



The Beacon

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Bless Our Leaders

Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To all who have executive authority and to all who have administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To those who make our laws give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

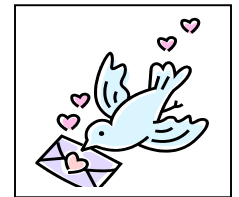
To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. *Amen.*

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Note from the editor:

The next Ad Council will meet **Thursday, August 18TH, @ 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.**



BEACON DEADLINE: For the September issue – **Wednesday morning, August 17, 2011.**

August 28th is Change-over Sunday.

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



Dear Friends:

If you've been in worship this summer, you probably noticed I've been away for several Sundays, with the pulpit being well-filled by Daislyn Pease, a certified Conference Lay Minister, Laine Sazon, certified Lay Speaker, and the Rev. Emil Sazon (whose credentials speak for themselves!) I am thankful, and we are blessed to have not only these, but all of the rest of you who step up for worship leadership and all the other ministries that make our Sunday mornings worshipful and meaningful.

I've been privileged to be working with youth all summer. Early in July, I participated in our Conference Senior High Leadership Camp, at Monte Toyon in Aptos. Thirteen teens and support staff "braved" the unseasonably cold temperatures in Aptos to learn more about ourselves as Christian leaders in our every day lives and in specifically Christian settings. Several of these young people stayed on to use their just-honed skills as counselors and staff for Camp Quest (for middle schoolers) and Toyon Kids' camp (for elementary schoolers) at Toyon the following week.

Rejoining the Conference Camps at Camp Lodestar in Wilseyville (near Jackson), I served as support staff for Super Camp and Super Kid Camp, (Middle school, and elementary, respectively.) Leading campfire singing and worship, teaching basket making, lanyards, friendship bracelets, assembling the hands-on projects to accompany the curriculum kept me significantly busy. Better than all that, however, was experiencing our young leaders – some from Leadership Camp, some from previous years in the Lodestar Leader in Training Program. Watching a young man I've known for 6+ years (who did NOT want to come to camp his first year) take on not only a rambunctious group of elementary boys, but also leadership within the counselors, guiding his cabin group and fellow counselors to push on, inspect, verbalize and grow in their faith journey gave me confidence in the Church of today – that is, our youth. Working with teens who specifically and confidently reach out to their peers who are differently-abled, socially awkward, and/or have home-life issues that make my hair stand on end assures me that the message of Jesus is hitting home, whether or not the institution of the church is meeting their needs.

I know that many of you had faith-deepening experiences as campers in a variety of settings as children, youth and young adults. My own spiritually formative years were spent in Girl Scout Camps; Many of you went to church, Scout, Rainbow Girl, Campfire and other summer camping experiences. In our Conference, it is estimated that more than one third of our ordained clergy (and probably more of our active laity) deepened their faith and heard their call in at camp.

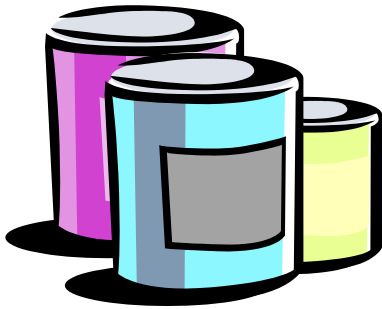
Thank you for your support of my work in our Conference camping program, during the summer and through out the year, as we plan for "bigger, brighter, shiner" experiences in the summers and years to come.

Today I'm heading to Sacramento for Youth 2011 with Laine and Emil Sazon and 6 youth sponsored by our congregation. I am confident that we will have life-changing experiences, that each of the youth attending will bring home new-found excitement in their faith, and that Laine, Emil and I will return completely worn out! Thank you for your on-going support of our youth and this amazing opportunity for them.

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley

► ***Trustees*** meet again **Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 7:30PM at Karen Schreifels'.**



► ***Change-Over Sunday*** is **August 28, 2011.** It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end. Your support to this ministry has provided much needed food to your neighbors. Thank you again.

► ***Ad Council*** will meet again **Thursday, August 18th at 7:00PM in Jones Hall.** All are welcome and we hope to see you there.



Happy Birthday Wishes to...

- 08/09 Hoan Phan
- 08/16 Thelma Wilber
- 08/18 James Singleton
- 08/22 Terry Johnson
- 08/22 Emily Pease
- 08/29 Jessie Pereyra
- 08/30 Eric Valderrama



Church Anniversary

08/14 Joyce and Terry Johnson

**Income and Expenses
June 2011**

INCOME	
	<i>June</i>
Offerings	\$4,374.88
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$4,792.60
Special Giving	\$219.19
TOTAL	\$ 9,386.67

EXPENSES	
	<i>June</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,739.86
Operating Expense	\$ 2,067.95
Pastor and Staff	\$ 5,459.32
TOTAL	\$ 9,267.13

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand	\$44,903.63
Designated funds	\$22,845.89



To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 in a befitting manner, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has launched nation-wide blood drives in the month of September 2011. Their goal is to save 30,000 lives. Our congregation has been invited to participate. Locally, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Silicon Valley will hold its blood drive on Sunday, September 4, 2011, for which the SUMC has been invited, at their Mosque located at 926 Evans Road in Milpitas.

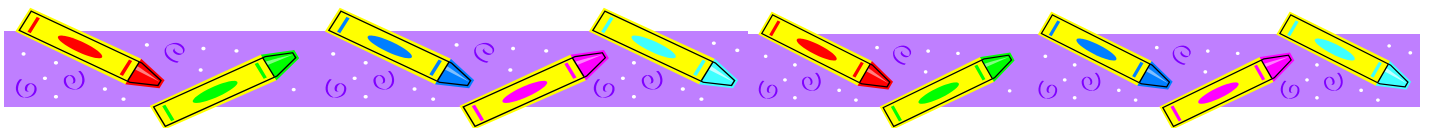
However if you are interested in Sunnyhills United Methodist Church arranging a blood drive here, please contact the church office at (408) 262-1486.



Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, September 10, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

Hosts and presenters for the next meeting are yet to be announced. Please keep your eye on the *Beacon* to provide further information next month.

The breakfast, a 50-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Breakfast is free (donations requested). All Milpitas residents and business owners are invited to attend and participate. Breakfasts run from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Jones Hall, Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. The next Breakfast will be September 10, 2011. For more information, call 263-8942.



Its coming....

Don't forget to prepare...

With Script.

Calendar

August

- 1 Centering Prayer
- 3 Trustees' meet at Karen Schreifels
- 7 Worship
- 8 Centering Prayer
- 14 Worship
- 15 Centering Prayer
- 17 **BEACON Deadline**
- 18 Ad Council
- 21 Worship
- 22 Centering Prayer
- 28 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 29 Centering Prayer

September

- 4 Worship
- 5 Labor Day (No Centering Prayer)
- 10 Community Breakfast
- 11 Worship
- 12 Centering Prayer
- 15 Choir Practice
- 18 Worship
- 19 Centering Prayer
- 20 **BEACON Deadline**
- 22 Choir Practice
- 25 Worship Change-over Sunday
- 26 Centering Prayer
- 29 Choir Practice

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