

July 2010

The Beacon

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God Bless the U.S.A.

Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife,
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
and they can't take that away.

I'm proud to be an American
where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
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From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,
Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea.
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.,
There's pride in every American heart
and it's time we stand and say:

I'm proud to be an American
where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
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Note from the editor:

WELCOME PICNIC and BAR-B-Q will be JULY 10TH, @ 1:00 PM.

BEACON DEADLINE: For the August issue – **Thursday morning, July 15, 2010.**

July 25th is Change-over Sunday.

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)





Dear Friends:

As some of you may already know, Bishop Brown and his cabinet have decided to move me to Trinity UMC in Mountain View as of July 1. Rev. Shirley Macemon, whom I followed four years ago, will return to Sunnyhills. I felt sad when I first learned the decision regarding my next appointment, on one hand, but I felt good afterwards knowing that the congregation can start fresh again, on the other hand.

This is not the first time I have been moved. Looking back, to every new appointment, I brought what I had learned from my previous appointments—this, I believe, is true for every pastor. At Sunnyhills, I have recognized different social changes the congregation went through; they had to cope with, for instances, fluctuating local job situation in the Silicon Valley, large inflow of immigrants impacting the local demography, and generational change. Each change posed challenges, both new and different, which made it especially difficult for the congregation to sometimes cope.

I believe Sunnyhills is not an exception to this situation—social changes are everywhere and ongoing, and they are impacting churches. I am convinced that those churches capable of coming to terms with the changes creatively will successfully survive the membership decline, a denomination wide phenomenon, and grow back.

Mission needs to lie at the heart of the growth efforts. “The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”(the Discipline, Para 120) The idea of mission informs the Church that it has purpose; without a clear sense of purpose, the Church should realize that it is unable to explain to itself why it needs to exist after all. The Church exists for the transformation of the world, which, I believe, begins with the transformation of each Christian; and the discipleship of Jesus Christ, in turn, informs what this transformation involves and it does so in each new situation with different tasks. Then, *church growth needs to be understood as a natural outcome of its self-renewal in each new situation, and not an objective.* This is why constant self-renewal is a difficult task.

When I remember Sunnyhills, I want to picture the congregation actively engaged in the work of mission. And I want to ask the congregation to do the same. The knowledge that we live and work with the same purpose will, though at different places, continue to be the encouragement for my work. We will remain connected in faith and work and we will keep in touch. May God bless!

Sincerely,

Chansoo Lee

► **Lunch Bunch** will have their next outing, **August 15, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.** Location TBA in the August *Beacon*.



► ***Game Nite!***
Fun for All and All for Fun!! Don't be shy. Come join in the fun on Game Nite, Friday, **August 13**, at **6:30 p.m.**

► **Change-Over Sunday** is **July 25, 2010.**

“Change” is what we have jingling in our pockets and purses after we use paper bills for various purchases. “Change” for others is what happens, ever so subtle, when you continue to support this ministry. Thank you again for stepping up to promote this “Change”.



Some things we all can do to help with Shirley's return to Sunnyhills.

1. Be sure to share your name with the pastor for the first few weeks. We have one name to remember, she has many.
2. Feel free with your expressions of appreciation, if you like something your pastor has done, please say so.
3. Express your appreciation without comparing the new pastor with a former pastor.
4. Don't make promises you cannot keep.
5. Understand that the new pastor's style of showing care may be different than former pastors.
6. Tell the pastor what you need and what you think.
7. Take your church responsibilities seriously and follow through with your appointed tasks without having to be reminded.
8. Acquaint your pastor with those who are ill and with those who are new visitors to the church.
9. Hold the transition process in your prayers.

P.S. Constructive feedback is always welcome regarding sermons, whether they be Shirley's or someone else's.

Sincerely, *Your SPRC*

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 Kristen Middleton
- 07/22 Lelaine Tanciangco
- 07/31 William Middleton
- 07/31 Bill, Jr. Middleton



Church Anniversary

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

**Income and Expenses
May 2010**

INCOME

	<i>May</i>
Offerings	\$2,965.57
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,594.17
Special Giving	\$111.26
TOTAL	\$ 7,671.00

EXPENSES

	<i>May</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 150.00
Operating Expense	\$ 1,761.72
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,959.67
TOTAL	\$ 6,871.39

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$33,913.65
Designated funds	\$23,807.58



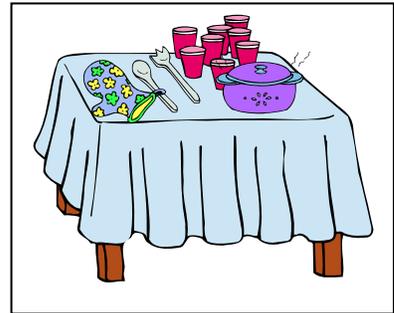
Mark Your Calendars!!

Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.



Barbeque

and



Potluck

Please Come!!

Fun For All!!

Karen Shreifels has invited us to a "Welcome Back, Pastor Shirley" barbecue potluck at her home (see church directory), on Saturday July 10 starting at 1 p.m.

Karen will take care of meat (most likely something from the smoker and something else from the grill) but asks that we bring side dishes. On a Saturday in July, I expect cold salads and desserts will be more popular than hot casseroles....

Those who attended the Bible study there will be very happy to learn that the huge hole in her front yard is now solid ground again.

Community Breakfast Schedule

June 5, 2010 was the last Community Breakfast of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the 2009-2010 season. Have a wonderful Summer and the Community Breakfast Schedule for 2010-2011 will be posted in the August *Beacon*.

Calendar

July

- 4 Worship - *Happy 4th of July!*
Welcome Pastor Shirley!
Centering Prayer
- 5 Centering Prayer
- 11 Worship
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 15 *BEACON Deadline (Early due to Vacation)*
- 18 Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer
- 25 Worship Change-over Sunday
- 26-30 Rhonda is on Vacation
- 26 Centering Prayer

August

- 1 Worship
- 2 Centering Prayer
- 8 Worship
- 9 Centering Prayer
- 13 Game Nite
- 15 Worship
- 16 Lunch Bunch
- 16 Centering Prayer
- 22 Worship
- 23 Centering Prayer
- 29 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
Kick-off Bar-B-Que
- 30 Centering Prayer

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