

The Beacon



April
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Dear Friends
Christ has risen!
Christ has Risen Indeed!

I was reminded several times this week, and in several different manners that Easter is much more than one day of the year. We celebrate every Sunday as a recognition of Easter—of Jesus’ resurrection. And, Eastertide—the season of Easter only begins on Easter Sunday—but lasts for the next 50 days. We may not have bunnies and eggs as decorations for the time between now and Pentecost, but we will continue singing “Easter” hymns.

And, as Easter People, we continue all year to give and help others. During the month of April, we are collecting underwear. It may be the first time you’ve participated in an underwear drive, but I hope it isn’t the last. Our local shelters and organizations frequently have the clothing they need to help their clients, but underwear is a consistent and under-met need. So, we’re trying to fill the room with new underwear. Toddlers, children, boys and girls, men and women’s. When you are shopping at your favorite department or clothing store, pick up an extra 6 or 12 pack—or whatever strikes your fancy. It can all be used!

I’m winding down and looking forward to retirement in July, and a month of vacation just prior to that. In cleaning out my office, I have many, many books that will find new homes. Look in the sanctuary for a table of books that are looking for new homes, and help yourself. And, if I’ve used a prop or decoration in the past 14 years that you remember and fancy, just ask. It probably can go home with you!

Blessings!

Pastor Shirley



It's an Undie-Sunday Month!

LifeMoves (formerly InnVision Shelter Network) has a standing need for new underwear for the homeless. Commercial Street Inn (emergency shelter for homeless women and children) and the Villa (transitional housing for homeless families) give new clothing, bedding, and necessities to the women, children, and men who live there. New underwear, all sizes, all types, is in constant short supply.

During April, we will be collecting new underwear to donate to these shelters in San Jose. They will also welcome donations of new and gently used clothing for their clients. Ask your friends to help, too!

Underwear is the greatest need, however, and we're planning to restock their shelves with plenty of briefs, panties, bras, and socks to outfit people working to turn their lives around. LifeMoves offers classes, workshops, counseling, and plenty of help to guide families and singles off the streets and into permanent, stable housing.



Keep an eye out for sales and bring your underwear donations to church on Sundays in April, or call Cliveden Chew Haas (408/262-5250) for a pick-up.

Hope

We who follow Jesus Christ are called above all to be purveyors of hope. Into a world which is so often cynical and despairing, bring a word of hope. Always be ready, says St. Peter, to speak of the hope that is in you. Perhaps today you could think of one person to whom you can bring a word of hope.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

The Sunnyhills Choir

Our small choir sings accessible, two to four part anthems. We rehearse on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. twice a month, and before each Worship service.

Join us! Watch the calendar for Choir dates



Lunch Bunch!

Sunday, April 17, 11:00. Location to be announced.

Trustees and Administrative Council

Trustees will meet on April 13 7:00 at Karen's.

Administrative Council meets on April 20 in Jones Hall.

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

4/10 Janyce Singleton

4/19 Jennifer Touchton

4/27 Jon Marcus



INCOME and EXPENSE SUMMARY

INCOME:	Feb 2016	EXPENSES	Feb 2016
Offerings	\$2,384.00	Ministry & Outreach	\$1,886.45
Building Use & Others	\$ 7,377.66	Operating expenses	\$3,332.21
Special giving	<u>\$291.73</u>	Pastor & Staff support	<u>\$2,673.29</u>
Total	\$10,053.39	Total	\$7,891.95

Funds on hand \$43,640.37 Designated funds \$8,707.50

Second 50 balance \$39,802.15

InnVision Villa
Transitional Housing for Families
Commercial Street Inn
Emergency Housing for Women & Children

Family homelessness is a hidden problem in the Bay Area. Our cost of living, nearly 50% higher than the national average, means working parents in low-paying jobs are often only a paycheck away from disaster. Homeless families are often hidden away, sleeping in cars, garages, basements, or doubled up in apartments.

Bob and Jo Roll, Daislyn Pease, and Cliveden Chew Haas recently visited both the Villa and Commercial Street, touring the facilities, learning about programs, and meeting staff and residents. The facilities are clean, light, cheerful, and comfortable, with murals on the walls and nice furniture. We found most adult residents are out during the day, working or job-hunting.



Last year over 90% of people who completed the LifeMoves program successfully returned to stable housing. Families and individuals spend about 5-6 months in the LifeMovies program, saving an average of \$2000 each and participating in financial, career, health, and other workshops. They do very good work, and we're happy to recommend their programs aimed at permanently ending homelessness, one family and one individual at a time. We'll be planning more mission projects with these shelters throughout the year.

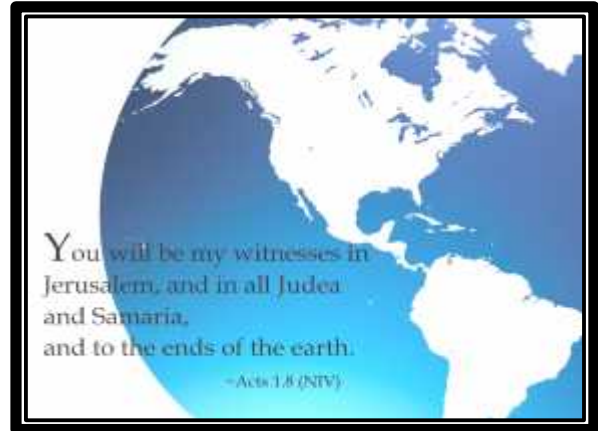
Introduction to PEACE Training.

Where : SAINT PAUL UMC
33350 Peace Terrace Fremont CA 94555
<http://www.stpaulumcfremont.org/>

When : Saturday April 23rd
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Who: Bring your decision making
team (pastor, outreach or missions
chair, Ad Council chair, leaders...)

RSVP to Melia Mehlhorn (meliastuff@yahoo.com) 510-690-9490 with
the name of your church's contact, church name and # attending by
April 17th.



As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all seeking ways to grow as disciples and show others what following Jesus is about.

Saddleback Church focuses their outreach efforts on the five things that Jesus did during his ministry time on earth and which they call PEACE. This introduction is part of their desire to not only do what Jesus did but also to focus on empowering churches around the globe to do the same. Consider implementing these key concepts in your church!

Together, let's care about what God cares about most, which is His lost children being found, caring about "the least of these" and the growth of His church; growing warmer through fellowship, deeper in discipleship, wider through ministry, and extending all around the world through evangelism. That is what God wants.

Looking Ahead

*More information to come,
Mark Your Calendar Now!*

Pastor Shirley is retiring from active ministry this June. Her last day here at Sunnyhills UMC will be **Sunday, May 29**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us after worship for a BBQ and celebration of her ministry.

Our new pastor will join us July 1st. **Sunday, July 3rd**, we'll welcome our new pastor with a special social and reception after worship. Hold the date!



Kairos Krafters: April 7 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

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.

Scrip it for Sunnyhills

Scrip is always a good deal for the church, and can make your Mother's Day Shopping even easier: a gift card for Starbucks, a dinner on the town, even groceries. You pay the full price but the church gets a percentage. See Daislyn Pease if you have questions,

Calendar

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

April

- Thursday April 7** 3:00 pm Kairos Krafters
- Sunday, April 10** 9:30am U.M. worship
Special Offering: Native American Ministries
- Wednesday, April 13** 7:00pm Trustees @ Karen's
- Sunday, April 17** 9:30am U.M. worship
11:00am Lunch Bunch TBD
- Wednesday, April 20** 7:00pm Ad Council
- Sat, April 23** Family Resource Center Children's Faire
(See Flyer in Beacon)
- Sunday, April 24** 9:30am U.M. worship

May

- Sunday, May 1** 9:30am U.M. worship
- Saturday, May 7,**
8:00 am Neighborhood Association Breakfast
- Sunday, May 8** 9:30am U.M. worship
- Wednesday, May 11** 7:00pm Trustees @ Karen's
- Sunday, May 15** 9:30am U.M. worship
- Wednesday, May 18** 7:00pm Ad Council
- Sunday, May 22** 9:30am U.M. worship
Special Offering: Peace with Justice
- Sunday, May 29** 9:30am U.M. worship
Pastor Shirley's last Sunday at Sunnyhills—BBQ
and Celebration

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY
THE SUNNYHILLS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
INVITES YOU TO THE

Children's Festival!

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
11:00 AM-2:00 PM
355 DIXON RD. MILPITAS, CA 95035

FAMILY FUN HEALTHY FOOD GAMES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL!
408-262-3400
Sponsor by: Vice Mayor Carmen Montano

Insurance Enrollment Assistance (Healthy Kids, Medi-Cal and Kaiser Programs)