

# The Beacon

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**May 2009**

**Dear Lord**

**Author: Unknown**

**Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day  
With little time to stop and pray  
For life's been anything but calm  
Since You called on me to be a mom  
Running errands, matching socks  
Building dreams with building blocks  
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes  
And other stuff that children lose  
Fitting lids on bottled bugs  
Wiping tears and giving hugs  
A stack of last weeks mail to read  
So where's the quiet time I need?  
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord  
Just at the sink or ironing board  
To ask the blessings of Your grace  
I see then, in my small one's face  
That you have blessed me  
All the while  
And I stop to kiss  
That precious smile**

**(Thank you for making me a Mom)**

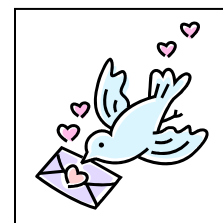
**Note from the editor:**

On **May 2, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.** there will be a community Breakfast hosted by the **Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)**. Please note this is on a Saturday.

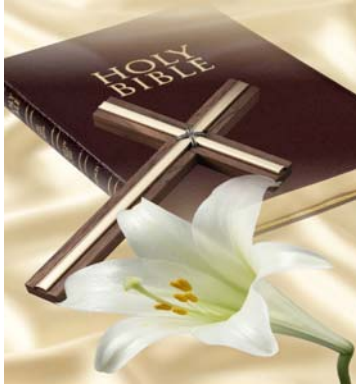
The next **Lunch Bunch** will be **Sunday, May 17, 2009** after Worship.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the June issue – Tuesday morning, **May 19, 2009**.

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** is **Change-over Sunday**.



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## Resurrection People:

“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.”(Luke-Acts 4:32) In these few sentences Luke captured the spirit of the early church, namely the spirit of unity expressed in concrete act of sharing possessions. This spirit, according Luke, is the same spirit that descended upon Jesus. And this spirit is now active in the church.

I did not quote this passage in support of particular political ideology—I want to save this issue for some other time. Rather I want to focus on the spirit of unity that enabled the church to act with single mindedness.

It seems almost redundant to emphasize the importance of having the spirit of unity; for we all know it and yet sometimes we just assume it. When the spirit of unity is absent in an organizational life, much of energy is used up just to arrive at some sense of agreement. Consequently by the time it wants to act, very little energy is left.

Church is sometimes called “faith community” Dictionary definition of community is: “a social, religious, occupation, or other group sharing common characteristics or interests and perceived or perceiving itself as distinct in some respect from the larger society within which it exists (usually preceded by the): the *business community*; the community of scholars. To this I want to add another definition which I find important.

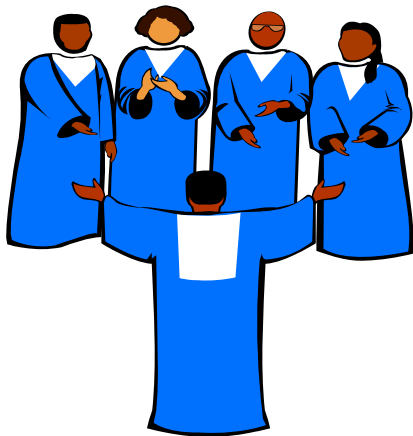
In Korean, the word community is “gong dong che.” This is how the word is pronounced in Korean and each syllable represents a Chinese character which has own meaning. So “gong” means “common”; “dong” to move; “che” body. When you put the three meanings together: community is a body that moves or acts with common purpose or objective.

In my Easter message this year, I shared that church is a place where people learn to live with a sense of purpose. “What ought to be the purpose?” we need to ask. I explained that it is to realize peace in all places, beginning within one’s heart, family, work place, church, neighborhood, country, and world. I got this idea from the farewell speech by Jesus in John 14 where Jesus said he is leaving “his peace” with the disciples. The first thing the risen Christ said when he appeared to the disciples, who were in fear of hostility was “Peace be with you.” And then he breathed on to them his Spirit, reminding them they now had the power to put an end to sin, particularly its effects, by forgiving.

From this I became convinced that peace begins when we forgive, that is, when we stop holding ourselves against those whom we feel have wronged against us. Saying this is much easier than doing it. But, when we do it, we will have ourselves, what I would call, “the resurrection experience”

Peace and forgiveness,

Chansoo Lee



► *Let Earth the Song Begin...*

The Choir practices every **Thursday** at **6:30** in the **Sanctuary**. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us Thursdays to sing and have a *good time*.

Let your voice sing out and be heard. He has risen!!  
He has risen indeed!



► *Lunch Bunch*

The next **Lunch Bunch** will be held at **noon** on **Sunday, May 17, 2009** at **House of Liou's Chinese Food**. House of Liou's is located at 1245 Jacklin Road, Milpitas.



► *Change-Over Sunday* is **May 31, 2009**.

“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle”. Your sacrifices however are certainly recognized and appreciated.

Thanks for keep lighting those candles.

► *WRAP* will meet next, Saturday – June 6, 2009 at 9:30a.m..



► *Sunday Study Group- Moves to Saturday*

The academic study group will now meet on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Help is available for various subjects. Tutoring is available for grades 1-8 in the sanctuary. Please don't hesitate to bring your child in for assistance with their studies. This is a great opportunity for your child to finish the school year with an academic “Bang”.

**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

- 05/05 Sarah Chow
- 05/12 Leah Marcus
- 05/14 Gwen Freeman
- 05/15 Jo Roll
- 05/18 Jack Spilman
- 05/28 Vilma Ware



**Church Anniversary**

- 05/21 Laurie and Rolf Haas
- 05/25 Jess and Lelaine Tanciango

**Income and Expenses  
March 2009**

**INCOME**

	<i>March</i>
Offerings	\$5,074.75
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$9,127.26
Special Giving	\$131.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,333.50</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>March</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,246.35
Operating Expense	\$ 1,976.74
Pastor and Staff	\$ 6,266.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,490.05</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$37,503.17
Designated funds	\$20,932.69





**Don't Miss Game Nite!!  
Friday, May 1, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**In the Sanctuary.  
All are Welcome to have a great time!!**

## **Community Breakfast Schedule**

The following is the Community Breakfast Schedule of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the 2008-2009 season.

May 2, 2009  
Valley Transit Authority (VTA)

June 6, 2009  
Milpitas Fire Department

\* The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association meet the first Wednesday of each month, in Jones Hall of the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 355 Dixon Road, at 7:00 p.m..

\*Each Saturday Breakfast time is 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m..

\*All participants are responsible for food and paper items, you will be notified in advance.

\*June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the last breakfast before summer break.



## *Calendar*

### May

- 1 Game Nite (6:30 p.m.)
- 2 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall  
San Jose District Conference in Pacific Grove  
Study Help at 9:00AM
- 3 Worship  
Korean Ministry Service
- 4 Centering Prayer
- 7 Choir Practice
- 9 Study Help at 9:00AM
- 10 Worship – *Happy Mother's Day!*  
Korean Ministry Service
- 11 Centering Prayer
- 14 Choir Practice
- 16 Study Help at 9:00AM
- 17 Worship  
Korean Ministry Service
- 18 Lunch Bunch at House of Lion's Noon
- 19 Centering Prayer  
Special Election
- 21 BEACON *Deadline*  
Choir Practice
- 23 Study Help at 9:00AM
- 24 Worship  
Korean Ministry Service
- 25 Centering Prayer
- 28 Choir Practice
- 30 Study Help at 9:00AM
- 31 Worship – Change-over Sunday  
Korean Ministry Service

### June

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 4 Choir Practice
- 6 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall @ 8:00AM  
Study Help at 9:00AM  
WRAP at 9:30AM
- 7 Worship  
Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM

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