



September 2016

The Beacon

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Moment for Mission

World Communion Sunday

October 2nd

Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made good confession in the presence of many witnesses. – 1 Timothy 6:12

If you have taken communion at a United Methodist Church, odds are you have spoken these words, “One with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.”

World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October. On World Communion Sunday, The United Methodist Church will take communion in unity with churches from many denominations around the world. It is a powerful reminder of our common faith in Christ.

The act of taking communion is something that carries us beyond ourselves and places us in connection with Christ and with our faith communities. On World Communion Sunday, we are reminded of our identity and mission in Christ and that our unity as followers of Christ reaches across churches, denominations and the world. On the first Sunday in October, we take communion alongside these many faith communities.



“This scholarship has met a great need in my life and will help me on my journey to cultivate and inform leaders at the highest levels of government in the Democratic Republic of Congo.”

- Joe Samalenge

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church*

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Pastor's Letter

Greetings of peace and love through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord!

Last August 13th, Daislyn, Laine and I had the opportunity to attend a discipleship training in Fremont. We were reminded that we are now in the new era of a whole generation of believers; and yet, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ remained the same. Our guest speaker, Dr. Rah, inspired us to focus our ministry in prayer through his book "Prophetic Lament." In my own reflection, lamentation draws us closer to God thus will help us to gain insight in doing God's mission.



You are important to God and you are important to us! I would love to hear from you and to learn more about you. You may reach me at 559.960.1250 if you need pastoral visitation, prayer, counseling, or just someone to talk to. Your pastor's office hours are from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; however, if you need appointment at some other time, please let me know ahead of time and I will try my best to avail myself outside my office hours. If you are looking for opportunities to serve and/or do missions, join me on Saturdays as I continue to serve and extend our ministry within and/or outside our community.

As I write this letter, some of us are preparing for the Silicon Valley Pride Festival on Saturday & Sunday, August 27th and 28th. I thank God for all the people who made this event possible. I pray for a peaceful celebration and may God be glorified. As we come and participate in the celebration on Saturday, we will take the opportunity to invite people to come and continue the celebration with the Sunnyhills UMC during our worship on Sunday, September 4th and our theme is based on Romans 10:12-13, *"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Your presence in our fellowship and service is a blessing to all!

God bless,

Pastor Emil

World Communion Sunday

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World Communion Sunday for The United Methodist Church is also one of the six Special Sundays when we take up a special offering. On World Communion Sunday, our gifts go toward scholarships around the world. One half of our of the giving goes toward funding World Communion Scholars and the other half is given to Ethnic Scholarships and In-Service Training Programs.

These scholarships give students opportunities for an education that may not have been obtainable otherwise. Many of these recipients have gone on to become doctors, teachers, church leaders and ambassadors.

When we give on World Communion Sunday, we give students around the world opportunities to study and then use that knowledge to serve as leaders in their professions and faith communities.

The World Service Scholars program was originally called the Crusaders Scholarship Program. It began after World War II with the hope of educating students from around the world so that they could return to their home countries as leaders in their communities and churches. Many did return as doctors, psychologists, teachers, rural developers and ambassadors.



"Since receiving this scholarship, I have the training to help do away with the inequalities that cultures produce."

- Renilda Martins Garcia,
Brazil

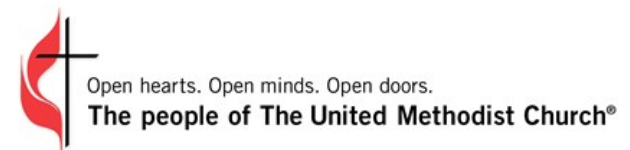


"Your gifts have given me the opportunity to carry out my Christian Mission while serving in social work within the community."

- Mary Grace Galapon,
Philippines



Through the years, the program has been able to support more than 4,000 students from all over the world. Our gifts on World Communion Sunday will help continue to promote the peace and unity of Christ.



Happy Birthday

9/05 Eric Cruz
 9/15 Erin Cruz
 9/15 Rolf Haas
 9/17 Anna Phan
 9/21 Karen Schreifels
 9/22 Warren Scott



Happy Anniversary

9/15 Ann and Fred Zeise
 9/21 Aida and Jun Cruz
 9/23 Emil and Laine Sazon

Northern San Jose District Extension Society welcomes representatives from churches in the former district to our Annual Meeting on Monday September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Calvary UMC located at 729 Morse Street in San Jose. There will be sharing by a fund recipient, information about NSJCES, election of officers, and, of course, refreshments.

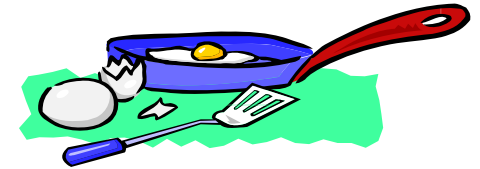
The Extension Society gave SUMC both a \$5,000 grant and a \$10,000 loan to help us finish our 2nd 50 roofing project on Jones Hall. We would love to have some of our church family represent us at this very enjoyable and informative event. Please let Gwen Freeman know if you can attend (408-499-1921 or gwenffreeman@yahoo.com).



CALENDAR

Sat. 9/10 8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
 Mon. 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in Sanctuary
 Mon. 9/12 7:00 p.m. Church Extension Society annual meeting
 Wed. 9/14 7:00 p.m. Trustees at Karen Schreifels'
 Sun. 9/18 Special Offering: South Bay Habitat for Humanity
 Sun. 9/18 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch meets after church at Omega Restaurant
 Sat. 9/24 2:00 p.m. AdCouncil meets in Jones Hall—Everyone welcome!
 Wed. 9/28 Beacon deadline!! cliveden@cliveden.com
 Sun. 10/2 World Communion Sunday, Special Offering and event

Community Breakfast
Saturday ❖ September 10th ❖ 8:00 a.m.
Jones Hall



Join us this month to hear about – and discuss - five local measures on the November ballot. Although most residents want to preserve the hillsides (Measures I & J), differences will be expressed about the re-zoning ordinance (Measure K) and garbage disposal (Measure L). We’ll also hear about the controversial sales tax proposed by VTA – and then discuss it. At the end of the meeting, attendees will be polled for their preferences; results will be reported in the Milpitas Post.

The breakfast, a 50-year old tradition in Milpitas, is sponsored by the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church and the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association.

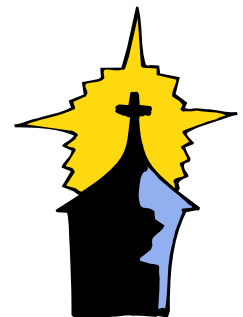


Changeover Sunday on 9/25

Bring your spare change to church & help feed the hungry in our area!

	July 2016	August 2016
INCOME:		
Offerings	\$5,248.60	\$2,328.28
Building Use & Others	\$5,658.22	\$5,208.81
Special Giving	\$185.05	\$211.80
Total	\$11,091.87	\$7,748.89
EXPENSES:		
Mission & Outreach	\$580.00	\$1,340.84
Operating Expenses	\$4,279.05	** \$27,537.65
Pastor & Staff support	\$4,490.46	\$4,575.15
Total	\$9,349.51	\$33,453.64
**Includes \$24,135.75 for Jones Hall repair		
Cash on hand	\$43,798.12	\$18,093.39
Designated funds	\$9,221.41	\$9,413.21
Second 50 balance	\$22,708.06	(\$162.80)

**Treasurer's
 Report**
 INCOME and
 EXPENSE Summary



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