



**January 2018**

# The Beacon

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## **Commitment Sunday Installation and Dedication of 2018 Church Officers Sunday, January 14th**

Willing hands and helpful hearts make our church an effective witness for Christ in our midst. We help and support one another, the local community, and the greater world in ways big and small. None of this, from social hour goodies after service to aid in natural disasters to helping the hungry and homeless to supporting worldwide mission would exist without volunteers who say "Yes!"

Thanks to everyone who mows a lawn, teaches a Sunday school class, serves as liturgist, sings in the choir, prepares the sanctuary, cleans the kitchen, repairs the lights, shows up for meetings, and joins the SUMC team. We couldn't do it without you!

*On Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize and dedicate our Sunnyhills UMC church officers and other volunteers for 2018. Be sure to be a part of this special day.*

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## **Human Relations Sunday Special Offering Sunday, January 14th**

**3 REASONS WE CELEBRATE  
HUMAN RELATIONS  
DAY**

Soon, we will be celebrating Human Relations Day. This Special Sunday reminds us to recognize the rights of all God's children to realize their potential.

When we give on Human Relations Day, we are supporting community outreach, social justice, and work with at-risk youth. Thousands of United Methodist

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Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

Glory to God for all the wonderful blessings that happened in our lives in 2017. God remained faithful to us though we failed to follow His teachings. We acknowledge His presence in the midst of our struggles in our life, in the life of our church, and in the life of the world we live in. Let us continue our journey together in 2018! We are moving forward in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Some of our friends, and family are no longer with us but we will always thank God for sharing their lives and faith with all of us. God is always with us!

I am encouraging everyone to kneel down and pray as we face various challenges in the year 2018. I never doubt that prayer can move mountains! I still believe that prayer can break the walls that separate us from one another! I still believe that prayer can transform our lives to be a better follower of Christ. If we will all bow down in humility to God in prayer, God will bless us more. "More prayer . . . more power." We can't do anything apart from God.

This month we celebrate "Human Relations" in which we can participate to fight for justice, equality, and freedom to all humanity. Together we can do more in extending and sharing our love to others. I strongly believe that "Loving God is loving our neighbors." Jesus said, "Whatever you did to the least of these, you did it to me." Remember how Jesus extended the Gospel for the outcast, the other racial ethnicity, the Roman soldiers, and the political and religious leaders, which practically includes everyone including those who betrayed Him. We are an inclusive church and we welcome everyone. "No boundaries in God's love!"

Emmanuel! My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

*Happy New Year to All!*

*Pastor Emil*



- 1/1 Emil Sazon
- 1/11 Samuel Sazon
- 1/17 Eugenia Allen  
Egbert
- 1/22 Laurie Haas
- 1/23 Guy Haas



1/19 Anita & Reuben Valderrama

# Sunnyhills United Methodist Church

## 2018 Lay Leadership

**Administrative Council Chair** Bob Roll  
Ad Council Secretary, Ria Feldman  
Pastor, Emil Sazon  
Staff Parish Relations, Guy Haas  
Board of Trustees, Cliveden Chew Haas  
Music Program, Gwen Freeman  
Member at Large, Jo Roll  
Member at Large, Daislyn Pease  
(Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in AdCouncil decisions)

**Lay Member to Annual Conference**  
Guy Haas; Daislyn Pease, alternate  
**Treasurer**, Bob Roll  
**Recording Secretary**, Ria Feldman  
**Membership Secretary**, Daislyn Pease  
**Church Auditor**, Jack Freeman  
**Financial Secretary**, Cliveden Chew Haas  
**Lay Leader**, Guy Haas

**Certified Lay Servants (Lay Speaker)**  
Daislyn Pease, Laine Sazon

**Board of Trustees** (Officers to be elected at first Trustees meeting after election)

Class of 2018	Daislyn Pease TBD
Class of 2019	Cliveden Chew Haas Laine Sazon Karen Schreifels
Class of 2020	Jack Freeman Guy Haas
Tenant Representatives (non-voting)	Family Resource Center Leticia Fernandez Milpitas Parents Pre-School Jeanette Kruscamp Santa Maria Old Catholic Juanita Garza St. Mary's Philippine Indep. TBD

**Capital Funding/Second 50**  
Chair, Cliveden Chew Haas  
Treasurer, Bob Roll

**Staff Parish Relations Committee**  
Chair, Guy Haas  
Pastor, Emil Sazon  
Lay Member to Annual Conference  
(Guy Haas or Daislyn Pease)  
Class of 2018, Gwen Freeman  
Class of 2019, Guy Haas, Daislyn Pease  
Class of 2020, Lola Dorsey

**Nominations**  
Chair, Emil Sazon  
Lay Leader, Guy Haas  
Class of 2018, Cliveden Chew Haas, Jo Roll  
Class of 2019, Lola Dorsey, Laine Sazon  
Class of 2020, Gwen Freeman

**Work Areas/Ministries**  
Worship/Visuals, Jo Roll, Kitty Pascual,  
Thelma Wilber  
Worship/Music, Gwen Freeman & Dylan  
Librande  
Discipleship for all ages, TBD  
Mission & Outreach, Laine Sazon

**Mission Projects & The Life of the Community:** *Everyone!*

### **Commitment Sunday**

*January 14th 9:30 a.m.*  
*Installation of Lay Leaders & Officers*

**Called to Be  
Servant Leaders**

*Continuing and new officers for 2018  
will be installed during  
our morning service.*

Celebrate the New Year!  
Hope for the future  
With God's help  
we recognize and  
dedicate those who serve  
our congregation



# Human Relations Day

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churches around the world join together on this day to love and care for the children of God.

**We are strengthening our communities together.**

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE HUMAN RELATIONS DAY?

### 1 WE ARE CALLED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OVERLOOKED AND IGNORED.

*To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Proverbs 21:3*

### 2 WE ARE MEANT TO BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS.

*Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Proverbs 31:8*

### 3 WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.*

*Psalm 139:13-16*

## HOW IS THE FUND DISPERSED?

One hundred percent of every donation goes straight to the marginalized, the disenfranchised, and the ones at risk. Here is the breakdown:

**57%**

is allocated to the Community Developers Program, which supports racial-ethnic congregations and communities engaged in social justice ministries.

**33%**

is allocated to the United Methodist Voluntary Services Program, which helps promote and provide relationships with local community organizations.

**10%**

is allocated to the Youth Offender Rehabilitation program, which works with at-risk youth to prevent problems and helps convicted youth redirect their lives.

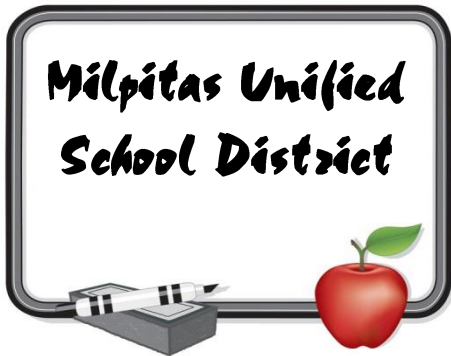
Read more about Human Relations Day:

**[umcsgiving.org/hrd](http://umcsgiving.org/hrd)**



## INCOME and EXPENSE Summary

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>Dec-2017</u>	<u>2017 Total</u>
Offerings	\$8,962.00	\$45,910.22
Building Use & Others	\$4,961.12	\$78,947.46
Special giving	\$731.69	\$3,515.06
Total	\$14,654.81	\$128,372.74
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	<u>Dec-2017</u>	<u>2017 Total</u>
Mission & Outreach	\$2,090.26	\$13,336.26
Operating expenses	\$6,105.39	\$60,092.74
Pastor & Staff support	\$4,411.70	\$53,818.06
Total	\$12,607.35	\$127,247.06
Cash on hand	\$34,763.26	
Designated funds	\$9,714.64	
Second 50 balance	\$5,145.92	



### **Community Breakfast** Saturday, January 6th 8:00-9:30 a.m. in Jones Hall

“We are strong because of our community,” says Cheryl Jordan, MUSD District Superintendent. Ms. Jordan will share how community is empowering our students and helping the District to build the future.

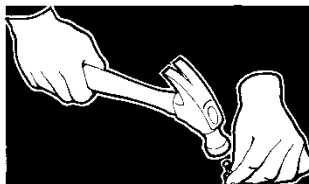
Sunnyhills Neighborhood Assoc. and Sunnyhills UMC co-sponsor the presentation, discussion, and a free breakfast (donations accepted).

### **Board of Trustees** meets in Jones Hall on Wednesday, 1/10 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, 1/20 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!



# CALENDAR



Fri. 1/5	7:00 p.m.	NO Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 1/6	7:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Devotion in Sanctuary</b> (first & third Saturdays)
	8:00 a.m.	<b>Community Breakfast: Milpitas Unified School District</b>
Mon. 1/8	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Wed. 1/10	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Fri. 1/12	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sun. 1/14	9:30 a.m.	Commitment Sunday Special Offering: Human Relations Sunday
Mon. 1/15	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Young Adult Ministries: Anakbayan Silicon Valley</b> meets in Sanctuary
Fri. 1/19	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 1/20	7:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Devotion in Sanctuary</b> (first & third Saturdays)
	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council meets in Jones Hall
Sun. 1/21	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at Omega Restaurant
Mon. 1/22	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Fri. 1/26	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Discipleship Class in Office</b>
Sun. 1/28	9:30 a.m.	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> —Changeover Sunday
Mon. 1/29	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)

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## first class

