



# The Beacon

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*A Thought for Summertime*

*by Lydia Rule*

Happily summer begins  
Quickly summer ends  
Choices are made, foundations laid

We sing, dance, and play  
But at the end of the day  
What did we do or say  
To honor our Lord, in every way?

Waves come ashore  
Then flee with a roar  
Our life oft the same  
Leaving as quickly as it came.

What time we possess  
Give not to selfish caress  
Lift your eyes to see more,  
Find a Purpose to live for!

When you sit in the sun  
And bask in the fun  
Take time to praise  
The Giver of Life's short days.

## Note from the editor:

The next **WRAP Meeting** will be Sunday **September 20, 2009** at 11:30 a.m.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **September** issue -**Thursday** morning,  
September 17, 2009.

**Lunch Bunch** will be held at **Home Town Buffet** at **McCarthy Ranch** at **11:45 a.m..**

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** is **Change-over Sunday** and **Special Charge Conference.**

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Dear Friends and Church Members,

These days I try hard not to think. The more I think about the issues and problems that we are facing in the world today, the more I feel powerless. I will not list them here; for that would remind me of them again. We all know well that just to stop thinking about them will not make them go away. We also know well that unless something is done, they will continue to stay with us. But at times, we just do what we need to do, without trying to understand the meanings of what we do, until we see things in perspective again.

I want to share with a quote from *Jesus Did It Anyway: The Paradoxical Commandments for Christians* by Dr. Kent Keith.

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

*Love them anyway.*

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

*Do good anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

*Succeed anyway.*

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

*Do good anyway.*

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

*Be honest and frank anyway.*

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

*Think big anyway.*

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.

*Fight for a few underdogs anyway.*

I have a friend who is also a United Methodist local pastor in New Jersey and he introduced me to Dr. Keith's writing. I hope it will be a source of strength as we try to come to terms with our own world today.

Peace,

Chansoo Lee

► **WRAP**

The next **WRAP** meeting will be held in September. The date is September 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. We hope by having it on Sunday after service more people will participate. Bring your ideas and join us in planning our church activities.

► **Lunch Bunch**

We have two dates coming up:  
**August 16** at **Home Town Buffet** at 11:45 a.m.  
**November 8** at **Casa Azteca** at 11:45 a.m.

► **Lay Leadership**

**Special Charge Conference** for the election of Administrative Council Chairperson has been scheduled for August 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Erik Larsen has been nominated to fill the position.

► **Trustees**

**Work Day – August 29, 2009**

**Meeting – September 26, 2009**

**Community Breakfast**

Organizational meeting scheduled for August 15, 2009 at 9 a.m. This newly formed committee wants your input. SUMC is hosting the community breakfast on Saturday September 12, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

**Looking Ahead**

**October 11, 2009 – a progressive dinner – check with Erik Larsen for details**

**November 13, 2009 – sing-a-long – check with Gwen Freeman for details.**

► **Change-Over Sunday** is **August 30, 2009.**

The Milpitas Food Pantry is utilized even more by the economic times that face us all. **Thank you for giving generously and caring constantly!**



► **SPRC**

**Meeting – September 1, 2009**

**Game Nite**

**September 25, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.**

You want to be challenged, and have fun? Put game nite on your calendar. You never know what you might learn. Bring games and snacks to share.

**Mission Statement**

“A mission statement is a brief written statement of the purpose of our church. It should be able to explain to us why we are here as a church...”

Submit your ideas for a SUMC mission statement to Pastor Chansoo Lee by August 30, 2009. SPRC will review them on September 1, 2009 and will submit them to WRAP on September 20, 2009. Your mission statement ideas will be printed in the Beacon and voted on at our annual charge conference in the fall.

**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

08/05 Evelyn Middleton  
 08/09 Hoan Phan  
 08/16 Thelma Wilber  
 08/16 Colleen Babbler  
 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 2009**

**INCOME**

	<i>June</i>
Offerings	\$ 2,705.50
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$3,301.41
Special Giving	\$264.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,271.08</b>

**EXPENSES**

	<i>June</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,285.27
Operating Expense	\$ 3,787.40
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,280.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,352.86</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$22,024.20
Designated funds	\$15,670.19



**SUMC and Friends:**



***We Need You!***

**Your Trustees ask you to participate in an all hands workday:**

**Saturday ~~~ August 29, 2009 ~~~ 9:00AM to 3:00PM**

**We will focus on the re-construction of the awning and post on the sanctuary building and deep cleaning of some other areas and grounds.**

**Lunch will be provided:** Anyone unable to help with the workday may contribute to the Lunch.

**Sign-ups for both will be available after Worship in the back of the Sanctuary.**

**Come for All or Part of the day! Your help is needed and sooo Appreciated!**

**Hope to see you all there,  
Your Trustees**

## **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.



## **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

## **Something(s) Special in September**

Its hard to believe the Summer's half over, but its true. It broke the hearts of a few school aged bystanders the other day to see the Back-to-School stuff was already coming out at the local Target store, but it was.

In the busy-ness of the rest of the summer, as we are all trying to get to, and do everything we planned for this fun-filled season, please take note of a couple of things planned for SUMC in September.

**CHOIR** starts back up, Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We have some terrific voices but can always use one or two or ten more. Mark your calendar and come join in the music and fun.

End of Summer Bar-B-Que...

***Come One, Come All! We're Headin' Toward Fall***

***We'll Be Grillin (over the Bar-B)***

***and Chillin (with an ice cold drink or two)***



***Under the trees between the Church Office***

***and Jones Hall.***



**Pencil it in for: Sunday\*\*\*\*\*September 13<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*\*\*11:30 til ????**

# Calendar

## August

- 2 Worship
- 3 Centering Prayer
- 9 Worship
- 10 Centering Prayer
- 15 Com. Brkfst. Organizing Meeting at 9 a.m.
- 16 Worship
- 17 Lunch Bunch at Home Town Buffet
- 17 Centering Prayer
- 23 Worship
- 24 Centering Prayer
- 29 Trustees - Work party (Construction and Repairs)
- 30 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 30 Special Charge Conference
- 31 Centering Prayer

## September

- 1 SPRC 7 p.m.
- 6 Worship
- 7 *Labor Day*
- Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir Kick-off for the 2009-2010 Season
- 12 Community Breakfast
- 13 Worship
- End of Summer, Back to School Bar-B-Q
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 17 BEACON *Deadline*
- Choir Practice
- 20 Worship
- WRAP 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 24 Choir Practice
- 25 Game Nite 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Trustees Meeting
- 27 Worship – Change Over Sunday

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