



*Happy Fourth of July!  
July 2015*

# The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
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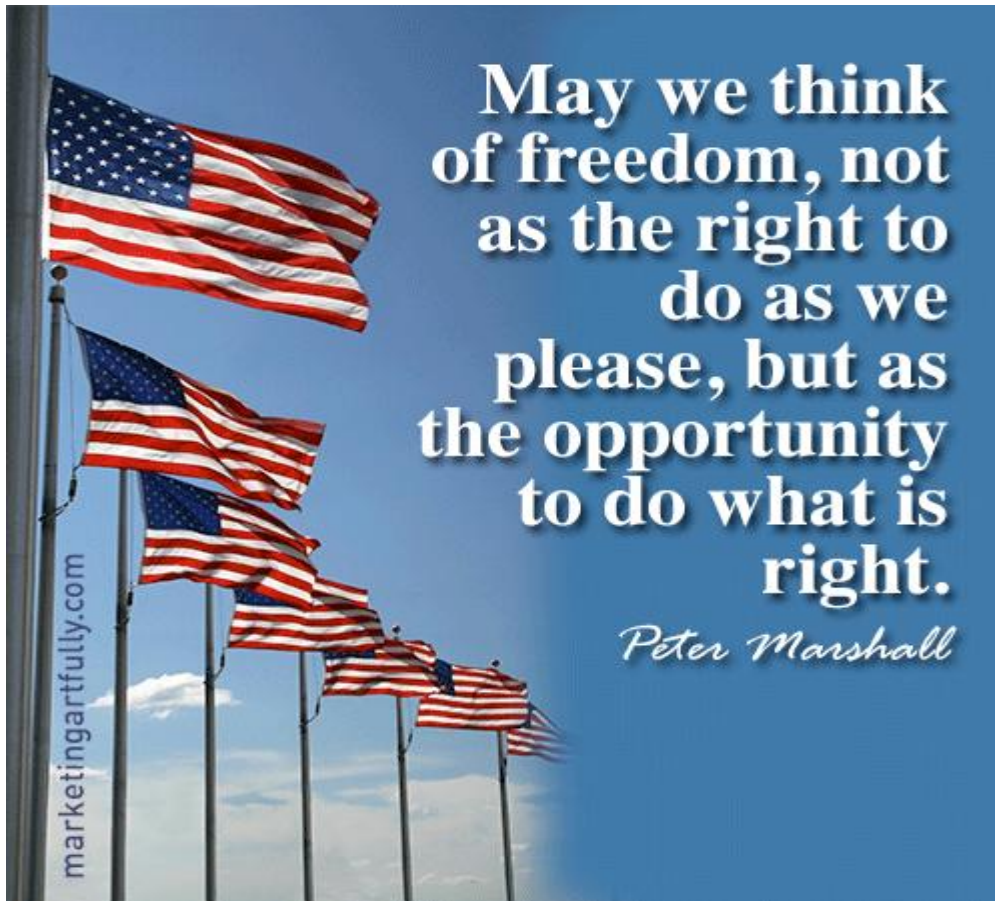
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## Note from the editor:

- The next **Community Breakfast** will be **Saturday, September 5, 2015** at **8:00 a.m.**
- **Trustees** will meet on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015** at **7:00 p.m.** at Karen's
- **Ad Council** will meet again, **Wednesday, July 22, 2015 p.m.** at **7:00 p.m.** in **Jones Hall.**
- **BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **July** issue – **Tuesday afternoon, July 28, 2015.**

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Dear Friends,

I just got a peek at Scott's cover for this month's Beacon. It is so exactly right for this time in our history!

As you probably have heard, the Supreme Court's decision of last week confirms that states do not have the right to make same-sex marriage illegal. Coming the weekend before many Gay Pride celebrations across the country, the timing is especially joyful.

Bishop Warner Brown's letter to the Conference explains:

*This Supreme Court decision calls attention to the difference between the laws of the United States, and the policy of our church. The law does not require anyone to violate their conscience of what God has called them to do, or their theological understanding. But, if we seek to be an inclusive church that serves all of our parishioners, and all of our neighbors, we will have to consider how we treat all people equally. The heart of our call to ministry is to be pastor to the people of the congregation, and the community, we serve. May we continue to be a people of prayer, and hope, as we work towards a day of equality and inclusion for all people created in the image of God.*

As most of you already know, I view my ministry own ministry to be inclusive of all individuals, officiating in marriages requested by loving couples. While the "rules" of the United Methodist church still lag behind the laws of our country and many Christian's understanding of God's call, we pray that our General Conference, held next May in Portland, Oregon, will find collective wisdom to see our way through this.

In rejoicing over this decision, we must also continue to hold in prayer our brothers and sisters in Charleston, South Carolina. The community there has been an amazing example of living their faith, speaking words of forgiveness even while held in the bonds of grief.

I'll be out of town much of July, attending a conference in Albuquerque sponsored by Richard Rohr, Jesuit and author; our conference youth camp at Camp Lodestar, and the Mexico Mission. Despite being away, I'll have my cell phone with me, and will return calls as soon as possible. If you have a Pastoral Care need, call me: 408-505-6462. If you have a question about schedules, property, etc, call the office and Scott will get your question to the right individual.

Finally, Vai Heimoana will be preaching at Sunnyhills while I am gone. We'll lead worship together on July 5, and he'll have the pulpit the rest of the month. Please come and support this wonderful preacher-in-training!

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, July 22, 2015** in Jones Hall. Please contact Bob Roll for additional information.



**Change-Over Sunday**

Summer is here and it is heating up!  
But the demand for help from the Milpitas Food Pantry is ever hotter!

The next **Change-Over Sunday is July 26.**  
Your continuous support is very greatly appreciated.



**The Trustees**

The Trustees will meet again, **Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 7:00PM, at Karen Schreifels'.**



**Lunch Bunch**

This months Lunch Bunch will be held at Mil's Diner on July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am

**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 2015**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>May</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,038.07
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$ 6,946.97
Special Giving	\$ 266.71
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$10,251.75

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>May</i>
Ministry & Outreach	\$ 1,733.62
Operating Expense	\$ 2,290.26
Pastor and Staff	\$ 3,484.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 7,508.74

**FUND BALANCE**

Cash on hand	\$23,524.53
Designated funds	\$9,911.97



## **Fuel your mission team for Mexico trip. Physically and spiritually!**

On July 25, over 40 people (Including Daislyn Pease and Pastor Shirley) from 5 United Methodist churches will climb into vans and trucks and head down to Mexico to build 2 houses in 4 days. Help fuel the team in the following ways:

- Donate Costco gift cards to purchase food for the team. Bring to church by July 19.
- Donate gas station gift cards to gas up our vehicles. Bring to church by July 19.
- Donate or loan us a propane tank for our camp stoves (refillable tanks only). Please contact Garret Seevers ([gseevers@mac.com](mailto:gseevers@mac.com)) if you have a tank to loan, and plan to bring it to church by July 19.
- Send your prayers and good wishes. Write a letter to the team and bring it to the church by July 19. Letters will be read each morning and evening during our group time at camp.
- Bake cookies, brownies or quick breads. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/mexicodesserts> to make dessert for the team. Desserts will be frozen and packed in coolers to be defrosted and enjoyed by the team after our long work days.

Daislyn will collect all donations.

Thanks for supporting your mission team!



## *Calendar*

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

### July

Wednesday, July 8

7:00pm

Trustees @ Karen's

Sunday, July 12

During Worship

Food Pantry offering

Sunday, July 19

11:30am

Lunch Bunch @ Mill's Diner

Wednesday, July 22

7:00pm

Ad Council

### August

Wednesday, August 12

7:00pm

Trustees @ Karen's

Wednesday, August 19

7:00pm

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