



The Beacon

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April 2008

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5: 3-12

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are they who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek,
for they shall possess the earth.**

**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they shall be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure of heart,
for they shall see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.**

**Blessed are they who suffer persecution for justice sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Notes from the editor:

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

On April 6, 2008, there will be a **Community Breakfast** before church, hosted by **The Sikh Foundation**.

BEACON DEADLINE: For the May issue – **Tuesday, April 22, 2008.**

The next **Trustees' meeting** will be **Saturday, April 26th** at **9:00 a.m.**

Next **WRAP** is scheduled for **April 27th**, after Worship at **11:15 a.m.**





Dear Members and Friends,

Where Our Confidence Stems From?

I wrote my previous letter at the beginning of Lent hoping that with the celebration of Easter this year ministry at Sunnyhills would move forward with more confidence than before. And as I was preparing for the Easter celebration, I became convinced that such confidence comes from our relationship with Jesus whom we believe as Christ.

Christ is the [English](#) term for the [Greek](#) *khristos* meaning "the [anointed](#)". In the ([Greek](#)) [Septuagint](#) version of the [Old Testament](#), *khristos* was used to translate the [Hebrew](#) *Mašiah*, ([messiah](#)), meaning "(one who is) anointed." And, Christians believe that Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, was the son of God.

How do you experience this Jesus whom you have never met in person, but only known in the stories of the gospels? For me, I experience above all gratitude when I think of Jesus. In other words, more than anything else I want to thank him first and that is how I relate with Jesus. And particularly I feel this way when I bring to my mind Jesus who was crucified.

The crucifixion was a means of execution as well as a symbol of power used by the Romans to deter anyone who would challenge their authority. And, the religious establishment of Judaism at the time conspired with the Romans to frame and murder Jesus, whom the people received as a rabbi and a prophet; for Jesus took away the authority and power of the Temple, the ultimate symbol for the ancient Judaism at the time.

But for Christians, the cross now had a different meaning. They now see that Jesus' life, expressed in his words and deeds, was an embodiment of some power which was entirely different in kind and much stronger than the combined power of the Rome and the Temple. Furthermore, for Christians, that power of Jesus is also active and available for us even today in the world. Now as result, Jesus opened a new life for us, empowered and led by the Holy Spirit, which is for all who are willing.

Thus, the resurrection signifies a new life, the birth of a people, Christians, whom I also want to call "the Easter People." They used to be those disciples who "followed" Jesus without knowing what he was up to. But after the crucifixion, and more precisely because of the crucifixion, they began to understand Jesus. And they began to understand that they were more than "followers" since the risen Christ was walking with them. Then, Christian life, or ministry of the church, was born out of this gratitude toward Jesus. I believe when we let this gratitude inform and guide our ministry, we can move forward with confidence.

Sincerely,

Chansoo Lee



► **Sing, Sing a Song. Let the World, Sing Along...**

Come join the Choir **Thursday evenings in April at 6:30 p.m.** We have the joy and pleasure of singing together at practice and Worship Services too. So come join us in the Sanctuary on Thursdays. We have lots of fun and are always looking to sing our hearts out with some new hearts and faces.



► **Confirmation Class**

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

► **WRAP**

WRAP will meet next on Sunday, April 27, 2008, directly after Worship in the Church Office.



► **Trustees Meeting**

There will be a Trustees meeting **Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Church Office.

► **Lay Speakers**

The Lay Speakers for the next three months are:

Laine Sazon - April 27, 2008

Erik Larsen - May 25, 2008

Emil Sazon - June 29, 2008

Special Thanks to Emil Sazon for joining this valuable Ministry and speaking in March. An extra *Thanks* to Laine for organizing our wonderful Lay Speakers.



► **Lunch Bunch is Back!**

Lunch Bunch will gather after Worship service at **Liou's House, 1245 Jacklin Road, Milpitas – April 13, 2008.**

► **Change-Over Sunday**

The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **April 27, 2008.** Many small “differences” make a **BIG DIFFERENCE.**

Income and Expenses *January 2008*

INCOME	
	<i>January</i>
Offerings	\$3,079.02
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,065.68
Special Giving	\$ 175.17
TOTAL	\$8,319.87

EXPENSES	
	<i>January</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,457.10
Operating Expense	\$ 2,800.40
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,809.91
TOTAL	\$ 9,067.41

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$34,167.20
Designated funds	\$20,423.11

Note: Due to technical restoration, both January and February Financial reports will be available in this Beacon.



Income and Expenses *February 2008*

INCOME	
	<i>February</i>
Offerings	\$3,249.02
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,407.26
Special Giving	\$ 240.87
TOTAL	\$7,897.15

EXPENSES	
	<i>February</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,473.35
Operating Expense	\$ 2,643.00
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,612.98
TOTAL	\$ 8,729.33

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$33,427.62
Designated funds	\$18,000.66



Happy Birthday Wishes to...

04/10 Janyce Singleton
04/15 Marilyn Ray
04/19 Jennifer Touchton
04/22 Marcia Crawford
04/27 John Marcus
04/27 Leola Saterwhite

Community Breakfast Schedule

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

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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In Remembrance of Julia Jones

Beloved church member and dear friend Julia Jones, died Sunday morning, March 23, 2008 after a brief illness. Julia had been a member of the Milpitas community since 1959. The Joneses moved here to be closer to their place of employment, the Ford Motor Co. Assembly Plant, which relocated from Richmond.

Julia and her husband settled in a house in our Sunnyhills subdivision on Valmy Street and had remained here for nearly 50 years. She became a nurse and was employed at Agnews for 24 of those years, retiring in 1985. Julia was a longtime member of Sunnyhills United Methodist church and was active in social clubs such as MilJose, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A memorial service will be held at the Lima Family Cedar Lawn Mortuary, 48800 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont and will begin at 1 p.m. on April 1.

Anyone wishing to share remembrances of Julia, please send them to the Church office for publication in the May Beacon.

Living Trust Workshop

The Campbell United Methodist church is having a Living Trust Workshop on April 26, 2008. We would like to invite persons from other churches in our district to participate in the workshop with us. The workshop will be held in the Fireside Room from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

To make sure there are enough materials on hand please make a reservation with Terry Johnson. E-mail t-johnson@comcast.net. Phone: (408) 941-9759

Confirmation Retreat with the Bishop

Our Confirmation Class was treated to a very special retreat last month when they got to spend an over-night with Bishop Shamana. It was a great opportunity for our Youth to meet other Youth and share their faith. Music was a great component to bring everyone together and I welcomed the opportunity to renew my commitment to our wonderful young people as they continue to prepare themselves on this journey.



Earth Day Workshop on Solar Energy--

How you can save the earth and save a bundle! by Allysson McDonald

We all recycle and we may try to drive less. Many of us are in the process of changing over to Compact Florescent Bulbs. What else can we do to help the earth? Every year in April communities come together to contemplate just that and to honor Earth Day.

The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association, in conjunction with the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church is offering a unique way to honor Earth Day this year! Join us on Sunday, **April 20th** from 2-4pm in Jones Hall (355 Dixon Road, Milpitas, CA 95035) for a presentation on the costs and benefits of installing solar power for your home. Kurt Newick, founder and chairman of the Global Warming and Energy Committee for the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club will be our presenter. Kurt will help you understand both the technology available and the economics involved in converting to solar energy. Kurt will also provide information on group discounts - get together with your neighbors to bundle your projects!

Kurt led the effort to survey all permitting jurisdictions in the greater Bay Area and published a Solar Permit Fee study, resulting in the reduction or elimination of solar permit fees throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Kurt has participated on the Silicon Valley SolarTech team and has volunteered with NorCal Solar Home Tour. He lives in a solar electric home in Campbell, with self-installed solar radiant heat and solar hot water systems. Kurt Newick has a B.S. degree in Computer Science from Chico State University. He is a life long Santa Clara County resident, and an active participant in many environmental issues.

Mark your calendar and come out on April 20 to honor the Earth on Earth Day 2008!
Refreshments will be served.



Calendar

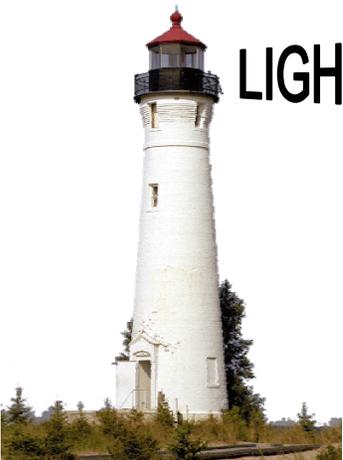
April

- 3 Choir Practice
- 6 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir
- 12 Confirmation Class
- 13 Lunch Bunch at Lion's
Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 17 Choir Practice
- 19 Confirmation Class
- 20 Korean Bible Study at 4:00 PM
Filipino Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 24 Choir Practice
- 26 Trustees' Meeting
Confirmation Class
- 27 *Change-Over Sunday*
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- 28 Centering Prayer

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