



January 2017

The Beacon

**Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035**

Pastor Emil Sazon

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Special Offering for Human Relations Day *Sunday January 22nd*

What the heck is Human Relations Day all about, anyway???
Here are two stories of programs funded by this UMC special offering
More information: <http://www.umcsgiving.org/pastors/mission-moments>

*"I delight to do your will, O my
God; your law is within my heart."
--Psalm 40:8, NRSV*

The Community Developers Program is a network of U.S. racial-ethnic congregations and communities that focus on systemic change. Congregations and communities tackle issues like substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, affordable and transitional housing, sexual exploitation, child and senior abandonment, and economic development opportunities.

The Hoover Treatment Center at Theresa Hoover United Methodist Church provides affordable, accessible and quality substance-abuse treatment. Based in Little Rock, Ark., it is the only licensed, faith-based provider of its kind in the state, providing a structured, 24-hour, intensive residential and outpatient program for adults.

*"Your faithful love is priceless, God!
Humanity finds refuge in the
shadow of your wings."
Psalm 36:7, CEB*

Emma Wooten, 85, jotted down her prayers with Scriptures and put them in her Bible. Then she prayed over the list and asked God to provide.

Her list was simple — but impossible for her to accomplish alone. Wooten's home was in dire need of repair. She had tried to insulate her water-damaged house with cereal boxes. Ceilings buckled under a leaky roof. Electrical wiring was unsafe.

Thanks to Partners in Ministry (PIM), Wooten's prayers were answered. PIM, explained the Rev. Anna Troy, "reaches people where they are and works with them to achieve their goals."

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Pastor's Letter

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Let us praise and give thanks to our God for all the blessings we received in year 2016 and continue sharing these blessings as we begin our journey in 2017! We can begin to commit and recommit our selves in making our selves available in doing ministry of sharing. Sharing what we have with those who are in need is an expression of our love and deeper commitment to glorify God. Sharing is also the key in multiplying the blessings of God that will eventually shower these blessings to others including everyone!

Wise ones still seek Him

Paul reminded us in his writing in Galatians 6: 9-10 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

I am looking forward to attending "The Gathering of Orders 2017" on January 17-19 at Mt. Hermon Retreat Center in Santa Cruz with the leadership of our new Bishop Minerva Carcaño. Our theme is "Diverse Expressions of our Joy in Christ." Please pray for us as we gather and reflect for directions of our church in the years ahead. Worshiping, fellowshiping, and sharing will inspired us in doing collective ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Let us continue to pray for our nations as we welcome our new president and all elected and appointed officials of our country. Let us join hands and kneel before the Lord our God as we pray for His divine guidance to the leaders of our nation. I encourage everyone to pray more, and I believe in the power of prayer. The more we pray . . . the more we will trust Him . . . the greater we claim our safety and security is in the hands of God! Hallelujah!

Love has no boundaries! And I am proud to be part of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church where everyone is welcomed and accepted regardless of our differences. Yes! You are welcome! Join us and be with us in sharing the true light of the world! May peace, justice, and equality be upon us.

Peace and blessings to all!

Pastor Emil P. Sazon

open hearts
open minds
open doors



Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

2017 Lay Leadership

Administrative Council Chair Bob Roll

Ad Council Secretary, James Ogg

Pastor, Emil Sazon

Staff Parish Relations, Guy Haas

Trustees, Cliveden Chew Haas

Music Program, Gwen Freeman

At-Large, Jo Roll

At-Large, Daislyn Pease

(Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in AdCouncil decisions)

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Guy Haas; Daislyn Pease, alternate

Treasurer, Bob Roll

Membership Secretary, Daislyn Pease

Recording Secretary, James Ogg

Financial Secretary, Cliveden Chew Haas

Lay Leader, Guy Haas

Certified Lay Servant (Lay Speaker)

Daislyn Pease, Laine Sazon

Board of Trustees (Officers to be elected at first Trustees meeting after election)

Class of 2017 Jack Freeman

Guy Haas

Class of 2018 Daislyn Pease

Vilma Ware

Class of 2019 Cliveden Chew Haas

Laine Sazon

Karen Schreifels

Tenant Representatives (non-voting)

Family Resource Center

Leticia Fernandez

Milpitas Parents Pre-School

Jeanette Kruscamp

Santa Maria Old Catholic

Juanita Garza

St. Joseph/Holy Child

Shonna Close/Mindi Wojdylac

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair, Guy Haas

Pastor, Emil Sazon

Lay Member to Annual Conference

(Guy Haas or Daislyn Pease)

Class of 2017, Lola Dorsey

Class of 2018, Gwen Freeman

Class of 2019, Guy Haas, Daislyn Pease

Nominations

Chair, Emil Sazon

Class of 2017, Guy Haas, Gwen Freeman

Class of 2018, Cliveden Chew Haas, Jo Roll

Class of 2019, Lola Dorsey, Laine Sazon

Capital Funding/Second 50

Chair, Cliveden Chew Haas

Treasurer, Bob Roll

Mission Projects & The Life of the Community

Everyone!

Commitment Sunday

January 1st 9:30 a.m.

Installation of Lay Leaders & Officers

**Called to Be
Servant Leaders**

*Continuing and new officers for 2017
will be installed during
our morning service.*

Celebrate the New Year!

Hope for the future

With God's help

we recognize and

dedicate those who serve

our congregation





Human Relations Day

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Three main areas of focus include urgent home repair, an after-school program for at-risk children and youth, and a resource/referral center for area families. A community garden provides fresh, healthy food for people of all ages.

“Within each of these ministries,” Troy said, “education is a key component” to equip people “to work their way out of difficult situations.” In 2015-16, PIM provided urgent home repairs to more than 40 families, fed over 4,000 families and mentored more than 300 children.

As God answered the octogenarian’s prayers, the PIM mission team from Canaan United

Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., also benefited. “The team and our coordinators,” Troy said, “were extremely blessed by Emma’s love, thankfulness and faith in God.”

Sunday 1/22 is our Human Relations Day offering. Please give generously! Offer struggling people an opportunity to change their lives and to reach out to others.

PRAYER

Loving God, give us your heart for the lost and the lonely. Teach us to see needs and do what it takes to meet them. As we reach out to those in our faith community and beyond, use us as a source of hope and unity. Amen.

TREASURER’S REPORT

INCOME and EXPENSE Summary		
INCOME	October 2016	November 2016
Offerings	\$5,221.77	\$3,333.00
Building Use & Others	\$9,574.89	\$5,327.29
Special Giving	<u>\$351.60</u>	<u>\$192.62</u>
Total	\$15,148.26	\$8,852.91
EXPENSES	October 2016	November 2016
Mission & Outreach	\$1,259.42	\$948.42
Operating Expenses	\$4,866.37	\$3,658.47
Pastor & Staff Support	<u>\$4,409.99</u>	<u>\$4,044.15</u>
Total	\$10,535.78	\$8,651.04
Cash on hand	\$31,922.49	\$32,454.97
Designated funds	\$15,045.59	\$14,331.86
Second 50 balance	\$143.34	(\$383.30)



January Community Breakfast

Saturday, January 7, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Milpitas Unified will dish out district highlights at Sunnyhills community breakfast in January

New leaders in Milpitas Unified School District will meet with residents and share highlights about their sites during a free community breakfast co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and Sunnyhills United Methodist Church on January 7.

Presenters will include Superintendent Cheryl Jordan; Norma Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Development; Milpitas High Principal Phil Morales; Weller Elementary Principal Alicia Padilla; and Gerry Lopez, Coordinator of Early Childhood Development and Family Engagement -- all new in their roles serving Milpitas.

"Schools are the backbone of our community," said Allysson McDonald, president of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association. "With the personnel changes in MUSD during the last six months, we wanted to provide an opportunity for community members to meet some of the new staff, hear about their goals and strategies going forward, and find out how the community can partner with them to ensure that our schools are the best."

Jordan said this opportunity for discussion is important particularly because Milpitas High School, Weller, and the Sunnyhills Child Development Center all serve the Sunnyhills neighborhood.

"It's an opportunity to meet us and hear how each of us is working with our school community to build a 'Culture of We,'" she said. "The 'Culture of We' is a focus to show the rest of the world how a dynamic, diverse community of people from all backgrounds, speaking about 50 different languages, can live together in a way that we respect what one another has to say, we value and celebrate one another's cultures, and we are always here for each other."

The breakfast will run from 8-9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 7 at Jones Hall in Sunnyhills United Methodist Church, 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas. Donations will be accepted. The Milpitas Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. For more information, call (408) 262-0420.



Learn to Relax and Meditate

You are invited to a free 3-class
Heartfulness Meditation Workshop

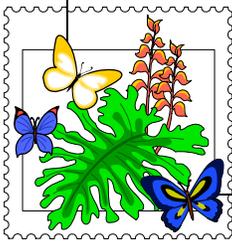
Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
January 17, 24, & 31

Sunnyhills FRC ♦ First 5 Programs
355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035

Call (408) 262-3400 to register
Ages 15 and up

*Heartfulness means
living the lightness
and joy*

of your true nature
www.heartfulness.org



FIRST 5
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

New Members Reception

Sunday, January 8th

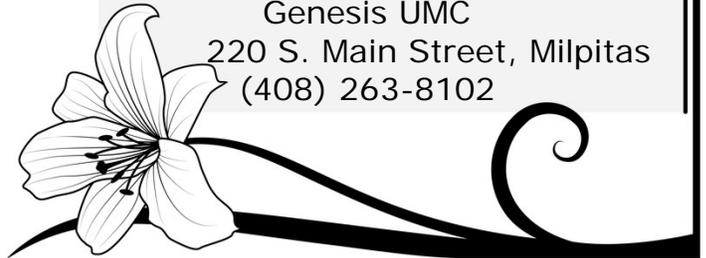
During our worship service
we welcome our brothers and sisters,
the Lagatao-Lazatin family
Transfer of membership
from the Philippines to Sunnyhills UMC

Memorial Service

Sunday, January 8th at 1:00 p.m.

**Memorial Service for
Donald Egbert**

Genesis UMC
220 S. Main Street, Milpitas
(408) 263-8102



Dear friends and family of Sunnyhills UMC,

It is with sadness that we let you know of the passing of our brother Donald. Donald Egbert went home to our Lord Tuesday morning (Thursday 12/20) around 11:35 a.m. at their home in Milpitas in the presence of his wife, Eugenia. Let us continue keeping the whole family in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate Christmas and the New Year. May Donald's family find comfort in the presence of our Lord Jesus during this difficult time. God bless everyone!

Pastor Emil

Dear members and friends of Sunnyhills UMC,

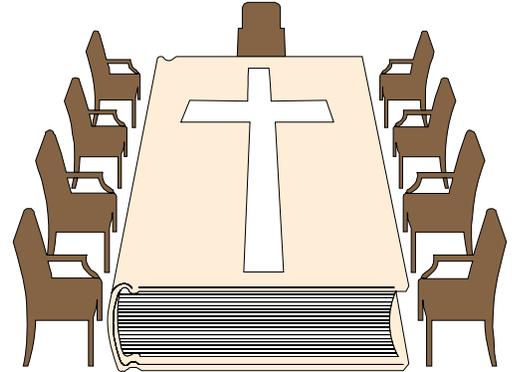
Joyce Johnson has informed us that Mary Ann Roberts passed away the morning of December 24th. Mary Ann and her late husband Jim were a big part of Sunnyhills for a number of years and great friends to many of us. We will miss them both.

Grace & peace,
Guy

Church Retreat & Potluck

Church Officers, Ministries, and Planning for the New Year
Saturday ❖ January 14th ❖ 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Emil will lead a course refresher on the functions of church officers and ministries for the first hour. Then we'll proceed to missions planning of the church for the coming year and address any necessary AdCouncil business.



All members and friends are welcome to attend. Come learn a bit about our organization and help us prepare for 2017.

If you are able, please bring a dish to share for the potluck.

Happy Birthday wishes to:

- 01/01 Emil Sazon
- 01/16 Joyce Johnson
- 01/17 Eugenia Allen Egbert
- 01/17 Rebecca Marcus
- 01/22 Laurie Haas
- 01/23 Guy Haas



Happy Anniversary!!

- 01/19 Anita and Reuben Valderrama

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Unleash your inner angel
and enjoy singing with
friends.



Office Hours

Pastor Emil can be found
in the church office
Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Or call to schedule an appointment
(408) 262-1486

CALENDAR



Sun. 1/1	9:30 a.m.	<i>Celebrate the New Year!</i> Commitment Sunday Installation of New Officers (during our Worship Service)
Mon. 1/2	(Holiday)	(NO Centering Prayer today)
Sat. 1/7	8:00 a.m.	<i>Enjoy a delicious (free!) breakfast!</i> Community Breakfast in Jones Hall Milpitas Unified School District (speakers, questions, discussion)
Sun. 1/8	9:30 a.m.	Reception of Members (during our Worship Service)
Mon. 1/9	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 1/11	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Wed. 1/11	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Sat. 1/14	5:00 p.m.	Officers' Retreat and Administrative Council in Jones Hall <i>Bring a potluck dish to share</i>
Mon. 1/16	(Holiday)	(NO Centering Prayer today)
Wed. 1/18	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sun 1/22		<i>Support UMC ministries to people in crisis:</i> Special Offering, Human Relations Day
Mon. 1/23	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 1/25	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sun. 1/29		<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless—</i> Changeover Sunday
Mon. 1/30	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary

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