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**June 2009**

## **DADS are Special People**

Dads are special people  
No home should be without,  
For every family will agree  
They're 'SO NICE TO HAVE ABOUT' -

They are a happy mixture  
Of a 'SMALL BOY' and a 'MAN'  
And they're very necessary  
In every 'FAMILY PLAN'

Sometimes they're most demanding  
And stern, and firm and tough  
But underneath they're 'soft as silk'  
For this is just a 'BLUFF'

But in any kind of trouble  
Dad reaches out his hand.  
And you can always count on him  
To help and understand -

And while we do not praise Dad  
as often as we should,  
We love him and admire him,  
And while that's understood,

It's only fair to emphasize  
His importance and his worth -  
For if there were no loving Dads  
This would be a 'LOVELESS EARTH'.

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~

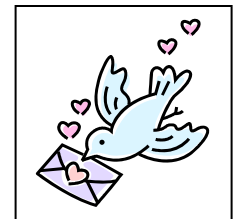
### **Note from the editor:**

On **June 6, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.** there will be a community Breakfast hosted by the **Milpitas Fire Department**. Please note this is on a Saturday.

**ALL-CHURCH PICNIC and BAR-B-Q** will be **JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>**, @ **11:30AM**.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the July issue – Wednesday morning, **June 17, 2009**.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** is **Change-over Sunday**.





## To Rethink Church

United Methodists are making denomination wide efforts to revitalize their ministries. In May for instance, United Methodist Communications rolled out “a new national advertising campaign with the “Rethink Church” message, which seeks to redefine church as an experience beyond Sunday mornings or the building itself. It asks . . . “What if we rethink ‘church,’ to see it as unlimited points of entry, instead of a building - 10,000 doors, if you will - with each one opening to a different experience of church, and with anyone knocking being able to find an entry point to his or her own individual journey?”(Bishop Brown’s speech in the May edition of the Connection)

Two websites of interests are: [rethinkchurch.org](http://rethinkchurch.org) and [10thousanddoors.org](http://10thousanddoors.org). And I want to encourage you to visit them. They have helped me to “rethink” about church and its ministry. They have showed me various ministries that are already existing, which gave me in turn new ideas of ministries that we can start at our church. Also, they provide resources that local congregations can use. Our next Ad Council (WRAP) meeting is scheduled for June 6; I am planning to visit them during the meeting as an agenda item.

For me, “to rethink church” particularly reminds me of Jesus’ saying: “No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. So, he pours new wine into new wineskins.”(Mark 2:22) It seems as if Jesus is saying old wineskins cannot be recycled. But, I thought to myself, “What about the old wineskins?; what are we going to do with the old wineskins?; are we going to discard the old wineskins?” Unlike Mark, Luke may have anticipated this kind of question, and added “And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, ‘The old is good.’”(5:39)

As we try to rethink ‘church’ by discovering “unlimited points of entry,” we need to keep both the old and the new. This means discovering the points of entry in light of our local church history which informs who we are. From its birth, Sunnyhills UMC understood itself in the context of community. The following is a list of community oriented programs that started out with Sunnyhills: Community garden, pre-school, tutorial service, Korean immigrant church, and the neighborhood forum. At the same time, it means, we need to find ways that will reconnect us with a community that has gone through changes.

Peace,

Pastor Chansoo

Soon United Methodists will break into singing, "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?" It is conference time! The sons and daughters of Wesley will gather in the annual ritual to give account of their year's ministry, to greet one another, and to plan for another year. It is the Methodist Way. Methodist preachers have been coming together as a group since 1773.

Indeed, much has changed since Charles Wesley penned those words sung the world over, [but] the annual conference session . . . is still the defining moment for the gathering of United Methodists and others who are a part of the Wesleyan family.

I recently heard someone declare: "I don't do conference." Meaning that attendance at this time-honored gathering was no longer a part of his life. Of course, I have heard my share of stories about the irrelevancy or at least the boring nature of annual conference sessions. Come to think of it, I may have even made such comments myself!

It is sad to some extent; both observations have become true in too many instances. [However,] the annual conference session is a unique expression of Methodism. It is a part of our DNA.

I have attended annual conference on three continents! I have sung, "And Are We Yet Alive" with Methodists of different countries and cultures. I have never ceased to be moved, when clergy and laity alike sang, "What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past, fighting's without, and fears with-in, since we assembled last!"

I remember, however, how the experience and meaning of annual conference changed for me as I entered into the category then called, "Special Appointment." I was appointed beyond the geographical bounds of my "home" conference, hundreds of miles away. I was no longer a part of the day-to-day life of the conference. The ongoing relating to colleague clergy there became a sense of distance that was more than geographical. My context for ministry was now in a different place.

Returning to attend annual conference proved more challenging each year. I knew fewer people, and fewer people knew me. I became increasingly out of the loop of conference life and gossip. Sometimes I felt like a stranger, even a visitor in my own "home" conference. I had to seek out old friends, who were busy and often had other responsibilities. It may still be a challenge for many in Extension Ministries.

I began to recognize the special significance of that annual gathering. There were certain elements of that annual litany that held considerable meaning for me. I felt rooted beyond a ministry setting to a context of meaning and purpose of ministry itself. I was inspired by the Ordination Service and would renew my own sense of calling. I was moved close to tears when retiring clergy and spouses were honored and thanked for their years of service.

From time to time, there were those who asked about my ministry. More often than not, however, I was asked when I was returning to ministry! I learned to take it in stride and laughed it off. I became less defensive about such remarks.

As time nears for your annual conference session, I hope you are able to attend. There may be moments of feeling like a visitor. I hope you will be able to find some old buddies, finding time to catch up on each other's lives and ministry. By all means, work your way through the crowd and speak to your bishop, make sure he or she knows you are present. Don't miss those moments of conference special to you. May they inspire you as they did me.

Though the experience of attending conference might be different [for some of you] than in years gone by, I hope you will experience its special place in your life.

I made a decision many years ago, that I would not be ignored out, forgotten out, pushed out, or even drop out of the annual conference session. I recovered its meaning and significance in my life and ministry. I was compelled to join that mighty chorus of laity and clergy each year in singing, "Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain, and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain."

Until next time!

Bishop Woodie W. White



► ***Summer Time, Summer Time, Sum, Sum, Summer Time...***

The Choir's **last rehearsal** for the Summer will be **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** in the **Sanctuary @ 6:30 p.m.** Its not too late to join them for one last "Hurrah" before Summer Time. Thanks to Gwen and the rest of the Choir for their energy, time and beautiful voices that we have enjoyed this past season.

The choir will lead a weekly hymn sing on Sundays before worship at 9:00AM. You're welcome to come early and sing along. Have a great Summer!

► ***Lay Leadership/Nominations***

This committee will be meeting over the next few months to select interested persons for various positions in the church. Please prayerfully consider where you are most interested in serving the local church. Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, Lay Leadership, Youth, and Music are some of the areas of interest, available to you. Let members of this committee know of your interest. Please contact Pastor Chansoo, Jun Cruz, Erik Larson, Guy Haas, Ann Zeise or Kyu Sik Dong.

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



► ***Trustees*** will meet next, Saturday – June 13, 2009 at 9:30a.m..

► ***Change-Over Sunday*** is **June 28th, 2009.**

"Little is much if God is in it". Your ching-a-ling change goes farther than you know to help provide for others. Thanks for keep in' that change a jinglin'.



► ***Saturday Study Group- Expands to Tuesdays***

This academic study group will also meet on Tuesday afternoons @ 4:00 p.m. along with their morning groups on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. However, there will be no meeting on Saturday 6, 2009. Help is available for preparation for those finals and SATs. Please don't hesitate to bring or send your child in for assistance with their studies. Hurray for them for trying their best to do their best. Their time and efforts are sure to pay off when the report cards come out.

► ***Calling all Parents and Children...***

You are invited to attend a Parenting Workshop at Sunnyhills UMC, Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon. The topic of this hands-on forum is time-management. There is a nominal registration fee of \$5.00/person for materials. There will be three sessions to follow at later dates TBA, which include the topics of effective communication, self esteem, and discipline challenges.

The workshops will be led by Jimmie Kennon, Sr. of LaRay Consultants. There will be a sign-up sheet for this workshop at worship beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

- 06/18 Lola Dorsey
- 06/22 Catherine Deppe
- 06/24 Erik Larsen
- 06/28 Laine Sazon



**Church Anniversary**

- 06/21 Janyce and Jim Singleton
- 06/21 Ron and Marilyn Ray
- 06/23 Jack and Marley Spilman
- 06/27 Eugenia and Don Egbert
- 06/27 Anna and Huy Phan

**Income and Expenses  
April 2009**

**INCOME**

	<i>April</i>
Offerings	\$3,735.56
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$7,714.91
Special Giving	\$225.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,675.74</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>April</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,079.11
Operating Expense	\$ 4,132.29
Pastor and Staff	\$ 3,355.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,567.26</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$40,646.57
Designated funds	\$21,640.64



# Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, June 14, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

for... *SUMC's*

*All Church*

**PICNIC**



*and*



**Lawn between the Sanctuary and Jones Hall.**

*Please Come!!*

*Fun For All!!*

We will gather together, share food and fellowship in the area under the trees between the buildings. Bring a dish to share and your food item to barbeque. We hope to have more than one barbeque available. Please bring food items that don't require a long cooking time on the barbeque.

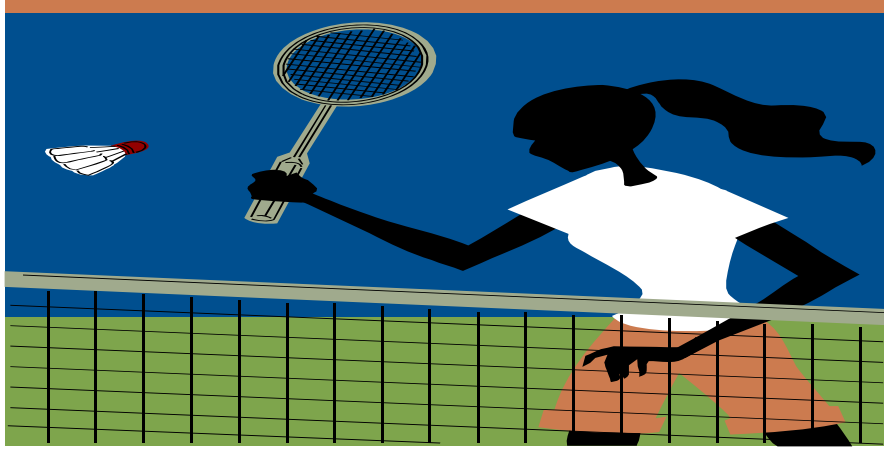
## Community Breakfast Schedule

June 6, 2009 will be the last Community Breakfast of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the 2008-2009 season. It will be hosted by the Milpitas Fire Department. Each Saturday Breakfast time is 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m..

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

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

Thanks to everyone who helped bring these programs to the community this year. Have a GREAT summer!!



### **Fun and Games (Game Nite Style)**

A baker's dozen of us gathered for *Game Nite* on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We kitized, we shared snacks and had good fun. Make sure to keep your eyes open for the next Game Nite. You don't want to miss the fun.



### **Time, Gifts, Service**

Anyone interested in serving beyond the local church, contact the District Superintendent or email the district office at [sjdist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjdist@sbcglobal.net). There are numerous positions available.

I have been elected to serve as the chairperson for the Northern San Jose District Church Extension Society of the United Methodist Church (NSJCES). I have served as a member of this committee for several years. Because of this new responsibility, I have decided to step down as Administrative Council Chairperson for Sunnyhills UMC. I look at this as an exciting opportunity for Sunnyhills to have new leadership.

Yours in Christ,

*Gwen*

## Calendar

### June

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 4 Choir Practice
- 6 Community Breakfast in Jones Hall @ 8:00AM  
WRAP at 9:30AM
- 7 Worship
- 8 Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 13 Study help at 9:00 a.m.  
Trustees at 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Worship
- 14 All Church – Picnic and BBQ
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 17-19 Annual Conference
- 21 Worship – *Happy Father's Day*
- 22 Korean Ministry Service
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 27 Parenting Seminar – Time Management
- 27 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 28 Korean Ministry Service
- 29 Centering Prayer

### July

- 4 *Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!*
- 5 Worship
- 5 Korean Ministry Service
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 11 Worship
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 15 *BEACON Deadline (Early due to Vacation)*
- 18 Worship
- 18 Korean Ministry Service
- 19 Centering Prayer
- 22-8/1 Rhonda is on Vacation
- 26 Worship Change-over Sunday
- 26 Korean Ministry Service
- 27 Centering Prayer

## The Beacon

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