



# The Beacon

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*Dedicated and given to all Mothers...*

## Hugs

Its wondrous what a hug can do, A hug can cheer you when your blue  
A hug can say "I love you so", or "Gee, I hate to see you go."!

A Hug is "Welcome back again!" and "Great to see you!". or "Where've you been?".

A hug can soothe a small child's pain and bring a rainbow after rain.  
The Hug! There's just no doubt about it, we scarcely could survive without it.  
A hug delights and warms and charms. It must be why God gave us arms.

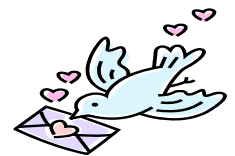
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers, sweet for sisters, swell for brothers,  
and chances are some favorite aunt, loves them more than potted plants.

Kittens crave them. Puppies love them. Heads of State are not above them.  
A hug can break the language barrier, and make the dullest day seem merrier.

No need to fret about the store of em. The more you give, the more there are of em.  
So stretch those arms without delay, And give someone (or more than one) a hug today!

*Anonymous*

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



Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. On **May 6**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church. Sunnyhills UMC is the presenting organization and Pastor Chansoo will be speaking. Contributions are needed for the continental breakfast. Please see page 3 for details.

**WRAP** is also scheduled for **May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the June issue – Wednesday morning, **May 23, 2007.**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> is Change-over Sunday.**



This is an interim report that I want to share with all of you after the two visioning meetings we have had so far.

Participants in both meetings were asked to answer two questions: “What do you want to see happen at Sunnyhills UMC in three years”? And, “What can you do to make it happen?” However, the discussions were not limited to these questions; the participants also shared their views, for instance, on who we are, as well as the changes that Sunnyhills has encountered in the community.

To summarize, the common self-perception expressed was: Sunnyhills UMC is an inclusive, welcoming, community church with liberal inclination to a certain extent. The participants were clearly aware of the changes that both Sunnyhills UMC and its community have gone through. The so-called, “dot com bubble” had brought about a significant inflow of ethnic immigrants to the community; but the subsequent burst of “the bubble” brought about a significant down turn to the local economy, which in turn forced people to move due to loss of job.

This affected the membership situation of Sunnyhills UMC and basically, the loss has been more than the gain. The participants expressed a desire to see Sunnyhills grow back. Concerning how this can be achieved, Sunnyhills needs to find ways to make itself more visible in the community. Starting ethnic language ministries for first generation immigrants was suggested for membership growth; various age level ministries need to be created.

As I was preparing this interim report, I could see that our vision is gradually taking shape. We want to grow as a community church, with an inclusive and welcoming congregation, carrying out ministries relevant to the community that has been going through significant changes resulting from changing conditions of the local economy.

Preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on July 14 is taking up much of our time and energy. The meetings to continue this visioning process will resume after the celebration. In the meantime I would like to encourage all our members to continue to participate in this visioning process individually by sharing your ideas, views, and thoughts with me.

Peace to You All,

*Chansoo*



► "Sing...Sing A Song... Let the World...Sing Along..."

Choir rehearsals continue **Thursday evenings** in May at **7:00 p.m.**. Any one interested in joining the choir, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. There's plenty of music to go around, and if we come up short, we'll gladly share. Hope to see ya soon.



► SUMC's 50th - Dawn of a New Day

July 14

Plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are progressing smoothly. We not only have the date and theme, but the **menu** has been chosen and we are now working on decorations.

If you have addresses of former members, please give them to Gwen Freeman. We would like to invite them to this monumental celebration.

The next planning meeting for this Grand Event will be **May 20, 2007** and **ALL** are encouraged to attend.

If you have been unable to attend any of the previous meetings, here's your chance. We want to ensure everyone has an opportunity to share their ideas, so please mark your calendar to attend this next meeting, Sunday **May 20**, directly after Worship.

*Also...* Please double-check among your old pictures and memorabilia to help decorate the banners. We are working on the decorations now and don't want to miss any of those "*Precious Memories*". Thanks again for checking.

► SPRC

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet **Saturday, May 19, 2007** at **10.00AM** in the **Church Office**.

► Lay Speakers and Lay Leaders

There will be a **Lay Speakers** meeting on **Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00AM to 10:30AM** in the Sanctuary.

There will be a **Lay Leadership** meeting on **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00AM** in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please contact Chansoo.



► The Trustees

The Trustees are planning two workdays in the *near* future. Please mark your calendars to come lend a hand on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Both workdays will begin at **9:00AM**. The work crew will be focusing on the outside fascia boards and trim, along with beautification of all the garden paths in preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Your participation is much needed... and soooo appreciated.



► Annual Conference –  
The week of June 19 – 24  
*Please mark your calendar early.*

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to...**

05/05 Sarah Chow  
 05/12 Leah Marcus  
 05/14 Gwen Freeman  
 05/15 Jo Roll  
 05/18 Jack Spilman  
 05/28 Vilma Ware



**Church Anniversary**

05/04 Katherine and Ole Twite  
 05/21 Laurie and Rolf Haas  
 05/25 Jess and Lelaine Tanciango

**Income and Expenses  
March 2007**

**INCOME**

	<i>March</i>
Offerings	\$ 2,895.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 4,286.58
Special Giving	\$ 342.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,524.12</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>March</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,522.99
Operating Expense	\$ 2,124.13
Pastor and Staff	\$ 6,137.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,785.05</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$34,292.61
Designated funds	\$ 9,466.90



## *Your Help with Chairs is Immeasurable... Just a Few More Days*

The chairs are really shaping up but we still have a way to go to finish them up. We hoped to be done in April, however we still need a couple of more days and all the hands we can get to help out.

Please lend a hand on **May 5<sup>th</sup>** and **May 19<sup>th</sup>** from **10:00AM to 1:00PM**. Lola, with her infinite patience will be there to work and coach us on, so no one needs to be an expert. She can teach us all we need to know.

**Change-Over Sunday** occurs on **May 27<sup>th</sup>** this month. This invaluable ministry benefits the **Milpitas Food Pantry** and the **San Jose Family Shelter**. This ministry has been going very well and we have been able to make a difference for many who need it. **Thank you** for your contributions. **YOU** truly make a difference!

## **Community Breakfast Schedule**

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

May 6, 2007

Guest Speaker: Chansoo Lee, Pastor  
Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

*(Sunnyhills United Methodist Church will host this Breakfast on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gwen Freeman at (408) 263-8942 if you are able to bring items for a continental breakfast (Bagels, muffins, juice, coffee etc)*

June 3, 2007

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

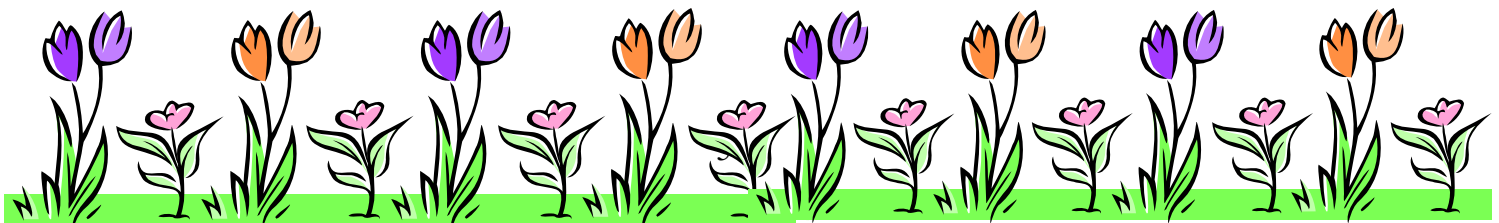
\* The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association meet the first Wednesday of each month, in Jones Hall, 355 Dixon Road, 7:00 p.m.

\*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  
(408) 262-2734



## ***The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Filipino Language Ethnic Ministry***

By Pastor Emil Sazon

The first historical gathering of Filipino American ministry was held at Sunnyhills United Methodist Church on March 25, 2007. In this gathering the Lord revealed His mission through each and everyone who were present that day. They shared their dreams, visions, and committed to meet every Sunday to continue the ministry. In the meeting we are continuing to build the foundation because we believe the success of this ministry is based on the strength of its foundation, the basic Christian foundation:

**The ministry is Christ-centered fellowship.** Jesus Christ is always the center of our ministry because without Jesus Christ on this gathering will only remain the same with other social gathering. Christ-centered gathering means to worship and bring back all the glory of our Lord.

**The ministry is rooted on the word of God.** If the ministry is rooted on the word of God, rooted on God's love and promises then the ministry will be productive. We learned and experienced that without meditating the word of God we become weak, becoming confused, thus no direction.

**The ministry recognizes the importance of prayer based on the history and experience of early Christians.** Early Christian grew faster mainly because they prayed together. We are challenged to find a growing church and to discover that it is actually a praying church. Prayer reveals the relationship with the Lord. God speaks, we listen. We made known what we want and God responds.

In the duration of our meeting, we decided to use the Filipino language to communicate better. We will use Bibles in Filipino version eventually hymns and songs. There is a very nice story in our last meeting while I was praying one of the attendee expressed herself by saying while we were praying the Lord spoke to me, "We should visit Filipinos in our community and she even initiated to give offerings in the church." These are all positive signs by God's grace, Filipino Language Ministry will be established rooted in Sunnyhills United Methodist Church.

Lastly, let us always remember that the success and growth of the ministry is not because of somebody but because of the Holy Spirit. All glory should be given back to the Lord! Amen. Praise the Lord!



## Calendar

### May

- 3 Choir Practice
- 5 Lay Speakers meeting
- 5 Work Party for the chairs in the Sanctuary
- 6 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 6 Hosted by SUMC, Chansoo speaking
- 6 WRAP after service at 11:15
- 10 Choir Practice
- 13 *Mother's Day*
- 17 Choir Practice
- 19 Trustees work party
- 19 SPRC meeting
- 20 Work Party for the chairs in the Sanctuary
- 20 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning meeting at 11:15
- 23 **BEACON DEADLINE**
- 24 Choir Practice
- 27 Change-over Sunday
- 28 *Memorial Day*
- 31 Choir Practice

### June

- 2 Anniversary Work Party
- 3 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
- 7 Choir Practice
- 9 Trustees Meeting
- 10 WRAP after Service
- 14 Choir Practice
- 16 Lay Leadership Meeting
- 19-24 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
- 21 Choir Practice
- 24 Anniversary Planning
- 24 Change-over Sunday
- 28 Choir Practice

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