

The Beacon



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Dear Friends,

This is the last Beacon I will write and edit. Cliveden Chew Haas will assume the mantle and make the transition for your new pastor, as I retire as of June 30 this year.

Many days, it seems like only yesterday that I met with the 2002 SPRC, which included Daislyn, Cliveden, Lola and others. And there are days when it seems like only yesterday that I said goodbye in 2006, to move on to New Vision UMC in Millbrae. And, I think it WAS only yesterday when I returned in 2010! We've had quite a time together over the past 14 years. We've had our ups and downs during that time: sometimes we've been a growing, multicultural, intergenerational congregation; sometimes a fairly stable, aging congregation. We've had adventures of the classes both you and I have taught, missions we've worked in, new organizations joining our campus and bringing their own personalities and gifts. We've completed two roofs, the major re-vamp of our outside space with the patio and much needed trimming of all our trees. And, we've been the body of Christ for each other and beyond our walls: Mexico missions, collaboration with the Food Pantry and homeless shelters, ministry at Elmwood Correctional Center, collecting items to send to our troops, assembling homeless bags, and many more.

I have been proud, challenged and humbled to serve the Sunnyhills congregation, and will continue to pray for you to be led by the Spirit to those places God's word and presence is so desperately needed, to pray for each of you to find and re-find God at work in your lives.

Blessings!

Pastor Shirley

Trustees and Administrative Council
 Trustees will meet on May 11 and June 8, 7:00 at
 Karen's.
 Administrative Council meets on May 18 and June 15 at
 7:00 in Jones Hall.



Happy Birthday Wishes to:

- 5/12 Leah Marcus
- 5.14 Gwen Freeman
- 5/15 Jo Roll
- 5/18 Jack Spilman
- 5/28 Vilma Ware
- 6/18 Lola Dorsey
- 6/22 Cathy Deppe
- 6/24 Erik Larsen



Happy Anniversary to:

- 5/21 Laurie and Rolf Haas
- 5/25 Lalaine and Jess Tanciango
- 6/21 Jaanyce and Jim singleton
- 6/27 Eugenia and Don Egbert
- 6/27 Anna and Huy Phan

***BIG congrats to Mark Pereyra (Sazon),
 our newest College Graduate!!***



INCOME and EXPENSE SUMMARY

INCOME:	March 2016	EXPENSES	March 2016
Offerings	\$2,920.40	Ministry & Outreach	\$1,228.43
Building Use & Others	\$ 4,807.69	Operating expenses	\$2,409.56
Special giving	<u>297.37</u>	Pastor & Staff support	<u>\$3,106.36</u>
Total	\$8,025.46	Total	\$6,744.35
Funds on hand	\$44,921.78	Designated funds	\$8,904.87
	Second 50 balance		\$40,302.59

Ten Commandments for Welcoming a New Pastor

- I. Thou shalt not compare the old Pastor and the new Pastor, for the Lord thy God has made each person unique and wishes you to appreciate each original creation.
- II. Thou shalt not expect everything to stay the same when the new Pastor arrives. Nor shalt thou resist change, nor assume that change is bad, but thou shalt trust that the Lord thy God isn't finished with your church yet and is bringing change for your good and the good of your mission.
- III. Thou shalt not make graven images of thine old grudges, nor shalt thou keep stale disappointments in the temple of thine heart, but thou shalt forgive and move on in the grace of the Lord thy God, for how can thou ask God for mercy unless thou give mercy from thine heart?
- IV. Thou shalt not commit gossip, nor shalt thou fearfully complain, nor shalt thou listen to those who do, but instead thou shalt entreat them to adjust their attitudes and lighten up, for everything shall be alright, and in fact, shall turn out very well indeed – better than you can even imagine.
- V. Thou shalt not commit nostalgia or say that the old days were better, for in so doing thou shalt make thy judgment come true. Be assured that the Lord thy God is not falling asleep at the wheel, but will be with thee and surprise thee with abundant blessings, more than thou canst contain or count.
- VI. Thou shalt not factionalize nor create “us-them” divisions, but thou shalt unify with thy brothers and sisters even when they annoy or confuse you.
- VII. Thou shalt not come to the new pastor with your demands, pressure, complaints, bad reports, manipulations, threats, agendas, unsolicited advice, or snide comments. But thou shalt say, “Welcome! How can we help you? We love you! We would like to increase our giving significantly. We're praying for you and your family. Welcome to our community! We baked you some cookies!” And each week, thou shalt do so again and again until the new pastor begs you to stop.
- VIII. Thou shalt increase thy giving, and not withhold thy tithe, but invest thy money and thine heart in the future of thy community of faith and mission.
- IX. Thou shalt not come to thine old and former pastor with anything but praise for the new pastor, but thou mayest bring thy concerns to God in humble prayer, and if thou must, thou may also share concerns with the duly appointed leaders of the church.
- X. Most important, thou shalt trust God, and stay connected to God, and draw strength from God, staying deeply rooted in the message of God's grace. For God is good, and God will never leave you nor forsake you. You can count on that for sure!

<http://www.brianmclaren.net/emc/archives/imported/ten-commandments-for-welcoming-a.html>

Pastor Shirley's Last Sunday With Us



As Pastor Shirley told us back in January, she is retiring July 1. In fact, due to an accumulation of vacation days on the books, and planned absences among the congregation the first weekend in June, her last day in our pulpit will be **May 29**.

We welcomed her 14 years ago, had her with us for four years, and sent her off with our blessings as we welcomed Pastor Chansoo Lee. Then, four years later, we sent HIM off with our blessings and welcomed Pastor Shirley back. Now, after six years, it's again time to send her off with our blessing...and a barbecue (well...grill really) potluck.

So, after worship on Sunday, March 29 (yes, I know, it's Memorial Day weekend, but that's the day that worked), at around 11 a.m. we'll break out the tables and chairs and grill on the patio.

As usual, we'll provide burgers, frankfurters, buns, condiments, and some soft drinks. The "potluck" part is where you bring salads, other traditional items like baked beans, chips, dips, desserts, more drinks, We'll have a sign-up sheet at worship on earlier Sundays so we can see what people are bringing and balance things out.

Come to worship, stay for the food, and help us give Pastor Shirley a big send-off.

Guy Haas, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair

Scrip it for Sunnyhills

Scrip is always a good deal for the church, and can make your Father'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,



Pastor X's First Sunday With Us

"Pastor WHO?" you may ask. Well, we don't know yet. A group of folks, both SPRC members and others, met with the District Superintendent Staci Current several weeks ago to go over our Church Profile and lay out our hopes and dreams and realistic abilities. Now, it is up to the Cabinet (the collection of District Superintendents and the Bishop) to explore their resources and provide us with pastoral care.

Given that the General Conference starts in Portland, OR, in mid-May, the Bishop and Cabinet have a lot on THEIR plates. In fact, Bishop Warner H. Brown is ALSO retiring this summer.

We want to have some "house party" type get-togethers in July to help our new pastor to get acquainted with us on a personal basis – beyond just "who sits where and who never sings and who always brings doughnuts when they come to worship?"

We do not have any dates lined up as yet, but will spread the word as soon as we can. So try to keep some July Fridays and Saturdays free so we can set things up during late June.

And do everything you can to be in worship on Sunday July 3 to start welcoming our new pastor!

Guy Haas, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair

United Methodist General Conference

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20, 2016.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church and meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

Delegates, elected by their own Annual Conferences make up the "no more than 1000" voting delegates at General Conference, but many, many more folks attend. Our own amazing delegates are Rev. Greg Bergquist, Rev. Jeffrey Kuan, Rev. Karen Oliveto, Randall Miller, Burt Yin and Emily Allen. Others who come to General Conference include volunteers to make sure the process goes smoothly and folks who campaign for their particular area of concern. Like the last several General Conferences, one of the major topics on the agenda is how the United Methodist Church cares for and includes our GLBT members and constituents. According to our Book of Discipline, those who "practice a homosexual lifestyle" are not eligible to be clergy. Several Conferences, including our own, have chosen to ignore this. And we've got some great pastors because of that decision.

To keep track of what is happening, what is on the docket, and where our General Church law and rules are headed, check out the General Conference link from our Conference Website, cnumc.org.



Calendar

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

May

Sunday, May 8	9:30am U.M. worship
Wednesday, May 11	7:00pm Trustees @ Karen's
Sunday, May 15	9:30am U.M. worship: Pentecost
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, Change-Over Sunday Pastor Shirley's last Sunday at Sunnyhills BBQ and Celebration

June

Wednesday June 8	7:00pm Trustees @ Karen's
Saturday, June 4	8:00am Neighborhood Breakfast, Jones Hall
Sunday, June 5	9:30am U.M. worship
Sunday, June 12	9:30am U.M. worship
Wednesday, June 15	7:00pm Ad Council
Sunday, June 19	9:30am U.M. worship Special Offering: Annual Conference Native American Ministries
Sunday, June 26	9:30am U.M. worship, Change-Over Sunday

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First Class Mail

Worship in May and June:

May 15	Pentecost! Pastor Shirley preaching
May 22	Pastor Shirley preaching
May 29	Pastor Shirley preaching, Communion Sunday
June 5	TBD (Not Communion)
June 12	Patricia Parfett preaching
June 19	Raymond Lockley, preaching
June 25	Raymond Lockley, preaching
July 3	Your new Pastor on board

During the summer is really easy to sleep in one Sunday morning, and then the next, and the next, missing many worship times.

This summer, please make a special effort to be in worship.

Welcoming your new pastor on July 3 is the only time we have to make a first impression. Pastor Shirley's first Sundays in 2002 and 2010 both had only 11 folks in worship. Lets do better than that!