



February 2007

The Beacon

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Love is....

IN YOUR EYES

In your eyes, the Angels dance,
In your smile, the heavens rejoice,
Through your voice, cherubs sing, and
Through your touch, all pain is healed.

In your eyes, the Angels dance,
To a tune of joy so wild, and
Deep inside, I see some more,
A world so full of warmth and peace.

In your eyes, the Angels dance,
And if I could, yes, I would join,
In your world of love and fantasy,
Far from the flight of imagination.



Note from the editor:



Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. On **February 4**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church.

The next **Lunch Bunch** will be held at **Casa Azteca** at **Noon** after church on **February 11**. Next **WRAP** is scheduled for **February 25**, at **11:15 a.m.**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the March issue – Thursday morning, **February 15, 2007**.



Perhaps It Is Just a Thought

Our annual church conference was held on January 21st after the worship service with Rev. Nymphas Edwards, the district superintendent, San Jose District, presiding over the conference. I want to thank all who attended the conference and also our church leadership for helping get things ready assuring the conference went well. With the addition of new church officers, we are ready, as an organization, to launch another year of ministry. I also would like to outline some of the things that we are expected to accomplish this year.

First of all, there will be leadership training. Leadership of our church consists of different officers, committee members, and the pastor. Among other things, as an organization, our church life depends on how effectively the leadership fulfills various tasks assigned. This is something obvious. But we know there are sometimes gaps between expectations and outcome. To remove such gaps we will place special emphasis on leadership training. For this, we will use *Local Church Guidelines*, a publication from the General Board of Discipleship, and *the Book of Discipline*. Both are primary materials for leadership training in the United Methodist Church and there will be some minimum reading required. We will also attend the San Jose district training event scheduled for February 25 at Pacific Grove UMC, Pacific Grove. Please mark this date.

Concurrently taking place with the leadership training will be our own church planning. In addition to planning what we have been doing routinely, we will set specific goals for this year and beyond and we will plan how to realize them. Special attention will be given to the idea of starting an ethnic language ministry that would target the Filipino American population in the area. Also, we will explore various community outreach opportunities and at the same time we will look into the possibilities of cooperative work with other churches and non-profit organizations in the area—in fact, there are three other congregations that already use our facilities and two non-profit community service organizations renting our facilities. Also, to be kept in consideration as we plan, this year is the 50th anniversary of our church. Bishop Shamana will be able to attend if we plan the anniversary celebration for July 14.

As I am writing this, I find myself at the half-way point of my first year at Sunnyhills. My view of Sunnyhills has not changed: A group of good people with great potentials. As long as we develop a common vision as a community of faith and a sensible plan for the vision, there may well be a 100th anniversary celebration in the future. It is really foreign to me even to think in this kind of a time frame, and by all likelihood I will not be around by then. But why can't I, even though it may be just a thought? Come to think of it, our children and grandchildren who are among us now may very well be there.

Sincerely,

Chansoo Lee



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

Choir rehearsals raise the rafters **Thursday evenings** in February at **7:00 p.m.**. Any one interested in joining the choir, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. We have tons of fun and are always looking for a few good smiles to lend a voice.



Ash Wednesday Service – February 21, 2007

There will be an Ash Wednesday service, February 21, 2007 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Important Dates to Remember

******Mark Your Calendar Now******

Please make sure to save the date of July 14th for the Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration. More details to follow, but for now, set the date. Anyone interested in helping plan the festivities, please give Jack Freeman a call at 263-8942.



► ***Worship Planning Committee***

The **Worship Planning Committee** will meet at **6:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, February 8, 2007.**

► ***Confirmation Class***

Our Confirmation Class continues in **February** on the **8th** and the **23rd** of the month. We will meet at the church at **6:30 p.m.**. If there are any location changes, members will be notified directly.

► ***Lunch Bunch***

Lunch Bunch will meet **Sunday, February 25, 2007** at **noon**. We will be at **Casa Azteca.**

► ***Trustees Meeting***

There will be a Trustees meeting **Saturday, February 10, 2007** at **9:00 a.m.**

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

02/01 Jeremy Mark Westover
 02/02 Jess Tanciango
 02/18 Pamela J. Bini
 02/21 Robert Roll
 02/23 Sharon Fall
 02/23 Robert Wilbur



Church Anniversary

02/14 Jo and Bob Roll

Income and Expenses *December 2006*

INCOME

	<i>December</i>
Offerings	\$ 4,828.95
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,759.53
Special Giving	\$406.45
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$11,994.93

EXPENSES

	<i>December</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,556.38
Operating Expense	\$ 9,293.44
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,893.61
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$15,743.43

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$36,059.03
Designated funds	\$41,449.65





Volunteers 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:

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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 | A new list for the 2007 is in progress. Some folks have already volunteered in February but more are needed. Thank you for being available when called. |
| 3. Fellowship Hour | Help make coffee, juice, set out cookies or crackers (Yum, we like cookies and crackers) Paper supplies, coffee are available with a small supply of lemonade, crackers and cookies. |

Thank you and God Bless.



Calendar

February

- 1 Choir Practice
- 4 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 8 Choir Practice
- 9 Worship Planning
- 9 Confirmation Class
- 10 Trustees Meeting
- 11 Special Offering
- 11 WRAP after Service
- 15 Choir Practice
- 21 Ash Wednesday
- 22 Choir Practice
- 23 Confirmation Class
- 25 Lunch Bunch – Casa Azteca

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