

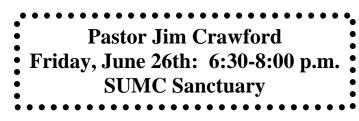
The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035 **Pastor Shirley Macemon**

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Happy Fathers Day! June 2015

Reborn from the Ashes



Fruit, dessert, and the fantastic story of a Phoenix in our midst!

- A shrinking congregation, too old, too white, too tired . . .
- A downtown location in a less-than-stellar location . . .
- A massive fire that totally destroys the church building . . .
- Then, the insurance company refuses to pay the claim . . .
- And, the city redevelopment agency doesn't want a church there . . .

(See Page 5 for more details)

Note from the editor:

- The next Community Breakfast will be Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
- Trustees will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Karens'
- Ad Council will meet again, Thursday, June 11, 2015 p.m. at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.
- **BEACON DEADLINE**: For the **June** issue **Thursday afternoon**, **June 25, 2015**.

(See Page 3 for further calendar details)

Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us, and with it vacations and travel and general changes of rhythm in our lives. Even if we don't have school-age children at home, the world seems to run on a "school year" calendar. Summer for me includes; Annual conference, summer Camp with children and youth from all over the Conference, and this year, a house-building mission to Tijuana. Daislyn Pease is our lay member of Annual Conference, and is also participating in the Mexico mission.

The California-Nevada Annual Conference is the governing body of our United Methodist churches in Northern California and part of Nevada. A tradition that began with early Methodists in the Untied States, it is a time when clergy and laity gather together to do the business of the conference, and celebrate ministries in our midst. Our congregation sends one lay member, and your appointed pastor (me).

As with most years there are a number of important issues that will be discussed and presented at Conference. This year, we are getting ready for General Conference (the world-wide governing body of the United Methodist Church), and much legislation is aimed toward presentation at General Conference. Though I haven't seen the full spread of what we will attend to, we will be electing our conference General Conference members, and voting to support legislation that might move us toward full inclusion of all our members (specifically gay, lesbian, transgender and bi-sexual) in the life of our church.

Annual conference is also the venue in which pastors are appointed to the churches they will serve for the upcoming year. This is true for both pastors who are making a change, as well as those of us who are returning to the churches we currently serve. It is a powerful time when the Bishop and District Superintendent announce church and appointed pastor, and all pray for our ministries.

We will continue to discuss goals of Re-thinking Church. Rather than our efforts being concentrated toward attracting folks **to** our churches from **within** our churches, the diction for the future is to equip us to move outside the walls of our church in mission. Compelling and contagious Christian living is what compels others to answer the invitation to follow Jesus, not beautiful buildings, music, programs, or even well-run committees.

Daislyn will bring back reports from Annual Conference. Bringing us all up to date on the happenings of our world wide Connectional Denomination.

Blessings.

Pastor Shirley



The Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

<u>Choir</u>

No rehearsals scheduled until September. Have a wonderful summer!

Ad Council

The Administrative Council will meet at **7:00PM** on Wednesday, June 11, 2015 in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.





Change-Over Sunday

We got some rain... But the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry is as dry and thirsty as ever! The next **Change-Over Sunday is June 28.** Your continuous support is very greatly appreciated.

The Trustees

The Trustees will meet again, Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00PM, at Karen Schreifels'.





Lunch Bunch

This months Lunch Bunch will be held at Omega on June 21 @ 11:30am

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

06/18 Lola Dorsey06/22 Catherine Deppe06/24 Erik Larsen06/28 Laine Sazon06/30 Jacob Feldman



Happy Anniversary!!

06/21 Janyce and Jim Singleton 06/23 Jack and Marley Spilman

- 06/27 Eugenia and Don Egbert
- 06/27 Anna and Huy Phan

Income and Expenses March 2015

INCOME	March						
Offerings	\$ 2,802.00						
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 8,249.82						
Special Giving	\$ 312.63						
TOTAL	\$11,364.45						

EXPENSES	March				
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,431.40				
Operating Expense	\$ 4,470.78				
Pastor and Staff	\$ 9,081.50				
TOTAL	\$ 14,983.68				

FUND BALANCE

Cash on hand	\$20,646.52
Designated funds	\$10,181.26



Reborn From The Ashes (Cont.)

Pastor James Crawford received a call the day after the 1991 fire asking him to lead San Jose First UMC in their rebuilding efforts. How on earth did they do it? How did a small congregation pull itself up, revitalize their ministry, re-ignite their mission, and, 22 years later, celebrate their first worship service in their brand-new sanctuary?



Jim Crawford, retired pastor of San Jose First UMC, will be our special guest on Friday, June 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Come and hear his generous and warm-hearted story of inspiration, determination, and a little bit of luck. Bring your friends along—this story is WAY too good to miss

Happy Fathers Day!



Wednesday, July 22 7:		Friday, June 26 6:	Ļ	Wednesday, June 17 - 20	Sulluay, Julie 14	Π	10	June Saturday, June 6 8:	Every Monday Every Sund
7:00pm Ad	7:00pm Tru	6:30pm Ret Rev	11:30am Lur			7:00pm Ad		8:00am Cor	Calendar Every Monday @ 11:00AM, Centering Prayer Every Sunday @ 9:30AM, U.M. Worship
Ad Council	Trustees @ Karen's	Reborn from the Ashes: Rev. Jim Crawford	Lunch Bunch - Omega	Annual ConfBurlingame	Special Offering: Annual Conf Special	Ad Council	Trustees @ Karen's	Community Breakfast	entering Prayer ^r .M. Worship

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