



February 2019

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
355 Dixon Road, Milpitas CA 95035

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Parsonage Roof

Time for repairs

Our parsonage roof is old and leaking. It is time for repairs before the interior is badly damaged.

The parsonage is rented out and provides the housing allowance for Pastor Emil and his family. It is also available when the pastor prefers to live in the house. The building was originally donated to Sunnyhills UMC by parishioners in the early years of our church history. It has served us well for many years, but now it needs some serious maintenance.

Estimates for a new 40-year roof plus new fascia and guttering runs around \$15,000 and we

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Feral Cat Population

Our property is over-run with cats!

Our stray cat population is growing and is out of control. Too many people are feeding cats (plus skunks, etc.) and they are messing everywhere. Teachers and children fight a constant battle to stay out of poop piles and new kittens are being born almost every month. It's time for a break!

The Board of Trustees is working with the Cat Resource Center to limit our feral cat population through spaying and neutering. After surgery, neutered adults will be released back at SUMC but will no longer fight and have kittens. We are also working with the City of Milpitas to post No Feeding signs.

Please help: DO NOT FEED CATS!



Pastoral Letter for February



Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

Let me begin with a prayer for the United Methodist Church General Conference delegates from all over the world as they gathered this month in St. Louis, Missouri. May the Holy Spirit continually dwell among us to make disciples of Jesus the Christ. As we face many questions surrounding our faith in relation to human sexuality, it is my hope and prayer as they explore the ways of strengthening the unity of the church that we continue to extend our love to everyone and I mean every one. It means we don't only love those who love us but even those who don't love us. It means we don't only love others as we love ourselves but to love others more than ourselves, just as Jesus and His many followers died for the sake of others.

This month we celebrate Presidents Day, and as we enjoy this holiday, let us remember the people who led our nation and dedicated their lives for our country. Let us also thank God for their families who made sacrifices for the sake of others. Having said that, let us continue to pray for our current leaders, whose services, in our hope, will be focused in the welfare of the unfortunates. I strongly believe that in God's love, there are no boundaries.

Also, this month, we celebrate the "Happy Hearts Day!"—Yes! My greetings for all of you and especially to Jo and Bob Roll as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. I am so blessed to witness their love for the church, serving together as husband and wife, and as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Their life and ministries touch many lives in our church and in their community. God bless you both and your whole family.

Our goal this year and in years to come is to know Christ and to make Him known in our community. Let us go out and listen to the people surrounding us and be ready to offer the best gift of life, Jesus, our Savior, who died on the cross and lives again. May each and every one of us be the presence of God in our community.

No boundaries in God's love!

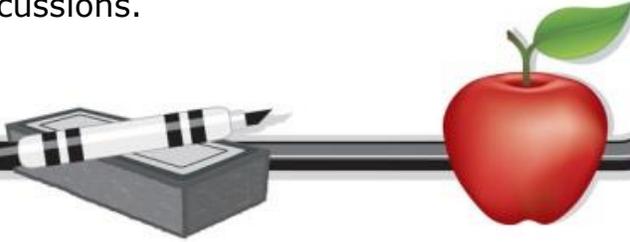
Emil Sazon, Pastor

Sunnyhills UMC

Administrative Council

*Sunday February 17th
11:00 a.m. in the Office*

The AdCouncil administers the church, sets the budget, and plans program our church! Everyone is welcome to join the discussions.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/19 Anita & Reuben
Valderrama
2/12 Citi & Dave Pascual
2/14 Jo & Bob Roll
2/16 Shirley & Jon Marcus

Black Colleges Special Offering

Sunday February 10th

The fund provides financial support to maintain solid and challenging academic programs, strong faculties and well-equipped facilities at the 11 United Methodist-related historically black colleges and universities. For more information: <http://www.umciving.org/question-articles/black-college-fund-faq>



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

1/1 Emil Sazon
1/11 Samuel Sazon
1/17 Eugenia Allen Egbert
1/22 Laurie Haas
1/23 Guy Haas
2/2 Jess Tanciango
2/21 Robert Roll

2018 INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY			
INCOME: 2018		EXPENSES: 2018	
Offerings	\$42,274.67	Ministry & outreach	\$14,179.56
Building use & others	\$70,340.60	Operating expenses	\$48,957.73
Special giving	\$3,267.38	Pastor & staff support	\$58,762.87
TOTAL	\$115,882.65	TOTAL	\$121,900.16
		Total funds on hand	\$29,242.22
		Designated funds	\$12,563.76
		Second 50 balance	\$8,145.97



Pastoral Letter for January

*Sadly, we did not manage to produce a
January 2019 Beacon.*

However, we would like to share the letter Pastor Emil wrote for that issue.

Dear brothers, sisters and friends,

What a wonderful and challenging year 2018 has been! Let us offer our thanksgiving to God for all the blessings and challenging experiences we had for this past year. It is my prayer that God will empower us through His Holy Spirit as we share the gospel of Jesus the Christ for the transformation of our community—and this will be my focus in our ministry in the coming months beginning in the new year. We need your prayers and let the word of God be rooted in our hearts.

This coming January 2019, we have a few ministries/events that I encourage you to participate in: 1) Commitment Sunday during our Sunday worship on January 13th; 2) Celebration of Human Relations during our Sunday worship on January 20th and finally, 3) pray for "The Gathering of Orders" of CA-NV Annual Conference that I will attend on January 29-31 in Modesto CA.

I thank God for our new elected Lay Servants/Leaders for 2019. Please join us for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to all who responded to serve as we commissioned them on January 13th. If you think that God is calling you in specific ministry of touching lives, please let me know. Your involvement and availability to serve will make a big difference.

As we face another year, 2019, I invite you to reflect on your hopes and dreams for our church in the coming years. Pray for them, and let us seek together God's will in fulfilling these dreams. What can you contribute to make these happen? What are the possible challenges that we might encounter? Having all these said, I leave the Word of our Lord in the Gospel of Matthew 28:19-20 NIV as He commissioned His disciples—and we are indeed one of them:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

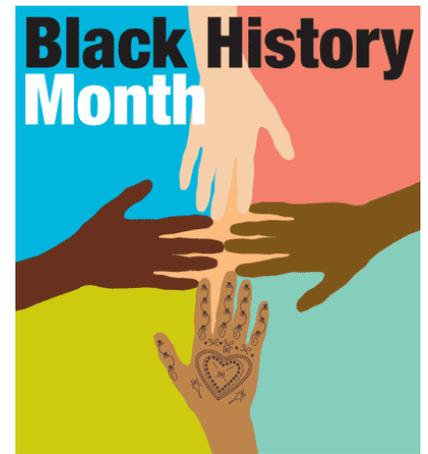
Let us claim the promises of His words, "I am with you always."
Thanks be to God!

A blessed New Year to you all! And, No Boundaries in God's love!

Rev. Emil Sazon

Bridge to Freedom Sunnyhills Community Breakfast

*Saturday February 2nd
9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary*



You are cordially invited to help usher in the **2019 Black History Month** with a celebration. My name is Demetress Morris and as head of Flame Keepers, as well as the Milpitas Black Caucus in Silicon Valley, it is our honor to kick this month off with a crucial conversation regarding the past, present, and future as we recognize the students, teachers, and community members for their accomplishments this season. The two agencies work within the community and schools on behalf of students' and families of color by providing support that sanctions diversity throughout Silicon Valley. The efforts made by Flame Keepers allow for collaboration, support, and unity within the community.

The theme this year is "The Bridge to Freedom" with a focus on cultural relevance and the impact it has on tomorrow's generation. The keynote speaker will be Lonnie Morris, founder of the Good Citizen Program and College Preparatory Program in both California and Pennsylvania. Most importantly, Mr. Morris is a thirty-two-year supervisor of probation (retired), who also chaired the California Parole Board in Marin County for many years.

The location is 355 Dixon Road, Milpitas, CA. on Saturday, Feb 2 @ 9 AM. With the support and collaboration of everyone helping to marshal in Black History Month, it will be a great success and memorable event. There is no cost associated with the event, but all donations are welcome! Come one come all that means you. Please feel free to email or call with any questions or concerns at Demetress1@aol.com or (408) 935-8074.

Parsonage Roof Repairs

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also need to hold about \$5000 in reserve to cover any water damage discovered in the roof supports when the old material is removed.

Our Second 50 fund has about \$8,000 available for this project, and we will also be applying to the Church Extension Society for a grant/loan.

Caring for our property is one of the important responsibilities of the Board of Trustees and our church family. If you'd like to help fund a new roof for our parsonage, please mark your donations "Parsonage Roof."



CALENDAR



Fri. 2/1	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Sat. 2/2	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Community Breakfast: Flamekeepers
Mon. 2/4	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Fri. 2/8	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 2/2	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sat. 2/9	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sun. 2/10		Special Offering: Black College Fund
	11:30 a.m.	Lunch Bunch: Omega Restaurant
Mon. 2/11	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Wed. 2/13	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Fri. 2/15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 2/16	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sun. 2/17	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Council meets in Church Office
Mon. 2/18		NO Centering Prayer
Tues. 2/19	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Ministries: Anakbayan Silicon Valley meets in Office
Fri. 2/22	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 2/23	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sun. 2/24	11:30 a.m.	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> — Changeover Sunday
Mon. 2/25	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)

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