



April 2017

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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Hallelujah! Easter Is Here!

Sunday April 16th

Sunrise Service (on the patio) 6:30 a.m.

Fingerfood Potluck Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Morning Service 9:30 a.m.

This Easter, sunrise in Milpitas will be 6:31 a.m. Blackbirds and mockingbirds will be waking up, the spring flowers will be glowing, and the sun will be climbing up over the beautiful green hills.

Join us on the patio as we welcome the early sun and celebrate that first Easter visit to the empty tomb. Service is scheduled rain or shine; we'll head for the Sanctuary if it is too wet.

After the Sunrise service, we'll enjoy a potluck breakfast in the Sanctuary. This is a great tradition here at Sunnyhills UMC and we all enjoy a fantastic collection of finger foods. Everyone is welcome, and there's always plenty, so come on in even if you haven't got a dish to share. It will be a special treat!

Our regular Sunday morning celebration is scheduled for 9:30 as usual. Sing Hallelujah for a very special day!

No Boundaries in God's Love!

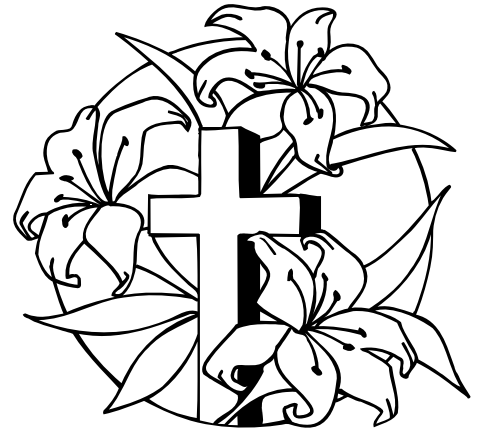
Easter Services

6:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Letter

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are coming to the end of the season in Lent. It is my prayer that each and every one of us will find our way back to the true meaning of the cross as we prepare our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ! This is now our opportunity to testify within the community that our Lord lives forever!



As for me, my Lent journey has been very overwhelming. My heart overjoyed when people came over during the Ash Wednesday. People humbly came and willingly asked for imposition of ashes, acknowledging that they can do nothing apart from God. On the other side of my journey, I've been struggling to witness people fighting for their lives because of sickness and asking for prayers that they may be healed. I also experienced the pain of death as friends close to my heart recently passed away.

As I reflect on all things happening around us, I realize that God is reminding us of the sufferings and death of Jesus on the cross; but He overcame the power of sin and death when He rose again! Let us hold on to the assurance of this victory! God has a wonderful plan for each and every one of us!

This is truly a celebration! Come and join your friends and church family on Sunday, April 16th, at 6:30 AM at the church patio as we welcome the beginning of Easter season. Let us prepare our hearts for this celebration as we continue to pray with humility acknowledging our brokenness, and doing good to others for the Glory of our God!

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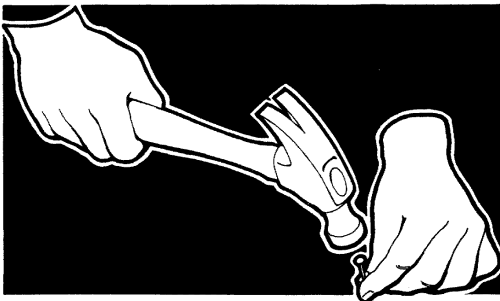
Pastor Emil

Hallelujah
a joyful word of praise to God
in languages all around the world

Board of Trustees

meets in Jones Hall
on Wednesday, 4/19
at 7:30 p.m.

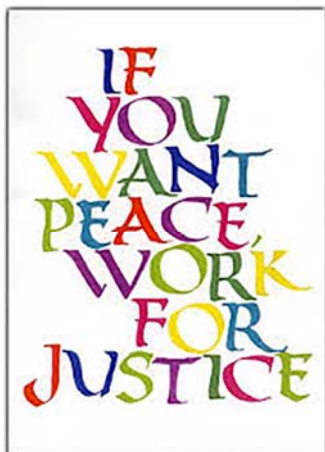
What do Trustees do, anyway? Subject to the direction of the charge conference (our congregation) and in consultation with the pastor, the Board has oversight and care of all local church property, buildings, and equipment to further the mission of the church. They also ensure that all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied. Whew!



Administrative Council

meets in Jones Hall
on Saturday, 4/22
at 2:00 p.m.

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



County Supervisor A New Vision

*Community Breakfast
Saturday 4/1
8:00 a.m. in Jones Hall*

County Supervisor David Cortese will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Sunnyhills Community Breakfast on Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 a.m. Supervisor Cortese has represented District 3, including Milpitas, since 2008 and is currently serving his third term as board president. In his February "State of the County" address, Cortese dubbed 2017 "The Year of Compassion." Come hear more about his vision for the coming year and have an opportunity to ask questions about the county.

The free breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information call (408) 507-3913.

A graphic featuring five blue birds perched on a yellow horizontal line. Above the birds are several musical notes, suggesting a choir or song. The text "Add your voice" is written in a large, stylized font below the birds.

Add your voice

Gchoir 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.
4/14, 4/21

**YUM!!
LUNCH BUNCH!**

Sunday 4/23
11:30 a.m.
at Casa Azteca
20 N Abel St.
See ya' there!



4/10 Janyce Singleton
4/27 Jon Marcus

Like to donate electronically?

The SUMC website has a Paypal donation button on the home page.

www.SunnyhillsUMC.org

Or, set up automatic bill pay through your bank.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME and EXPENSE Summary

INCOME:	February 2017
Offerings	\$2,656.29
Building Use & Others	\$8,877.63
Special giving	<u>\$142.16</u>
	Total \$11,676.08

EXPENSES:	February 2017
Ministry & Outreach	\$971.04
Operating expenses	\$7,558.48
Pastor & Staff support	<u>\$4,362.76</u>
	Total \$12,892.28

Funds on hand \$32,338.09

Designated funds \$12,213.23
NSJCES Loan Balance \$3,366.68
Second 50 balance \$2,174.52



Mission Fundraising & Scrip

Scrip is an on-going fundraising project for our missions and programs here at Sunnyhills UMC. Basically, scrip is gift cards you purchase for yourself, but the church receives an added commission. It's a pretty neat fundraiser, because participants have NO out-of-pocket expenses. (None!)



Here's how it works:

Check out the enclosed order form and find a few stores or businesses you like to do business with. There are grocery stores such as Safeway, Lucky, Whole Food, and Sprouts; stores such as Walgreens, Home Depot, Macy's, and Barnes & Noble; restaurants such as Black Angus, Denny's, Red Robin, and Starbucks; even AMC movie theater tickets and Amazon.com.

Once you've found a few stores you like, order the gift cards. (The dollar amount is found after the business name.) If you order a \$100 card from Safeway, you'll pay \$100 and receive a gift card for \$100. The church will also receive 4% of your order as a cash donation. No cost out of your pocket!

Give completed order forms to Bob Roll or send them to the church office. Please make checks payable to SUMC. And, THANK YOU for helping out.

Milpitas Food Pantry *Easter Sunday Special Offering*



Milpitas Food Pantry

Emergency Food & Food Assistance
For Residents of Milpitas and Alviso

Milpitas Food Pantry is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that distributes emergency food and offers food assistance to more than 3,500 low- and fixed-income people. Many years ago, Sunnyhills UMC was one of the churches in Milpitas who helped organize the food pantry. We can offer more help working together through one organization than if each church tried to run its own feeding program.

The majority of Food Pantry clients are families with children, followed by seniors. They also serve the homeless in our area. Local churches, schools, corporations, and individuals supplement the basic items the Food Pantry receives from the Second Harvest/Feeding America Food Bank.

The Pantry also runs a Clothes Closet which offers a wide variety of donated garments and household items. It includes sections for school uniforms and a Career Closet with clothing for all ages and sizes.

The Milpitas Food Pantry is always looking for help. If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail them at volunteer@milpitasfoodpantry.org.

CALENDAR



Sat. 4/1	8:00 a.m.	<i>Enjoy a delicious (free!) breakfast!</i> Community Breakfast in Jones Hall County Supervisor Dave Cortese on A New Vision
Sun. 4/2	11:00 a.m.	Lenten Study after worship service
Mon. 4/3	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Sun. 4/9	11:00 a.m.	Palm/Passion Sunday; Lenten Study after worship service
Mon. 4/10	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Fri. 4/14	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sun. 4/16	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service on the patio
	7:30 a.m.	Potluck Finger Food Breakfast in Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship; Special offering for Milpitas Food Pantry
Mon. 4/17	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Wed. 4/19	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Fri. 4/21	6:30 p.m.	<i>Make a joyful noise!</i> Choir rehearses in Sanctuary
Sat. 4/22	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council in Jones Hall
Sun. 4/23	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at Casa Azteca Restaurant <i>Yum!!</i>
Mon. 4/24	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Sun. 4/30		<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless—</i> Changeover Sunday

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LIGHT FOR LIVING AND GROWING