



June 2017

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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California-Nevada Annual Conference

Special Offering: Sunday June 18th

*Celebrating 25 years
of bringing the dream to life.*

AFRICA UNIVERSITY SUNDAY



CHANGING AFRICA:

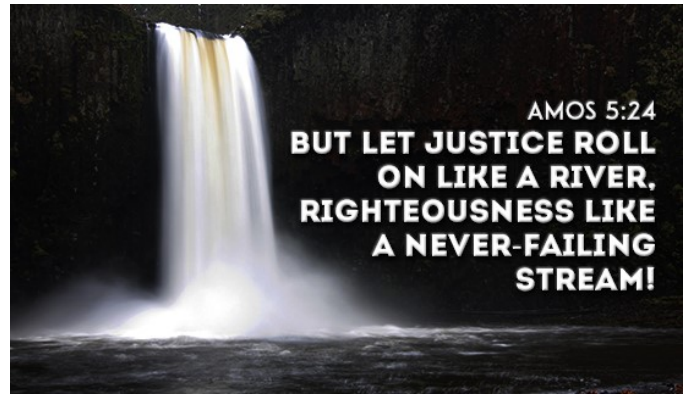
**Learning here. Living here. Leading here.
Serving God. All the time. Everywhere.**

In March 2017, Africa University proudly marked its 25th anniversary with a grand celebration at Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, and simultaneous special events in other venues around the world. The steadfast commitment, generosity, and faithfulness of United Methodists have been a blessing to many. We continue to celebrate together as we look to the future.

- More than 7,000 graduates at work in 32 African countries. More than half of the students are women. Africa University alumni are stepping up in remarkable ways to serve as leaders in Africa.
- Ongoing efforts that support peace-building in Burundi, South Sudan, Central African Republic, Somalia, Nigeria, and Uganda. Other projects that improve human rights, humanitarian law, and leadership for the African continent.
- Faculty and graduates who generate advances in health care, business, agriculture, and other areas.

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Pastor's Letter



Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

The month of June is always exciting and challenging for me and for my family. This is the month when all the workers, lay and ministers, of the United Methodist of California-Nevada Conference, come together to witness the wonderful acts of God and affirm amongst us the plan that God has entrusted to us in the coming years! It is the time to celebrate kids' promotion to next grade level, Graduation, Father's Day, weddings, and the planning of vacation, camping, traveling, the gardening, cleaning day, and many, many more exciting events that we can do as an individual, church, and family. While each of us is busy in many things, I invite you to reflect and pray for God's leading to our conference year, 2017-18, beginning July 1st. Ask this question to yourself: ***"What do I want to see in our church happening and what can I do to make this happen?"***

As I continue to make conversations with our people in our community and even in the community of faith, I affirm that many are overwhelmed with our current situation as a nation. We may talk about issues side by side; in the end the solutions to fulfill the basic needs of the majority are not clear. Having said that, it's really up to us, the followers of Christ, to choose to continue doing good to others in spite of uncertainty. Let us begin by showing kindness to others—not just in material things but also in words. This is a powerful way of sharing the Good News to others!

There is one important thing that I learned for almost a year that I've been here at Sunnyhills: While we may be busy helping others I have to remind myself that I need to give time for myself in hope that you are doing the same. Treat yourself and enjoy life while you can. The problems and concerns never end, but we have only one short life to live. Don't waste your time on things that will make you unhappy. Connect with people who are happy and have a positive outlook in life. Remember you are important to God and you are important to us. Be happy! Enjoy life! Use your time wisely.

No boundaries in God's Love!

Pastor Emil P. Sazon

Board of Trustees

meets in Jones Hall
on Wednesday, 6/14
at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone with questions or concerns about our church property, buildings, and equipment is very welcome to attend. Please contact the Secretary, Laine Sazon, if you would like to add a topic to the agenda for discussion.



Administrative Council

meets in Jones Hall
on Saturday, 6/17
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.



Filling Potholes In Upper Parking Lot

*Saturday 6/17
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

Please help us patch potholes in the upper parking lot to improve the surface. We need workers with shovels, pick-axes or small picks, and tampers to help pound the new asphalt into submission. Gloves are a good idea, too.

We also hope to tackle some of the other clean-up chores around, including general weeding and trimming, and building clean-up. Come on down and help out!

Gwen Freeman and Jo Roll are organizing lunch for our tireless workers. *Yum!*

Milpitas Capital Improvement Program

Community Breakfast: Saturday 6/3 at 8:00 a.m. in Jones Hall

Breakfast and discussion about the recently passed Milpitas Capital Improvement Program: Find out what's happening at Sandalwood Park, Fire Station 3, and on Dixon Road, all in the Sunnyhills part of Milpitas. The presentation will be made by Rob Means, member of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association board.

Everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted. The free breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyhills UMC. The Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. For more information call (408) 262-0420.



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- An evolving curriculum that provides a broader-based education to meet new demands in the African workforce. Cross-discipline courses provide skills that are more practical and position today's students to meet tomorrow's challenges.

“Africa has potential to create educated and skilled citizens ready to use the whole

world as a stage for their performance,” said Munashe Furusa, vice chancellor for Africa University.

Thank you for investing generously in young people in ways that create a better future for Africa, the United Methodist Church, and the world.

Explore how you can become more engaged in ministry through Africa University by contacting the AU Development Office, P O Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007. Tel: (615) 340-7438. Email: audevoffice@gbhem.org | www.support-africauniversity.org



6/18 Lola Dorsey
6/22 Catherine Deppe
6/28 Laine Sazon
6/30 Jacob Feldman



6/21 Janyce & Jim Singleton
6/27 Anna & Huy Phan
remembering Eugenia & Don
(deceased) Egbert on 6/27

Pentecost Sunday June 4th

Pentecost is celebrated by Christians around the world to remember Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit would come and work in the world. We also celebrate Pentecost to remember that the Holy Spirit is at work in us as followers of Jesus.

Look around you. How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of others? In your own life?



Treasurer's Report

INCOME and EXPENSE Summary

INCOME:	April 2017
Offerings	\$4,331.81
Building Use & Others	\$6,900.61
Special Giving	<u>\$437.55</u>
Total	\$11,669.99



EXPENSES:	April 2017
Ministry & Outreach	\$876.70
Operating Expenses	\$5,591.24
Pastor & Staff Support	<u>\$4,394.09</u>
Total	\$10,862.03

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.

Funds on Hand	\$29,295.59
Designated Funds	\$8,439.97
Second 50 Balance	\$1,587.62
NSJCES Loan Balance	\$1,687.54

Yum! Save the Date! **All-Church Barbecue & Potluck Luncheon**

Sunday July 2nd 11:00 a.m. on the Patio



Celebrate the holiday weekend in style with family and friends after church. Bring a dish to share and a hearty appetite. The more, the merrier, so bring along summer visitors and neighbors. More details to come.

GOD is SO GOOD!

CALENDAR



- Sat. 6/3 8:00 a.m. *Enjoy a delicious (free!) breakfast!* Community Breakfast in Jones Hall
Milpitas Capital Improvement Program in the Sunnyhills area of Milpitas
- Sun. 6/4 Pentecost Sunday-Wear something bright red to remember the coming of the Holy Spirit
- Mon. 6/5 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Sat. 6/10 9:00 a.m. Annual Conference Pre-Conference Briefing, St. Paul's, Fremont
- Mon. 6/12 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Wed. 6/14 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
- Sat 6/17 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.. Asphalt patching in upper parking lot (includes lunch)
- Sat. 6/17 2:00 p.m. Administrative Council in Jones Hall
- Sun. 6/18 Annual Conference Special Offering: Africa University
- Mon. 6/19 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Wed. 6/21-Saturday 6/24 California-Nevada Annual Conference meets in Burlingame
- Sun. 6/25 *Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless*—Changeover Sunday
- Mon.6/26 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Sun. 7/2 11:00 a.m. Barbecue & Potluck Luncheon after church service *Yum!!*

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