



The Beacon

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MAY 2017

Upcoming Events @ Sunnyhills

Every Monday

Centering Prayer
@11:30 AM
Sanctuary

May 6, Saturday

Sunnyhills Community
Breakfast @ 8 AM
Jones Hall

May 7, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Special Offering
UMC Native American
Ministry

May 10, Wednesday

Trustee's Meeting
@ 7:30 PM
Jones Hall

May 20, Saturday

Ad Council Meeting
@ 2 PM
Jones Hall

May 21, Sunday

Lunch Bunch Denny's

Dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was indeed an opportunity to meet and hear from the fifth grandson of the great Mahatma Gandhi, Arun Gandhi, during the clergy retreat in Yuba City. He lives the life of non-violence as shown and valued by his grandparents and his own parents. Arun truly carries on the legacy of his grandfather. I am so proud that along Arun's journey to the United States, our church, the United Methodist Church has impacted his spiritual life. Our church was one of the instruments so he and his family could migrate to our great nation. Over the years, he proved that spirituality and non-violence goes hand-in-hand of which one cannot be separated from the other. Over the years, he lives this faith and passes to his over 300 children. Yes, three hundred orphans whom he adapted and raised over the years. Arun is now 83 years old.

In the coming Sundays, we will continue to celebrate the resurrection story of Jesus that empowers us to have hope and courage to face our struggles. Let us claim that we are the body of Christ sent to the world to continue the ministry of our Risen Lord. We are commissioned to go and witness the power of God in the midst of daily challenges that confront us. As we grow in our spiritual journey in prayer, the breath of the Living God equips and sustains us in proclaiming the good news of love to our community! Thanks and praises be to God!

The month of May gives us another opportunity to tell to our faith journey to our family, friends, neighbors and strangers surrounding us. As we celebrate Mothers' Day and Memorial Day, take time to give thanks to all mothers that we meet, show our appreciation to those who serve our country, for their sacrificial love—an opportunity to relate the love that Jesus has shown us. Their genuine love and compassion impacted our lives. Let them know that we remember them in our prayers. And for those whose are now with the Lord, let us give praises and thanks to God for

NEWS FROM OUR
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**2017 Pre Annual
Conference Briefing**
Saturday, June 10th
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Fremont St Paul UMC

**2017 Annual Conference
Session**

**Theme: Testify to love.
Your story matters.**
June 21-24, 2017
Hyatt Regency
Burlingame, CA

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF
MARCH

INCOME and EXPENSE SUMMARY

INCOME:	Mar 2017
Offerings	\$3,170.00
Building Use & Others	\$6,790.01
Special giving	<u>\$204.93</u>
Total	\$10,164.94
EXPENSES:	Mar 2017
Ministry & Outreach	\$1,034.70
Operating expenses	\$7,986.35
Pastor & Staff support	<u>\$4,994.35</u>
Total	\$14,015.40
Total Funds on hand	\$28,163.38
Designated funds	\$8,490.66
Second 50 balance	\$2,427.59
NSJCES Loan Balance	\$2,528.16

those precious moments that they shared with us!

"Therefore, my beloved brethren be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15: 58)

Let's make this happen in practice until this becomes our way of life. It may not seem to be recognized by others, but one thing for sure, God sees your faith and struggles, and in due time you will harvest His fruits! Let us do it together Sunnyhills!

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Emil P. Sazon



Sunnyhills celebrate Native American Ministries on May 7th.

Your gift empowers congregations to find new ways to share Christ's love with their communities.

250 years ago, John and Charles Wesley came from England to work as missionaries with the Native Americans. When they returned to England, they planted and nurtured a seed for Native American ministry that eventually turned into what we celebrate today.

On Native American Ministries Sunday, we recognize and support the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to the church and the community.

You generous gift today will help nurture ministries that serve more than 20,000 Native Americans and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

All contributions today make a big difference by helping congregations share the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

"All my life I've been seeking the truth. The Lord blessed me by bringing me into this ministry where I can be who I really am – not only a Potawatomi Indian, but also a child of God."

– Ray de Zafra

NO BOUNDARIES . . . IN GOD'S LOVE!