when Sunnyhills voted to become a reconciling congregation in the 1990's. The other self-description was: Both the congregation and its community have become diverse. This progression occurred as new immigrants moved into the community.

I believe these self-descriptions offer valuable insights in choosing a theme for the anniversary. And, on the basis of these self-descriptions I have come up with a question that can help in choosing an appropriate theme. That is: How will Sunnyhills UMC reaffirm its commitment to integration in a new situation where the congregation and its community have become increasingly diverse?

The idea of celebrating the 50th anniversary is quite exciting for me. What we are trying to do as a congregation is an attempt to create something larger than our selves. I wonder what our individual life is after all? While we are alive we occupy certain amount of space. However, we know that there will come a time when we cease to occupy that very space. But we also understand that what we have created will continue to occupy its space beyond our individual life-- of course, by this I mean not just physical space. We are, in fact, attempting to create a spiritual space that will exist beyond our individual life.

I will share more of my thoughts in the coming months as our planning develops further. In the mean time, let us take some time and try to answer the question I proposed above. And I am very much interested in hearing what you have to say in this regard.

Sincerely,

Chansoo

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 10th? Pictures?
8. There had to be a 25th 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?

No one could answer any of these questions? I'm amazed. What's wrong? Cat got your tongue? You can do it, email them into sunnyhillsumc@gmail.com, or leave a message on the church phone. I can't wait to hear about the history of the church members from its members and remember, *Pictures are a true blessing.*



With a Song in Your Heart, and a Tap of your Toe...

Choir rehearsals resumed on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.. The choir is always looking for new faces and voices. Drop on by the church on Thursday. We're the ones making music in the Sanctuary. We'd love to sign you up. Come on in, the music's great.



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

Our next game night on **October 27th** looks to be the most *Spooktacular* of all. We're going to combine it with a **Halloween party!!** The Super Party starts at 6:30 p.m. so don't be late, and be sure to **wear a costume and bring a snack and games** to share. Popcorn and fantastic fun will be provided.



December 1 will be our last game night for 2006. Stay tuned to see what surprises await you then.



Vision...Today a Labyrinth: Tomorrow the 50th



In a recent sermon Chansoo spoke of a vision for the land area between the street and the sanctuary. You will find another idea submitted by Ann Zeise on page 4. Please share your comments, interest, funds, or expansion of this idea with Chansoo or contact the church office at 262-1486. The more ideas the more beautiful the outcome.

50!! You Carry Your Age Well!

2007 celebrates 50 years of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. We are planning several events for this great celebration. *Are you interested in helping?* Do you have ideas to share? Please contact Jack Freeman, coordinator of the planning committee at 408-263-8942. (More information on page 7.)

That Youthful Glow

The school year is such a busy time that we would hate to miss any significant events in any of the lives of our young people. Some may play piano, some may play football. Others may be a whiz at Math where another may be the next Shakespeare. But all are busy, vibrant members or our community that we certainly don't want to overlook.

As the school year gets rolling, 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, or leave a message at the church office by the monthly **BEACON** deadline. If you email the information please note "Beacon Info" in the subject line. *Don't be shy.* We are excited to hear all and learn more about our exciting young people.

Another Idea for the Garden, Ann Zeise writes:

I saw this in the Post. This might be a way to showcase our lovely butterfly garden and market our church at the same time! We'd need to apply soon, but would have until the end of April to get the garden in tip top shape.

Ann Zeise

Garden Tour

Gardens are being sought to participate in the Sunday, April 29, 2007 "Going Native Garden Tour," which will showcase bird- and butterfly-friendly, and pesticide-free and water conserving gardens.

Gardens must be located in Santa Clara or San Mateo counties, and contain 30 percent or more California native plants.

To submit your garden, visit <http://www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org>.

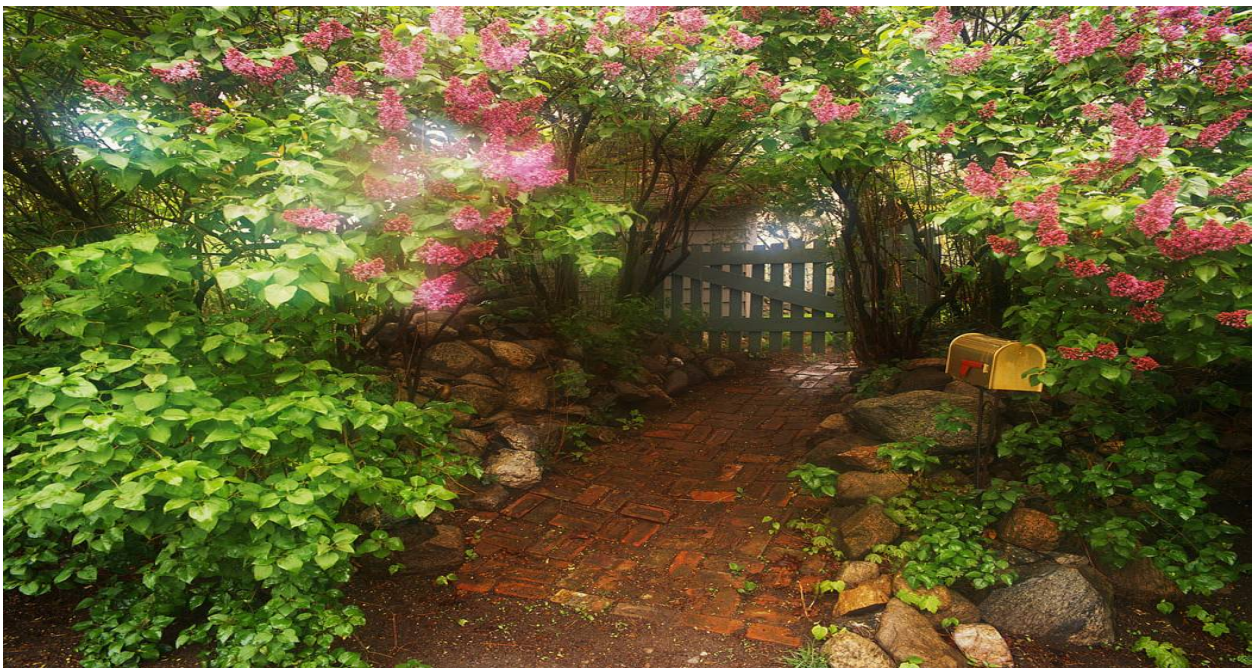
The deadline is Dec. 1.

For more information, e-mail to info@GoingNativeGardenTour.org.

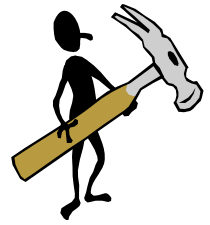
The link above also has notifications of native plant sales and plant exchanges. This may be an excellent way of getting free and low cost cuttings. As the plants take little water, the long term cost should be small... just labor to keep them looking nice.

Something to think about, as we already have a good start, at least one enthusiastic butterfly gardener, a lot of members who love flowers, and a desire to increase our membership.

Ann



TRUSTEES GO MARCHING ONE BY ONE... and then there were many.



Trustee's Report

I want to thank everyone for all the help you have given this summer to the church during our Saturday work parties. The end is in sight; we just need a few more weekends.

We have finished all but 1 post out of 13, and replaced almost all of the diseased fascia boards. We still have to replace some tongue & groove boards, paint the fascia, touch up the posts and go up on top of the roof to replace the drainage with larger drop outlets. I think this will be key to keeping the water from collecting on the roof.

Please see your way to helping us for just a little bit longer. We have saved our Church thousands of dollars by doing this ourselves.

We will have a trustees meeting next Saturday, September 30th, after the work party is over to assess what is left to do.

I think just a few more weeks and we can finish this!

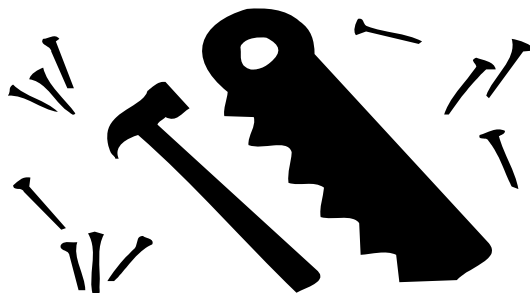
God Bless,

Rolf Haas
President of Trustees

Everyone has been Great!!!

**WE (still) NEED
YOU!**

Thank you and May God Bless !



**Happy Birthday
Wishes to...**

10/07 Herbert Holloway
 10/16 Anita Valderrama
 10/25 Johanne Larsen
 10/25 Bob Fall
 10/25 Bob Martin
 10/31 Aida Cruz



Church Anniversary

10/20 Sue and John Babbel
 10/23 Hylasue Mercurio
 Pam Bini

Income and Expenses
August 2006

INCOME

	<i>August</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,569.74
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,566.97
Special Giving	\$ 57.20
TOTAL	\$10,193.91

EXPENSES

	<i>August</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,066.27
Operating Expense	\$ 5,686.57
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,729.95
TOTAL	\$11,482.79

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$41,060.82
Designated funds	\$44,284.55



September WRAP... At our September WRAP we talked about our upcoming anniversary. Sunnyhills UMC will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary in the fall of 2007. We have received many wonderful ideas and formed a planning committee. Some of our thoughts include having a series of special services which would include former pastors leading up to a celebration with district and conference leaders invited.

Our preliminary committee consists of Jack Freeman as coordinator, Lola Dorsey (our own charter member), Daislyn Pease, Guy Haas, Bob and Jo Roll. Please contact Jack if you have ideas or would like to participate.

Volunteers still needed... Sign-up Today.

Please take a minute after worship on Sunday to sign up in the back of the Sanctuary to help out for one of the following on Sunday mornings:

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 Worship Leaders. 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

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)

November

- 2 Choir Practice
- 5 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- All Saints Sunday
- 7 Election Day
- 9 Choir Practice
- 12 WRAP after Service
- 16 Choir Practice
- 23 **THANKSGIVING** – Church Office Closed
No Choir Practice
- 30 Choir Practice

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