



The Beacon

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**One song can spark a moment,
one flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
one bird can herald spring.
One vote can change a nation,
one sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
one laugh will conquer gloom.
One step must start each journey,
one word must start a prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
one touch can show you care.
One voice can speak with wisdom,
one heart can know what's true.
One life can make a difference,
that difference starts with you.**

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Note from the editor:



WRAP is scheduled for **August 9th.** at **9:00 a.m..**

Trustees will have their next meeting **Saturday, August 16, 2008** at **9:00 a.m..**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the September issue – Thursday morning, **August 21, 2008.**

August 31st is **Change-over Sunday.**

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



We have now passed the half way point of summer vacation this year. Children are expected back to school by August 27. And, I want to ask for your help as I share with you the plans I have in mind for our children for Sunday School this year.

Currently, we have four elementary school children, two junior high students, and five high school students. But, we do not have a Sunday school program. The church leadership has discussed the situation and explored various options. And, I feel we are at the point a decision needs to be made and actions need to be taken.

We need a Sunday school teacher, or teachers.

Small membership congregations often find it difficult to recruit Sunday school teachers. We are facing this challenge. Obviously, without a teacher, there will be no Sunday school class for the children. The ideal solution would be to have a volunteer(s). In other words, we need someone willing to “step up to the plate.”

Also, I need a volunteer to work with me to take our youth to Friday evening activities at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Fremont. This will enable our Youth to take advantage of the existing youth programs offered by another United Methodist church nearby. I shared our situation with Edna Andres, Conference Lay Minister and Youth leader at St. Paul’s and our youth are invited to participate.

I bring to your attention our Sunday school situation and the opportunity of extended programs for our youth. I do this because of the immediate need of our children and youth. They all need our help to provide for them as they continue to grow up in the Kingdom of God. So please, if you are inclined to work with children or youth, contact me at (510) 325-4907 at your earliest convenience and we’ll discuss how we can work together to make a better place for our kids and youth at Sunnyhills.

Have a Great rest of the summer and God bless!

Chansoo Lee



► ***The Trustees***

The next Trustees' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

► ***No more Confirmation Classes for the Summer!***



► ***Change-Over Sunday*** is August 31, 2008. Your donations go a *long* way!

► ***Installation of Rev. Kristie Olah as San Jose District Superintendent***

You are invited to join in the service and celebration, **Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m. Good Samaritan UMC, 19624 Homestead Rd., Cupertino.**

Bishop Shamana, various musical groups and friends of our District will lead the service.

Please let Pam know if you are able to come:

► ***"Make a Joyful Noise..."***

During the summer, we with happy voices will continue to meet before worship at 9:00 a.m. to practice the harmony on a hymn (or two or three). Come gather 'round the piano

and pick out a hymn or two to sing. Our next *official* choir rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 6:30PM** in the Sanctuary.



► ***Lay Speakers***

The Lay Speakers for the next three months are:

- Laine Sazon – August 31, 2008
- Emil Sazon – September 28, 2008
- Erik Larsen – October 26, 2008

Thanks to Daislyn for speaking in July.

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Happy Birthday Wishes to...

08/05 Evelyn Middleton
 08/09 Hoan Phan
 08/16 Thelma Wilber
 08/16 Colleen Babbel
 08/19 Jim Singleton
 08/22 Terry Johnson
 08/22 Emily Pease
 08/29 Jessie Pereyra
 08/30 Eric Valderrama



Happy Anniversary!

08/14 Joyce and Terry Johnson
 08/22 Malacha and Robert Martin

**Income and Expenses
 June 2008**

INCOME

	<i>June</i>
Offerings	\$ 4,660.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$9,302.49
Special Giving	\$ 362.27
TOTAL	\$14,324.76

EXPENSES

	<i>June</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 3,304.70
Operating Expense	\$ 3,263.75
Pastor and Staff	\$ 6,029.54
TOTAL	\$12,597.99

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$35,100.69
Designated funds	\$17,805.54



Episcopal Changes are Afoot

Bishop Beverly Shamana, who has served our California-Nevada Annual Conference the last 8 years, has reached the age of mandatory retirement. Returning to the Los Angeles neighborhood of Eagle Rock, she will continue to serve as a bishop of the United Methodist Church, but no longer with the executive responsibilities of a Resident Bishop.

Another episcopal vacancy is being created by the resignation of Bishop Edward Paup, who has been elected to lead the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, the church's mission agency, effective September 1.

The Western Jurisdictional Conference, which met in Seattle July 17 through 19, elected two new bishops: Grant Hagiya of Redondo Beach, and Elaine J.W. Stanovsky of Seattle. The episcopal assignments committee then met and made the following recommendation as to which bishops will serve which episcopal areas (each composed of one or more annual conferences) effective September 1.

Denver area:

Rocky Mountain Annual Conference
& Yellowstone Annual Conference
Bishop Elaine Stanovsky

Los Angeles area:

California-Pacific Annual Conference
& the jurisdiction's Korean Mission
Bishop Mary Ann Swenson (returning)

Phoenix area:

Desert Southwest Annual Conference
Bishop Minerva Carcano (returning)

Portland area:

Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference
Bishop Robert Hoshibata (returning)

San Francisco area:

California-Nevada Annual Conference
Bishop Warner Brown

Seattle area:

Northwest Annual Conference
Bishop Grant Hagiya

The Jurisdictional Conference unanimously approved the recommendation.

Warner H. Brown, Jr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained a Methodist minister in the Baltimore Annual Conference in 1973 and transferred to the Western Pennsylvania Conference, serving a pastor in Pittsburgh. In 1979, he answered a call to an associate conference position in our California-Nevada Annual Conference and within a year moved up to Conference Council Director. In a few years, he moved on to become District Superintendent of Golden Gate District (in which the Conference offices were then located), and after four years in that job, went to serve Taylor Memorial UMC in Oakland. After the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, he led the community's ecumenical disaster response, serving as chair of the Oakland Inter-religious Network

After some 11 years in Oakland, he moved on to become Senior Pastor of the Bakersfield First UMC. Within two years, he was nominated to the Episcopacy in 2000 by this Annual Conference, and chosen by the Western Jurisdictional Conference in that year to be consecrated a Bishop. He has served two quadrennial terms in the Denver episcopal area –geographically the largest one in our jurisdiction, serving two annual conferences spread across parts of five states.

He is quoted as saying, "Cal-Nevada Conference is a conference that has been my home of choice for a lot of years, and I was honored when they showed their confidence in me and started me on this journey to the Episcopacy. I am delighted to have the opportunity to return home and serve again." He assumes the position as of September 1, and details about the event will be forthcoming.

(Much of the content for this article was drawn from the websites of the Cal-Nevada and Rocky Mountain Annual Conferences.)

Calendar

August

- 3 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 4 **Centering Prayer**
WRAP – 9:00 AM
- 9 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 10 **Centering Prayer**
Trustees' Meeting 9:00AM
- 11 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 16 **Centering Prayer**
BEACON Deadline
- 17 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 18 **Centering Prayer**
- 19 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 24 **Centering Prayer**
- 25 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 31 **Centering Prayer**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

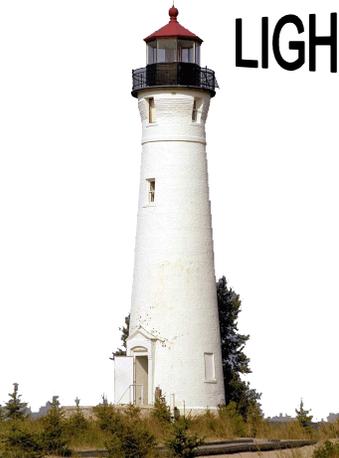
September

- 1 **Labor Day**
Choir Practice – *Welcome Back!*
- 4 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 7 **Centering Prayer**
Choir Practice
- 8 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 11 **Centering Prayer**
- 14 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 15 **Centering Prayer**
BEACON Deadline
- 17 **Choir Practice**
- 18 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 21 **Centering Prayer**
- 22 **Worship**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 25 **Choir Practice**
- 28 **Worship - Change-over Sunday**
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

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