



*Happy 4th of July!
July 2014*

The Beacon

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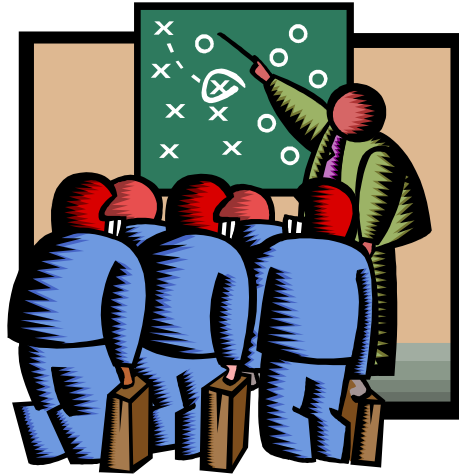
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Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday – September 6, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees will meet** on **Wednesday July 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** at Karens'
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 7:00PM** in Jones Hall.
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **August** issue – **Thursday afternoon, July 24, 2014.**





Dear Friends,
I'm writing from the Sierra Foothills, where I'm taking a few days with Jon and some long time camp friends. Back at Sunnyhills, great things are happening. Last month I told you about the upgrades and improvements that were about to start. Well, they are here! The new roof, paint windows, and patio just to mention a few.

This effort doesn't complete the plan as we still need to re-roof and repair Jones Hall, complete some front yard upgrades, and the like. The next phase will take some significant donations from our members and the other churches of Sunnyhills. We'll need \$40-50,000 to finish Jones Hall, which will require more structural repair than our other buildings. Prayerfully consider what your contribution might be. You don't need to wait for the 'campaign' to write a check.

First Five's programming comes into full swing in July. Look for the calendar insert in the beacon for the schedule - you may have family members or neighbors who could benefit from the programs they sponsor.

Have a blessed summer. See you in Church!

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
Choir The choir is in their Summer hiatus. Please join me in appreciating the time Choir members have spent bringing beautiful music to our Sunday services. Choir rehearsals will resume in mid September. New voices are always welcome!

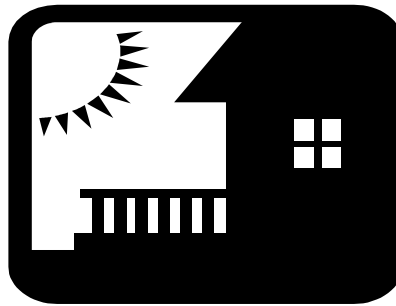


Ad Council
The **Administrative Council** will meet at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, July 16, 2014** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



Change-Over Sunday
The weather is warm and the rain is long gone, but the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry remains constant. The next **Change-Over Sunday is July 27, 2014**. Your continuous support is so greatly appreciated.

The Trustees
The Trustees will meet again, Wednesday, **July 9, 2014** at **7:30PM**, at Karen Schreifels'.



Lunch Bunch
There will be no lunch bunch in the month of July with the BBQ being at the end of June.

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 2014**

INCOME	<i>May</i>
Offerings	\$2,815.00
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$6,134.07
Special Giving	\$ 37.92
TOTAL	\$8,986.99

EXPENSES	<i>May</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,083.41
Operating Expense	\$ 1,811.80
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,817.89
TOTAL	\$ 7,713.10

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$37,361.04
Designated funds	\$24,079.40



Spiritual Life Work Group



Our purpose is to be the hands and feet for Christ. Our goal is to spearhead community and congregation outreach. Reaching out and sharing Christ's love with others. This is a great opportunity to be a part of something more. If you would like to join us, for one or more of the following dates they are below. We will meet directly after church services on the following dates in 2014:

July 20

Oct. 12

Sincerely,
Mary Schreifels

How to set up your computer so that Sunnyhills gets a percentage of your purchase from Amazon.

Go to this page

<http://www.gomilpitas.com/sumc.htm>

On a Mac:

Click and hold on the little icon at the top of your browser, next to the url
Drag it to your “Favorites” line just below the URL.

At this point, your browser will allow you to edit the link.

Change its name to “Amazon” or “Amazon SUMC” if that would help you remember better.

If you miss this opportunity, you can also go into

Bookmarks —> Edit BookMarks —> Favorites Bar

Click where you see "Sunnyhills United Methodist Church - Go Milpitas!"

Click twice until the bookmark name turns colorful.

Edit the name to “Amazon.”

On a PC:

This will heavily depend on what browser you are using, and version of each browser.

In general, there will be a star-like icon to click, or a dropdown menu (to the right of other such dropdowns like File, Edit, etc...) named bookmarks.

Simply clicking that star, or going to the Bookmarks dropdown menu and selecting *Bookmark this page* is the first step/part.

Book marking is the easy part. Making sure you can find that bookmark, or are reminded of it in the future is the hard part.

Most browsers have some sort of *manage bookmarks* option, within that bookmarks dropdown (or a button that appeared when you first click the star icon). Within that option you are looking to place this new bookmark you've made on a *Bookmarks toolbar*. Sort of like the bar of all your active applications at the bottom of your screen that Windows creates, the bookmarks toolbar is the browsers *quick-launch* or the place where you put the favorite of favorite bookmarks.

Be sure to label this bookmark in such a way that you know it is for Amazon. If you forgot to rename it when you first bookmarked, you should be able to right-click on it within the manage bookmarks window, and select rename.

If you have any problems setting up the bookmark, contact Ann for Mac help, or Scott for Windows help, at [408-942-5433](tel:408-942-5433). We'll help you over the phone, or even come to your house.

While this is not the only way to add this page as a bookmark, it is one of the easier ways I remember to actually use it. With their permission, ask friends and family members to allow you to do this on their computers, too, if they like to shop on Amazon.

While on the Sunnyhills UMC page, you will help Sunnyhills make a commission for anything you buy through any of the Amazon links there. If you are looking for something specific, put its name or keyword in the search engine for Amazon in the middle of the page.

You may also click on the long ad on the right, or on the book advertised lower down the page, which will change from time to time as classes need to order new titles.

You don't have to buy the first thing you see. Anything you buy in the next 24 hours will still have our Amazon tracking code ride along, unless you delete your cookies, or visit someone else's Amazon-coded site and enter Amazon there.

The banner ad at the very top of the page is served by Google, and does not count toward Church earnings.

What if you forget, and accidentally go directly to Amazon, put something in your cart, and THEN remember about the church's link?

If it has been less than 24 hours since you went through our site's link, we are supposed to get the credit.

After 24 hours, we will not get credit, unless you remove the items from the cart, go back through our site link, and put the items back in the cart.

Items must ship during a specific calendar month in order to be counted in that month's total, otherwise it will bump into the next month, or whenever it does really ship.

If you return an item, the commission gets deducted for the month it was returned. This happens. Don't worry about it.

It does take awhile for the church to actually get the earnings. Items shipped in July will get commissions paid about the 30th of September, and Ann will give the church its earnings the first Sunday of October.

A reminder: you can buy an Amazon Gift Card through Daislyn, and then go use that gift card for purchases through the site link, and Sunnyhills will then make earnings for both.

Items earn different commissions, and it depends on the total amount Ann earns through all her sites what tier level we'll be paid.

Books earn according to whatever tier level Ann makes over all sites, not just this one. Typically, it will be at least 7%.

Other items have a fixed commission. “Industrial” (at 8%) is more interesting than it looks. For example, we may be able to get a good deal on paper towels in bulk there.

Product Category	Fixed Advertising Fee Rates
Electronics Products	4.00%
Amazon MP3 Products	5.00%
Amazon Instant Video Products	5.00%
Game Downloads Products	10.00%
Gift Cards Redeemable on amazon.com	6.00%
Gift Cards Not Redeemable on amazon.com	4.00%
Amazon Coins	10.00%
Grocery Products	4.00%
Video Game Console Products	1.00%
Headphones Products	6.00%
Industrial Products and Products available on Amazonsupply.com	8.00%
Products available on Myhabit.com	8.00%
Products available on AmazonLocal (local.amazon.com)	6.00%

- Ann Zeise

Participate in Silicon Valley Pride

Silicon Valley Pride Festival is August 17! We are co-sponsoring a booth with several other United Methodist Churches and need your support to prepare materials and staff the booth. Please contact Cliveden Chew Haas if you would like to help finalize a Sunnyhills Brochure. Call the church office if you'd like to take a hand at staffing the booth.

Calendar

July

- 6 Worship
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 9 Trustees meeting at Karens
- 13 Worship
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 16 Ad Council
- 20 Worship
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 27 Worship
- 28 Centering Prayer

August

- 3 Worship
- 4 Centering Prayer
- 10 Worship
- 11 Centering Prayer
- 17 Worship
- 18 Centering Prayer
- 24 Worship
- 25 Centering Prayer
- 31 Worship

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