



**April 2018**

## **The Beacon**

**Sunnyhills United Methodist Church  
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### **Immigration Workshop Saturday-4/28-10:00-2:00 p.m.**

PAWIS (Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants) in collaboration with Anakbayan Silicon Valley and Sunnyhills UMC, will open a free legal clinic to the public concerning immigration, worker's rights, worker's compensation, and housing rights.

Spread the word! Everyone welcome. Please call (408) 310-5809 to set an appointment or register online at <https://pawis-sv.com/quarterly-legal-clinic>.



### **April Mission Project UMCOR Cleaning Kits**

This month we are collecting materials and funds to prepare at least four cleaning kits for UMCOR. These large buckets of cleaning supplies are given out in the U.S. after floods and hurricanes. They help the most vulnerable members of our population begin the massive job of cleaning up homes and living spaces after natural disasters.

Our Sunday School children will create personal cards for each kit to send our congregation's best wishes and prayers to those struggling in adversity.

Please see page 5 for a list of cleaning kit materials needed. Bring your donations to church during April and we will assemble the kits at the end of the month. Money donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase needed items and pay for shipping.

*You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.  
Psalm 86:5 NIV*



Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

***Jesus Christ our Lord is Risen.  
He is Risen indeed!***

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is in fact a restoration of life. The restoration of life is a total act of God and there is no human participation at all. The power of sin and death was overcome through His resurrection. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he/she is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold a new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Dying is the beginning of new life in Christ. As the apostle Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) We are the body of the Risen Lord that gives light and hope to the world.

On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the PAWIS (Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants) in collaboration with Anakbayan Silicon Valley and our church, will open a free consultation to the public concerning immigration status. This is only one among many organizations using our facility to reach out to people from different walks of life. We are indeed opening our doors to everyone! This is another opportunity for all of us to show our love in our community. Please come and join us!

Lastly, I hope we make an opportunity to spend quality time with our family this coming spring break. Take time off from your busy schedules and enjoy the family time together. Our ministry begins within our family. If we practice the teachings of our Christ within our family, there is no doubt that we will carry out His love anywhere we go and this is our mission.

Friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, be a steadfast believer.

Happy Easter everyone! **No boundaries in God's love!**

*Pastor Emil*

*"Whether this be the last or no, may it be  
the best year of my life!" —  
The Journal of John Wesley, Jan. 1, 1785*



**Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday-4/11-7:30 p.m.**  
**in Jones Hall**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for our buildings and property, room use, and maintenance. Dead trees, lawn care, painting, fire inspections, and rental contracts are a few of their topics. If you have an issue to bring to the Trustees, please contact the secretary, Laine Sazon, to be added to the agenda. Everyone is welcome!



**Administrative Council**  
**meets in Jones Hall**  
**on Saturday, 4/21 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-4/7-8:00 a.m.**  
**in Jones Hall**

The new Milpitas Chief of Police, Armando Corpuz, will relate his life-long experiences of Milpitas, along with plans for anti-bias training, developing a protocol for using the new military vehicle, and possibilities for community oversight. The Chief's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period.

The free breakfast is co-sponsored by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. Donations are gratefully accepted.



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**& HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

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## **Moment for Mission**

*“Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.” – Acts 4:32, NRSV*

Native American Ministries Sunday is one of United Methodism’s six churchwide special Sundays with offerings. On April 15th, we will celebrate the ministries of the Native American members among us. Native American Ministries Sunday is also a time to affirm our commitment to being of one heart and mind as one United Methodist body of Christ as we focus on and work in partnership with Native American ministries.

Our gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday support work with Native Americans in annual conferences and across our connection. Native Americans have a unique voice among us. The echoes of the past of displacement, genocide and discrimination still ring in their ears as the treatment of Native American people today often continues to be something less than just. Native American ministries are located in both rural and urban communities. Sixty percent of Native Americans live in urban settings. Our gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday support work happening now and making a long-term impact. Half of the gifts collected on this special Sunday provide seminary scholarships for Native Americans, training leaders to be in ministry with Native Americans many years into the future.

We celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday with a spirit of celebration and reconciliation. We celebrate the rich and vibrant contributions made by Native Americans to The United Methodist Church. We recognize the need for deeper and greater acts of reconciliation. On Native American Ministries Sunday, we celebrate our common faith, our common call and the work these ministries accomplish.

### ***Offertory Prayer***

*Giver of all good gifts, we come before you today aware that all that we have is a gift from you. Let us give freely, allowing the blessings we have freely received from you to continue to bless others as we share in your work with our giving. Amen.*

*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.*

***Please bring your contribution to the church during April.***

*We'll use money donations to purchase additional items.*

*Please mark checks or electronic funds for "Cleaning Kits."*

## 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.



# CALENDAR

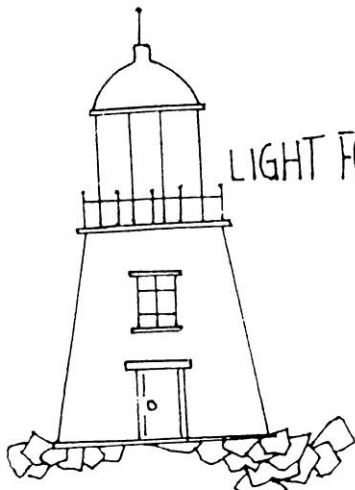


Mon. 4/2	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Fri. 4/6		NO Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 4/7	7:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Devotion in Sanctuary</b> (first & third Sat.)
	8:00 a.m.	<b>Community Breakfast:</b> <i>Milpitas Chief of Police Armando Corpuz</i>
Mon. 4/9	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Wed. 4/11	7:30 p.m.	<b>Board of Trustees</b> meets in Jones Hall
Thu. 4/12	7:00 p.m.	<b>Discipleship Class</b> in Office (see Pastor Emil for details)
Fri. 4/13	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sun. 4/15	9:30 a.m.	Special Offering: Native American Ministries
Mon. 4/16	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 Office
Fri. 4/20	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 4/21	7:00 a.m.	<b>Morning Devotion in Sanctuary</b> (first & third Saturdays)
	2:00 p.m.	<b>Administrative Council</b> meets in Jones Hall
Sun. 4/22	11:00 a.m.	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> at Koong's Restaurant
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Discipleship Class</b> in Office
Mon. 4/23	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Fri. 4/27	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sun. 4/29	9:30 a.m.	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> —Changeover Sunday
Mon. 4/30	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)

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