



October 2007

# The Beacon

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## WHEN

I must be thankful for what is and stop thinking about what is not.

-- Nancy Wood

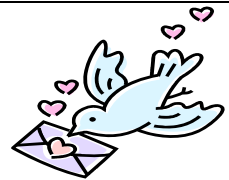
In one of his journal notations, Thomas Merton writes that we are always thinking that our life will truly be happy "when". We are not satisfied with what is currently our situation because we have it in our mind that our life won't be happy until something else occurs: when I have one more thing I want, when I get rid of that personality flaw of mine, when I can finally have life as I have always dreamed it to be, when I am truly successful, when I learn to pray better, when I find the right person in my life, when, when, when...

Waiting for the "when" keeps me from appreciating what I now have. Longing for promises and dreaming dreams is not a harmful deed as long as the present moment is not overlooked, as long as gratitude rises for what is already here, as long as I do not base my happiness on what is still wanting. Thankfulness for what has already been given is the foundation for hoping for what is not yet.

Today I am going to put aside my "when this happens" and my "if only this could be" and my "when things get better" and my "as soon as I have this". I am going to harvest what I now have, gather all the many gifts that are already mine. I am going to observe what has been placed in the granary of my heart and marvel at the abundance.

I will stand before this heap of blessings and take a long, grateful look. I will say farewell to my "when" and be thankful for what is.

**Annual Charge Conference  
October 1, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.**



### Note from the Editor:

**Choir practices** continue in October on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.**

On **October 7th at 7:00 a.m.** there will be a community Breakfast hosted by the **India Community Center**, before church, in **Jones Hall**.

**WRAP** will meet after Worship on **October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the November issue – Friday, **October 19, 2007**.

**October 28th is Change-over Sunday.**

**(Please see Page 3 for more calendar details.)**



The Book of Genesis begins with “In the beginning. . . “

Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church this July was an occasion for me to see things from a historical perspective. It gave me an opportunity to look back and acknowledge the accomplishments made by the congregation. And, as I try to vision what our church would be like in the future, I realize how difficult it is to make our vision into reality.

Come to think of it, whether speaking of Jesus, or his disciples, even the founding members of our church, what they did was making the visions they had into reality. As we already know from the accounts from the New Testament, because of the vision he had for a new world, he had to “lay down” his own life. And, we also learned about the hardships, and even persecutions, the early Christians had to endure because of their allegiance with Jesus. And, I imagine, in the case of the founders of our church fifty years ago. There were reasons why a particular group of people came together and decided to start a church. And, they developed a plan and worked with a plan.

Earlier this year we started our own visioning process, which was on hold because of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. And now we are about to resume the process. I want to encourage our members to place themselves in the place of Jesus, early Christians, and the founding members of our church and try to answer what were the visions they had and why they came to gather and start churches? And what was required of them in starting their churches?

I will lead a series of Bible study this fall beginning September 30 Sunday. I will bring my insights to the Bible study and provide perspectives as we try to answer the questions that I raised above. And, starting in my next Beacon article I will share the substance of the Bible study in the form of summary. And, I want to invite all.

*Chansoo*



► **WRAP it up!**

**WRAP** will be held directly after worship service, **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

► **"Mi..Mi..Mi.."**

Our wonderful choir started up again in September and WOW, do they sound great! Come join in the fun at **7:00 p.m.** on **Thursdays** in the **Sanctuary** as we have our weekly dose of practice and more fun times. We hope to see you soon.



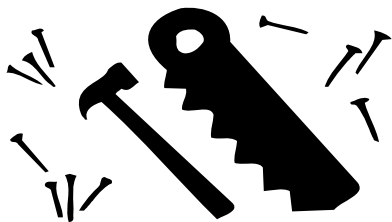
► **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will gather at **Omega** on Park Victoria at **11:45a.m.** on **October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

► **Youth Confirmation Classes**

The Youth Confirmation Classes will continue on **Saturdays**, at **1:00 p.m.** in **October** in the **church office**. Please note the time is one hour earlier than last month.

Here's to another year of enlightenment and challenges together. Please see page 5 for further information about our Youth.



► **Trustees**

The next Trustees Meeting will be on **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00 a.m.**



► ***Change-Over Sunday is  
October 28<sup>th</sup>!!***

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to...**

10/07 Herbert Holloway  
 10/16 Anita Valderrama  
 10/25 Joanne Larsen  
 10/25 Bob Martin  
 10/31 Aida Cruz



**Happy Anniversary!**

10/20 Sue and John Babel  
 10/23 Hylasue Mercurio and  
 Pam Bini

**Income and Expenses  
August 2007**

**INCOME**

	<i>August</i>
Offerings	\$3,091.86
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,083.29
Special Giving	\$1,193.79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,368.94</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>August</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,085.99
Operating Expense	\$ 2,840.00
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,065.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,991.13</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$ 35,619.68
Designated funds	\$ 12,215.47





***Youth Fundraiser 2007***

Don't forget to purchase your 2008 calendar early through our very own Sunnyhills Youth Ministry Fundraiser! This year's proceeds will go to our 2007-08 Confirmants' conference and retreat registration/transportation. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions and support for this year's faith confirmation ministry. If you bought one last year I think you will agree that these are beautiful pictures of nature with Biblical reflections.



***Youth Christmas Institute 2007***

Sponsored by the Filipino Ministry of California Pacific Annual Conference  
December 26 – 31  
Place: TBA

Youth Christmas Institute is a time for reflections and while engaging the youths are taking some precious time away from close friends and family they will also be meeting other young Christians coming from different places, far and near. Above all, they will be getting the opportunity of witnessing other Christians and experiencing God through prayer, Bible study, fellowship, praise songs, meditation, revival, worship, and other spiritual activities.

Our participants will be exposed in various ways of making a closer relationship to our Almighty God and most of all, not simply understanding salvation but rather experiencing salvation through the grace of our Lord Jesus and claiming on their own as a Christian, a disciple of Christ and a witness to his everlasting love.

If you think that your youth (12 to 18 years old) will benefit from this activity please contact Emil or Laine Sazon at 408-410-2784 or should you have questions regarding this event.





**SCRIP IT**

Scrip is available again for all your Fall needs. First up is Halloween. Fun and Frivolity for the Fall. Here’s some suggestions which will help you prepare while you help out Sunnyhills:

**FOR**

Candies, Costumes and Decorations

**BUY SCRIP**

Longs, Walgreen’s

Books

Borders, Barnes & Nobles, Amazon.com

Fall Fashions

Gap/Old Navy, JC Penney, Lowe’s, Macy’s, T J Max/Marshall’s

Treats for the kids and Mom and Dad

Jamba Juice, Baskin Robbins, Starbucks

Gas to go to the Pumpkin patch

Arco gas card

Have some fun before the real hectic season arrives.

AMC tickets, dinner out at Chevy’s, Chili’s, Marie Callendar’s, Olive Garden, etc.

Have we forgotten anything? I don’t think so and just think, all of these benefit Sunnyhills United Methodist Church.

Catch up to Daislyn Pease to order Scrip most Sundays after Worship.

***Adult Sunday School Class - Is Off and Running***

September 30<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of a new Sunday School Class here at Sunnyhills, for **Adults**. The new Sunday School Class will meet after fellowship at 11:00 a.m. for one hour in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask Chansoo and we hope to see you there.

***Upcoming Schedule of Lay Speakers***

The following Lay Speakers are scheduled to preach in the next few months. Laine Sazon is scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>. Daislyn Pease will speak on October 28<sup>th</sup> and Eric Larson will lead our service on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for participating in such a valuable ministry.



## Community Breakfast Schedule

The following is the Community Breakfast Schedule of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the 2007-2008 season.

October 7, 2007  
India Community Center  
Chitra Vivek, President

November 4, 2007  
Milpitas Unified School District  
Dr. Karl Black, Superintendent

December 2, 2007  
Milpitas Police Department  
Dennis Graham, Chief

January 6, 2008  
Traffic Reduction Committee  
Allysson and Jim Smith

February 3, 2008  
Black Caucus  
Jimmie and Lana Kennon

March 2, 2008  
Milpitas Post  
Robert Devincenzi, Editor

April 6, 2008  
Sikh Foundation  
Gurdev Sandhu

May 4, 2008  
Milpitas Library  
Linda Arbaugh

June 1, 2008  
Milpitas Parks and Recreation  
Bonnie Greiner

\* The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association meet the first Wednesday of each month, in Jones Hall of the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church at 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 1st will be the last breakfast before summer break.

Herbert Holloway, Chair  
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## Calendar

### October

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 4 Choir
- 6 Trustees Meeting
- 6 Confirmation Class
- 7 Community Breakfast
- 7 World Communion Sunday
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 11 Choir
- 13 Confirmation Class
- 14 Lunch Bunch at Omega on Park Victoria
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 18 Choir
- 19 *Beacon Deadline*
- 20 Confirmation Class
- 21 WRAP after Service
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 25 Choir
- 27 Confirmation Class
- 28 Change-over Sunday
- 29 Centering Prayer

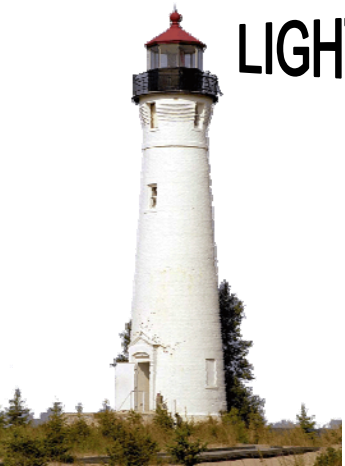
### November

- 1 Choir
- 4 Community Breakfast
- 5 Centering Prayer
- 8 Choir
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 15 Choir
- 18 WRAP after Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer
- 21 *Beacon Deadline*
- 22 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- 25 Change Over Sunday
- 26 Centering Prayer
- 29 Choir

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# LIGHT FOR LIVING AND GROWING