



August 2017

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035

Pastor Emil Sazon

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Discipleship Study

*Every Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Begins August 7th in Church Office*

Christian living in an on-going process!

How do we reach out and help others? How do we find God's word for us? How do we become faithful disciples in our community? Join Pastor Emil for discussion, prayer, and a deepening faith in daily life.



*Please contact Pastor Emil for more information: E-mail: emilio.p.sazon@gmail.com or text/call: (559) 960-1250

Membership Class

2nd and 4th Sundays after Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Who are the people called United Methodist?

New Membership class begins Sunday, September 10th after worship. This class will review the organization, activities, and basic doctrines of the United Methodist Church. Anyone interested in finding out more about our denomination, who we are and where we're going, is very welcome. Long-time members are encouraged to attend—the refresher will be fascinating! Anyone interested in exploring membership in Sunnyhills UMC or just finding out more about our church, is very welcome to attend. Please contact Pastor Emil for more information.



*Please contact our pastor if you have any questions or suggestions for our schedule. E-mail: emilio.p.sazon@gmail.com or text/call: (559) 960-1250

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

It's a preparation time for parents, educators and students for school year 2017-2018! That is my cue to switch my gear from vacation mode to work mode. We start again to plan and implement ministries, then stop and evaluate for us to learn what is working and not working. Then we do it again and again, hoping we learn and grow deeper in our relationship with our Creator. Yes, we thrive and continue to hope that people surrounding us will be inspired and be blessed to continue serving others.

I am looking forward to opening Discipleship Study the first Monday of August from 10:00-11:00 AM in our church conference room. For those who want to learn more about our church ministry, polity, history, etc., express your desire and let me know so I may include you in our class in September. In the coming months, I anticipate more involvement for Peace with Justice every Sunday evening in our very own sanctuary. Come and join people with compassion in sharing the Kingdom of God! Truly, there is no peace when we know someone is a victim of injustice.

Thank you Sunnyhills for allowing me and my family to serve this church. We had such a wonderful vacation and during this time, it allowed me to reflect deeper on the will of God. I realized that when times come when I hit my lowest, it only takes one soul to keep me going. That someone could be a stranger or a long-time parishioner letting me know that I am an inspiration, that through my ministry, she has a positive hope that she can overcome her sickness and struggles in life.

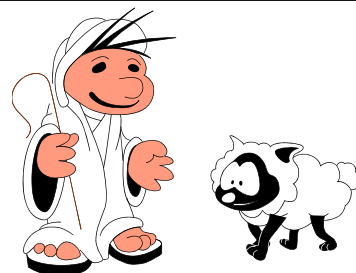
My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us continue to be connected to the source of our strength and be inspired to serve more. The challenge for us: "Be an inspiration to others especially people surrounding us." God bless us in doing ministries together.

No boundaries in God's Love!

Pastor Emil P. Sazon

**"Teach children how they should live,
and they will remember it all their life."**

—Proverbs 22:6





**Administrative Council
meets in Jones Hall
on Saturday, 8/12 at 2:00 p.m.**

Our AdCouncil oversees the administration of Sunnyhills UMC such as income, expenses, and financial accounting. This group also schedules activities and plans mission projects for our church family. Come join the discussions. Everyone is welcome!

In the Planning Stages . . .

Anakbayan continues to address concerns with martial law in the Philippines and social justice issues in America, including affordable housing and tenant/landlord relations.

Filipino American Outreach Ministry to help and guide young professionals in our community.

Prayer Meeting (Saturday mornings?) strengthening our spirituality.



**Community Breakfast
Jones Hall, Saturday, 9/9
8:00 a.m.**

Enjoy a free breakfast (yum!) and presentations/discussion of local issues. This month our own Sunnyhills history! Bring your questions and memories!

Happy Birthday

- 8/02 Todd Mathiesen
- 8/16 Thelma Wilber
- 8/18 James Singleton
- 8/29 Jesse Pereyra
- 8/30 Eric Valderrama



Happy Anniversary

- 8/14 Joyce and Terry Johnson



**What Price
Affordable Housing?**

Sunnyhills UMC joins the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and other groups and individuals protesting the proposed demolition of Sunnyhills Apartments (right down Dixon Road).

Milpitas City Council will consider this issue on Tuesday, August 15th. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Our own Pastor Emil will offer the invocation. Lay Leader Guy Haas will share a bit about our congregation. Come and join the witness!

Join the Parade!

*Silicon Valley Gay Pride Parade
Sunday, August 27th*

Local Reconciling Congregations are joining together to march in the parade with church banners. Talk with Pastor Emil or Guy Haas to join the group!

CALENDAR



- Mon. 8/7 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Study in Church Office (every Monday)
 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Wed. 8/9 (NO Board of Trustees meeting)
- Sat. 8/12 2:00 p.m. Administrative Council meets in Jones Hall
- Mon. 8/14 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Study in Church Office (every Monday)
 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Tue. 8/15 7:00 p.m. Milpitas City Council/Sunnyhills Apartments
- Mon. 8/21 10:00 a.m. Discipleship study in Church Office (every Monday)
 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Sun. 8/27 *Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless—Changeover Sunday*
 Reconciling Congregations march in Silicon Valley Gay Pride Parade
- Mon. 8/28 10:00 a.m. Discipleship Study in Church Office (every Monday)
 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)

Looking Ahead:

- Sat. 9/9 8:00 a.m. Community Breakfast in Jones Hall—History of Sunnyhills
- Sun. 9/10 11:00 a.m. New Membership class in Church Office
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