



July 2009

# The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035

**Pastor Chansoo Lee**

Cel  
Church Office

(510) 325-4907  
(408) 262-1486

*Visit us on the Web!*

[www.gbgm-umc.org/sunnyhills](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/sunnyhills)

## *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing,  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by thy might  
Great God, our King.

Samuel F. Smith

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

The next **WRAP Meeting** will be **Thursday, July 23, 2009** at **6:30 p.m.**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **August** issue - **Wednesday morning, July 15, 2009.**

**Lunch Bunch** will be held at **Liou's House** on **July 26, 2009** at **11:30 a.m.**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** is **Change-over Sunday.**

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)





Dear Friends,

The current slowdown of the economy appears to be affecting everyone, including our annual conference. Adopting the budget for 2010 was an important issue at the annual conference. The total apportionment for 2010 will be \$12,134,225, which reflects 1.5% decrease from the 2009 apportionment. On the spending side, conference staff will take voluntary pay cut by 16.8%; and overall program grants and support for new church development will shrink as well. Hopefully the member churches will be able fulfill their financial obligations for next year. However, it is something that we need to wait and see.

The Finance committee met in April and discussed our church finances. I shared my opinion at that time; according to my analysis, about \$5,000 will be less on the income side in comparison with 2008 income level. However, it appears that the church finances are holding even for the first half of this year.

Despite the possible financial concerns, the formation of the committee on the Community Breakfast was an important development. This seven-member committee, including one representative from the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association, will reorganize the Community Breakfast. The Community Breakfasts will continue to be an open forum where issues of the community will be discussed so that people are informed and educated about them.

I personally feel that with the formation of the committee, our congregation is reclaiming the legacy of Sunnyhills UMC as a community church. Fifty years ago, for instance, when the congregation first came together as a worshiping community at Sunnyhills, the issue of integrated housing firmly gave a sense of identity to the congregation. And, later the United Methodist Men's group began to meet over breakfast on Saturday mornings, which eventually became the current Community Breakfast; and it served as a place where local leadership emerged, particularly among African Americans in the community.

Our community has gone through changes over the years. But our concern for the community has not. And I anticipate that Community Breakfast will help us re-establish the place of our church in the community. The committee is already doing the planning for next year. I am really looking forward to attending the first Community Breakfast for the 2009-10 year, which will be in September.

Peace,

Chansoo Lee



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

Sunnyhills UMC invites you to attend the second and third Parenting Workshops led by Jimmie Kennon, Sr. of LaRay Consultants. These workshops will take place Saturday, July 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

There is a nominal registration fee of \$5.00/person for materials. The topics of study include effective communication, self esteem, and discipline challenges.

There will be sign-up sheets for these workshops at worship. Hope to see you there.

***WRAP***

The next **WRAP** meeting will be held on Saturday, Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m..



► ***Lunch Bunch*** will gather for Chinese food at House of Liou, after worship on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

► ***Change-Over Sunday*** is July 26, 2009.

Its great to report this ministry continues to be successful. It continues to be a difficult year for many. **Thank you sooo much for caring!**



► ***SPRC*** There will be an SPRC meeting Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the church office.

**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

- 07/2 George Chow
- 07/5 Shirley Macemon
- 07/6 Alex Rovere
- 07/8 Stacey Anderson
- 07/10 Cliveden Haas
- 07/18 John Babbel
- 07/18 Kristen Middleton
- 07/20 Sue Babbel
- 07/22 Lelaine Tanciangco
- 07/31 William Middleton
- 07/31 Bill, Jr. Middleton



**Happy Anniversary!**

- 07/08 Cliveden and Guy Haas
- 07/16 Evelyn and William Middleton
- 07/26 Alex Walker and Catherine Deppe

**Income and Expenses  
May 2009**

**INCOME**

	<i>May</i>
Offerings	\$ 4,269.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,036.64
Special Giving	\$ 54.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,360.03</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>May</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,170.27
Operating Expense	\$ 2,382.16
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,678.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,230.43</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$41,776.17
Designated funds	\$21,810.03



## *Annual Conference News*

Annual conference was interesting as always this year. I enjoyed Bishop Warner Brown's sense of humor (for instance when he said he was glad that the plenary on Wednesday night, which started at 8:00 to consider 32 items, finished before while it was still Wednesday), he's also quite a speaker and he gave out four Bishop's awards this year. Recipients were: Lee Wiliamson, Dr. Steven Carlson, Jerry Gleason, and Susan Hunn.

The economy is affecting churches as well as everyone else. Attendance was quite a bit lower this year than years previous.

Our conference has returned to John Wesley's idea of circuits and thus appointments were announced in that way. Each group has a circuit leader.

Some of the items voted on this year were a differently-abled Awareness Sunday to be held in the month of October,

A continuation of our covenant partnership with West Angola.

An Amman call resolution, that the UMC make the issue of Israeli-Palestine a priority for peacemaking, and join with the World Council of Churches to endorse the World Council of churches Amman Call regarding Arab-Israeli peace.

A resolution to honor and endorse the boycott of the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf hotel, the Hei Le Meridien Hotel, and the Santa Clara Hyatt to encourage them to allow their workers to form unions in order to acquire living wages, and to not patronize their services until these disputes have been resolved and the workers call off the boycott.

A Witness to Conscience to move beyond some of the language of the past and affirm new language that we recognize that sexuality is God's good gift to all persons, etc.

A resolution to send President Obama a letter that the UMC urges him to end the wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Resolution for Marriage Equality for same sex couples which also celebrated the state of Nevada's recent move to legally recognize same sex couples.

And many others. More information is available on the conference website:

[www.cnumc.org](http://www.cnumc.org)

## ***Make Difference in Your Community!***

On Saturday, October 24, 2009, Sunnyhills United Methodist Church (SUMC) and the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) will co-sponsor Make-A-Difference Day activities in the Sunnyhills area. Make A Difference Day is an encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. We are excited about being a part of it this year.

SUMC has agreed to host a Stanford blood drive in the church sanctuary and to make a list of home owners in the neighborhood who would like to have help with home repairs and yard work on the day of the event. We are also planning to have collection trucks available for donations to charitable organizations (arrangements are still being made).

Put the date on your calendars! Contact SUMC at (408) 262-1486 if you would like to sign up to be on the list of home-owners who could use a hand to spruce up your place that day. If you know an elderly neighbor or person with a disability who could use a hand, please let them know about this project and how to contact us.



**Mark your calendar for :  
GAME NIGHT!!**

**Friday, July 17, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary.**

**Play some games, share a desert,  
HAVE A GREAT TIME!!**

## **SCRIP Summer Schedule**

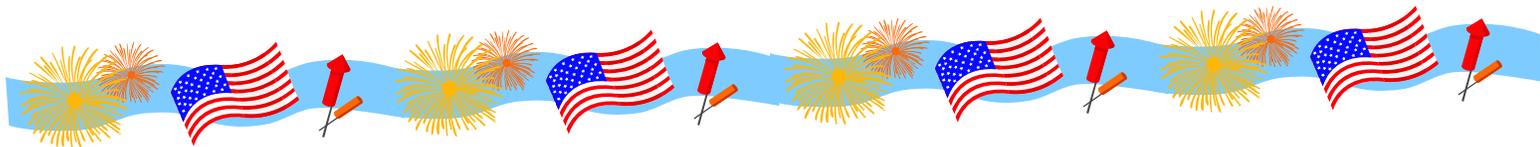
**Our scrip coordinator will be unavailable from July 4 - August 9 and August 14 - August 19. Which means we will not be able to submit orders during these 2 periods of time.**

**Get your orders in to Daislyn before that time or you'll need to wait until late August, or only have that very short window between August 9th and 14th. You can email Daislyn with what you want if that works better for you, or catch her on Sundays, or call her. [daislyn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daislyn@sbcglobal.net), 408-262-4236. She'll let you know what you owe if that's the way you do it.**

**Remember, Scrip is the fundraiser where you purchase things that you already use, but make a little money for Sunnyhills while you're at it. No one expects you to buy anything you won't use. It's just about the easiest fundraiser ever!**

**Thanks,**

Daislyn



## **Its Vacation Time!!**

Hi Everyone,

I'll be out of the office on vacation from July 22, 2009 – August 2. Please forward all of your Beacon articles for August 2009 to me by July 14, 2009. I'll be publishing the Beacon Early in order to mail it on time. I'm sorry for any inconvenience and I hope all of you enjoy a wonderful vacation this year.

*Rhonda McDonald*

## Calendar

### July

- 4 *Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July*  
Worship
- 5 Korean Ministry Service
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 11 Parenting Workshop from 10:00 to noon
- 12 Worship
- 12 Korean Ministry Service
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 14 *BEACON Deadline (Early because of Vacation)*
- 17 Game Nite
- 18 Parenting Workshop from 10:00 a.m. to noon
- 19 Worship
- 19 Korean Ministry Service
- 20 Centering Prayer
- 21 SPRC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 23 WRAP 6:30
- 25 Trustees Meeting 9:30AM
- 26 Worship – Change over Sunday  
Lunch Bunch – House of Liou

### August

- 2 Worship
- 2 Korean Ministry Service
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 9 Worship
- 9 Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 16 Worship
- 16 Korean Ministry Service
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 22 Trustees = Work party (Re=construction and Repairs)
- 23 Worship
- 23 Korean Ministry Service at 11:30 AM
- 23 Centering Prayer
- 30 Worship – Change-Over Sunday

## The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
355 Dixon Road  
Milpitas, CA 95035

FIRST CLASS MAIL

# LIGHT FOR LIVING AND GROWING

