



August 2016

The Beacon

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Multicity Discipleship Training

Saturday, August 13th

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

We live in a multi-city, multi-ethnicity, multi-culture, multi-context world. And yet, the church remains relatively monochromatic in its existence and impact. How can we be inspired and equipped to go beyond the walls of the church to embrace the vision of God for God's Kingdom?

Join us for an incredible day of inspiration, information, innovation, integration and implementation as we worship and learn together. Sponsored and hosted by The Leadership Development Mission Focus Area of The California-Nevada Annual Conference.

Pastor Emil is attending this conference and has offered a ride to anyone else who would like to attend. The emphasis is on new and creative ways of growing beyond where we have always been to reach out for where we (individuals and congregation) would like to go.

*Tickets are \$99 through August 6th and \$125 from August 7th to August 13th. We may have some money available to help pay for this event if needed. Please talk with Pastor Emil if you need scholarship assistance. Purchase tickets online:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/multicity-conference-tickets-25940893912?aff=efbnreg>*



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Pastor's Letter

No boundaries....In God's Love!
In God's love...No boundaries!



God has a wonderful plan in this church! I believe in the power of togetherness because together we can do more wonderful things for the Lord. We are commissioned to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and transformation begins when we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us. I strongly believe the success of our ministry is rooted in prayer and love.

I thank God for the opportunity to be the pastor of Sunnyhills UMC and its community. Thank you, family and friends of Sunnyhills, for a very warm welcome to me, as your pastor, along with my family. I have witnessed how you love the Lord and how you extended His love to others regardless of his or her differences.

I had the opportunity talking with the leaders of different organizations that meet regularly in our campus, and the good news every single of them are doing ministry of sharing the love of God to others. It is indeed a privilege that I will be working with them knowing that we have a common goal and that is to glorify our God!

On Saturday, August 13th, Laine and I will attend the Discipleship Training, Multi City Conference, at St Paul's UMC, Fremont. "**MULTICITY** is a one-day training event that will inspire and equip laity and clergy leaders to go beyond the walls of the church to BE the church out in the world." For more information, visit at www.multicityconference.com Please let me know if you are interested attending the conference.

God bless,

Pastor Emil

Multicity Discipleship Training

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A follow up to the **DISCIPLES**HIFT Conference that took place last August in Stockton, California, **MULTICITY** is a one day training event that will inspire and equip laity and clergy leaders to go beyond the walls of the church to **BE** the church out in the world. Focused on cultivating cultural intuition and social imagination, the event will bring together some incredible and innovative voices in the area of cross-cultural and community based engagement. With a dynamic mix of inspiring keynotes, innovation labs, and on-stage and off-stage conversations, we will cover a lot of ground in how to break through cultural and fear barriers as churches as well as individuals.

Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Soong Chan Rah, from Northpark Seminary in Illinois, will be joined by local cultural innovators and leaders such as Michael Pope, Sun Hee Kim, Steve Lundin, Anne Lau Choy, Theon Johnson III, Dale Weatherspoon, BJ Kang and Jen McKillips. Check out the website for detailed information on presenters and events: www.multicityconference.com

Great thanks to SAINT PAUL United Methodist Church in Fremont for offering their beautiful facility for this event! 33350 Peace Terrace, Fremont (near Lowry and Alvarado)

Best Wishes & Celebrations!

Happy Birthday

8/02 Todd Mathiesen
8/09 Hoan Phan
8/16 Thelma Wilber
8/18 James Singleton
8/22 Terry Johnson
8/22 Emily Pease



8/29 Jesse Pereyra
8/30 Eric Valderrama

Happy Anniversary

8/14 Joyce and Terry Johnson

Thank You!
*for helping Sunnyhills UMC
 answer God's call in Milpitas and beyond*



Your offerings and donations fund our church, especially our mission projects and the pastor's salary package. Building use helps cover our operating and maintenance expenses.

Summer is a busy time! Thank you for remembering your offerings. If you prefer to pay online, there is a Paypal donation button on the website: www.sunnyhillsumc.org Some members prefer to set up a regular payment through their bank, which works, too!

The Treasurer's summary below is a little confusing because Trustees took in both a \$5,000 grant and a \$10,000 loan as part of the funding for our new roof on Jones Hall. We also made a partial payment on the roof in May, so both income and expense figures look quite high. Once the roof project is completed and paid off, the 2nd 50 fund balance will be effectively zero.

INCOME and EXPENSE Summary

	May 2016	June 2016
INCOME:		
Offerings	\$4,703.40	\$3,129.20
Building Use & Others	\$9,723.98	\$20,702.01*
Special Giving	140.30	\$142.54
Total	\$14,567.68	\$23,973.75
*Includes \$10,000 loan		
EXPENSES:		
Mission & Outreach	\$1,247.43	\$1,309.43
Operating Expenses	\$29,769.42**	\$3,383.87
Pastor & Staff support	\$2,635.03	\$2,598.07
Total	\$33,651.88	\$7,291.37
**Includes roof payment		
Cash on hand	\$25,194.64	\$42,055.76
Designated funds	\$8,665.32	\$8,662.86
Second 50 balance	\$17,524.97	\$23,524.98



Calendar

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| Wed. 8/10 | 7:00 p.m. Trustees at Karen Schreifels' |
| Sat. 8/13 | 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Multicity Training,
St. Paul UMC in Fremont |
| Sat. 8/20 | 2:00 p.m. AdCouncil meets in Jones
Hall—Everyone welcome! |
| Sun. 8/21 | Lunch Bunch meets after church at
Omega Restaurant |
| Mondays | Centering Prayer 11:00 a.m. in the
Sanctuary |

At our recent Administrative Council meeting, Pastor Emil reminded us that God has planted us here in Sunnyhills. He asked that we pray for clear vision to discern our mission here and our work in the community.



Church Conference

To Approve Pastor's Salary and Benefits

As soon as possible, SUMC will hold a Church Conference to approve Pastor Emil's salary and benefits package. This meeting will be led by our District Superintendent, Staci Current, on Monday, August 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

Our SUMC Staff-Parish Committee has already worked with Pastor Emil and the D.S. to prepare the figures, which will be presented, discussed, and voted on at this important meeting. For further information, please contact Guy Haas, Staff-Parish chairman, at 408/666-4820 or email guy@hiskeyboard.com

We are also being asked to share expenses with Genesis UMC and help fund travel and training for Pastor Lorraine McNeal to continue her study with Roberta Gilbert in Family Systems Theory. The conference, for clergy and church leaders, will meet later this year. Pastor Emil and Pastor Lorraine will lead Sunnyhills UMC and Genesis UMC in working together to create a stronger Methodist presence here in Milpitas. We will share in the benefits of this training along with Genesis and in access to a helpful coach.

SUMC and Genesis are planning to meet together later this month to do some sharing and brainstorming around projects and ideas we might be interested in pursuing.

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