

The Beacon



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Dear Friends,

If you were in worship on January 3, you've already heard my big news for the year. I have informed the Bishop SPRC and announced to the congregation that I intend to retire on July 1, 2016. I won't be ending my life in ministry, but will no longer pastor a local church. I know that my role in our Conference Camping ministries will continue, and I expect to remain in the Elmwood ministry that we share with our Episcopalian brothers and sisters. And I'll be looking for some new and exciting opportunities that will probably take me further into interfaith and inter-denominational areas. And personally, I hope to have more time to spin, weave and knit, read and spend quality time with my family.

What does this mean for Sunnyhills? It means that, as a congregation, there need to be decisions about what you want to tell the Bishop and Cabinet about the future of Sunnyhills. Business as usual? Partnership with another congregation or congregations (United Methodist or?) There has been excitement around the possibility of the conference planting a new congregation on the Sunnyhills site. While that is a possibility, I believe it is also important for you to decide what is next if that is not a 2016 possibility. Our tenants give you the ability to make these decisions based on mission and ministry, not on financial status.

Please join the conversation as you continue to discern "what's next?"

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, Jan 13 7:00 Trustees at Karen's
Wednesday, Jan 20 7:00 Ad Council, Jones Hall
Monday, Jan 25 10:30 Meet at Sunnyhills to carpool to
tour two San Jose InnVision shelters.
Beacon Deadline: January 21, 2016

Be Someone Who Matters To Someone Who Matters



Make a difference in your community and connect one-on-one with a child, teenager or young adult. We offer a wide variety of mentoring opportunities. What can be more rewarding than to have a positive impact on a young person? Find out more and come to our Mentoring Fair. *You are the solution!*

FREE Mentoring Fair on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016

Doors open 9:30 am, Program: 10 am– 12:30 pm, light refreshments provided

County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose

Registration Requested: www.sccgov.org/mentoringconference

Learn about mentoring opportunities with marginalized and vulnerable children and young adults:

- Alum Rock Counseling Center, www.alumrockccc.org.
- Asian Americans for Community Involvement, www.AACI.org.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area, www.bbbsba.org.
- Boldly Me, www.boldlyme.org.
- Boys & Girls Club of Silicon Valley, www.bgclub.org.
- Bright Futures, www.brightfuturessj.org.
- Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, www.BeMyAdvocate.org.
- Fresh Lifelines for Youth, www.flyprogram.org.
- Southwest Key Programs, www.swkey.org/programs/mentoring.
- Stand Up For Kids – Silicon Valley, www.standupforkids.org/siliconvalley.
- Valley Health & Hospital—Alcohol & Drug Prevention, www.sccdads.org.
- Youth Opportunity Mentoring Program, www.youthbuild.org.

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Jones Hall Roof Replacement

Celebrate the Goodness of God and the generosity of many friends, neighbors, and members! We are closing in on \$40,000 in our roof replacement fund. Bids are coming in from contractors, our committee is searching for any grant or loan opportunities to finish the fund-raising, and we plan to be into the construction phase sometime in the next six months. Hallelujah!



Jesus' family needed a safe shelter

So do many others in our community

*Monday, January 25th
Meet at church for carpooling 10:30 a.m.*

Harriet Pecot of InnVision Shelter Network will guide us on a tour of two local homeless shelters. Villa on 11th Street in San Jose provides transitional housing for 55 women and children as they journey from homelessness to self-support. The Commercial Street Inn, also in San Jose, gives emergency shelter and services to another 55 women and children.

Bring your questions and concerns. Discover the reality of homelessness in our community and efforts to overcome the many obstacles adults, families, and children face as they journey toward self-sufficiency and a life off the streets.

Friends, neighbors, anyone interested in this topic is very welcome. Mark your new calendars and plan to join us on the last Monday in January as we learn about the ups and downs of helping homeless families in our area.

Questions? Please call Cliveden Chew Haas for more information,
(408) 262-5250.

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! January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, 2016



Lunch Bunch!

Sunday, January 17 at Dennys.

No reservation required.

Join us!

Scrip it for the New Year.

Start out 2016 by helping to support your church by purchasing scrip. You only buy scrip for places you do business anyway, but it can help Sunnyhills with anywhere up to 7% or more for your church. You pay the full price but the church gets a percentage. See Daislyn Pease if you have questions. What could be easier? You shop there already. Places like Safeway, Nob Hill, restaurants like Dennys, Georgios, even fast food like Burger King. Check out a scrip form. You may be amazed at what is offered.

Sunnyhills Financial Outlook

INCOME and EXPENSE SUMMARY			
INCOME	Nov 2015	EXPENSES	Nov 2015
Offerings	\$2,902.00	Ministry & Outreach	\$773.87
Building Use & Others	\$8,186.81	Operating expenses	\$5,018.97
Special giving	\$64.04	Pastor & Staff support	\$4,081.58
Total	\$11,152.85	Total	\$9,874.42
Funds on hand	\$37,354.25	Designated funds	\$8,930.76
Second 50 balance	\$36,143.33		

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

01/01 Emil Sazon
01/10 Don Egbert
01/16 Joyce Johnson
01/17 Eugenia Allen Egbert
01/17 Rebecca Marcus
01/22 Laurie Haas
01/23 Guy Haas



Happy Anniversary!!

01/19 Anita and Reuben Valderran

Trustees and Administrative Council

Trustees meets on January 13, 7:30 at Karen's.

Administrative Council meets January 20, 7:00 at Jones Hall. Ad Council be looking at Sunnyhills' request to the Bishop for the next appointed pastor. If you want to be part of this process, please attend.

Milpitas Community Breakfast - Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, 8:00 am

When Proposition 49 appears on the 2016 ballot, California becomes the epicenter of the movement to amend the U. S. Constitution. Due to Supreme Court rulings, what we have now is – in the words of Jimmy Carter - “just an oligarchy, with unlimited political bribery”. Like an earlier decision that prevented women from voting, a Constitutional amendment is needed to overturn the Court's misguided ruling. The Court's doctrines – of money as speech, and corporations entitled to rights rather than privileges – must be reversed. Come hear about Prop. 49 and the effort to restore our democracy.

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 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Jones Hall, SUMC, 355 Dixon Road The next Breakfast will be February 6, 2016. For more information, call 263-8942.

Change-Over Sunday

The rain has started, which is a blessings, but also an issue for homeless and financially challenged. The next changeover Sunday is January 31. *Your continuous support is greatly needed and appreciat-*





Human Relations Day is January 17, 201

Together we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.

Turn on the news or drive around t town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.”

Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church.

Funds received in this offering support the Community Developers program, voluntary services program and the Youth offender Rehabilitation program, sponsored by the Board of global Ministries and the General Board of church and Society

Kairos Krafters: February 4, 2016

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 many months, 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.



In February we will have something to craft in response to our InnVi-sion visits in January—perhaps a tied blanket. And as always, bring your own craft and work on that if you wish. We’d like to see you!

Calendar

Every Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship
Every Monday: 11:00 Centering Prayer

January

Thursday, Jan 7 6:30 Choir
Saturday, Jan 9 8:00 am Milpitas Community Breakfast
Wednesday, Jan 13 7:00 Trustees at Karen's
Sunday, Jan 17 Lunch Bunch, after worship,
 at Dennys
Wednesday, Jan 20 7:00 Ad Council, Jones Hall
Thursday, Jan 21 6:30 Choir
Monday, Jan 25 10:30 Meet at Sunnyhills to carpool to
 tour two San Jose InnVision shelters.

February

Thursday, Feb 4 3:00 Kairos Krafters
 6:30 Choir
Saturday, Feb 6 8:00 am Milpitas Community Breakfast
Wednesday, Feb 10 7:00 Trustees at Karen's
Wednesday, Feb 17 7:00 Ad Council, Jones Hall
Thursday, Feb 18 6:30 Choir

Help for the Homeless

We have more than a dozen homeless bags packed and ready to go into your cars. Remember, this time of year we pack these bags, containing easy open meat, fruit, protein bars, a bottle of water and a new pair of socks to reach out to those who we see on street corners and other places looking for donations. I can tell you from my personal experience that as well received as a meal is, the socks are always a hit, and very welcomed. Take several bags for your car. We will re-pack bags as the supply is used.



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Visions for the Future

*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.*

Joel 2:28



*Who are we?
Where do we want to go?
How can we get there?
How can **I** help?*

Look for gatherings and discussions as we gather information for our description of Sunnyhills UMC and plan our path into the future. Where is God calling us to be? How can we best serve as God's hands in the