



April 2007

# The Beacon

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## One Solitary Life

*Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.*

*He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself..*

*While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.*

*Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.*

*I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.*

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



Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. On **April 1**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church. The presenting organization is the Sikh Foundation.

**WRAP** is scheduled for **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the April issue – Tuesday morning, **April 17, 2007.**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** is **Change-over Sunday** and the **Lunch Bunch** will meet at **Casa Azteca.**



### *A Day to Remember*

I want to remember March 25, 2007 as a day with special meaning: Three Filipino American families came together and held evening vesper service in Tagalog. The purpose of the gathering was to explore the possibility of starting a Filipino ethnic language ministry at Sunnyhills. Rev. Emily Sazon gave a message and I was asked to lead a prayer. After the service there was a pot-luck. Since I do not speak Tagalog, I understood only when English was spoken—I speak Korean and English. However, being a first generation immigrant myself, I felt I was able to relate a lot despite the language barrier.

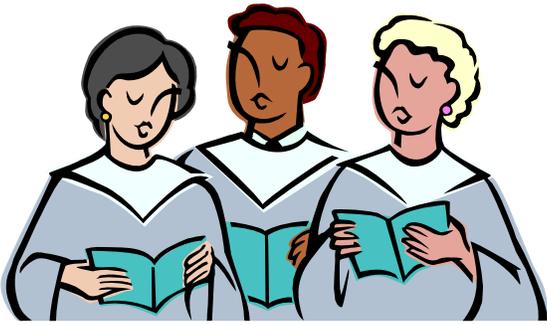
For first generation immigrants, English is a language that they have learned, not been born into. They can speak English well enough to function here in the United States. But often in situations where they have to communicate in English, they feel they do not fully own their experience, and feel less connected to their experience. Experiencing the connection with God and self is an integral part of worship. Choice of language is very important in worship situation.

I felt we shared a lot in common when I led the prayer, and it was in English. I felt it was a gathering of “distant cousins” who met one another for the first time. Allow me to explain what I mean by this. About a hundred years ago Protestant Christianity was first introduced to the Philippines and Korea by missionaries from the United States, England, Scotland, Canada, and Australia. Methodist churches grew in the Philippines, while Presbyterian churches became dominant in Korea. As we prayed together we affirmed that Christ brought us together even though we came from different places.

Our community has become more diverse culturally, and exploring the possibility of starting an ethnic language ministry reflects such changes. Furthermore such changes have brought new challenges for us. But I feel I want to welcome such challenges, because it will be an opportunity to experience the power of Christian faith in a new way.

Blessings to you,

Chansoo Lee



► **SUMC 50th Anniversary - July 14**

We have had three (or four) meetings to continue the planning of our celebration.

**Saturday July 14** is the date for this event and a **Theme has been chosen.**

We will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the theme of our **Dawn of a New Day.**

The next planning meeting for this Grand Event will be **April 22, 2007** and **ALL** are encouraged to attend.

We will be making some very important decisions regarding the menu and invitations to name just a few. **YOUR INPUT IS INVALUABLE!!**

We want to try to ensure everyone has an opportunity to share their ideas, so please mark your calendar to attend this next meeting, Sunday April 22, directly after Worship. See Ya There!

**Also...** Please check among your old pictures and memorabilia to help decorate the banners. There will be banners all around the back and outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you for checking into your archives.

► **Next Stop, "American Idol!!"**

Choir rehearsals continue **Thursday evenings** in April at **7:00 p.m.**. Any one interested in joining the choir, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. Music, we got that. Smiles, we got that. More voices, that's where you come in. We all hope to see you on Thursday.



► **Time to Envision**

There will be a Visioning Workshop facilitated by Chansoo in the Sanctuary from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Where do we see ourselves and our church in three years? Come and lets envision together.

► **Trustees**

The Trustees committee will meet **Saturday, April 21, 2007** at **9:00AM** in **Jones Hall.**



► **Movie Night Discussions**

The Movie night discussion of "Chocolat" has been changed from March 28<sup>th</sup> to **April 4, 2007**. The discussion will be held at the home of the Pascual's. Their address is 132 Falcato Drive, Milpitas. Hope to see you there.

► **Youth Scores Big with Calendars!!**

The Sunnyhills Youth Ministry Fund Raiser has collected \$510.00! WOW!! The funds will go toward the youth's upcoming conference retreats. Thanks to everyone for supporting our youth activity, and thanks to our church leaders for approving our fund raisers to happen in December every year by selling New Year's calendars. An extra Special **Thanks** to Karen Schreifels who did a huge sale of our calendars by extending our Youth fund raising ministry to her friends, family and co-workers.

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to...**

04/10 Janyce Singleton  
 04/15 Marilyn Ray  
 04/19 Jennifer Touchton  
 04/22 Marcia Crawford  
 04/27 John Marcus  
 04/27 Leola Saterwhite



**Income and Expenses  
February 2007**

**INCOME**

	<i>February</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,517.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 4,746.59
Special Giving	\$ 73.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,337.34

**EXPENSES**

	<i>February</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,085.99
Operating Expense	\$ 3,197.12
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,442.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 8,726.09

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$36,553.54
Designated funds	\$ 9,681.16



**Work Days Coming along... Your Help with Chairs is Immeasurable**

Mini work days have come and gone for Saturdays, **March 10, March 24**, and let me tell you the difference a couple of days can make. The chairs are really shaping up. Please take a minute to give them a look. Some of the tops and bottoms both are improved tremendously. We really made a great deal of progress this last work day. It is amazing to see how much gets done when a production process is staged. We had gluing, stapling and stretching all going on at the same time. It was great, and so productive.

But we're not quite done. Please join us on the last day of this project, **April 21** to help finish up and stand back to see what we've done. Lola has been a great teacher and I know I am thrilled with what I've learned. The work begins at 10:00AM and will end at 2:00PM. Hope to see you there.



**Hey Everyone, Picture This...**

The **2007 Milpitas Camera Club** will hold its 4th Annual Show:

\* May 4 - 18, 2007 at the City Hall Rotunda

There will be a Reception at City Hall on May 4, 2007 at 7 p.m., with an Open House on May 5, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Exhibits to be shown include the following:

- \* Milpitas Camera Club members' prints
- \* Milpitas High School students' prints
- \* Multi-media presentation "Milpitas"

The theme is "Milpitas." and Sunnyhills United Methodist Church member **Ann Zeise** will have some of her photos in the show.

The show can be seen at the above-mentioned times and dates and also at any time City Hall is open for business or meetings.

(Ann, I look forward to seeing your beautiful prints.)





## Easter

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 A.M. on the front Lawn.  
Please bring a Finger Food Breakfast dish to share after the service.

Easter Service will be at 9:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the lawn right after Worship Service.  
(Happy Hunting)

### ***Calling All Part-time Easter Bunnies!***

Please be reminded of the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday *after* Worship Service. Contributions of candy, plastic eggs, and other “egg-stuffing” items are needed. Please bring them to Church Palm Sunday, or drop them by the Church Office during the week. **ANY OLDER YOUTH** interested in helping, please contact Gwen Freeman at (408) 263-8942.



### **Special Offerings... Special People**

There will be a special offering taken on Sunday, April 22, 2007 to benefit our Youth Group. This offering helps our wonderful youth be able to participate in special events and camps throughout the year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Change-Over Sunday** occurs on **April 29<sup>th</sup>** this month. This invaluable ministry benefits the **Milpitas Food Pantry** and the **San Jose Family Shelter**. What a difference we all make when we dedicate our pocket change (+). Daislyn said it best, checks work too. Thanks so much for your support with this very worthy cause.

## **Community Breakfast Schedule**

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

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.

***(Sunnyhills United Methodist Church will host the Community Breakfast on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Chansoo will be the speaker. Please contact Gwen Freeman at (408) 263-8942 if you are able to bring items for a continental breakfast)***

\*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  
(408) 262-2734



# Calendar

## April

- 1 Palm Sunday  
Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 5 Choir Practice
- 8 Sunrise Service (6:30 a.m.)  
Finger-food Potluck  
Easter Service
- Easter Egg Hunt (after 9:30 a.m. 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

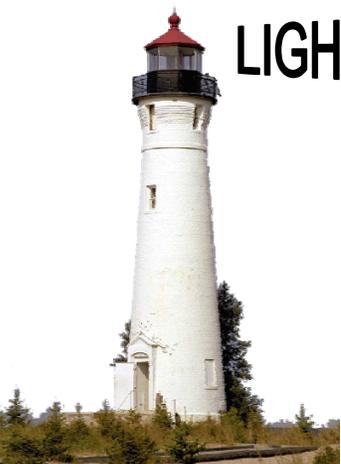
## May

- 3 Choir Practice
- 6 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall  
Hosted by SUMC, Chansoo speaking  
WRAP after service at 11:15
- 10 Choir Practice
- 13 *Mother's Day*
- 17 Choir Practice
- 20 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning meeting at 11:15
- 24 Choir Practice
- 28 *Memorial Day*
- 31 Choir Practice

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