



October 2016

The Beacon

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Joint Service & Potluck Lunch

World Communion Sunday

October 2nd



Please join us for this special worship celebration. We will hold a joint service with the other congregations worshipping here at Sunnyhills UMC. Pastor Emil will preach, and we will also

have a Blessing of the Animals after the service. Then we will all share a potluck lunch. Please bring yourself, friends, a dish to share, your pet (or a photo or special token), and a full heart as we celebrate Christ's church around the world. The service will start promptly at 9:45 a.m. See you on Sunday!!



On the first Sunday in October, we join with churches across denominations, across the country, and across the globe to observe World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday is a celebration of the gift of Christ's blood and body, as well as a celebration of the body that is the universal church. On World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that the church is made up of all of those who follow Jesus — a church without borders.

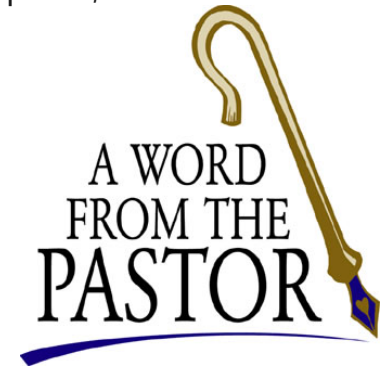
The United Methodist Church also celebrates World Communion Sunday by taking up a Special Sunday offering. Our gifts carry out the mission of the church by supporting and equipping lay and clergy leaders with training and education through the World Communion Scholars, Ethnic Scholarship, and Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday together, may our prayer truly be that we are made by God's Spirit to be "one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world."

Pastor's Letter

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe that October is already here (it seems like I just started my appointment) and when you go to stores, Christmas stuff is already on display. Wow! Soon . . . it's Christmas already. As we look around our Milpitas neighborhood, the development is getting more and more visible. We see construction of new houses, roads and railways are in progress, building schools are in place, and businesses are expanding their existing buildings. Well, you can name more changes and developments happening in our surroundings; at the end of the day, I ask myself, "How about us as a community faith? How do we intend to shape our ministries as we continue to respond to the needs of our community?"



I am so happy to share that we will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2nd at 9:45 in the morning in our very own chapel with other faith communities on the Sunnyhills campus: the Episcopal churches, St Joseph and Holy Child, Santa Maria Virgen Old Catholic Church, and St. Mary's Philippine Independent Church. Let us pray that God may bless this service and let it be a witness to our neighborhood that we are one in doing mission of sharing the love God. I do believe in partnership and collaboration in sharing the gospel of love to others. This is also an affirmation of Jesus' prayer that we can be united in the midst of our diversity. I intend to share the importance of being connectional based on the Gospel of John 15: 1-17. Truly we can do nothing apart from God. "Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches."

Immediately after the worship service we will have the blessings of the animals. I praise God for we are affirming that our animals are

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CALENDAR



- Sat. 10/1 8:00 a.m. Community
Breakfast in Jones Hall: *Candidates Forum*
- Sun. 10/2 9:45 a.m. World Communion Sunday
Joint Service and Potluck Lunch
- Mon. 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in Sanctuary
- Wed. 10/12 7:00 p.m. Trustees at Karen Schreifels'
- Sun. 10/16 Laity Sunday, Daislyn Pease preaching
- Sun. 10/23 Joint meeting with Genesis UMC
Building a stronger mission presence in Milpitas
- Sat. 10/29 2:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meets in Jones Hall
3:00 p.m. AdCouncil meets in Jones Hall:
Everyone welcome!
- Sun 10/30 Changeover Sunday: *Your change helps the hungry and homeless*
Beacon deadline!! cliveden@cliveden.com

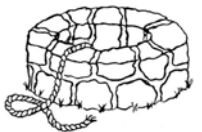
Pastor's Letter

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not only pets but rather friends to us. They are faithful friends and so I encourage all of you to bring your pets.

Please let us be intentional in sharing our faith to others. Create more conversations wherever you are, and make sure you smile and tell them that God loves them and we love them too! God will surely bless us and through the power of the Holy Spirit many souls will have a personal relationship with the Lord. Praises be to God!

God bless!
Pastor Emil



"If you abide in Me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you." John 15:7

Happy Birthday

10/16 Anita Valderrama
 10/12 Lynne Pope
 10/25 Ralph Nikolaus
 10/31 Aida Cruz



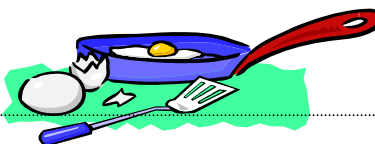
Community Breakfast

Saturday, October 1st

8:00 a.m.

Candidates for Milpitas City Council and Mayor will discuss their concerns and issues and answer questions.

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



INCOME and EXPENSE SUMMARY

INCOME:	Sep 2016
Offerings	\$3,638.80
Building Use & Others	\$14,173.00
Special giving	<u>\$185.90</u>
Total	\$17,997.70
EXPENSES:	Sep 2016
Ministry & Outreach	\$1,329.77
Operating expenses	\$2,848.19
Pastor & Staff support	<u>\$4,191.91</u>
Total	\$8,369.87
Funds on hand	\$27,310.02
Designated funds	\$14,723.11
Second 50 balance	(\$9.72)

Grant Received for Parsonage Repairs

In September, the Administrative Council applied for and received a \$5,000.00 grant to help with parsonage repairs. Below is the report submitted to the Northern San Jose District Church Extension Society explaining the purpose of the repairs and our need. We are very grateful to the NSJCES and to Gwen Freeman for all their help.

Sunnyhills UMC owns a parsonage built about 55 years ago. It is a small, 3-bedroom house near the church. Currently, for perhaps 20 years, our pastors have preferred to live in their own housing, and we have leased out the parsonage, using the income to fund our Pastor's Housing Allowance.

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Parsonage Repairs

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The parsonage is an older tract home (not fancy) in an older neighborhood, and we take pride in offering reasonable housing at a reasonable rate. Our current tenants have been with us for many years and take excellent care of the interior, maintain the yard (albeit in drought conditions), and cope with most of the small annoyances such as leaking faucets or sticking doors.

As landlords, however, the church is responsible for the maintenance of the building itself. Over the years, the shifting ground in our area has stressed the house, and doors and windows are no longer true, pipes have cracked, etc.. Last year, among other tasks, we funded repairs on sewer pipes from the house, under the driveway, and out to the street. One of our church members had the necessary skills to work on and oversee this project, which helped hold costs down. This year we are repairing two smaller windows with cracked panes in the bedrooms and completely replacing two large “picture” windows in the living room and dining area. We are also facing critical repair of cracked and broken stucco near the ground in several areas at the very least.

In the past, we have set aside 10% of parsonage rents to fund repairs and property taxes. This year, beginning in July, we increased the rent and also agreed to set aside 15% of the rental income for these purposes. However, right at this moment, we do not have funds available to cover the necessary work (bedroom windows, picture windows, stucco), and the large windows absolutely must be replaced before the winter. They are divided into multiple panes, the wooden frames holding the panes have rotted away, and the windows are no longer either weather proof or safe. (Please see enclosed pictures.) Worse yet, they cannot simply be replaced with modern windows of the same size. The framing around the windows is so badly distorted that they will have to be removed, new, smaller window frames built into the space, and then new, though smaller, windows installed. Then, of course, the empty space of the old hole will need exterior stucco, interior sheetrock, paint, etc., to match what is already there.

2015 Parsonage expenses: \$2471.66 (sewer =\$1600.00)
2016 Expense: \$425.07 (Property taxes)
Parsonage Maintenance fund balance: \$3036.35
Picture windows rebuild and replace: \$5165.00
Bedroom windows replace: \$1036.35
Stucco repair/replace: Not yet estimated



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