



November 2007

# The Beacon

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## Thanksgiving

(Lizelia Augusta Jenkins Moorer)

Let us give thanks to God above, thanks for expressions of His love,  
Seen in the book of nature grand, taught by His love on every hand.

Let us be thankful in our hearts, thankful for all the truth imparts,  
For the religion of our Lord, all that is taught us in His word.

Let us be thankful for a land, that will for such religion stand;  
One that protects it by the law, one that before it stands in awe.

Thankful for all things let us be, though there be woes and misery;  
Lessons they bring us for our good- Later 'twill all be understood.

Thankful for peace o'er land and sea, thankful for signs of liberty,  
Thankful for homes, for life and health, pleasure and plenty, fame and wealth.

Thankful for friends and loved ones, too, thankful for all things, good and true,  
Thankful for harvest in the fall, thankful to Him who gave it all.



### Note from the Editor:

**Choir practices** continue in **November** on **Thursdays** at **7:00 p.m.** (Except **November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**) **Happy Thanksgiving!**

On **November 4th** at **7:00 a.m.** there will be a community Breakfast hosted by the **Milpitas Unified School District**, before church, in **Jones Hall**.

**WRAP** will meet after Worship on **November 18th**.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the December issue – Monday, **November 19, 2007**.

**November 25th** is **Change-over Sunday**. (Please see **Page 3** for more calendar details.)



## A Forgotten Dream

Korean Ethnic Language Ministry at Sunnyhills is going to have its first gathering on November 4 in the afternoon. It is a component of a larger growth plan for Sunnyhills under the concept of “ethnic language ministry.” Growth of Asian immigrant population both in Milpitas and its neighboring cities has provided new opportunities for congregational growth. Among the Filipinos and Koreans is particularly the case. Earlier this spring, under the leadership of Pastor Sazon, Filipino Ethnic Language Ministry got started, and now another Ethnic Language Ministry in Korean is set to start.

Starting a ministry in Korean has a special meaning for me. I feel as if I am beginning to remember a forgotten dream. I came to the United States in 1974 and I received my deacon’s order in 1983, which coincided with my graduation from a seminary on the East coast. This past summer I was going through my old papers and came across copies of my essays that I had submitted as part of my application for ordination and also for seminary admission. And, one of the reasons for entering the ministry, as they were expressed in the essays, was both my interest and concern for the Korean immigrants—in 1970’s there were less than a half dozen Korean immigrant churches in the greater New York area where I and my family arrived as immigrants; now, by contrast, in the Bay Area alone there are more than one hundred Korean churches. In other words, Korean immigrant churches have grown dramatically all over the United States.

When I wrote those essays I never imagined that I would be in a situation which I am now at Sunnyhills. Now I feel my forgotten dream has evolved into a vision; and I realize this vision is larger than the dream I once had because our community has become racially, ethnically, and culturally more diverse than ever before. And I am firmly convinced that diversity is a source of strength rather than weakness. For practical reason, for instance, I expect that Ethnic Language Ministries will provide immediate congregational growth at Sunnyhills; and in turn, in the mean time, it will make time for the existing ministry in English to grow as well.

How successful our Ethnic Language Ministry will be is unknown, but what I believe is, we do what we can at a given situation utilizing what we have at hand. And, let us pray and hope that Ethnic Language Ministry will provide a new momentum for the ministry at Sunnyhills.

Peace,

*Chansoo*

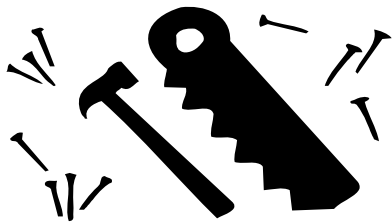


► **WRAP it up!**

**WRAP** will be held directly after worship service, **Sunday, November 18th.**

► **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch will not meet this month. We are all too stuffed from turkey and all of the other stuff that goes with it.



► **Trustees**

The next Trustees Meeting will be on **Saturday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m..**

► **Parent's Nites Out**

Starting Friday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>** and continuing the next two Fridays in the **Sanctuary (December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>)** will be Parents' Nites Out, hosted by Jo Roll and Jack Freeman. "Kids" of all ages are welcome for crafts, fun, snacks, fun, games and did I mention fun for all. Parents can get a jump on Christmas shopping, go out for a quiet dinner or stick around and join in the fun. Mark your calendar, it all starts **Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m..** See Ya There!

► **"Mi..Mi..Mi.."**

Choir continues to meet on **Thursday** nights. Come join in the fun at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary** as we have our weekly dose of practice and more fun times. We will start preparing for caroling and Christmas soon. Don't be left out, come join in the fun!! There will be no Choir Practice on November 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



► **Youth Confirmation Classes**

The Youth Confirmation Classes will continue on **Saturdays, at 1:00 p.m. in November** in the **church office.**

The Youth will once again be selling Calendars for 2008. Please see the inserted order form. Please support our youth by purchasing a calendar for \$10.00 from any Youth of our church, or see Laine Sazon after church. Thank you again for your support for these great young people.



► **Change-Over Sunday is**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>!!**

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to...**



**Happy Anniversary!**

- 11/02 Juanita Westover
- 11/03 Ann Zeise
- 11/04 Marley Spilman
- 11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
- 11/06 Hien Phan
- 11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
- 11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
- 11/14 Margaret Scott
- 11/20 Kristel Tanciango
- 11/25 Mitchell Joe Westover

11/16 Eric Larsen and Jennifer Touchton

**Income and Expenses  
September 2007**

**INCOME**

|                 | <i>September</i>   |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Offerings       | \$ 4,397.79        |
| Bldg. Use, etc. | \$ 6,110.25        |
| Special Giving  | \$ 641.57          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$11,149.61</b> |

**EXPENSES**

|                    | <i>September</i>   |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Mission & Outreach | \$ 0.00            |
| Operating Expense  | \$ 2,043.16        |
| Pastor and Staff   | \$ 5,139.36        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$ 7,182.52</b> |

**FUND BALANCES**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Cash on hand     | \$ 40,146.77 |
| Designated funds | \$ 27,039.73 |



## *The Season is Just Around the Corner*

We will be caroling this year at the Mt. Pleasant Nursing Center on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the church first and then move onto the Nursing Center to carol. We will later break up into smaller groups and continue caroling at the homes of some of our members. After, we will return to the church for supper.

There will be more information to follow, but please mark your calendar before the season is upon us. (Or gets away from us)



## *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.



## *Youth Decorating for Advent*

The Youth will be “Laying the Greens” for advent on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. I can’t wait to see how beautiful the Sanctuary will be after this wonderful group effort. Have fun and bring a friend.



## SCRIP IT

Scrip is available again for all your Fall needs. Thanksgiving is just around the corner Here are some suggestions which will help you prepare while you help out Sunnyhills:

### FOR

Candies, Stuffing, canned goods and Decorations

Books (Start that Christmas shopping early)

Decorations and Table Decor.

A break from shopping or quality time after school (Did he or she get an A on that assignment?)

Gas to go Shopping for the Stuffing mix.

Well, the real hectic season is here whether we are ready or not. Have some fun while you are on the run.

Have we forgotten anything? There will always be one more thing we need but forgot, so buy it with Scrip. All of these expenses benefit Sunnyhills United Methodist Church.

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

### ***Adult Sunday School Continues – Korean Ministry to Begin November 4th***

September 30<sup>th</sup> marked the beginning of a new Sunday School Class here at Sunnyhills, for *Adults*. This new Sunday School Class meets after fellowship at 11:00 a.m. for one hour in the Sanctuary. Starting **November 4<sup>th</sup>** a Korean Bible study will start gathering at **4:00 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Chansoo.





**Sunnyhills United Methodist Church** will be giving assistance once again to the Milpitas Food Pantry. We are committed to collecting **100 boxes** of Stuffing (Stove-top or similar type) over the next several weeks.

**The Milpitas Food Pantry** will be providing **300 baskets of food** for families in need this Thanksgiving Season. All donations are greatly appreciated and you may do so by bringing the Stuffing to Worship services on November 4<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to drop the Stuffing off at the Church office, Tuesdays thru Thursdays, 1:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.. The last day the boxes of Stuffing may be collected is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

*Jo Roll*



***Do you know of anyone who is thinking about ministry, or ought to be thinking about it?***

***Are you called?***

Pacific School of Religion (PSR), a multi-denominational Christian seminary preparing bold leaders for historic and emerging faith communities, invites you to participate in our **Ministry as Vocation Conference, November 9-11, 2007** on the PSR campus in Berkeley, CA.

If you're considering seminary or theological education, this conference is for you! Friday evening offers dinner with current students and an interactive and reflective call and discernment workshop. Saturday introduces you to PSR faculty, staff, students, academic programs, and community life.

The **Exploring Ministry Luncheon** is a post-conference discussion for prospective students of color and takes place **Sunday, November 11 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Bade Museum on the PSR campus. Exploring Ministry and MAV events stand alone in the programs they offer; students who attend both events find them helpful in different ways.

These events are free and you do need to register. Please contact Joellynn Monahan at 510/849-8253 or [admissions@psr.edu](mailto:admissions@psr.edu) to register or for more information. Visit [www.psr.edu](http://www.psr.edu) to register on line and learn more about these exciting events.





## Community Breakfast Schedule

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

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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## *The Beacon to be Published on-line*

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church continues to make efforts to save trees and reduce costs where-ever possible.

One of our biggest paper uses/expenses is in the printing of *The Beacon* each month.

Therefore this will be the last “printing” and mailing of *The Beacon* to all. However *The Beacon* will continue to be posted on our website on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.

[www.gbgm-umc.org/sunnyhills](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/sunnyhills)

There will be paper copies of *The Beacon* available at the church, should you wish to pick one up. If you wish to continue receiving *The Beacon* in the mail please fill out the following and mail it into the church office.

Thank you.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please continue to mail my Beacon to me.

Thank you

*Calendar*

November

- 1 Choir
- 3 Trustees Meeting  
Confirmation Class
- 4 Community Breakfast  
Lay Leadership meeting after Worship  
Korean Bible Study begins at 4:00PM
- 5 Centering Prayer
- 8 Choir
- 11 Adult Bible Study after Worship  
Korean Bible Study at 4:00PM
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 15 Choir
- 18 WRAP after Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer // *Beacon Deadline*
- 22 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- 25 Change Over Sunday
- 26 Centering Prayer
- 29 Choir
- 30 Parents Nite Out

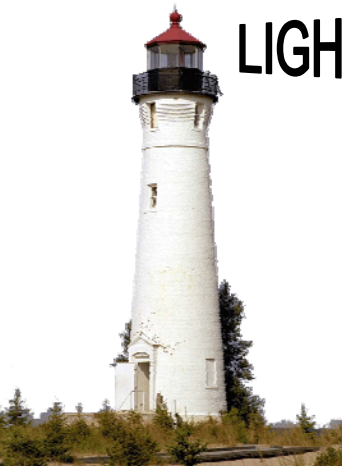
December

- 1 Laying of the Greens (Youth)
- 2 Community Breakfast
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 6 Choir
- 7 Parents Nite Out
- 8 Confirmation Class
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 13 Choir
- 14 Parents Nite Out
- 15 Caroling at Mt. Pleasant
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 20 Choir
- 23 Nymphas Edwards, our District  
Superintendent - Preaching
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 30 Change-over Sunday

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