

The Beacon

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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you from one of my favorite places in the world: Camp Lodestar, near Jackson, CA in the Sierra Foothills. I thank God that Lodestar was spared in the recent Butte Fire which burned near here less than a month ago. I also keep in my prayers the more than 500 families that lost their homes in that fire, and all those affected by its destruction.

On a happier note, we are much closer to our financial goals necessary to replace the Jones Hall roof. Miracle Sunday's offering and related gifts were more than \$14,000, bringing our "Next 50" fund to more than \$33,000. The initial roof estimate is about \$40,000 so we still have some to go, but are, as we say, in "spittin' distance"! Praise God, and thanks to all who have helped.

November and December are Mission Months: Pray Mission, Preach Mission and Do Mission. You will find in this Beacon several events and programs that help us focus on not just thinking about other's needs, but also doing something about them. Plan to be with us! And big thanks to Cliveden Chew Haas for giving time and thought to this worthy adventure.

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley



Dates to Remember

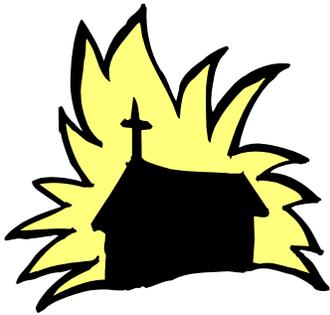
Saturday, October 31	Set your clocks back!
Wednesday, Nov. 11	7:00 Trustees at Karen's
Friday, Nov. 13	6:30 Mission emphasis: Can We End Homelessness?
Wed, Nov. 18	7:00 Administrative Council
Friday, Dec. 4	6:30 Advent Extravaganza: decorate sanctuary, cookie exchange and more

District Superintendent Staci Current preached up a storm, all five congregations on the SUMC campus participated, the sun shone, the birds sang, and we raised over \$14,000 for roof repairs for Jones Hall. The first 10% is a contribution to the Milpitas Food Pantry

Rejoice!

We rejoice also in everyone who worked so hard to make Miracle Sunday a truly miraculous day: Shirley Macemon for planning the deeply moving and meaningful service and handling hundreds of organizational details, the Halloran family for providing special music, Guy Haas and James Ogg for cleaning and arranging the chairs, Ann Zeise and Kitty Pascual for pitching in with Bob and Jo Roll as ushers, Cliveden Chew Haas and Jo Roll for overseeing the potluck lunch, Daislyn Pease for ramrodding the clean-up crew, and everyone else who pitched in and lent a hand. Thank you!

These very necessary repairs will enable us to continue our service to the community by continuing to shelter non-profit and service organizations of all kinds and help us reach out to those in need. If you haven't yet sent in your donation, it's not too late! Hand your contribution to Bob Roll, Cliveden, or Pastor Shirley, mark your check "Miracle Sunday" and put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office, or use the new Paypal button on the church website (sunnyhillsumc.org) to pay by credit or debit card. Your gifts make it possible for us all to work together to change the world.



New Paypal Donation Button on Church Website

www.sunnyhillsumc.org/

Breaking News! Prefer using a credit card or debit card to handle payments? Now you can!

Thanks to the technical savvy of Guy Haas, our dedicated church webmaster, the church website now has a new Paypal button on the front page. Anyone who prefers using a credit or debit card for donations can do so easily. Just visit www.sunnyhillsumc.org, click on the Paypal button, and enter your information.

Please be sure to tell the church treasurer how to use your money. Click on "special instructions to seller" on the donation review page and enter a short summary such as "Miracle Sunday," "new roof," "regular giving," "special offering," etc.

Questions or concerns? Contact Guy at 408/666-4820 and he'll be glad to help.



Can we END HOMELESSNESS?

Friday, November 13th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

SUMC Sanctuary

Fruit, dessert, and a close look at a major problem in our community

- More than 26,000 people become homeless in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties each year
- Many families and veterans are among the homeless
- Reasons for homelessness include job loss, a death, costly illness, family break-up, and lack of affordable housing
- Our cost of living is nearly 50% higher than the national average
- Many of the working poor live only a paycheck away from homelessness

How can we help people leave homelessness behind?

Harriet Pecot of InnVision Shelter Network will bring us stories from the front in the struggle to overcome homelessness. Come join the discussion on the problems, the concerns, and some solutions that really work.

Friends and neighbors are always welcome. This topic touches us all.

A great, big, heartfelt

THANK YOU!

to everyone who helped on the Work Day in October. About 15-20 people from Sunnyhills, St. Joseph, Holy Child, and Santa Maria gathered to remove the large evergreen bushes along the west side of Jones Hall. This is an important step in preparing to replace the roof and damaged support posts. THANK YOU to James Ogg, Bob Roll, Daislyn Pease, Lee Scott, Guy Haas, Cliveden Chew Haas, and everyone else who participated.



We definitely burned up those doughnuts!! We clipped, snipped, sawed, cut, dragged, and loaded, and then we did it again. Two full trailer loads to the dump and six full recycling bins later, we called it a day. The stumps still need to be removed, but the bulk of the work is done. Whew!



It's time to "FALL BACK"!

*After the goblins are gone, remember to
set the clocks back one hour
on Saturday night, October 31st*

The Sunnyhills Choir

Our small choir sings accessible, two to four part anthems. We rehearse on at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings twice a month, and before each Worship service. Join us! Nov. 5, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17



Milpitas Community Breakfast Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, 8:00 am

Santa Clara County is booming. That success, however, is impacting how all of us get around. Learn more about 1)the VTA's Envision Silicon Valley effort to improve mobility, 2)how you can participate in the county's long-range transportation planning process, and 3) about a possible transportation sales tax measure for next year's November ballot.

The breakfast, a 50-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church and the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association. Breakfast is free (donations requested). All Milpitas residents and business owners are invited to attend and participate. Breakfasts run from:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Jones Hall. The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday)Saturdaythe month except July and August. The next Breakfast will beDecember 5, 2015. For more information, call 408-263-8942.



Remember you can help your church by purchasing scrip. Scrip is a "gift card" for your every day and special purchases. You buy it for the face value and the church gets a percentage of each card purchase.. Daislyn Pease for scrip forms or call her:
408-656-6023.
Thanks for your support!

Change-Over Sunday

The Homeless and the financially challenged have been somewhat blessed this season with very little rain. But the need for food and donations for the food pantry remains very high. The next **Change-Over Sundays are November 29 and December 27** Please give generously to help keep tummies full. And ***Thank You Again for your generosity throughout the year***

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

11/03 Ann Zeise
11/04 Marley Spilman
11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
11/06 Hien Phan
11/08 Lee Scott
11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
11/14 Margaret Scott
11/20 Kristel Tanciango



Happy Anniversary!!

11/16 Eric Larsen and
Jennifer Touchton

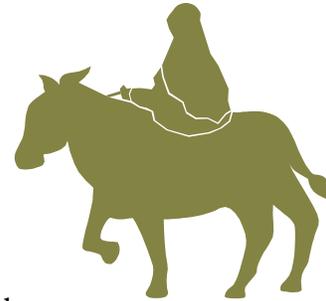
Start the Journey Toward Bethlehem

Friday, December 4th, 6:30 p.m.

Decorating the Sanctuary, setting up the tree, creating
new Chrismons and other Christmas decorations
Enjoy cookies, hot cider, Christmas music.

Bring cookies to participate in the Cookie Exchange, taking home as many
cookies as you brought: you get a variety by baking only one kind!

Everyone welcome!



Annual Church Conference

Our Church Conference is the time of year when we celebrate the ministries of the past year, elect our officers for the upcoming year, and approve the Pastor's Compensation Package.



This year, we'll be joining the other churches in our Circuit at St. Paul's UMC in Fremont. on Saturday, December 5th for our Conference.

We'll start at 9:30 a.m. with worship together, and be finished with our own Church business by noon. Sun Hee Kim will again preside for Sunnyhills. Every church member and attendee is invited!

Help for the Homeless

We have had good response to mission for several years, so we're going to be packing bags again this year. These bags are designed to carry in your vehicle, so when you encounter someone on the street, or street corner in need, you can give them a bag, which will contain a clean pair of socks, a ready to eat meal, and a bottle of water. We'll begin collecting the contents immediately, with assembly to begin November 8 if we have the contents.

We need:

- A case of water bottles
- New white or black athletic socks
- Easy to open can of protein rich food (meat based soup, tuna, etc)
- Easy to open fruit (fruit cups, etc)
- Protein or snack bars (Nature Valley, for instance)
- Single serving jerky or other non-perishable meat product

Please bring what you can, and take a bag or two for your car!



INCOME and EXPENSE SUMMARY

INCOME:	Sep 2015	EXPENSES:	Sep 2015
Offerings	\$2,632.46	Ministry & Outreach	\$1,143.19
Building Use & Others	\$7,149.75	Operating expenses	\$2,049.87
Special giving	<u>\$297.42</u>	Pastor & Staff support	\$3,203.89
Total	\$10,079.63	Total	\$6,396.95
			Oct 2015
Funds on hand	\$28,324.52		\$14,489
Designated funds	\$10,558.18	Second 50 balance	\$33,767

Kairos Krafters

Sometimes it is just nice to be able to sit with a group of friends and chat while working on handcrafts of all kinds. Kairos Krafters meet somewhat irregularly, but generally on the first Thursday of each month, 3:00—5:00 in the Sanctuary. Kairos Krafters is a drop in group, so don't worry about coming after 3 or leaving before 5. We'd like to see you!



In November and December we have special projects to work on in addition (or instead of) our own knitting or whatever. These projects include preparing materials for Christmon ornaments that we'll make in December, and tying quilts and blankets for mission donations.

Join us: November 5 and December 3.

Calendar

Every Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

Every Monday: 11:00 Centering Prayer

November

Thursday Nov. 5	3:00 Kairos Crafters 6:30 Choir Rehearsal
Sunday Nov. 8	11:00 Adult Study 12:00 Lunch Bunch, Baja Cactus
Wednesday, Nov. 11	7:00 Trustees, Karen's
Friday, Nov. 13	6:30 Mission emphasis: Can We End Homelessness?
Wed, Nov. 18	7:00 Ad Council
Thursday, Nov. 19	6:30 Choir
Thursday Nov. 26	Thanksgiving
Sunday, Nov. 29	Advent begins! Special offering, UMC College Fund

December

Thursday, Dec. 3	3:00 Kairos Crafters 6:30 Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 4	6:30 Advent Extravaganza
Saturday, Dec 5	9:30 Church Conference
Wednesday, Dec. 9	7:00 Trustees at Karen's
Thursday, Dec. 10	6:30 Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, Dec. 16	7:00 Ad Council
Thursday, Dec. 17	6:30 Choir
Thursday, Dec 24	7:00 Christmas Eve Worship Special offering, InnVision