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An Adolescent's prayer: Father, I want you to be right beside me at school this year, almost like you're my best friend. If you were really walking beside me, maybe I'd be more concerned about pleasing you than pleasing others. If you were there beside me, maybe I'd realize I could talk to you anytime I wanted, and lean on you when I'm feeling sad or dumb. Help me know you really will be right beside me each day of this school year.

A Teenager's prayer: Father in Heaven, When I'm around my friends at church, it's so easy to act like a Christian. Then I get back with my school friends and I'm like this completely different person. I want to keep my faith real this year. So please do whatever it takes to help me be the same person at school as I am at church. In spite of my flaws and the mistakes I make, help me to be totally committed to you.

A Teacher's prayer: Our Loving Father: Thank you for bringing me this classroom of children to teach this year. Help me guide them each day, into learning all your wonders.

Be with us as we share the adventures and challenges of learning and growing together.

Guide us when we get frustrated or tired along this path, and show us how to stay focused on your mission for each of us. In all we say, in all we do, in all we feel...we worship you.

We need you, we love you and we want you with us. May we make you proud of us.

A Parent's Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father: As our children return once again to the classroom, may we be your hands to help them along this journey and may you hold them close as they try to become your true servants. Guide them through their choices and painful decisions and may they find reassurance in your love in all that they attempt. Give them strength, oh Lord, that they might find true confidence within themselves to excel and the compassion to reach out to help others along the way. In all that they are and all that they do, may they trust and reflect your love. In the name of your son we pray, AMEN.

Please take a moment next week to say a prayer for the children returning to school. They face challenges most of us never dreamed of.

Note from the editor:

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

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

Trustees will meet again on **Saturday, September 26, 2009** at **9:30 a.m.**

September 27th is **Change-over Sunday.**

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)





Dear Friends,

Summer vacation is almost over and a new school year will start next week. I have three daughters and the second one is starting college this September. I am glad that she has got into the school of her choice. I wish not only for my own daughter, but for all the best for those beginning college and I hope they will do well.

But, I also have concerns. The other day, I heard a broadcast on the radio regarding the current national debt after the federal bail out plan for the banks. It is something equivalent to each person in the United States owing about \$42,000. My daughter owes that much already. She is not getting a monthly statement for this. But she will be paying through various taxes she will have to pay.

Such concern is not just for those who will be starting college this fall. I also have the same kind of concern for others like my eldest daughter who will be graduating from college next May. Job prospects are not encouraging for the graduating college students. Unemployment in California is, for instance, 12%. So they will be entering a job market that has already been experiencing a high unemployment rate.

You may wonder why I am speaking about the current economy. Because of the current economic situation, I learned a lot about how our economy works. Of course, I can say I know “something” about the Bible as a pastor. But I did not know I also needed to understand how the economy works, for instance, if I want to understand better what the Bible says. This also applies to understanding how politics works.

I do not want to remain a passive consumer of discouraging news about our current economy. I want to be active and proactive. I feel I need to do something so that I can see myself not powerless. One thing I want to suggest in this regard to our congregation is the attendance and participation in the Community Breakfast. I expect it to be a place where average citizens like me will get informed and educated about various community issues that affect us everyday. If you feel Wall Street, Washington D.C., and Sacramento are too far away, then at least you should not feel the same with Milpitas City Hall and our own neighborhood.

8 a.m. on September 12, which is Saturday, will be the first Community Breakfast. I invite all to this breakfast. Come enjoy the breakfast and learn the history of the Community Breakfast. I also encourage you to share your ideas about its future.

Sincerely,

Chansoo Lee

► **WRAP**

The next **WRAP** meeting will be **September 20, 2009** at **11:30 a.m.**. We are looking forward to a high level of participation so we may plan some great activities through the rest of 2009. Bring your ideas and join in the fun. See you all there.



► **Game Nite**

Come one and all to the next Game Nite on **Friday September 25, 2009** at **6:30 p.m.** Ask anyone who's come before, we all have a real good time.

Bring the family and challenge each other in various games that don't require a computer. (What an awesome concept). A munchie to share and some good clean fun. Don't miss this one. See ya there!!!

► **Trustees** will have their next meeting on **Saturday, September 26, 2009** at **9:30 a.m.** See ya all there.

► **SPRC** will have their next meeting, **Tuesday September 1, at 7:00 p.m.**. Committee members, mark your calendars.

► **Choir** That's it. The "celebrated" summer is over and the kids have gone back to school. Wow. How did it go so quickly. Time to take out those vocal chords, carefully try them out, and always warm them up properly. That's right folks, **The choir is back** as of **September 10th**, with their first practice of the season. They've got great voices, but can always use and **always welcome** more. Gwen has some new music and can't wait to share it. So come on over to the **Sanctuary** on the **10th** at **6:30 p.m.** and we'll have a real good time practicing some old and learning some new music together.



► **Change-Over Sunday** is **September 27, 2009**. Many school-aged children receive their most nourishing meals from The Milpitas Food Pantry. Please know your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Thank you for being there all year round!!**

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 2009**

INCOME	
	<i>July</i>
Offerings	\$ 2,653.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,279.76
Special Giving	\$32.10
TOTAL	\$7,964.86

EXPENSES	
	<i>July</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,050.27
Operating Expense	\$ 1,790.41
Pastor and Staff	\$ 6,334.13
TOTAL	\$ 9,174.81

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$39,484.44
Designated funds	\$16,901.71

***There was a mistake in the Cash on hand for last month.. It is correct for this month...**

Bob



SUMC and Friends:



We Thank You!

Your Trustees asked you to participate in an all hands workday and you all sure listened.

We were thrilled to have folks from various organizations help out including but not limited to: NA, AA, Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and Santa Maria. We had many of our church members and friends participating and a humongous, fantastic Whomping THANK YOU goes out to you all.

Lunch was provided: By Church members and friends, Santa Maria and others donating for a great lunch.

Let's not forget the Water: In that searing heat, much of the time over 100°. We couldn't have Made it without it. We went through 2 cases, almost 3.

THANK YOU!!!!!!THANK YOU!!!!!!THANK YOU!!!!!!

From trimming up the landscape, to working on the roof, to working on the new door in Jones Hall, to even a little Painting. You did so much to help out. So much can be done if we all work together.

We hope to see you the next time and we promise it will be cooler.

With **much** gratitude,

Your Trustees



No matter how you say it... its heartfelt just the same!

Dear Church Members and Friends:

Please join me in thanking Gwen Freeman for her dedicated service as Chairman of our Administrative Counsel. She has shown leadership, co-operation and support since the first day I came to Sunnyhills and before.

No matter what is going on, she has always kept her sense of humor and smile. Her guidance will be missed but I am faithful Erik will contribute greatly in this position as well.

Thank you again Gwen, for everything you've done and may your Direction in Music here at Sunnyhills carry on for many years to come.

Blessings,

Chansoo



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 Reminder

Please be reminded to order your scrip from Daislyn on Sundays or via email at daislyn@sbcglobal.net. Scrip is the easy fundraiser - you only get things you really need and use, and the church gets a small profit from the transaction.

Don't forget, they make great gifts too! Between Back-to-School, Halloween and the "Holidays" just looming around the corner wouldn't it be great if the church benefited from all that buying power. It's just about the easiest fundraiser ever!

Thanks,

Daislyn

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 13th*****Noon til ????**

Calendar

September

- 6 Worship
- 7 *Labor Day*
Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir Kick-off for the 2009-2010 Season
- 12 Community Breakfast
- 13 Worship
- 14 End of Summer, Back to School Bar-B-Q
NSJCES
- 17 Centering Prayer
BEACON Deadline
Choir Practice
- 20 Worship
- 21 WRAP at 11:30 a.m.
Centering Prayer
- 24 Choir Practice
- 25 Game Nite
- 26 Trustees Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
- 27 Worship – Change Over Sunday

October

- 1 Choir
- 3 Community Breakfast
- 4 Worship - World Communion Sunday
- 5 Centering Prayer
- 8 Choir
- 11 Worship
- 12 Progressive Dinner
- 15 Centering Prayer
Choir
- 18 Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer
- 22 Choir
- 24 SNA event
- 25 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 26 Centering Prayer
- 29 Choir

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