



March 2007

# The Beacon

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## *Climb 'Til Your Dream Comes True*

Often your tasks will be many,  
and more than you think you can do,  
Often the road will be rugged  
and the hills insurmountable, too.

Always remember, the hills ahead  
are never as steep as they seem,  
and with faith in your heart start upward  
and climb 'til you reach your dream.

Nothing in life that is worthy  
is ever too hard to achieve,  
if you have the courage to try it  
and you have the faith to believe.

Faith is a force that is greater  
than knowledge or power or skill,  
and many defeats turn to triumph  
if you trust in God's wisdom and will.

Faith is a mover of mountains,  
there's nothing that God cannot do,  
So start out today with faith in your heart,  
and "Climb 'til Your Dream Comes True".

Helen Steiner Rice

### **Note from the editor:**

Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. On **March 4**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church. The presenting organization is the Milpitas Post.

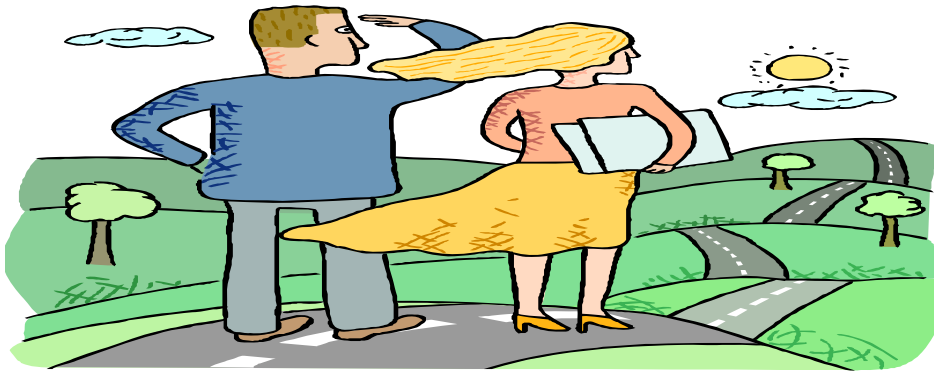
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS on March 11**, and **WRAP** is scheduled for **11:15 a.m.**

The next **Lunch Bunch** will be held at **Fresh Choice**, at **Noon** after church on **March 18**.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the April issue – Tuesday morning, **March 20, 2007**.

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## It Is Time to Envision

*"If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up someplace else."* I came across this quote in a business article; and it was attributed to Yogi Berra, American baseball legend and part-time philosopher. The article was about the importance of having a vision and how to develop a plan to realize the vision. And if I may add, I would even go as far to say, "you'll probably end up at a place where you do not want to be."

This quote is true in my opinion, not only in business, but also in a local church. We can never overemphasize the importance of having a shared vision and plan for a local congregation. It helps a congregation to have a clear sense of direction and a sense of purpose; and thus it motivates the congregation.

In the coming month our church leadership will initiate a visioning process. And I encourage each and every one of you to begin the visioning process by asking the following questions of yourself and share your answers with one another.

These questions are: "What kind of place do I want our church to be within three years?"

"What can I do to make that happen?"

You should not be concerned whether your answers are good enough, because there are no bad answers. What is important is there "is" indeed something you want to see happen at our church (vision) and you express it in your own words.

I am really looking forward to hearing what you have to say.

Blessings to you,

Chansoo Lee



### *Ah One, and Ah Two... "La La La La..."*

Choir rehearsals continue **Thursday evenings** in March 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. Ask any choir member. They love to chat too.



### ► *Lunch Bunch*

Lunch Bunch will meet **Sunday, March 18, 2007** at **noon**. We will be at **Fresh Choice**.

### ► *SUMC 50th Anniversary - July 14*

We have had two meetings to start the planning of our celebration. Bishop Shamana's assistant has reserved **Saturday July 14** for this event. Our plans are to start at 10:00 a.m., with the service at 10:30 a.m. and lunch following.

We plan on decorating the back and side walls and outside walls with banners and pictures. Please check your pictures and memorabilia for contributions to the banners. We are going to vote on our theme at our **March 11<sup>th</sup> WRAP**.

So far the ideas for theme include: 'The Little Church That Could', 'Now What', 'Gathering the Children into the Community', 'Remembering the Past', 'Dawn of the Second Day', and 'For our church family, members and friends, past, present and future'.

What are your thoughts?

Our next planning meeting is **March 25** after service. Please come help us with this wonderful event.

### ► *Movie Night Discussions*

There will be a Movie Night discussion on "The Reckoning", Wednesday, **March 7, 2007** at Kitty and Dave Pascual's at 7:00PM. There will be another Movie Night discussion on "Chocolat", Wednesday, **March 28, 2007** at 7:00PM. Their address is 132 Falcato Drive, Milpitas. Hope to see you there.



### ► *Confirmation Class*

Our Confirmation Class continues in **March** on the **9<sup>th</sup>** and the **23<sup>rd</sup>** 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.

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to...**

- 03/06 Jamie MacLeod
- 03/06 Daislyn Pease
- 03/06 Tyler Tanciango
- 03/09 David Johnson
- 03/14 Ealasaid Haas
- 03/14 Sonya Chow
- 03/26 Huynh Phan



**Church Anniversary**

03/05 Gwen and Jack Freeman

**Income and Expenses  
*January 2007***

**INCOME**

	<i>January</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,165.75
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 5,460.26
Special Giving	\$ 442.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,068.59</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>January</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,085.99
Operating Expense	\$ 2,222.29
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,332.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,640.33</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$36,173.39
Designated funds	\$42,421.41





**Work Days Planned... Please Help with Chairs**

Mini work days are planned for Saturdays, **March 10, March 24, and April 21** to repair and reupholster some of the Sanctuary chairs.

No degree in furniture upholstery is necessary. We will all be working under the expert care and direction of Lola Dorsey. So please come and lend a hand. The work begins at 10:00AM and will end at 2:00PM. Hope to see you there, the more the merrier.



**Don't Forget!!!!**

Daylight Savings time begins March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to set your clocks **forward** one hour before retiring March 10<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to be late for church.





## **Community Breakfast Schedule**

The following is the Community Breakfast Schedule of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the remainder of the 2006-2007 season.

March 4, 2007

Guest Speaker: Robert Devincenzi, Editor  
Milpitas Post

April 1, 2007

Guest Speaker: Gurdev Sandhu  
Sikh Foundation

May 6, 2007

Guest Speaker: Chansoo Lee, Pastor  
Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

June 3, 2007

Guest Speaker: Julie Cherry and Larry Voellger  
Milpitas Alliance of Arts

\* The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association meet the first Wednesday of each month, in Jones Hall, 355 Dixon Road, 7:00 p.m.

\*Each Sunday Breakfast time is 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

\*All participants are responsible for food and paper items, you will be notified in advance.

\*June 3 will be the last breakfast before summer break.

Herbert Holloway, Chair  
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## *A Few Notes About the Committees...*

Many “Thanks” to Rolf and Laurie Haas for their services as Trustee Chair and member. And additional “Thanks” to all the Trustees for their hard work on all the many projects including the major building repairs. New Trustee members include Jo Roll and Jack Freeman, *Good Luck* to them in these new hats. The new Trustee officers are:

Chairperson - Karen Schreifels  
Vice Chair - Ralph Nikolaus  
Secretary - Cliveden Chew Haas

Additional members to Trustees include: Jun Cruz                      Emil Sazon                      Herb Holloway  
Jo Roll                                      Jack Freeman

Staff Parish Relations has a new chairperson: Aida Cruz. Good luck to Aida in this new position. Many, Many “Thanks” goes to Daislyn Pease for her service in this position. Additional members to SPRC include:

Daislyn Pease                      Laine Sazon                      Lola Dorsey  
Gwen Freeman                      Hoan Phan                      Jennifer Touchton  
Bob Roll                                      Guy Haas

New membership secretary is Dee Bragg. Good Luck to her in this position and thank you for taking on this task.

The Lay Leadership Committee consists of: Rev. Chansoo Lee - Chairperson  
Lola Dorsey                      Cliveden Chew Hass      Daislyn Pease  
Eric Larsen                      Laine Sazon                      Jun Cruz  
Bob Roll

Thanks to all of you for serving your church in such a meaningful way and may you all have an enlightening and fun year.



## *Calendar*

### March

- 1 Choir Practice
- 4 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 7 Movie Night discussion at the Pascual's
- 8 Choir Practice
- 9 Confirmation Class
- 10 Work Party for the chairs in the Sanctuary
- 11 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
WRAP after Service
- 15 Choir Practice
- 18 One Great Hour of Sharing  
Lunch Bunch at Noon at Fresh Choice
- 22 Choir Practice
- 23 Confirmation Class
- 24 Work Party for the chairs in the Sanctuary
- 25 Change-over Sunday
- 28 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning after worship  
Movie Night discussion at the Pascual's

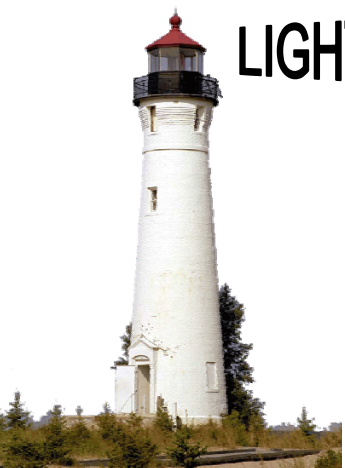
### April

- 1 Palm Sunday  
Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 5 Choir Practice
- 8 Sunrise Service (6:30 a.m.)  
Easter Service
- 12 Choir Practice
- 15 WRAP after Service
- 19 Choir Practice
- 21 Trustees Meeting  
Work Party for the chairs in the Sanctuary
- 22 Anniversary Planning
- 26 Choir Practice
- 29 Change-over Sunday

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