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The Beacon

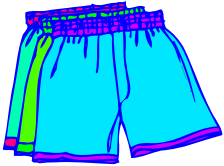
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It's an UndieSunday Month! *Homeless Families Need Underwear, Too*

LifeMoves (formerly InnVision Shelter Network) has a standing need for new underwear for the homeless. The Villa (transitional housing for homeless families) and Commercial Street Inn (emergency shelter for homeless women and children) give new clothing, bedding, and necessities to the women, children, and men who live there. New underwear, all sizes, all types, is in constant short supply.

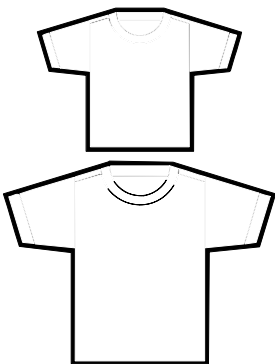


During February, we will be collecting new underwear to donate to these shelters in San Jose. They will also welcome donations of new and gently used clothing for their clients. Ask your friends to help, too!

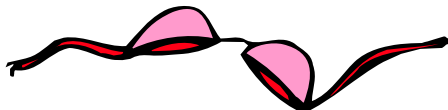
Underwear is the greatest need, however, and we're planning to restock their shelves with plenty of briefs, panties, bras, and socks to outfit people working to turn their lives around. LifeMoves offers classes, workshops, counseling, and plenty of help to guide families and singles off the streets and into permanent, stable housing.



Family homelessness is a huge but hidden problem in the Bay Area. Our cost of living, nearly 50% higher than the national average, means working parents in low-paying jobs are often only a paycheck away from disaster. Homeless families are often hidden away, sleeping in cars, garages, basements, or doubled up in apartments.



Keep an eye out for sales and bring your underwear donations to church on Sundays in February, or call Cliveden Chew Haas (408/262-5250) for a pick-up.



Pastor's Letter

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy we affirm from our church retreat that though "Our church is small we do have BIG ministries". Our church is involved in various ministries of helping the needs of our community. Our church is small but our heart is big to embrace any challenges in the name of peace, justice, and equality for all. This is your legacy. . . . And it is our dream and prayer that the legacy of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church will continue for many years to come. We are also reminded that we do need more prayers and more love to share to younger generations so that we could be able to pass on our legacy.

I am thankful to look back our church history as we celebrate the Black History in February. I am greatly honored that our church is rooted deeply in our heritage as a diverse community of faith. I want to say thank you for all our African American brothers and sisters who contributed their gifts and graces to ministry and to community in Milpitas as well. Our struggles in our relationships, our cultures, our perspectives, our vision and dreams shape us and make us strong witnesses to the world. Praise be to God! Thanks to everyone for all your faith and love to exemplify the essence of unity in the midst of our diversity.

February is also a love month! Though love is always the center of our service, let us take the opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. I believe in the old phrase, "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." God loves the cheerful giver. Remember Jesus said, "Whatever you have done to the least of my people; you have done it to me." With that note, come and join the missions of our church!

Friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us continue to express our joy in Christ by sharing our life to others. Let us continue to dream for our church, and community. Finally, let us be a part to fulfill that dream.

Dream big! We have a big God.

Blessings,

Pastor Emil

"No boundaries . . .

In God's love!"



G choir Rehearsals

*Make a Joyful Noise!
Release your inner angel
and enjoy singing with friends*

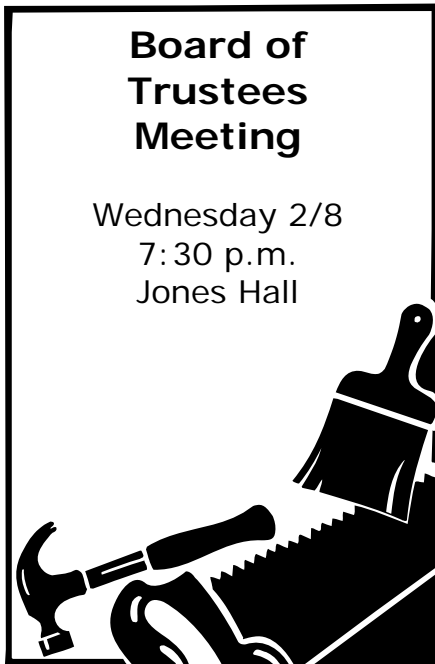
Choir meets in the Sanctuary
Wednesdays at 6: 30 p.m.
2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22



Flame Keepers Black History Month Celebration

*Community Breakfast
Saturday 2/4
9:00 a.m. in Jones Hall*

The speaker is the dynamic Reginald Swilley who has worked with many civil rights leaders both black and white for critical change. The theme is "Marching Into a United Future."



Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 2/8
7: 30 p.m.
Jones Hall



Administrative Council

meets in Jones Hall
on Saturday, 2/11
at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussions as we plan the mission and program of the church and organize the administrative details.



YUM!! LUNCH BUNCH!

Sunday 2/5
11:30 a.m.
at Omega
Restaurant on
S. Park Victoria

See ya' there!

A Moment for Mission

Black College Fund--Special Offering February 19th

"Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. — Psalm 119:34, NRSV

During Black History Month, our thoughts frequently turn to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of many who was a part of a movement that challenged how things were in light of the life around him and the faith he held dear. Education was an ally of the movement. Whether that was the education of the Civil Rights activist himself or his further training at the Highlander Folk School in rural Tennessee — whose founders included Methodist minister James A. Dombrowski — education alongside faith was critical for success.

Dr. King was credited with saying, "Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education." We are carrying the legacy of these words and this movement that insisted that all people bear God's image when we support the work of the 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities through our Black College Fund. These institutions are values-centered and aim for not only intellectual growth, but also the spiritual growth of students.

At a moment when our attention has turned again toward race relations, faith and education will again need to play a vital role in moving us from conflict to understanding. The colleges and universities supported by the Black College Fund are raising up leaders that are equipped and ready to make a difference in the world.

These schools work to keep the cost down so that all have the opportunity to attend, and 90 percent of the students receive scholarships. These schools also have a diverse demographic despite being Historically Black. They have this title because their original mission was to educate freed slaves shortly after the Civil War.

With our generous gifts to the Black College Fund, we are able to be a part of raising up the next generation of leaders who are ready to make a difference in the world using their heads and hearts.

Adapted from United Methodist Communications, A Moment for Mission, 2/19/17

God, you are the giver of wisdom and grace. We pray for all those seeking to gain understanding that they might serve you better. May they grow in knowledge, grace and understanding that they might make a difference in the world. Amen.



2/02 Jess Tanciangco
2/21 Robert Roll

2/14 Jo and Bob Roll
2/16 Shirley Macemon and
Jon Marcus

Treasurer's Report

INCOME and EXPENSE Summary		
INCOME	December 2016	2016 Annual
Offerings	\$2,794.22	\$43,220.95
Building Use & Others	\$9,753.81	\$109,962.01
Special Giving	\$445.00	\$2,885.72
Total	\$12,993.03	\$156,066.68
EXPENSES	December 2016	2016 Annual
Mission & Outreach	\$1,124.42	\$14,660.72
Operating Expenses	\$7,923.34	\$95,174.78
Pastor & Staff Support	\$4,302.73	\$53,566.13
Total	\$13,350.49	\$163,401.63
SUMMARY		
Cash on hand	\$33,537.58	
Designated funds	\$14,212.82	
NSJES Loan Balance	\$5,869.72	
Second 50 balance	\$1,769.76	

Like to donate electronically?

The screenshot shows the website for Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. At the top, it says "Visitors very welcome" and "Help fund our new roof!". There is a prominent "Donate" button with icons for Visa, Mastercard, and American Express. The website also features a calendar for the month of January, listing various church events and services.

The SUMC web page has a Paypal donation button on the front page.

www.SunnyhillsUMC.org

Or, set up automatic bill pay through your bank.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY



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Wed. 2/1	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sat. 2/4	9:00 a.m.	<i>Enjoy a delicious (free!) breakfast!</i> Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
		Black History Month: Marching Into a United Future
Sun. 2/5	9:30 a.m.	<i>It's an Undie Sunday!!</i> Bring new underwear for homeless families
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at Omega Restaurant <i>Yum!!</i>
Mon. 2/6	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 2/8	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Sat. 2/11	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council in Jones Hall
Sun. 2/12	9:30 a.m.	<i>It's an Undie Sunday!!</i> Bring new underwear for homeless families
Mon. 2/13	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 2/15	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sun. 2/19		<i>Support UMC ministries in education:</i> Special Offering, Black Colleges Fund
		<i>It's an Undie Sunday!!</i> Bring new underwear for homeless families
Mon. 2/20	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 2/22	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sun. 2/26		<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> —Changeover Sunday
Mon. 2/27	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary

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