



February 2008

# The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035

**Pastor Chansoo Lee**

Cel  
Church Office

(510) 325-4907  
(408) 262-1486

*Visit us on the Web!*

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

## ***Words Can Tell What Hearts Divine***

Words can tell what hearts divine  
This most romantic time of year:  
So will you be my Valentine?

I'll be yours if you'll be mine  
Till golden moon meets midnight dear.  
For words can tell what hearts divine



When air's perfume and water's wine,  
And cupids hover at one's ear:  
So will you be my Valentine?



And do we feelings dare define  
In phrases adamant and clear?  
For words can tell what hearts divine,

And souls can step across a line  
On days when angels wait to cheer:  
So will you be my Valentine?

Ah, love! Let love this one day shine  
On fancies lush and passions sheer!  
For words can tell what hearts divine:  
So will you be my Valentine?

By Nicholas Gordon

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

Our **Choir practices Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.

On **February 3**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church, hosted by **The Flame Keepers**.

There will be a **Meditative** style of worship for **Ash Wednesday**, on **Wednesday, February 6, 2008**. Brief services will be held in the Sanctuary beginning at **5:00 p.m.** and ending at **7:00 p.m.**

Next **WRAP** is scheduled for **March 9, 2008 at 11:15 a.m.**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the March issue — **Monday, February 18, 2008.**



(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



Dear Members and Friends,

With the election of new church officers we are ready to move forward into 2008. And I want to lay out some of the things we need to expect as we do so. First, district training day will be held on February 16 in Pacific Grove. I want to encourage officers to participate. Main focus of the training will be on church growth. There will be workshops, including on church lay leadership, “being presented with dynamic, dedicated, and interesting leaders who bring their passions to share.”

We will have our own church growth seminar with Rev. Debbie Grundman on February 23 at the church. She coaches individual congregation as well as local pastors using the church growth system called “Natural Church Development.” At the seminar she will provide tools and concepts that will help us understand the current status of our ministry. I believe it will be a timely event for our congregation. We have come down our own analysis and assessment on our situation and it is time to bring in someone from outside and take a fresh look. I anticipate that we will gain new insights regarding what we need to do to bring about congregational growth at Sunnyhills.

As I look at the present situation of our church, we need to develop more concrete plans for various work areas where there are signs of new changes. For instance, in the area of mission, we now have ethnic language ministries are being developed. Rev. Sazon has been leading the ministry among the Filipino Americans in the area and Pastor Chansoo among the Koreans. And a piece of good news the board of mission, annual conference, decided to support the Filipino ethnic language ministry with \$9,000. for this year. If everything works as planned, in the second half of this year, it is very possible a Sunday worship service in Korean will begin. In the area of worship, this year the worship committee will plan Sunday services in such a way that youth will stay throughout the service. Some parents have expressed that they want their children to have the opportunity to have the worship experience. And others have expressed the need of incorporating the elements of contemporary worship style.

I anticipate there will be “growing pains”, as the congregation may face changes. I want to take them as challenges. And, I hope the church leadership will provide creative approaches for them.

Sincerely,

Pastor Chansoo



**Catch the Spirit and Lend it Your Voice...**

Let us *touch your heart* at Choir Rehearsals, **Thursday evenings** in February at **6:30 p.m.** Any one interested in joining the choir, please join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. Music, Spirit, Fun, yes we got'em. And we are always ready to share'em.



► **Confirmation Class**

Our Confirmation Class continues in **February** on **Saturdays** at **2:00 p.m.** We will meet at the church in the Sanctuary.



**Ash Wednesday Service – February 6, 2007**

There will be an Ash Wednesday service, February 6, 2008 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



► **Trustees Meeting**

There will be a Trustees meeting Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.



► **Change-Over Sunday**

The next Change-Over Sunday is February 24, 2008. Thank you for your generosity.

► **Lay Speakers**

The Lay Speakers for the next two months are:

Daislyn Pease - February 24, 2008

Emil Sazon - March 30, 2008

Thank you for participating in this valuable Ministry.

**Happy Birthday  
Wishes to...**

02/01 Jeremy Mark Westover  
 02/02 Jess Tanciango  
 02/18 Pamela J. Bini  
 02/21 Robert Roll  
 02/23 Sharon Fall



**Church Anniversary**

02/14 Jo and Bob Roll

**Income and Expenses  
December 2007**

<b>INCOME</b>	
	<i>December</i>
Offerings	\$ 4,849.95
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 5842.32
Special Giving	\$792.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$11,484.44

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
	<i>December</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,265.69
Operating Expense	\$ 5,268.31
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,112.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$11,646.45

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$35,007.34
Designated funds	\$12,577.78





## **Community Breakfast Schedule**

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

February 3, 2008  
The Flame Keepers  
Ms. D. Morris

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





**Easter Sunrise Service  
March 23, 2008 - 7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Worship Service  
March 23, 2008 – 9:30**

**Volunteers needed... Sign-up Today.**

Please take a minute after worship on Sunday to sign up in the back of the Sanctuary to help out for one of the following on Sunday mornings:

1. Ushers They greet the folks arriving for Church and hand out Bulletins. During the service, they pass the collection plates or baskets for the offering.
2. Fellowship Hour Help make coffee, juice, set out cookies or crackers (Yum, we like cookies and crackers) Paper supplies, coffee are available with a small supply of lemonade, crackers and cookies.

*Thank you and God Bless.*



**Two Informative Presentations Coming Up – Mark Your Calendars NOW!!**

**Saturday, February 23, 2008 - SUMC Sanctuary**

Debbi Grundman will present Natural Church Development as a valuable tool for a congregation to assess their church health and make steps toward addressing how to remove barriers to God's work at growing/making healthy the church. She will offer resources, contact information for getting more materials, demonstrate how to connect with a coach, and other practical steps in the process.

The morning session starts at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be provided. The afternoon session will go to approximately 2:30 p.m.

Advance signups are important so we have enough food.

**Saturday, March 1, 2008 - SUMC Sanctuary**

Sarah Kim-Lee, (Pastor Chansoo Lee's wife) representative of the Public Affairs Department of the Social Security Administration, will present a program at 10:00 a.m.-noon. Topic: Social Security Benefits and more, & Medicare Part D. Look for sign-up sheets for both of these presentations, coming soon to the back of the Sanctuary.



2008 Bishop's Confirmation Retreat!  
March 7 - 9 in Monte Toyon near Santa Cruz

Brochures and Registration forms have been e-mailed to parents and extras are available in the church office.

**The San Jose District Training Day will be February 16, 2008**

The San Jose District Training Day will be held at Pacific Grove UMC, 915 Sunset Drive, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This will be an opportunity for clergy and lay members and others from your congregation to join together from throughout this District, and be in Christian fellowship.

Keynote speakers are Dr. Richard Southern and Mr. Robert Norton, who are senior consultants for Church Development Systems, a non-profit organization that, since 1990 has consulted with hundreds of congregations seeking growth, including many UMC congregations in the California-Nevada Conference. For more information Church Development Systems, see [www.growingcongregations.org/](http://www.growingcongregations.org/)

Southern and Norton are co-authors of *Cracking Your Congregation's Code: Mapping Your Spiritual DNA to Create Your Future* which focuses on identifying and using each congregation's spiritual DNA as the basis for growth. A second book, *SoulTypes: Decode Your Spiritual DNA to Create a Life of Authenticity, Joy, and Grace* SoulTypes helps you assess your own inborn qualities and find a spirituality that supports your quest for a more integrated life.

There are 12 workshops being presented with dynamic, dedicated, and interesting leaders who bring their passions to share. There will be displays you can see during lunchtime and breaks. We plan on a wonderful day of learning, fellowship and worship and hope your church will be sending a team to participate. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Send in your registrations soon! Registration Forms and Schedules are available in the church office.



## Calendar

### February

- 2 Confirmation Class
- 3 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall  
Communion Sunday  
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM  
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 4 Centering Prayer
- 5 ***Election Day – Don't forget to VOTE.***
- 6 Meditative Ash Wednesday Service
- 7 Choir Practice
- 9 Confirmation Class
- 10 Special Offering  
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM  
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 11 Centering Prayer
- 14 Choir Practice
- 16 Confirmation Class
- 17 ***District Training Day – Pacific Grove***  
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM  
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 18 Centering Prayer
- 21 Choir Practice
- 23 Confirmation Class
- 24 ***Presentation – Natural Church Development***  
Change-Over Sunday  
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM  
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 25 Centering Prayer
- 28 Choir Practice

## The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
355 Dixon Road  
Milpitas, CA 95035

FIRST CLASS MAIL



# LIGHT FOR LIVING AND GROWING