



The Beacon

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June 2007

Quiet Hero

My Hero is the quiet type,
no marching bands, no media hype,
but through my eyes it's plain to see,
a hero, God has sent to me.

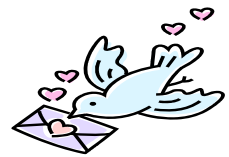
With gentle strength and quiet pride,
all self concern is set aside,
to reach out to our fellow man,
and be there with a helping hand.

Heroes are a rarity,
a blessing to humanity.
With all they give and all they do,
I'll bet the thing you never knew,
My quiet hero has always been you.

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Note from the editor:



Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. On **June 3**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church. The Art of Living Foundation is the presenting organization.

WRAP is scheduled for **June 10th at 11:15 a.m.** after Worship.

BEACON DEADLINE: For the July issue – Wednesday morning, **June 20, 2007.**

June 24th is **Change-over Sunday.**

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A Pre-Annual Conference Reflection

This year's California Nevada Annual Conference will be held during the week of June 18th. And, the conference theme will be "Celebrating Our Diversity and Unity in Christ"; the theme, taken from the overall vision statement, carries with it a challenge to us to "move toward a future where every congregation names and celebrates our identity and bears fruits of respect, love, and mutual ministry." I welcome the choice of theme because I expect the discussion at the annual conference will address various issues that Sunnyhills is facing.

The reality of cultural diversity and the question regarding church unity within the United Methodist Church is both new and old. As an old theme, the reality of cultural diversity began to emerge around 1965 when the United States re-opened its door to the Asian immigrants. In subsequent decades, significant growth, for instance, of ethnic local churches and ethnic pastors with recent immigrant background resulted from this. But, the emerging reality did not stop there but continued to evolve; and it has become more complex than it used to be.

For this reason the conference theme is something new. The ethnic make-up, for instance, of local congregations have become more diverse as new ethnic immigrant groups began to arrive and the number of ethnic pastors under cross cultural appointment has steadily grown. The existing local congregations themselves are becoming more ethnically diverse which has lead, in some cases, to a situation, that I would call, "reverse cross cultural appointment."

The wording of the conference theme implies challenges lie in naming the identity of particular local congregation and affirming the cultural diversity of the congregation. Coming to terms with the challenges may become more complicated if we include, in addition to race, ethnicity, and gender, the issue of sexual orientation to the debate as an issue pertaining to cultural diversity.

However, the example of the early church can be instructive in this regard. When the early church was debating over imposing circumcision on the gentile converts, the underlying issue was whether to be accepting of the diversity of culture within the church represented by the gentiles. In the process of settling the debate, the early church discovered the gospel and thus in turn discovered itself.

Peace to You All,

Chansoo



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

Choir rehearsal is **cancelled** for Thursday **June 7th**, but will resume the following **Thursday**, at **7:00 p.m.**. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please drop by the Sanctuary around 7:00 p.m.. The choir hopes to see ya soon.



► Annual Conference –
The week of June 19 – 24
It's coming quick.

► Lay Leaders

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

► The 50th Anniversary Celebration

is coming along and *Getting Close*. There is still plenty to do. Please contact Jack Freeman at 263-8942 if you are able to devote any time, talent or monetary support. The next planning meeting for this wonderful event is scheduled for **June 24th** after Worship. Your input is very important.



► The Trustees

The Trustees are planning on one more workday in the *near* future. Please mark your calendars to come lend a hand on **Saturday, June 2nd**. The workday will begin at **9:00AM**. The work crew will continue to focus on the outside fascia boards and beautification of all the garden paths in preparation for the 50th Anniversary celebration. Your participation is truly needed and greatly appreciated.

► The Office

Rhonda McDonald will be on vacation from June 9th to June 25th, returning on June 26th. Please have all **Beacon** information in by June 26th. She'll be racing against the clock to get the July **Beacon** out on time. *Thank you!*

**Happy Birthday
Wishes to...**

06/18 Lola Dorsey
 06/22 Catherine Deppe
 06/24 Eric Larsen
 06/28 Laine Sazon



Church Anniversary

06/21 Janyce and Jim Singleton
 06/21 Ron and Marilyn Ray
 06/23 Jack and Marley Spilman
 06/27 Eugenia and Don Egbert
 06/27 Anna and Huy Phan

Income and Expenses
April 2007

INCOME

	<i>April</i>
Offerings	\$ 4,039.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,311.88
Special Giving	\$ 76.34
TOTAL	\$10,427.22

EXPENSES

	<i>April</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,085.99
Operating Expense	\$ 2,949.08
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,499.24
TOTAL	\$ 9,534.31

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$35,186.08
Designated funds	\$10,060.92



Change-Over Sunday occurs on **June 24** this month. The **Milpitas Food Pantry** and the **San Jose Family Shelter** are two very important programs that need our help all year round. This ministry continues to thrive and make a difference for many. Summertime is a busy time for many of us but please, remember this essential offering and **Thank you** for your contributions.

Community Breakfast Schedule

Just one more Community Breakfast scheduled for the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association in the 2006-2007 season.

All are welcome to join us:

June 3, 2007

Guest Speaker: Rekha Kodialeain
Art of Living Foundation

* 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.

Have a great summer.

Herbert Holloway, Chair
(408) 262-2734

It's Busy Around Our Campus

(again.) Plans for the 50th anniversary are coming along - we have the menu set, decorations decided, entertainment scheduled, flyer ready for distribution.... And have you noticed the wonderful work proceeding on the fascia repair? Several people put in some long hours working on the fascia repair. Several people have also put in a lot of hours working on the chairs - Work has been progressing off-site.

Guy Haas has been cutting boards and Lola Dorsey has been cutting and stitching fabric - and several others have been assembling. Isn't it nice to see all the work showing? Remember to say 'Thank you' to all those putting in extra time. If you want to make a monetary donation to the costs for the fascia repair, chairs and/or 50th anniversary just make a notation on your check and place it in the offering plate.



Calendar

June

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

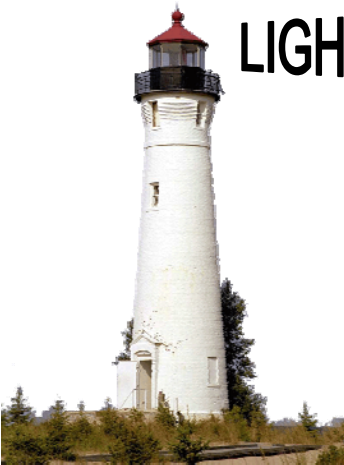
July

- 5 Choir Practice
- 12 Choir Practice
- 13 Celebration Set-up
- 14 *SUMC 50th Anniversary Celebration*
- 19 *BEACON DEADLINE*
- 29 Change-over Sunday

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