



November 2006

The Beacon

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Thanksgiving is...

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude to God,
our Creator and Provider,
whose guidance and care go before us...
and whose love is with us forever.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the changes,
to remember that we, too, grow and change
from one season of life to another.

Thanksgiving is a time of changing seasons,
when leaves turn golden in Autumn's wake
and apples are crisp in the first chill breezes of fall.

Let us remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving.
As we see the beauty of Autumn, let us acknowledge
the many blessings which are ours...
Let us think of our families and friends..
And let us give thanks in our hearts.
(Author Unknown)

Notes from the editor:



Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. There will be **no Choir practice Thursday, November 23, 2006,** and the **Church office will be closed** due to **Thanksgiving.**

On **November 5th,** there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church.

WRAP -- Next **WRAP** is scheduled for **November 12,** at **11:15 a.m..**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the December issue – Thursday morning, **November 16, 2006.**

The last **game nite** for 2006 will be held on Friday, **December 1st** at **6:30 p.m..**



Dear Friends,

The other day, Joni, our five year old daughter, said to me abruptly, "I miss Yennie". She was just playing when she said so. Yennie is our oldest daughter who left home for her first year in college this September. This was the second time ever since, I recall, Joni said so; and I was quite surprised by Joni's reaction to the change that she was experiencing. Joni, a mere kindergartener, was aware of her older sister was absent from her everyday world, and she was expressing her real feelings about this new change. Incidentally, I received an unexpected phone call from Yennie two weeks ago. The occasion: It was snowing in Chicago. Having grown up in the Bay Area, Yennie had never seen it snowing before. Watching snow accumulate was big news for her.

Since I came to Sunnyhills UMC this July, some of our members, as well as I, have had to face new changes resulting from the relocation and passing of family members. As I have come to terms with my own changes, I realized once again the importance of expressing gratitude in everyday life: Often I rediscover the meaning and value of something or someone when I need to come to terms with their absence.

Here is something I came across about gratitude and I want to share with you:

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have, into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

~ Melody Beattie ~

As we look toward this year's Thanksgiving in the coming weeks, I sincerely hope that it's a time of rediscovery and gratitude for us all.

Sincerely,

Chansoo



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

Choir rehearsals continue Thursday evenings in November at 7:00 p.m.. However, there will be **no choir rehearsal on November 23** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy your feast and may *God Bless*.

Any one interested in joining the choir, don't be shy, just drop on by. (The church that is, on Thursday nights). Just follow the sound of a joyful noise being made unto the Lord. (We have tons of fun too.)



Last... but Certainly not Least...

I know all that came had an absolutely bone-chilling, amazingly, fantastic time at the Halloween – Game nite last month. And I know, it'll be hard to top such an uproariously **FUN** night. But we're going to try!!

Mark your calendar *now* for the next and last Game Nite for 2006. Friday, December 1st will hold fun for all ages and prove to be a night to remember. What a way to kick off December. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m., so don't be late and please bring a snack and favorite game to share.

Vision...Today a Labyrinth, a Garden,...

In a recent sermon Chansoo spoke of a vision for the land area between the street and the sanctuary. There is still time to have your wonderful ideas considered before the decision is made for the future of this land. Please share your comments, interest, ideas or funds, with Chansoo or contact the church office at 262-1486. The more ideas the more beautiful the outcome.

50 Years Young!!

Fall 2007 celebrates 50 years of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. We continue to plan 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.



**Happy Birthday
Wishes to...**

- 11/02 Juanita Westover
- 11/03 Ann Zeise
- 11/04 Marley Spilman
- 11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
- 11/06 Hien Phan
- 11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
- 11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
- 11/14 Margaret Scott
- 11/20 Kristel Tanciangco
- 11/25 Mitchell Joe Westover



Church Anniversary

- 11/16 Eric Larsen &
Jennifer Touchton

**Income and Expenses
*September 2006***

INCOME

	<i>September</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,698.37
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 4,611.88
Special Giving	\$ 51.40
TOTAL	\$ 8,361.65

EXPENSES

	<i>September</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 916.27
Operating Expense	\$ 3,697.61
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,505.69
TOTAL	\$ 9,119.57

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$39,639.87
Designated funds	\$44,095.02





Sunnyhills United Methodist Church will be giving assistance once again to the Milpitas Food Pantry. We are committed to collecting **150 boxes** of Jell-O over the next several weeks. **The Milpitas Food Pantry** will be providing **300 baskets of food** for families in need this Thanksgiving Season. All donations are greatly appreciated and you may do so by bringing the Jell-O to Worship services on November 5th, 12th or 19th. Please feel free to drop the Jell-O off at the Church office, Tuesdays thru Thursdays, 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.. The last day the boxes of Jell-O may be collected is November 19th. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Jo Roll

The Season is Just Around the Corner

We will be caroling this year at the Mt. Pleasant Nursing Center on December 16th. We will gather at the church at 2:45 p.m., and move onto the Nursing Center to carol at 3:00 p.m. We will be caroling there from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. at which time we will break up into smaller groups and continue caroling at the homes of some of our members. After, we will return to the church for supper.

There will be more information to follow, but please mark your calendar before the season is upon us. (Or gets away from us)



Calendar

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

December

- 1 Game Nite
- 3 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 7 Choir Practice
- 8 Blessing of the Animals
- 10 WRAP after Service
- 14 Choir Practice
- 16 Caroling at Mt. Pleasant
- 21 Choir Practice
- 24 Christmas Eve Service

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