



**March 2017**

## **The Beacon**

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### **2017 Lent & Easter Quiz**

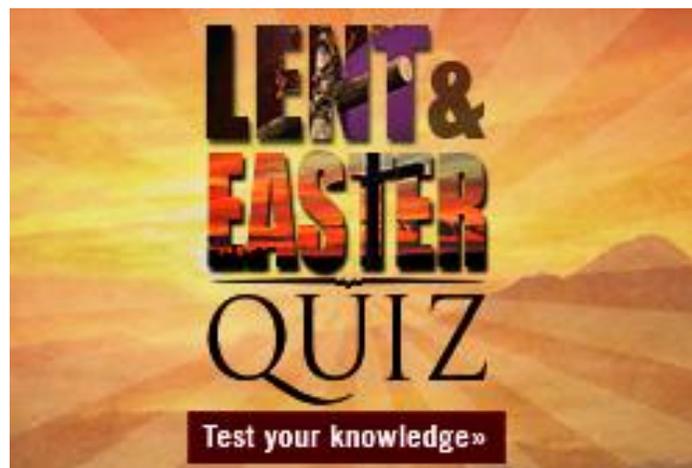
Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter (excluding Sundays) that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter. This year, Lent begins on March 1 and ends on April 15.

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

How well do you know the traditions and symbols of the season? We encourage you to check this page **each week day during Lent** to try a new question and hopefully enrich your experience of Lent and Easter:  
[www.umc.org/what-we-believe/lent-quiz](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/lent-quiz)

Find devotionals, activities for families, inspiring stories and information about our faith for the observance of the Lenten and Easter seasons on our Lent & Easter page: [www.umc.org/topics/topic-lent-and-easter](http://www.umc.org/topics/topic-lent-and-easter)

*This quiz was produced by United Methodist Communications: [www.umcom.org](http://www.umcom.org)*



## Pastor's Letter

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, marks the beginning of the Lent Season—composing many traditions that the Christian community embraces in preparation of our celebration of Easter. Lent helps us understand and appreciate the meaning of Easter!

Come and join the Sunnyhills Lent journey! We will start the celebration of this season with the Ash Wednesday Service on March 1st at 7 P.M. in our sanctuary.

I encourage each one of you to pray for our church ministry as we offer imposition of ashes to the public beginning 7:00 A.M. Laine and I will dedicate this day for public ministry.

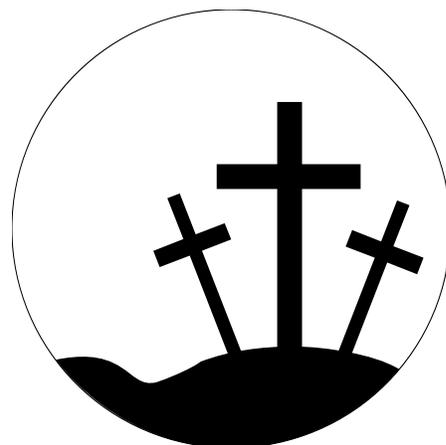
I am very thankful that we have the opportunity of focusing on repentance and penitence through prayer at this season including series of study of Lent. I hope you will take advantage of the six-Week Bible Study that Sunnyhills UMC offers beginning the first Sunday of Lent, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. As this tradition becomes a way of life, I'm sure you will agree, all of these will pull us to respond in the calling of serving the poor and meeting the needs of the needy in our community of faith and to our neighborhood.

Having all these said, I could come to conclusion that Lent is the best way for us to be ready for Easter—the Resurrection Sunday! There is no resurrection if there is no death. We are to remember the pain and sufferings of Jesus Christ on the cross for the penalty of our sins. We are cleansed by His blood shed on the cross and this is the basis of our forgiveness and His acceptance of who we are. Truly, there are no boundaries in God's love!

Let us shout our praises and thanksgiving to the One who gave his life for us. We might be challenged one day to give our life for someone; please remember this is the greatest love we can offer. This is the highest commitment that we can offer to the One who show his love for us. Loving others in spite of . . . Praise be to God!

Peace and blessings to all!

*Pastor Emil*



## **Milpitas HS Principal Programs and Practices**

*Community Breakfast  
Saturday 3/4  
8:00 a.m. in Jones Hall*

Phillip Morales has been at the helm of MHS for just over six months. He will brief us on programs and practices in use and what community support they need.

As the only comprehensive high school in Milpitas, MHS has an enrollment of well over 3,000 students. Come learn more about what goes on at this modern, diverse, and busy campus.

The free breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information call (408) 262-0420.



**Administrative Council**  
meets in Jones Hall  
on Saturday, 3/18  
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.

## **Choir Rehearsals**

*Make a Joyful Noise!  
Release your inner angel*



*and enjoy singing with friends*

Choir meets in the Sanctuary  
Fridays at 6:30 p.m.  
3/3, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

## **Board of Trustees**

meets in Jones Hall  
on Wednesday, 3/8  
at 7:30 p.m.



## **YUM!! LUNCH BUNCH!**

Sunday 3/12  
11:30 a.m.  
at Denny's Restaurant at  
Abbot & Calaveras

*See ya' there!*





The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

**UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify.** When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

*Our special offering on Sunday 3/26 will benefit UMCOR by providing funds for administrative and business costs.*



The Rev. Jack Amick surveys bags of relief supplies at the offices of the United Methodist Committee on Relief in Manila. Some 1,500 family rations have been readied for transport to survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Photo: Mike Dubose.



3/06 Daislyn Pease  
 3/06 Kyler Tanciangco  
 3/09 David Johnson  
 3/14 Ealasaid Haas  
 3/26 Huynh Phan



3/05 Gwen & Jack Freeman

## Treasurer's Report

### INCOME and EXPENSE Summary

INCOME:	January 2017
Offerings	\$4,067.14
Building Use & Others	\$6,984.30
Special giving	\$167.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,218.90</b>

EXPENSES:	January 2017
Ministry & Outreach	\$968.70
Operating expenses	\$5,863.87
Pastor & Staff support	\$4,369.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,202.19</b>

Funds on hand \$33,554.29

Designated funds \$14,582.57  
 NSJCES Loan Balance \$5,037.45  
 Second 50 balance \$1,947.83



### Like to donate electronically?

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

[www.SunnyhillsUMC.org](http://www.SunnyhillsUMC.org)

Or, set up automatic bill pay through your bank.



**Together, we reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster.**

*UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is March 26, 2017*

# CALENDAR



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Wed. 3/1	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Fri. 3/3	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sat. 3/4	8:00 a.m.	<i>Enjoy a delicious (free!) breakfast!</i> Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
		Milpitas High School Principal on Practices & Programs
Sun. 3/5	10:45 a.m.	Lenten Study begins after service
Mon. 3/6	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 3/8	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Sun. 3/12	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at Denny's Restaurant <i>Yum!!</i>
Mon. 3/13	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Fri. 3/17	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sat. 3/18	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council in Jones Hall
Sun. 3/19	10:45 a.m.	Lenten Study after service
Mon. 3/20	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Fri. 3/24	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sun. 3/26		<i>Support UMC ministries in emergency response: One Great Hour of Sharing</i>
		<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless—Changeover Sunday</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Lenten Study after service
Mon. 3/27	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary

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