



March 2008

The Beacon

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God of Dawn

God of dawn, each day's renewal brings the world into your light.
As your sun defeats the shadows, drives away the darkest night:
we would greet this new beginning as your call to start again,
lead us on with hope and courage, make your will and purpose plain.

Christ, you walked the world as we do, knew its human pain and loss.
As your love broke through the barriers by your death upon the cross;
we still speak your gospel message, though two thousand years have gone.
Help us now translate its meaning in this present world of wrong.

Holy Spirit, inspiration, light and truth and root of prayer,
as your challenge moves us forward taking us we know not where:
we will follow your direction, though the way may not be clear.
Shape us, change, recreate us, so the future holds no fear.

Praise to God, who spoke creation, giving life to time and space.
Praise to Christ, whose living presence showed the world your human face.
Praise the Spirit, daily witness to your ever-loving way.
Take us now and re-awake us, challenge us to use this day.

Marjorie Dobson

Note from the editor:

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

On **March 2**, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church, hosted by **The Milpitas Post**.

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

BEACON DEADLINE: For the March issue – **Wednesday, March 19, 2008.**

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Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you receive this March edition of *The Beacon*, we will be at the half way point of this year's Lent; after three more weeks we will be celebrating Easter. I began this Lent with the idea of preparation, which would involve laying ground work for our ministry at Sunnyhills. Personally, I have been reading self-improvement materials in view of improving my leadership and planning for the rest of the year. And, I expect that our congregation would also engage in such efforts.

Laying ground work is particularly important given the situation where our congregation is. There are no doubts we as a small church, have a genuine desire to grow. And, what is required is: We need to find ways to give concrete shape to this desire. For this purpose, I am convinced that there is nothing better than relying on a proven method. And, specifically in my mind is to take advantage of the *Guidelines* for local churches.

Guidelines is basically a denomination-wide leadership training material for local congregations. *Guidelines* lays out in simple terms primary responsibilities of officers and various committees that make up the local church administration; and it also explains how to effectively fulfill these responsibilities. In other words, it lays out a minimum requirement for a local church to function and function well to provide vital ministry in the community.

I want to encourage our congregation to prepare ourselves by making conscious efforts in the remaining weeks of this Lent for laying a ground work that I explained earlier. And, thus I hope that we can celebrate this Easter with confidence that we can provide a vital ministry for our members as well as our community.

Sincerely,

Chansoo Lee



Catch the Spirit and Lend it Your Voice...

Come join the Choir as we prepare for Easter Services **Thursday evenings in March at 6:30 p.m.** We have the joy and pleasure of singing at the other Sunday Worship Services too, so come join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. We have lots of fun and are always looking to share the wealth.



► **Confirmation Class**

Our Confirmation Class continues in **March** on **Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.** We will meet at the church 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 March 30, 2008. Your generosity is most appreciated.



► **Lay Speakers**

The Lay Speakers for the next three months are:

Emil Sazon - March 30, 2008

Laine Sazon - April 27, 2008

Erik Larsen - May 25, 2008

Thank you for participating in this valuable Ministry, and an extra *Thanks* to Laine for organizing our wonderful Lay Speakers. *Many Thanks to you All!*

**Happy Birthday
Wishes to...**

- 03/06 Jamie MacLeod
- 03/06 Daislyn Pease
- 03/06 Tyler Tanciango
- 03/09 David Johnson
- 03/14 Ealasaid Haas
- 03/14 Sonya Chow
- 03/26 Huynh Phan



Church Anniversary

03/05 Gwen and Jack Freeman

**Income and Expenses
2007**

INCOME	
	<i>2007</i>
Offerings	\$43,338.99
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$58,776.37
Special Giving	\$ 5,741.71
TOTAL	\$107,857.07

EXPENSES	
	<i>2007</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 15,165.58
Operating Expense	\$ 33,342.86
Pastor and Staff	\$ 61,155.78
TOTAL	\$109,664.22

FUND BALANCES

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



Note: Due to technical (computer) difficulties the Financial Report for the month of January 2008 is not available.

Community Breakfast Schedule

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

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 a.m.

Easter

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 A.M. on the front Lawn.

Please bring a Finger Food Breakfast dish to share after the service.

Easter Service will be at 9:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the lawn right after Worship Service.

(Happy Hunting)



Calling All Part-time Easter Bunnies!

Please be reminded of the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday *after* Worship Service. Contributions of candy, plastic eggs, and other “egg-stuffing” items are needed.

Please bring them to Church Palm Sunday, or drop them by the Church Office during the week. **ANY OLDER YOUTH** interested in helping, please contact Gwen Freeman at (408) 263-8942.



Don't Forget.... its time to:

Set your clocks AHEAD



an hour, the night of March 8th.



Dear FAM,

This is being sent to you on behalf of Rev. Ruth Cortez, Volunteer Director of PAGLAGO Church Growth Plan and Ruby Bago, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Filipino American United Methodists (NAFAUM). You are all being invited to the FIRST Regional Consultation on Church Growth and Revitalization on March 6, 7, and 8, 2008 (flyer/registration available in the Church Office).

The invitation is sent and extended to Filipino American pastors and non-Filipino pastors appointed to our churches in our annual conference that have Filipino families/presence in their congregations, deaconesses, lay leaders, youths, and young adults. The purpose of the consultation is to invite us on how we can all work together in our ministry of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World and how we could give birth to new faith communities.

Florin UMC is hosting us, but you are encouraged to bring your own sleeping bags or you may want to arrange for your own housing.

You may be getting this more than once ~ I do apologize. Please feel free to print and make copies and share with everybody. Help us pass the words around.

Salamat po!

Peace and blessings,

Laddie Perez-Galang
Registrar



Calendar

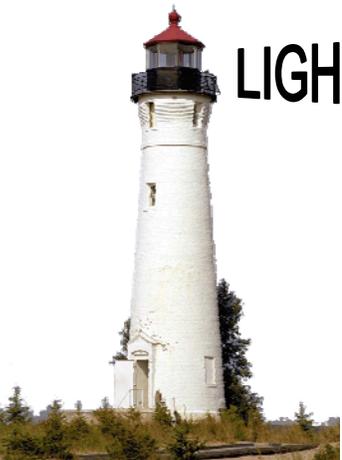
March

- 1 *Presentation –Social Security Benefits and Medicare Part D.*
- 1 Confirmation Class
- 2 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
Communion Sunday
- 2 Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 6 Choir Practice
- 8 Confirmation Class
- 9 Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 13 Choir Practice
- 15 Confirmation Class
- 16 *Palm Sunday*
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 20 Choir Practice
- 22 Confirmation Class
- 23 Sunrise Service
Easter Service
- 24 Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 27 Centering Prayer
Choir Practice
- 30 Change-Over Sunday

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