



March 2018

The Beacon

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Celebrate Easter!

Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service

7:00 a.m. on the Patio

*Enjoy the early morning birdsong
as we celebrate the journey to the empty tomb*

Finger Food Potluck

8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

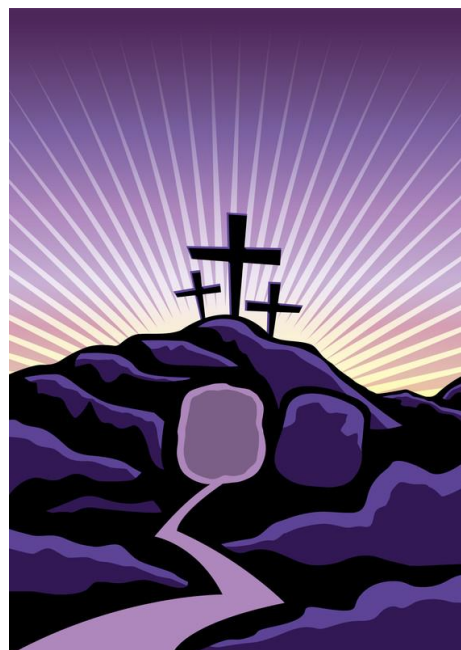
*Bring your favorite brunch or breakfast snack to share
and enjoy a delicious meal between services*

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Childcare available

Children's Sunday School starts today!



Sunday School Classes for Children

Begin April 1st!

Ages 5-12

*Sunday mornings during worship service
Caring, sharing, and learning about Jesus*





Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

*"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.**" – 1 Peter 5:8-9*

We are in the era when our Christian faith is definitely confronted with many pressing challenges—shooting in schools, climate control, war, rising of housing costs, medical, etc. Our enemy will not stop until we are destroyed. They use all the circumstances surrounding us to doubt our relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

According to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and Satan tempted Him. This was the perfect time for Satan to lure Jesus who must have been hungry and physically weak. Satan even made promises. While Jesus was just like one of us, as an ordinary man, this might have been the perfect opportunity for Satan to deceive Him with all the riches and glory that our eyes could ever see. But Jesus did not flee from Satan's temptation (other versions used the word test) but rather faced them with all power and authority! There is victory in Jesus! We are truly being reminded that we need to give more time to pray like our Lord. I do believe we are engaged in spiritual warfare. Let us take this opportunity as we observe the Lent season to let God search our hearts. While we live in this world, there will always be suffering but the good news—that will not be our case forever. As the apostle Peter tells us:

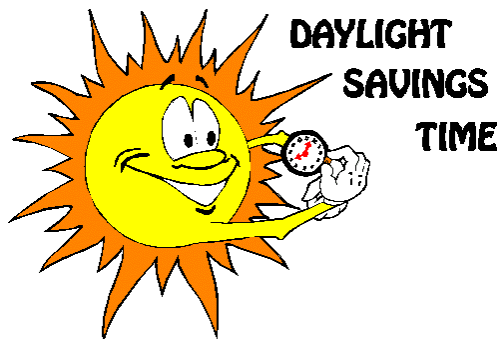
*"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, **after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.** To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen." – 1 Peter 5:10-11*

And yes! There is a reason why we celebrate Easter! After Jesus' sufferings and all our sufferings in fighting for peace, justice and equality, even our personal battles, we are ready to receive His blessings as we gather together on Easter Sunday. We are being empowered as one body of Christ proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the risen Lord!

Let us continue giving all the glory and praise to our Risen Lord through our active faith participation fighting against war, child abuse, human trafficking, and many forms destroying the precious lives of human and nature. Let us be brave and bold to share what is our stance, and as for me, I will always take sides with the needy and the poor. Togetherness with solidarity of purpose and concerns, we will have hope in the midst of darkness. Amen.

No boundaries in God's love!

Pastor Emil



Remember to Spring Ahead!
Daylight Savings time begins on
Sunday March 11th
Set your clocks ahead one hour

Administrative Council
meets in Jones Hall
on Saturday, 3/24 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!



Community Breakfast
Saturday March 3rd in Jones Hall



Kansen Chu, our State Assembly member, will give a brief legislative update at the next breakfast. He recently introduced legislation as a direct response to ongoing odor issues in and around the South Bay area. He is also seeking local support for AB 1395: Cleanup of State Highways and Freeways, a bill to combat litter and debris problem on our state highways. Kansen's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.



3/5 Dolly Soriano
 3/6 Daislyn Pease
 3/6 Kyler Tanciangco
 3/9 David Johnson
 3/14 Ealasaid Haas



3/5 Gwen & Jack Freeman



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. But Jesus did not stay a baby. He grew up. He became a teacher, a preacher, a healer, a loving friend, and our Savior. During Lent, we celebrate his ministry, and we try to do a better job with the ministries to which we are called. Jesus is our Lord!



From the Pastor's Report

Lenten Season began February 14th and some of you came to receive the imposition of ashes in the form of a cross. I prepared a short reflection while a video movie in silent mode, "The Passion of Christ," was playing as a background next to the altar. As we journey remembering what Jesus has done in our lives, I'm hoping that we can totally surrender our life to Him through repentance and believing that Jesus is the Messiah.

Some important things that I want to thank God through our church.

1. Our facility serves as a space to provide ministries relevant to our community.
2. Our church leaders are much involved and engaged in leadership roles in our community.
3. Our members are so faithful and loving. They are finding ways to serve by giving their time, talent, and treasure.

Sunnyhills UMC is collecting supplies for four cleaning kits. We will assemble the kits and ship them to UMCOR for distribution in U.S. disasters.

UMCOR Cleaning Kit

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane.

Cleaning Kit Materials

- **Liquid laundry detergent**
 - One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only
- **Liquid household cleaner**
 - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
 - No spray cleaners
- **Dish soap**
 - 16-28 oz. bottle any brand
- **1 can air freshener**
 - Aerosol or pump
- **1 insect repellent spray**
 - 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- **1 scrub brush**
 - Plastic or wooden handle
- **18 cleaning wipes**
 - Handi Wipes or reusable wipes
 - No terry cleaning towels
- **7 sponges**
 - No cellulose sponges due to mold issues (Non-cellulose sponges or “foam sponges” only. Foam or man-made sponges will not retain water and cause mildew)
 - These sponges can be found in the household and automotive departments of stores and some restaurant supplies houses
 - Some commonly available brands include but not limited to: Scotch-Brite Dobie All-Purpose Pad, Lysol Multi-Purpose Durable Scrub Sponge, Scrub Daddy Original, Melamine Foam Kitchen Wash Cleaning Sponge
- **5 scouring pads**
 - No stainless steel, Brillo pads, or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- **50 clothespins**
- **Clothesline**
 - One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines
 - Cotton or plastic
- **24-roll heavy-duty trash bags**
 - 33- to 45-gallon sizes
- **5 dust masks**
- **2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves**
 - Should be durable enough for multiple uses
- **1 pair work gloves**
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.

Take a Moment for Mission

Special Offering for UMCOR on March 11th

*“For we are what God has made us,
created us in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our
way of life.” — Ephesians 2:10, NRSV*

The **United Methodist
Committee on Relief** is the arm
of the United Methodist Church
that responds to the needs of the
world.

UMCOR does the work of
humanitarian relief, sustainable
development, and improving global
health. On UMCOR Sunday, we
celebrate the work that is done to
heal bodies and souls in the midst
of disaster and crisis. This is the
work that God has laid out for us.

Paul, in his letter to Ephesians,
writes that doing this good work is
to be “our way of life.”

The work of UMCOR is our work,
the work of God’s people. Our gifts
on this day are given for those in
the most difficult circumstances
from Mozambique to Middle
America.

UMCOR is there digging out
after earthquakes, tsunamis,
tornadoes. UMCOR is there for
families stricken with disease
because of their lack of access to
clean drinking water. UMCOR is
present with refugees who have
lost their homes.

If you have ever thought there
was nothing you were able to do to
help in the face of crisis, there is.
It is making your commitment to



these good works a way of life,
beginning with giving to make the
work possible.

UMCOR Sunday is our time to
commit to bringing the light of
hope and restoration to a world in
need.

Prayer

Giver of Life, we lift up to you
those in need of hope, healing and
restoration. Grant that we would
be givers of our time and of our
gifts that the doing of your good
work would be our way of life.
Amen.

On March 11, the United
Methodist Church will celebrate
UMCOR Sunday, honoring the work
of the United Methodist Committee
on Relief. Gifts will support the
administrative and business costs
of UMCOR so that all gifts given in
response to disaster go 100% to
that project.

UMCOR is the United Methodist
Church at work in the world. As
the people of God, we seek to do
the work of God in our commun-
ities and in our world. With
UMCOR, we are able to make an
impact that transforms lives
around the globe.

UMCOR Response to Hurricane Harvey

News Update on Our Giving

By Mary Andreolli Oct. 3, 2017

UMCOR is working with disaster coordinators and early response teams in Louisiana and Texas to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane Harvey.

Three UMC conferences are actively involved in the relief and cleanup process following hurricane Harvey.

The Louisiana Annual Conf. has Early Response Teams and other volunteers deployed in the Lake Charles area. From within the conference, 2,000 cleaning kits are being distributed to those in need.

The Texas Annual Conference also has volunteers deployed. It is estimated that volunteers from United Methodist churches within the conference have mucked out more than 5,000 residences. In total, 10,500 cleaning kits, 3,500 hygiene kits, and 500 school kits have been distributed. The conference is also planning for long-term

recovery programs and is training volunteers for the programs.

The Rio Texas Annual Conference has distributed 2,700 cleaning kits. The conference has also used 56,000 feet of tarp to cover damaged roofs to act as a temporary replacement. UMCOR awarded the Rio Texas Conf. an emergency grant of \$10,000 to expedite the stabilization of 120 residences, benefitting 276 individuals. Relief supplies, such as cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and bedding kits, have been distributed to approximately 2,500 households.



Relief Supply Kits

SUMC Mission Project in March & April



Relief kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. SUMC will collect materials and prepare cleaning kits to ship to UMCOR this spring, ready for flooding disasters in the U.S. Watch for details on how you can participate in gathering supplies and packing the buckets.

CALENDAR



Fri. 3/2	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 3/3	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (first & third Sat.)
	8:00 a.m.	Community Breakfast: Kansen Chu (State Assembly) will give a brief <i>legislative update</i>
Mon. 3/5	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
	7:00 p.m.	Discipleship Class in Office (see Pastor Email for details)
Fri. 3/9	7:00 p.m.	NO Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 3/11	9:30 a.m.	Special Offering: United Methodist Committee on Relief
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch at Omega Restaurant
Mon. 3/12	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Wed. 3/14	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Fri. 3/16	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 3/17	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (first & third Saturdays)
Mon. 3/19	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Ministries: Anakbayan Silicon Valley meets in Sanctuary
Fri. 3/23	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 3/24	2:00 p.m.	Administrative Council meets in Jones Hall
Sun. 3/25	9:30 a.m.	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> —Changeover Sunday
	7:00 p.m.	Discipleship Class in Office
Mon. 3/26	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Fri. 3/30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)

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