



The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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October 2017

Church Conference

*Saturday ❖ November 4
1:30 p.m.*

Our SUMC Church Conference is an important meeting that elects church officers, approves the pastor's salary, and establishes the framework for the new year. We will look back at the previous year(s) and forward to bring our dreams into reality, seeking always to discern God's voice and inspiration for our actions.

This year, we will also have a special visitor. Our new District Superintendent, Shinya Goto, will meet with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and will join our program and worship. This will be Rev. Goto's first ever visit to Sunnyhills UMC and our first chance to meet and welcome him.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a member or not. We are looking for a few people to share memories and bring food, too. Please let Pastor Emil know if you can help.

Dylan Librande

Sunday Accompanist



Hello, folks. We have a new musician at our piano.

Kitty Pascual has chosen to retire from her service as our accompanist (but NOT from the congregation). We will miss Kitty at the keyboard, but we have been fortunate enough to engage a replacement. Please give Dylan Librande (lih-BRAN-dee) a warm welcome to Sunnyhills UMC!

Dylan has been studying piano for many years. A resident of Milpitas, he went up to Willamette University in Oregon and completed a B.A. in music composition last year. He also accompanied a Church of Christ, Scientist, congregation in Salem for two years. Now he is back in Milpitas and teaching piano at South Bay School of Music Arts. (Old-timers may recall when we had Aaron Goldstein as our accompanist. He came to us from SBSMA as well.)

Please make him welcome.

Guy Haas, Staff-Parish Chair



Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

We are facing different struggles in our community and throughout the whole world. A lot of people are experiencing natural disaster and many people have died. Recently a major earthquake hit Mexico resulting in countless deaths, and not to mention Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and around Caribbean islands. Rebuilding their homes and different establishments is in the process. We thank God for all the volunteers and different agencies who are continually supporting the people that give them hope for a better future. I am proud to witness our church, The United Methodist Church, who is always there before, during, and after the calamity to extend help through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

However, we may face seasonal natural disasters but man-made disaster is still the worst that our church will ever face. Abusing the immigrants' basic human rights is just one. It creates chaos and uncertainty to our economic stability. It is also one way of destroying the beauty of diversity in which everyone can contribute the gifts and graces that God has given us for a better and stronger church and nation. Many of us are losing equal opportunities because the gap between the poor and the rich is getting more obvious. Sadly, the city governments are building affordable housing for the rich and not for the poor. Many residents in our city are moving to another place because they can no longer afford to live in the Bay area.

In the midst of all these, our global church, the United Methodist Church, never stop lending hands to the needy and many of these people helping are our lay people, not just clergy or pastors. Join me as we celebrate the importance of lay people in the life and ministry of our very own church!

Yes, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)

We need more doers of the word. . . not just hearers only; more actions . . . not just ideas; more devoted time . . . not good perspectives; more love . . . not just promises.

I believe in my heart that love can overcome most of our problems. Love is doing something good to others. We cannot do everything but at least we are doing something. We have the capacity to love because God loved us first.

No boundaries in God's Love!

Emil

Pastor Emil has
Slightly Changed
Office Hours!

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday
4:30-7:30 p.m.
Or phone 408/262-1486

Come by for a visit!!

Board of Trustees
meets in Jones Hall
on Wednesday, 10/11
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.



Gchoir Rehearsals
Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

The SUMC Choir is looking for a few joyful people who enjoy song! Come out and join the choir and bless us with your voice. Choir rehearsals begin Friday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Happy Birthday

10/12 Lynne Pope
10/16 Anita Valderrama
10/25 Ralph Nikolaus
10/31 Aida Cruz



Administrative Council
meets in Jones Hall
on Saturday, 10/28 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!

Hymnfest & . . .

Many thanks to Gwen Freeman for organizing our Hymnfest over three Sundays in September. We had a wonderful time singing favorite hymns collected from the congregation and our morning worship fairly burst with song. We sang tunes serious, lively, old, and new, and learned a bit about some people's love for particular hymns. THANK YOU to everyone!

. . . Christmas Sing-along

Indeed, we had such a meaningful and engaging time that we've already scheduled a Christmas Sing-along for Friday, December 8th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Get ready to submit your favorite Christmas songs, religious and popular, and enjoy a wonderful evening of song and other surprises!

Community Breakfast

Jones Hall, Saturday, 10/7 at 8:00 a.m.

Khanna Advisor to Present October Breakfast



Tarun Galagali, Senior Adviser to Ro Khanna, will provide a report on the Congressman's first 9 months in Congress at the October 7 Sunnyhills breakfast. He will discuss Khanna's work to improve wages and increase jobs, reform government, bolster the Democratic Party, improve mental wellness locally, and provide thoughtful resistance to the Trump administration. Galagali will outline Khanna's activities and views on politics, and will take your questions and insights back to the Congressman.

The free breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted. The Community Breakfast occurs the first (non-holiday) Saturday of the month except July and August. For more information about the breakfast or the Neighborhood Association, call (408) 507-3913.



Holy Family Episcopal Moves to New Home

Our long-time neighbors here on the church campus are moving into a new home. Holy Family was formed by the merger of St. Joseph the Worker Episcopal Church and Holy Child Episcopal. Now, Holy Family is merging with St. Philip's in the Alum Rock area and moving into their buildings. We will miss them!

Morning Devotion

First and third Saturdays in the Sanctuary at 7:00 a.m.

Join Pastor Emil and other friends for Morning Devotion on October 21st. Breathe in God's presence and recharge your soul.



THREE THINGS WILL LAST FOREVER—FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE—AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NLT



United Methodist Committee on Relief

The 2017 hurricane season caused Puerto Rico unprecedented levels of destruction, devastating the lives of millions of people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless and displaced. The initial response has been slow for Puerto Rico as its food, fuel, and supplies are dependent on shipments from its air and sea ports, most of which have been severely damaged. The island's ports and airports are slowly reopening though, allowing much-needed aid to make its way into Puerto Rico.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is in communication with the leaders of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico (MCPR), and has been invited by MCPR to soon travel to Puerto Rico to plan for relief and recovery programs. In the meantime, the disaster response team from MCPR continues to assess and plan.

Medical supplies and other life-sustaining goods are reaching Puerto Rico. Currently, over 50 percent of the grocery stores are open on the island, and UMCOR is expediting an emergency grant for the MCPR to locally purchase needed supplies/food.

"UMCOR will continue to support Puerto Rico so that those who are served through MCPR not only survive, but thrive," said Cathy Earl, UMCOR's director of disaster response and U.S. partner relations. "We will be there for the long haul."

UMCOR has received many calls from several of the United Methodist conferences, including New York and Florida, who are seeking to respond to the influx of survivors from Puerto Rico. UMCOR anticipates supporting these conferences through funding and appropriate programs.

"The United Methodist Church stands in solidarity with Puerto Rico and the people of the Caribbean," said Thomas Kemper, general secretary of Global Ministries. "We can actively respond and be hope in Puerto Rico because of our partners and the generous people of the United Methodist Church."

In addition to our response following the catastrophic damage in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria, UMCOR continues to support the response of those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

CALENDAR



Mon. 10/2	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Sat.10/7	7:00 a.m.	(NO Morning Devotion in the Sanctuary)
	8:00 a.m.	Community Breakfast in Jones Hall: <i>Congressman Ro Khanna's office</i>
Sun. 10/8	11:00 a.m.	(NO New Membership Class)
Wed.10/11	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Sun. 10/15	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at La Milpa
Mon. 10/16	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
	6:30 p.m.	Anakbayan Silicon Valley meets in Sanctuary
Sat. 10/21	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in the Sanctuary (first & third Saturdays)
Sun. 10/22	11:00 a.m.	New Membership Class meets in Church Office
Mon. 10/23	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Sat. 10/28	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council meets in Jones Hall
Sun. 10/29	9:30 a.m.	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> —Changeover Sunday
Mon. 10/30	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)

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