



November 2016

The Beacon

**Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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Community Breakfast

This Saturday in Jones Hall

On **Saturday, November 5, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.**, the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) and the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church will co-host a public breakfast forum on affordable housing. “This area has some of the highest rents in the country, and this is impacting quality of life for all of us,” says SNA President, Allysson McDonald. “Many are either struggling to be able to afford to live here, or driving hours because they don’t. Businesses are struggling to find employees. And all of us see the increasing number of unhoused people in our community. This housing shortage affects us all.”

The Affordable Housing Forum will be an opportunity for community members to think outside the box and share ideas on how to create affordable housing here in Milpitas. The presenters will provide some background and some alternative solutions, and the group will brainstorm what we can do to move forward on this issue.

A free breakfast will be available for attendees (donations requested). Attendees are asked to RSVP to Guy@hiskeyboard.com .

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

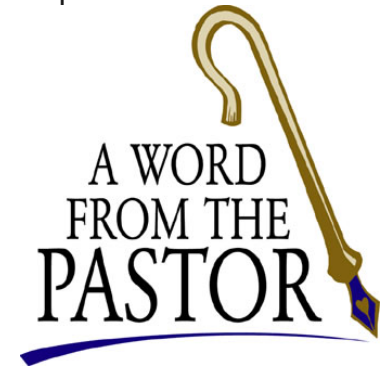
Pastor's Letter

Dear friends,

There are so many important events this month of November: Just to name a few not necessarily in order: "Election 2016", "Thanksgiving", "All Saint's Day", "Circuit Church Conference", "Welcoming Our New Bishop", and "Sunnyhills Neighborhood Community Breakfast". I hope that in spite of our busy schedule we can still find a moment to pray and reflect and be open for God's guidance. We depend on God and we pray that God will continually bless our nation. I urge each and everyone to pray more that our new leader of our country will be with us in our struggle to pursue peace, justice, and equal opportunity for all.

We are encountering challenges in the world we live in and my question is: How can we share our faith in the midst of different ideologies? I immediately remember when Jesus Christ told his disciples, "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other." (John 13: 34,35) The challenge for us is not to know more nor to talk more, but to show more our love with one another in any circumstances. People surrounding us are witnessing how we live our life and how we relate with one another. If our neighbor doesn't notice that we are followers of Christ, it is an indication that we need to love more and more and even more until our community notices that we are disciples of Christ Jesus. Praise be to God!

One day I had a meaningful conversation to one of the passers-by and she asked me, "Is Sunnyhills United Methodist Church a Christian church?" Immediately, I affirmed that we are definitely a Christian Church. Then, I talked more about what we believe . . .



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Community Breakfast

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Among the presenters are:

- **Tim Wong**, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager for the City, <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/neighborhood-services-code-enforcement/38220-2/housing-3/>, will help us understand current city policies and regulations regarding such things as rent control, renters rights, auxiliary units, single family dwelling conversions and tiny homes, among others.
- **Nicole Montojo**, Policy Associate for SV@Home, <http://siliconvalleyathome.org/>, will talk about affordable housing impact fees (fees paid by developers, usually based on the square footage of a project) and secondary units (AKA accessory dwelling units).
- **Aaron Castle and Candace Anderson**, www.canander.com, have lived in their self-built tiny house on wheels for two years and blog about their experiences online. Aaron will share his own story and present various successes that Tiny House Enthusiasts have been having across the country in implementation of this new housing model.

WHO: Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association with Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

WHAT: Breakfast Forum on Affordable Housing Alternatives

WHEN: Saturday, November 5, 2016, 8:00 am to 9:30 am

WHERE: Jones Hall, Sunnyhills UMC, 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas

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Friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, challenges are before us: Let the people around us know that we are followers of Christ. Are you ready? Therefore, "Go and tell the Gospel! Go and show the Gospel!" Amen.

Peace and blessings to all!
Pastor Emil



Happy Birthday

11/03 Ann Zeise
 11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
 11/06 Hien Phan
 11/08 Lee Scott
 11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
 11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
 11/14 Margaret Scott
 11/20 Kristel Tanciango



CALENDAR

Fri 11/4	6:30 p.m.	Choir
Sat. 11/5	8:00 a.m.	Community Breakfast—Affordable Housing
	12:00 noon	Patch the parking lot work day if weather permits
		<i>Remember to set your clocks back one hour before bed!</i>
Mon. 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in Sanctuary
Wed. 11/9	7:00 p.m.	Trustees at Karen Schreifels'
Sat 11/12	10:00 a.m.	SUMC Church Conference at Genesis UMC
Sun 11/13		Lunch Bunch after worship at Baja Cactus <i>Yum!!</i>
Sat. 11/19	2:00 p.m.	Reception for Bishop Carcaño at Los Altos UMC
Sat. 11/26	2:00 p.m.	AdCouncil meets in Jones Hall
		<i>Everyone welcome!</i>
Sun 11/27		Changeover Sunday: <i>Your change helps the hungry and homeless</i> Special Offering: United Methodist College Fund
Tues 11/29		Beacon deadline!! cliveden@cliveden.com



This year we will once again be helping the Milpitas Food Pantry prepare baskets for Thanksgiving by collecting \$5.00 supermarket gift cards. Many of the immigrant families in our community do not eat turkey. The gift cards allow basket recipients to purchase their own favorite main dish item for their dinner.

We will collect the \$5.00 gift cards (Safeway, Lucky, or Grocery Outlet) during the first three Sundays in November.

Milpitas Food Pantry is a faith-based non-profit organization which relies on community support to distribute emergency food and offer food assistance to more than 3,500 low- and fixed-income people.

The majority of clients are families with children, followed by seniors. The Food Pantry also serves the homeless in our area.

Local churches, schools, corporations, and individuals supplement the basic items supplied by Second Harvest/ Feeding America Food Bank.

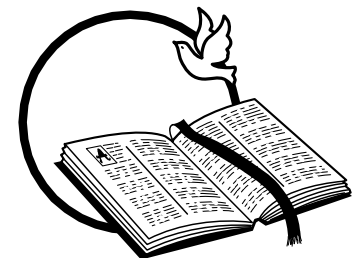
The Food Pantry includes a Clothes Closet offering a wide variety of garments and household items donated by the community. It features sections for school uniforms and a Career Closet along with clothing for all ages and sizes.

Sunnyhills UMC Church Conference

Saturday, November 12th, 10:00 a.m.

Genesis UMC, 220 South Main St., Milpitas

During this important church conference we will share worship and song with other churches in our circuit, elect officers, and handle other business. Please join us for a wonderful morning of sharing, caring, and TCB (Taking Care of Business). More info call Pastor Emil (408) 262-1486.



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