



September 2008

The Beacon

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Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Walk on shores while spirits fly
over the ocean, over the land,
our faith a quest to understand.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Children ask the reasons why.
In our lives the answers show,
and by our love they learn and grow.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
All are born and all shall die;
Life's the time left in between,
to follow a star, to build a dream.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Hug the laughter, feel the cry.
May we see where we can give,
for this is what it means to live.

Touch the earth, reach the sky!
Soar with courage ever high;
spirits joining as we fly,
to touch the earth, to reach the sky.

Grace Lewis-McLaren

Note from the editor:

On **September 7th at 7:00 a.m.** there will be a community Breakfast hosted by the **India Community Center**, before church, in **Jones Hall**.

Lunch Bunch will get together after Worship **Sunday, September 21, 2008** at **La Milpa Restaurant**.

WRAP is scheduled for **Saturday, September 27th. at 9:00 a.m..**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the October issue – Wednesday morning, **September 17, 2008.**

September 28th is **Change-over Sunday**.

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As I am writing this letter, September is just around the corner. And the dominant cultural experience of our society for this time of the year is: “It is time to kick off a new season.” For example, new school year starts with the back to school shopping; Monday Night Football signals a new NFL season.

We will have our own annual “Kick-Off Sunday” on September 7. And this year’s will be especially meaningful. During the worship service four students will be confirmed. These students took part in the confirmation classes since last fall and attended a special retreat with Bishop Shamana in May. And now they are to be confirmed before our congregation.

Confirmation can have various meanings. First of all, it means to reaffirm the Christian life that began for these students at their infant baptism. At that time it was not their conscious choice; rather they were introduced to such life. But now they are making a conscious choice to be members of United Methodist Church in particular as well as a Christian in the context of the larger Church.

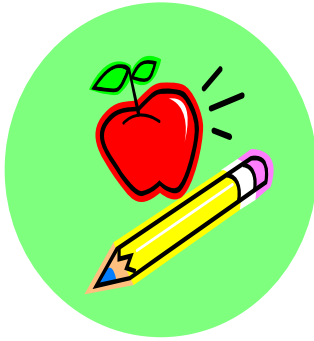
Faith formation for these students will move into a new stage as they grow into young adulthood. And it is important to remember that we, as a faith community, need to continue to provide an environment where their faith continues to mature.

For this end we need to enable them to do the following: to develop accurate understanding of our world, and to adopt values, such as truth, compassion, and justice, and finally to cultivate a hopeful outlook for their future.

I want to ask you to come to this special Sunday and bless these students as they start a new season in their life.

Sincerely,

Chansoo Lee



► **"Make a Joyful Noise..."**

Our next choir rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 4, 2008** at **6:30PM** in the **Sanctuary**. Don't be shy, stop on by! We'd love to see ya and hear ya.



► **The Confirmation Class**

will be confirmed in worship on September 7, 2008



► **Lay Speakers**

There will be a Lay Speakers meeting, Saturday, September 6th at 9:00 AM in the church office.

The Lay Speakers for the next three months are:

Emil Sazon – September 28, 2008

Erik Larsen – October 26, 2008

Daislyn Pease – November 30, 2008

Thanks to Erik for speaking in August.

► **Lunch Bunch**

The Lunch Bunch rides again right into La Milpa's Mexican restaurant after worship service on September 21, 2008. Hope to see you all there!



► **Change-Over Sunday** is September 28, 2008. Your donations go a **long** way!

► **Back to School Bar-B-Q/Potluck**

There will be a Potluck/Barbeque to celebrate back to school, our wonderful confirmands, and the overall end of Summer after worship, September 7th. Bring a dish, your table service and slap on some sunscreen. Its time to PARTY!

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

09/05 Eric Cruz
 09/12 Ruth Logsdon
 09/15 Erin Cruz
 09/15 Rolf Haas
 09/15 Ron Ray
 09/16 Joe Martin (Jamie)
 09/17 Anna Phan
 09/21 Karen Schreifels
 09/22 Warren Scott
 09/25 Isak Larsen
 09/26 Dee Bragg



Happy Anniversary!

09/15 Ann and Fred Zeise
 09/21 Aida and Pablo Cruz
 09/23 Emil and Laine Sazon

Income and Expenses July 2008

INCOME

	<i>July</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,965.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,317.31
Special Giving	\$210.36
TOTAL	\$ 8,492.67

EXPENSES

	<i>July</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,387.35
Operating Expense	\$ 2,348.85
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,709.98
TOTAL	\$ 9,446.18

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$34,147.18
Designated funds	\$18,244.33





Community Breakfast Schedule

The Community Breakfast Schedule of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the 2008-2009 season, will be available in its entirety next month (in the Beacon).

This month's Community Breakfast will be held at **7:00AM, September 7, 2008** in **Jones Hall**, hosted by **The India Community Center**.



Hello there,

For those of you who know Marilyn Ray, I saw her today. She is well, but will soon be moving to Campbell. They're moving to Corinthian House Residence, a senior apartment complex. It's off of Bub Road. Marilyn has been on a waiting list for almost four years for this place. They are both looking forward to it, although they have to sell their mobile home and get rid of most of their furniture. The complex has vans to take residents to local churches, including Campbell UMC. They also have a lot of trips, and Marilyn hopes to be able to go on a few of those. Oh, yes, and they can take their dog, Prince with them too.

Daislyn Pease

Calendar

September

1 *Labor Day*

4 Choir Practice – *Welcome Back*

6 Lay Leaders Meeting in the Church Office

7 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall

7 Worship – United Methodist Student Day

Back to School Bar-B-Q and potluck

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

8 Centering Prayer

11 Choir Practice

14 Worship

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

15 Centering Prayer

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18 Choir Practice

21 Worship

Lunch Bunch at La Milpa

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

22 Centering Prayer

25 Choir Practice

27 WRAP Meeting in the church office

28 Worship - Change-over Sunday

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

October

5 Worship

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

6 Centering Prayer

9 Choir Practice

12 Worship

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

13 Centering Prayer

16 Choir Practice

19 Worship

Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

20 Centering Prayer

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