



December 2007

The Beacon

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Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

-- Robert Louis Stevenson



Note from the Editor:

Choir practices continue in **December** on **Thursdays**. However the Choir will now meet at **6:30 p.m.**

On **December 2** at **7:00 a.m.** there will be a community Breakfast hosted by the **Milpitas Police Department**, before church, in **Jones Hall**.

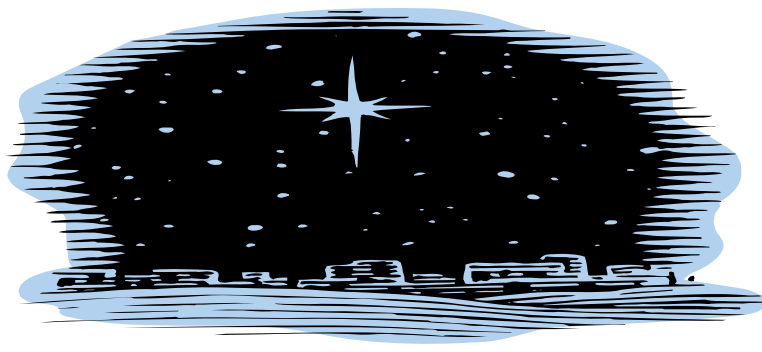
Lay Leadership will meet after worship on **December 2nd** and **December 9th**.

BEACON DEADLINE: For the January issue – Monday, **December 17, 2007**.

December 30th is Change-over Sunday.

(Please see Page 3 for more calendar details.)





The Younger Daughter's Complaints

Our oldest daughter is a second year college student now and is away from home. My younger daughter is a junior in high school. Some time ago when Yennie, the oldest was living with us, Bora our younger daughter complained that she was not getting as much attention from us, her parents, as Yennie was. I was quite surprised to hear it and I had to ask myself whether her complain had substance. My response to her was both yes and no. I had to say yes, on one hand, because we were giving her less attention. When we had Yennie, our first child, everything was new to us from having a child, changing her diapers, sending her to school and so on. As Yennie was the only child in our family, she was getting our undivided attention.

But now we have two daughters. It was true that we were giving less attention to the extent that we already became familiar with raising a child. But I had to say no also because we were not treating Bora differently because of Yennie. Furthermore, we were relating to Bora as a unique person in her own right, not as another Yennie.

I shared our family story because it has, I believe, some relevance to how we approach this year's advent, which is traditionally understood as a time of keeping ourselves watchful in anticipation of the birth of Christ. On the one hand, it is not the first time we have gone through the season of Advent. Then, since this is true, are we going to just repeat what is already familiar to us? Or, is it going to be something unique and special as well?

As for me, the answer to this is "both" and "and". During this Advent season, I will be doing what is already familiar to me, which is important because it will give me a sense of continuity and security. But on the other hand, I believe, I need to be able to find something new about this Advent. I know things do not remain the same. Both our world and my personal situation have changed, which in turn makes this Advent something unique and special.

Happy Holidays to you All,

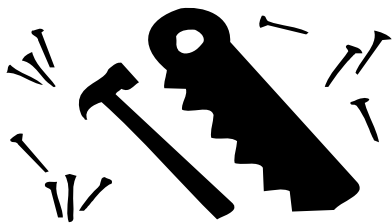
Chansoo

► "Joy to the World...."



► **WRAP it up!**

WRAP will be held directly after worship service, **Sunday, January 13th.**



► **Trustees**

The next Trustees Meeting will be on **Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 a.m..**

► **Parent's Nites Out**

Continuing for two Fridays in the **Sanctuary (December 7th and December 21st.)**.....

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, and see ya all **Fridays, December 7th and 21st, at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m..**

Choir continues to meet on **Thursday** nights. Come join in the fun at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Come join us in sharing the joy of music for the Holidays. We are almost ready for caroling and hope to combine many voices for the **December 23rd** and **Christmas Eve Services**. So don't be left out, and come sing out the news!!



► **Youth Confirmation Classes**

The Youth Confirmation Classes will meet on **December 8th and 15th at 1:00 p.m.** in the **church office.**

The Youth are once again 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 December 30th!!***



**Happy Birthday
Wishes to...**

12/05 Katherine Twite
 12/09 Alex Walker
 12/11 Juanita Whetstone
 12/17 Miles Crawford
 12/22 Malacha Martin
 12/25 Jack Freeman
 12/25 Mark Pereyra
 12/27 Robert Pease
 12/27 Simon Chow
 12/31 Helen Phan
 12/31 Huy Phan

Happy Anniversary!

12/16 Margaret and Warren Scott

**Income and Expenses
October 2007**

INCOME

	<i>October</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,373.25
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 4,159.13
Special Giving	\$ 356.76
TOTAL	\$ 7,889.14

EXPENSES

	<i>October</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 3,175.48
Operating Expense	\$ 2,056.71
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,043.16
TOTAL	\$10,275.35

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$ 37,200.56
Designated funds	\$ 12,251.98





A Caroling, Caroling, We Will GoPlease change the date to December 14.

We will be caroling this year at the Mt. Pleasant Nursing Center on **Friday, December 14th**. Please note this is a change of date. Mt. Pleasant Nursing Center is located on Clayton Road near Story Road in San Jose. We will gather at the church at 6:00 p.m. and then move onto carol at the Nursing Center at 6:30. All are welcome, so bring a friend, the residents love to hear us sing and join right in. 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 some Holiday Cheer!



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.





Christmas giving through Scrip

If you just don't have time to fight the crowds to get Christmas presents this year, consider scrip.

For books: Amazon.com, Borders, Barnes & Noble, Kinokunya

For clothes: Gap/Old Navy, J.V. Penney, T.J. Maxx/Marshalls, Sears

For your handyman (person): Home Depot, Lowe's, Sears

For other things: Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel, Staples, Walgreen's.

For the kids: Toys R Us, AMC Tickets, Cold Stone Creamery (now good at all locations if you get the \$10 scrip), Baskin Robbins, Jamba Juice, Chuck E Cheese.

Or give the gift of a nice restaurant: Applebee's, Black Angus, Cheese Cake Factory, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Claim Jumper, Chevy's, Marie Callender's, or even pizza at Red Robins, Pizza Hut, or California Pizza Kitchen.

Don't forget to do your grocery shopping with scrip. If you've had enough turkey after Thanksgiving, there's Honey Baked Ham scrip - cook up a fantastic ham dinner for Christmas. Regular grocery stores are Savemart/Lucky, Safeway, Ranch 99.

To get you around to do all this shopping, Arco gas cards.

To keep yourself awake while you stay up late, Starbucks coffee or Peet's Coffee.

And don't forget, if you don't have time to go shopping for all these things, just give the scrip gift card and your recipient can pick their own gift out! You save on gas, shipping, and can breathe easier.

Merry Christmas,

Daislyn Pease

See or call me for orders (262-4236). Order soon to avoid the rush, or to ensure your scrip is not sold out





Sunnyhills United Methodist Church lent a hand once again to the Milpitas Food Pantry. We were committed to collecting 100 boxes of Stuffing, and succeeded in collecting approximately **140** with additional cash donations. ***WOW!!!***

A great big round of applause to everyone who participated! Thank you so much. When we all pitch in, we can really make a difference.



Genesis UMC Invites Everyone to Join in The Hallelujah Chorus

Genesis UMC Christmas celebration is going to be on Sunday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Ministry Center. We are rehearsing every Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00. We begin the 1st half hour with preparation for Sunday and then work on the Christmas music following that. We will be doing the "Hallelujah Chorus" and would LOVE for any of your choir members who want to, to join us in singing that piece. My cell phone number is (510) 684-0868.

Blessings & Peace,
Mz. Ann Jefferson





Community Breakfast Schedule

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

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
(408) 262-2734



Calendar

December

- 1 Laying of the Greens (Youth)
- 2 Community Breakfast
- 3 Lay Leadership Meeting after Worship
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 6 Choir
- 7 Parents Nite Out
- 8 Confirmation Class
- 9 Lay Leadership Meeting after Worship
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 13 Choir
- 14 Caroling at Mt. Pleasant
- 15 Confirmation Class
- 16 Adult Bible Study
- 17 Centering Prayer//*Beacon Deadline*
- 20 Choir
- 23 Nymphas Edwards, our District Superintendent - Preaching
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 30 Change-over Sunday

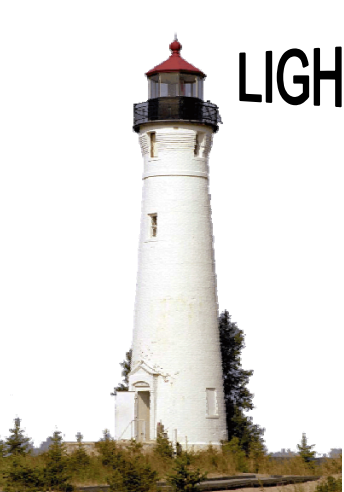
January

- 3 Choir
- 5 Confirmation Class
- 6 Community Breakfast
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir
- 12 Trustees
- 13 Confirmation Class
- 13 WRAP will meet after Worship
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 17 Choir
- 20 Korean Bible Study at 4:00PM
- 20 Filipino Bible Study at 6:00PM
- 21 Centering Prayer // *Beacon Deadline*
- 25 Choir
- 27 Change-over Sunday

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