



**October 2018**

# The Beacon

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## **World Communion Sunday**

*Special Offering on Sunday, October 7th*

*For it is God who is at work with you,  
enabling you both to will and to work for his  
good pleasure. —Philippians 2:13, NRSV*

We observe **World Communion Sunday** alongside members of many denominations the first Sunday in October each year.

World Communion Sunday is a reminder that we are a part of the Body of Christ that is global. Our connection with other believers goes beyond our local churches, our conferences and jurisdictions, and even beyond our denomination. When we take Holy Communion, we are also taking it in communion with the faithful followers of Christ throughout the world.

As United Methodists, we observe World Communion Sunday with this reminder of the global church as well as with a call to give in a way that makes a global impact. World Communion Sunday is one of our denomination-wide special offerings. Today's offering goes toward World Communion Scholars, providing scholarships to individuals connected with global ministries, equipping them to better serve the church both in international settings and national settings in communities of color. Those receiving these scholarships to seminaries and universities continue in ministry to the church and community upon graduating for at least five years.



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# FROM THE PASTOR



Dear brothers, sisters, and friends,

The whole month of October is a celebration of the Laity ministry and active participation in doing God's mission of making disciples of Jesus the Christ for the transformation of the world. I thank God for all the Laity in our local church and to the whole conference. "Your labor is not in vain and do not grow weary in serving the Lord; in His time, we will harvest the fruits of His grace and mercy."

On the first Sunday of October we are also celebrating the "World Communion Sunday." We are joining the whole body of Christ throughout the world. This celebration reminds us that we can do nothing apart from God and we can do more in His kingdom if we stay together as one body of Christ. We are to be connected in prayers, in God's word, in worship, and in serving others. Loving one another is the most powerful testimony that will impact the world that God has entrusted to us. So let us keep on praying for all the concerns that we've been praying together in the past months:

...For the victims of the natural calamities in different parts of our country and the world, may they find comfort and peace in the midst of their loss.

...For those who are experiencing violations of their human rights, may they find strength and courage as they confront peacefully the violators and the abusers of their authority and power.

...For the upcoming elections of leaders in our country and within our community, may we find wisdom and discernment to choose the right person for the right office.

...For total inclusiveness of the church, may we find in our hearts the sincerity to accept each for who they are regardless of race/ orientation.

...Finally, let us pray for our ministries and the vision of our church.

Let us keep in our thoughts and prayers the communities like ours where housing is no longer affordable for many families. Many end up working multiple jobs to meet their needs. Sadly, it greatly affects the quality time we have to spend with family. Even our quality time with God in meditation and prayer is becoming limited. I hope in spite of our busy schedules we may find time for doing things that really matter in His Kingdom!



*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." --Galatians 6:9-10*

**No boundaries in God's love!**

*Pastor Emil Sazon*

## **Administrative Council**

**Sun. 10/14 11:00 a.m.  
Church Office**

Bob Roll, AdCouncil Chair  
Ria Feldman, Secretary  
Pastor Emil Sazon  
will be glad to help you with any  
administrative, program, or  
mission concerns  
you may have.  
Everyone is welcome—  
Come help us plan the program  
and mission of the church!



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

## **Board of Trustees**

**Wed. 10/10 7:30 p.m.  
Jones Hall**

If there are any problems with  
buildings, property, or  
maintenance, or if you have any  
concerns about these areas,  
please contact one of the  
Board members:

Karen Schreifels, President  
Laine Sazon, Secretary  
Cliveden Chew Haas  
Guy K. Haas  
Daislyn Pease



Sunnyhills UMC, the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Assoc., and the Milpitas Beat invite you to breakfast with the candidates on Saturday, October 6 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall. Hear from Milpitas Mayoral and Council candidates, bring your questions, and enjoy coffee, eggs and pastries on us. Donations gratefully accepted. Some of the candidates you will hear are Bob Nuñez, Rich Tran, Voltaire Montemayor, Yoon Lee, Robert Marini, Tim Alcorn, Karina Dominguez, Van Lan Truong, Carmen Montano and Marsha Grilli.

## World Communion Sunday

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The World Communion special offering also goes toward Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate education as well as Ethnic In-Service Training Program scholarships for ethnic and racial minority students pursuing church-related vocations as a second career. Our generous gifts on World Communion Sunday help to strengthen the ministry that is done globally and locally by equipping leaders.

### Offertory Prayer

Loving God, Your love is for all and in all is Your image reflected. On this World Communion Sunday help us to see all people as children of God, all people in need of Your love. Open our hearts that we might give to strengthen and equip those who hear your call to carry your love to the world. Amen.



## FRIGHTENLY GOOD FUN!

*Halloween Party Presented by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association*



**Food, costumes, and crafts!** Everyone—children and adults alike—is invited to attend this FREE Halloween Party. Enjoy a costume parade (with prizes for all costumed kiddies), fun art projects, snacks, and live music. Learn safety precautions for Halloween and the benefits of joining a Neighborhood Watch group. Jump for Joy Music will perform family-fun music.

This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and to give children a chance to show off their costumes. Adults are encouraged to come in costume too! Please feel free to bring snacks to share with the children.

**Date:** Saturday, October 27th  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Augustine Park at  
Coelho Street, Milpitas  
**Price:** Free!





## Many Gifts, One Spirit

### Laity Sunday

Special Worship Service  
Sunday October 21st

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, you are  
very great. You are clothed  
with honor and majesty." —*

*Psalm 104:1, NRSV*

Writing to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul reminded them that each person is gifted—but no two people are exactly alike. “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6, NRSV)

Troubled by the church’s failure to reach the vast majority of the people, John Wesley abandoned conventional ministry modes and experimented with innovative approaches. The result? Spiritual revival broke out in England and beyond.

As the early Methodist movement flourished, Wesley invited laity, both men and women, to oversee classes (small groups) and preach in society meetings (large groups). When he released the energies of the laity, the ministry multiplied even faster.

**Prayer:** Loving God, whether we are laity or clergy, you bless each of us with unique gifts and graces. Show us ways to share our talents to further your work. Amen.

## Lunch Bunch!

*Koong's Restaurant  
(near OSH at Milpitas Blvd. & Calaveras Blvd.)*

*Sunday, October 21st  
11:30 a.m.*

*Super good food & a great time  
Yum!*

*Always a don't miss event*



# CALENDAR

# October

- Fri. 10/5      6:00 p.m.      Nominations/Lay Leadership meets in Church Office  
                  7:00 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
- Sat. 10/6      7:00 a.m.      **Morning Devotion in Sanctuary** (every Saturday)  
                  8:00 a.m.      **Community Breakfast:** Breakfast with the Candidates
- Sun. 10/7      **Special offering: World Communion**
- Mon. 10/8      11:00 a.m.      Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Wed. 10/10      7:30 p.m.      Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
- Fri. 10/12      7:00 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
- Sat. 10/13      7:00 a.m.      **Morning Devotion in Sanctuary** (every Saturday)  
                  6:30 p.m.      **Young Adult Ministries: Anakbayan Silicon Valley** meets in Office
- Sun. 10/14      11:00 a.m.      Administrative Council meets in Church Office
- Mon. 10/15      11:00 a.m.      Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Fri. 10/19      7:00 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
- Sat. 10/20      **NO Morning Devotion**
- Sun. 10/21      9:30 a.m.      Special Worship Service: **Laity Sunday**  
                  11:30 a.m.      Lunch Bunch at Koong's Restaurant
- Mon. 10/22      11:00 a.m.      Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
- Fri. 10/26      7:00 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
- Sat. 10/27      7:00 a.m.      **Morning Devotion in Sanctuary** (every Saturday)
- Sun. 10/28      9:30 a.m.      *Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless—Changeover Sunday*

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