

# The Beacon

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Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. *Amen*

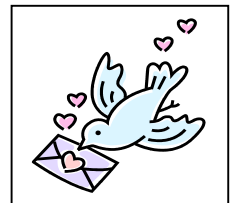
## Note from the editor:

The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – September 8, 2012** at **8:00 a.m.**

The next **Lunch Bunch** will meet **Sunday July 22, 2012** at the **Omega Restaurant** at **11:30a.m.**

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **August** issue – **Thursday** morning, **July 19, 2012.**

**Ad Council** will meet again, **Thursday, August 8, 2012** in **Jones Hall.**



(See Page 3 for further calendar details)



Dear friends,

Annual conference is over for another year. This week, all the pastors and clergy in new appointments meet their new congregations **AND** begin the dance that brings them together as a team. I thank God and the bishop (and his cabinet) that I am remaining at Sunnyhills!

Annual Conference did have some exciting points. A proposal to change the Apportionment calculation was tabled for the year, to allow for further study and better understand the unintended consequences of the new formula. Our old calculation is based on how much we spend in several areas of ministry and salary. Under the old formula, our apportionments will be about \$5,000 per year. The new formula calculates apportionments as a straight 10% of income. Easy to calculate, and easy to understand, but in the new formula, the smaller churches of the conference bear a disproportionate amount of the total. Our own apportionments would be on target to go up by about \$7,000 per year, to about \$12,000 per year. I expect that the new formula will be back, but we'll have had some time to figure out how to pay our fair share.

The other big piece of surprising legislation occurred on Saturday after I'd returned home.

John Oda, one of our San Francisco pastors, wrote it this way in his Facebook post: "Because the present structure and policies of the UMC deny full participation to LGBT sisters and brothers, the Cal-Neva Annual Conference voted today to establish a study committee to seek alternative ways of being a Wesleyan Church, such as the establishment of regional Central Conferences [with contextual portions of the book of discipline], or becoming an autonomous church. This could get interesting!"

I'll second John's comment-this could get interesting!

Daislyn will bring you more information on the workings of the annual conference when she leads worship on July 15. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Daislyn or me.

Travel is on many of our calendars this summer. Please drop me a note if you are out of town for a few weeks. We'll keep you in prayer while you are gone, and will know why you aren't with us on Sunday mornings!

Blessings,

*Pastor Shirley*



► **The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church Choir** is currently on hiatus for the summer. This doesn't mean we won't enjoy special music provided by some very special people including members and visitors this season. Some Sundays we will have the privilege to learn a new hymn before worship and sing it later during the same worship service. If you would like to lift your voice and or musical instrument this summer and enhance our summer worship, please contact Pastor Shirley to get on the schedule.

► **Ad Council**

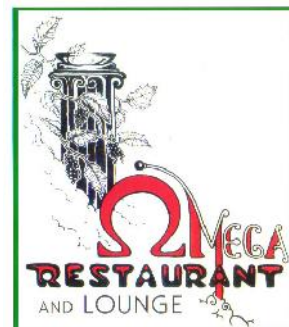
The **Administrative Council** for SUMC will meet at **7:00PM** on **Thursday, August 8, 2012** in Jones Hall. For further information, please contact Guy Haas. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



► **Change-Over Sunday**

The next **Change-Over Sunday** is **July 29, 2012**. This ministry continues to benefit families in need throughout Milpitas. ***Thank you again for caring and MAKING SUCH A DIFFERENCE!***

► **The Lunch Bunch** will meet again July 22 at 11:30 a.m. The Omega Restaurant has been chosen for the location of our next "Luncheon excursion" and is located at 90 South Park Victoria Drive, Milpitas, California 95035.



**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

07/05 Shirley Macemon  
 07/06 Alex Rovere  
 07/10 Cliveden Haas  
 07/22 Lelaine Tanciango



**Happy Anniversary!!**

07/08 Cliveden and Guy Haas  
 07/26 Alex Walker and Catherine Deppe

**Income and Expenses  
 May 2012**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>May</i>
Offerings	\$4,248.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$5,465.06
Special Giving	\$ 290.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$10,003.41

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>May</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,265.75
Operating Expense	\$ 1,860.67
Pastor and Staff	\$ 6,492.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 9,619.09

**FUND BALANCE**

Cash on hand	\$57,166.89
Designated funds	\$26,303.55





The following are a few of the closest 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Displays offered in Santa Clara County. Have fun and a *Safe* and *Sane* Holiday.

**MILPITAS...Evening Concert & "Red White & Boom" Fireworks**

- July 4, 2012 (7p-10p)

Come enjoy an evening of music and exciting fireworks. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the celebration. The "Red, White & Boom" Fireworks Display launch from the Sports Center at 9:30pm. Pre-fireworks concert by The Houserockers begins at 7pm. Fireworks begin at 9:15 pm. *Gates open at 6pm, limited to first 10,000 people to enter. \$3 admission, free for kids 12 and under. Tickets can be pre-purchased at the Community Center and Sports Center.*

**San Jose Municipal Stadium** fireworks

<http://www.sjgiants.com>

The San Jose Giants have a slate of eight home dates this season that will include spectacular post-game fireworks. including back-to-back Independence Day fireworks spectaculars on Wednesday, July 4 and Thursday, July 5 presented by Comcast. Contact the SJ Giants at (408) 297-1435 ext. 15. for more information.

**Shoreline Amphitheatre**

<http://www.sfsymphony.org/season/Event.aspx?eventid=48766>

Sprint over to Shoreline Amphitheatre for the annual concert and fireworks spectacular as the San Francisco Symphony celebrates the sporting life! Enjoy gold medal music and sonic gymnastics, all leading up to a thrilling fireworks show accompanied by the Orchestra. It's a win-win for you and your family!

*Tickets on sale through [Livenation.com](http://Livenation.com).*



**Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, September 8, 2012, 8:00 a.m.**

Please keep your eye on the *Beacon* to provide information regarding our hosts and presenters.

The breakfast, a 50-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and 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. in the Jones Hall at Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 355 Dixon Road (across from Weller School playground). The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. The next Breakfast will be September 8, 2012. For more information, please call 263-8942. Thank you and have a **GREAT SUMMER!**



## Come on and Join in...Giving Blood is *Easy*

You are invited to participate in the 2012 Interfaith Community Blood Drive! **(Please see page 7)**

This July, the Red Cross is allocating all of its resources to the Interfaith Community Blood Drive in an effort to collect enough blood to satisfy the local need the organization faces for the entire month.

To date, there are more than 80 blood drives scheduled throughout the greater-Bay Area as part of the Interfaith Community Blood Drive. These locations are being supported by multiple faith-based groups and congregations – including Latter-day Saints, Catholics, the Knights of Columbus, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Muslims, Episcopalians, Unitarian Universalists, members of Sufism Reoriented, Interfaith Councils, and more.

For more information, visit [rollupyoursleeve.info](http://rollupyoursleeve.info) or schedule your appointment to donate blood at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

(sponsor code: InterfaithCommunity)

or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Every two seconds someone needs blood. You can help make a difference for a patient in need.

**Starting Tuesday, June 19, 2012, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm and continuing on any or all Tuesday evenings through July 31, 2012...**



**Come join other happy volunteer gardeners helping keep Sunnyhills UMC humming with hummingbirds and blooming from head to toe.**

**Come, meet others in God's Garden.**



# American Red Cross

## Interfaith Community Blood Drive

# 2012

### American Red Cross **BLOOD DRIVE**

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
3110 Cropley Ave. – San Jose

**Saturday, July 21, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment, or to find other Interfaith Blood Drives please log on to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) enter sponsor code: **InterfaithCommunity** or call **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or sign up with your church representative.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.



**For more information, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS**  
Identification is required.

# Calendar

## July

- 1 Worship
- 2 Centering Prayer
- 3 Volunteers in the Garden
- 8 Worship - Peace and Justice Sunday
- 9 Centering Prayer
- 10 Volunteers in the Garden
- 15 Worship
- 16 Centering Prayer
- 17 Volunteers in the Garden
- 19 Beacon *Deadline*
- 22 Worship
- 23 Lunch Bunch – at Omega
- 23 Centering Prayer
- 24 Volunteers in the Garden
- 29 Worship – Change Over Sunday
- 30 Centering Prayer
- 31 Volunteers in the Garden

## August

- 5 Worship
- 6 Centering Prayer
- 8 Ad Council
- 12 Worship
- 13 Lunch Bunch – at La Milpas
- 13 Centering Prayer
- 19 Worship
- 20 Centering Prayer
- 21 Beacon *Deadline*
- 26 Worship Change-Over Sunday
- 27 Centering Prayer

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