



**February 2018**

## **The Beacon**

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**Flame Keepers Presents  
Black History  
Community Breakfast  
Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am**

To celebrate Black History Month, Flame Keepers invites you to experience an event rich in tradition, culture, and history, as they recognize students, leaders, and parents within the community for their contributions. Keynote speaker this year is author and entrepreneur Chandra Lopez-Brooks who is passionate about her various roles as a wife, mother of four, and activist for communities of colors. In her book, ***Black, Brown, and Political***, Chandra offers easy-to-understand tips and resources to navigate local community government so you can get involved now.

The free breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted. For more information about the breakfast or the Neighborhood Association, call (408) 507-3913.

**Children's  
Sunday School  
Begins Soon**

Children's Sunday School plans are well under way. Curriculum is ordered and supplies are being gathered. We will begin with a One-Room Class for multiple ages. We'll start with the youngest students, ages 5-12, and add more classes as our enrollment grows.

Right now we are looking for an assistant teacher who can help with the class. Teacher Cliveden needs a helper! If you enjoy children and would like to spend some time with kids and the stories of Jesus each Sunday morning, please talk with Pastor Emil.





## Pastor's Message

Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

We are celebrating Black History Month because we embrace a community of inclusiveness. We recognize the great contributions of our brothers and sisters to our community through their leadership and in various capacities to make our nation great. It is with great joy and pride that our church, along with the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association, Milpitas Executive Lions Club, the Milpitas Fire Department and Milpitas Police Officers Association, will host the Flame Keepers and Black Caucus of Silicon Valley celebrations on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. in our very own sanctuary. Come and join everyone as we witness God's glory on this celebration!

This year Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent, falls on February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day! What does this mean for us as a community of faith? Lent is a time of reflections of our deep relationship with the Lord as we allow ourselves to go back in time when Jesus suffered and died on the cross. We are humbled knowing that everything will pass away but His word will remain. As we hold on to His promise, we are inspired and empowered in serving and loving others. Our sanctuary will be open on Ash Wednesday, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come anytime between these hours for prayer and imposition of ashes. Let us cast all our worries, fears, pains, sufferings, and struggles in life, our limitations, and for everything in the hands of our Creator!

This month we also celebrate Presidents' Day. We acknowledge all the good things that our past leaders have done in our nation and in that, we are thankful. Let us continue to pray for the leaders of our nation. Let us uphold one another in prayer and let us keep sharing the Good News that even the worst within us can be changed and have new life through Christ, our Lord and Savior. Alleluia!

*No boundaries in God's love!*

*Pastor Emil*



2/2 Jess Tanciangco  
2/21 Robert Roll



2/12 Citi & Dave Pascual  
2/14 Jo & Bob Roll  
2/16 Shirley & Jon Marcus





## **Ash Wednesday Services**

*Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Drop In Any Time from  
5:00-8:00 p.m*

*Prayer and Reflection  
Imposition of Ashes*

*SUMC welcomes neighbors, passers-by, and the community  
Look for Pastor Emil nearby if he is not in the Sanctuary*



## **Administrative Council meets in Jones Hall on Saturday, 2/17 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!

**From the January Pastor's Report:** *I simply want to invite everyone to reflect and listen to God's voice. I have prepared two questions and hopefully as we answer these questions, they will guide us in our ministry together for God's glory.*

- 1. What are your gifts and graces that you can bring to the table of the Lord or to the ministry of Sunnyhills United Methodist Church?*
- 2. How do you intend to serve through your gifts and graces in the life and ministry of the church?*



**Black College Fund**  
*Special Offering*  
*Sunday February 11th*

*“We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry.”*  
— 2 Corinthians 5:3, NRSV



Funds received for this special offering go toward facilities, faculty, and academic programs of the 11 United Methodist-related historically black colleges and universities.

That legacy includes making education available to people who were not previously afforded such an opportunity. For some, the color of their skin was an obstacle; for others, it was the cost of post-secondary education. The cost of attending college continues to rise for all students. The majority of those attending the 11 United Methodist historically black colleges and universities receive scholarships, which means attendance at these schools is a significant opportunity.

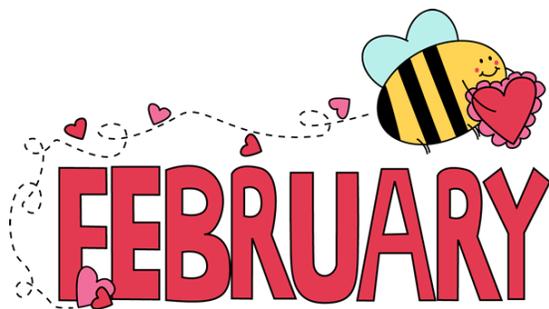
Historically black colleges and universities are educational institutions that were created in the wake of the Civil War. They were established for the sole purpose of educating black Americans. This was necessary because other educational institutions were not open to them until the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964, nearly 100 hundred years after slavery had been abolished.

Education was and still is vitally important to progress. Education opens doors to economic independence. It offers students knowledge and understanding of the world God created. Black colleges today offer students of all ethnic backgrounds opportunities for high-quality education. Black colleges are known for developing leaders who make an impact on local communities. These leaders move us forward and pave the way for a future that is better for all of us.

Our support of black colleges is a legacy of removing obstacles that all may live into their full God-given potential.



**Prayer:** Creator God, we seek to love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength and all our minds, and to love others. May our actions demonstrate this love through generous giving that all of us would have opportunities for education that strengthens our minds and hearts. Amen.



# CALENDAR

Mon. 2/5	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Fri. 2/9	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Discipleship Class in Office</b> (see Pastor Emil for details)
Sat. 2/10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<b>Community Breakfast: <i>Flame Keepers Presents Black History Month</i></b>
Sun. 2/11	9:30 a.m.	Special Offering: Black Colleges
Mon. 2/12	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Wed. 2/14	5:00-8:00 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Drop-In Prayer and Imposition of Ashes
Fri. 2/16	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 2/17	7:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Devotion in Sanctuary</b> (first & third Saturdays)
	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council meets in Jones Hall
Mon. 2/19	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. 2/23	7:00 p.m.	<b>Discipleship Class in Office</b>
Sun. 2/25	9:30 a.m.	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> —Changeover Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at Koong's Restaurant
Mon. 2/26	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)

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