



*Happy Fathers Day!  
June 2015*

# The Beacon

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## Reborn from the Ashes

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Pastor Jim Crawford  
Friday, June 26th: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
SUMC Sanctuary  
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*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 . . .

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### 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.**

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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 United 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**

**Choir**

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 Dorsey
- 06/22 Catherine Deppe
- 06/24 Erik Larsen
- 06/28 Laine Sazon
- 06/30 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**

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

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>March</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,431.40
Operating Expense	\$ 4,470.78
Pastor and Staff	\$ 9,081.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 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

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## *Calendar*

Every Monday @ 11:00AM, Centering Prayer  
Every Sunday @ 9:30AM, U.M. Worship

### June

Saturday, June 6

8:00am

Community Breakfast

Wednesday, June 10

7:00pm

Trustees @ Karen's

Thursday, June 11

7:00pm

Ad Council

Sunday, June 14

Special Offering:

Annual Conf Special

Wednesday, June 17 - 20

Annual Conf...Burlingame

Sunday, June 21

11:30am

Lunch Bunch - Omega

Friday, June 26

6:30pm

Reborn from the Ashes:  
Rev. Jim Crawford

### July

Wednesday, July 8

7:00pm

Trustees @ Karen's

Wednesday, July 22

7:00pm

Ad Council

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