



April 2019

The Beacon

Sunnyhills United Methodist Church
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Palm Sunday Worship

*Sunday April 14th
9:30 a.m.*

Our special celebration of **Palm Sunday** and the climax of Jesus' teaching ministry features our Sunday School children. Come join the celebration as we sing Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

After the service, we will have a **potluck luncheon**. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. If it's not convenient, please don't worry: We always have plenty of food!!

Palm Sunday begins our walk to the Empty Tomb.



Easter Sunday Services

*April 21st
Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.
Finger Food Potluck Breakfast at
8:00 a.m.
Sunday Celebration 9:30 a.m.*

We will hold our **Easter Sunrise Service** at 7:00 a.m. on the patio. Each year the birds provide a remarkable chorus as morning breaks and the sun climbs in the sky.

Our traditional **Finger Food Potluck Breakfast** is always a treat for hungry followers. Don't worry if you haven't time to make something. We always have plenty of Food!

Our 9:30 a.m. Easter Celebration will include special music.





Dear friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ,

In just couple of weeks or so, the Lenten season will be behind us. *How's your spiritual journey so far?* I pray that you found a space to give up something and let God's Spirit work within that space. It could be giving up time in social media, giving up one meal to help the poor, or simply giving up coffee as your sincere way of remembering the sufferings of our Lord. Well, it's not too late. *I encourage you to try giving up and/or sacrificing something as you prepare yourself in coming to Easter Sunday and affirming your faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!* And that we, too, will experience the life everlasting in His time.

Our celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection will begin with our Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21st, at 7:00 AM, in our church patio. We will have breakfast to enjoy that some of us will bring before we begin our 9:30 AM regular service. Jesus proved himself that He is alive. The challenge for us, the church--the body of Christ--is to incarnate in our community that Jesus is truly alive. May our presence, our love, and our witness of our faith help restore and transform many lives. Let them know that their struggle is our struggle, and their joy is also our joy. We are an inclusive church! We are not waiting for them to come, but we come and join them.

Finally, let us remain hopeful in spite of what's happening in our church and in our world today. Be courageous and meditate on these words: *"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)

Happy Easter to all!

No boundaries in God's love!

Pastor Emil Sazon
Sunnyhills UMC





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What's REALLY Happening in the State Capitol?

Sunnyhills Community Breakfast

*Saturday April 6th
8:00 a.m. in Jones Hall*

On Saturday, April 6, **State Assembly Member Kansen Chu** will provide an update on the California legislative year at the Milpitas Community Breakfast. Come learn about current and future plans and enjoy the discussion.



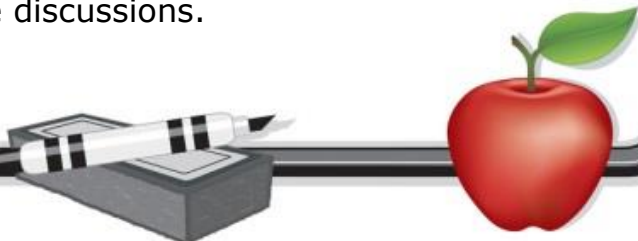
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The free breakfast is hosted by the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyhills United Methodist Church and will take place in Jones Hall from 8:00 am to 9:30am. Everyone is welcome! Donations gratefully accepted.

Administrative Council

*Sunday April 28th
11:00 a.m. in the Office*

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



Board of Trustees
meets
Wednesday
April 10th
7:30 p.m.
in Jones Hall

Native American Ministries Special Offering

Sunday April 14th

Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

The people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York's Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska's Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can.

Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Dr. Richard Twiss, a member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, asked:

“Will we be allowed to develop new ways of doing church that honor God's purposes for the creative expression of our cultures? Will new ministry partnerships and coalitions form? Will you help be a part of this wonderful process of reconciliation, restoration and release?”

Say yes.

GIVE NOW

Your offering today empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students all over America.

May we be a beacon of love and hope today and every day.



This Easter, as I stumble toward Sunday, overwhelmed by life, worn out, and depressed, I'm trying to remember all that Christ went through.

That He prayed for the circumstances to change. And so can I.

That He ministered to others in the midst of His suffering. And so can I.

That He prayed for those who abused Him. And so can I.

That He rose from the grave, and brought victory and salvation to the world. So that I might have life and hope in the midst of my own suffering.

Because of Christ's sacrifice and victory, I need not strut or skip through life. I can stumble and crawl because He has paid it all. In my weakness, He is strong. In His miraculous resurrection, I have hope eternal. And, really, what else do I need?

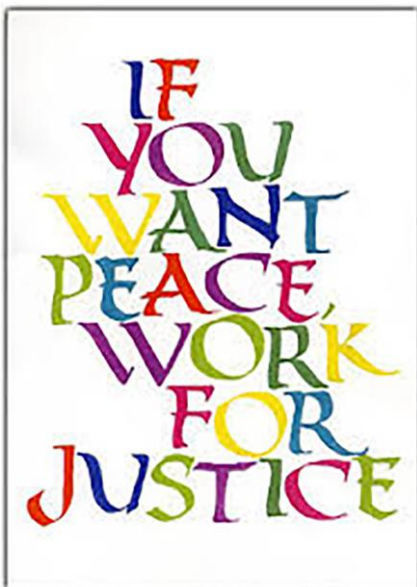
Adapted from Marie Osborne, An Easter Meditation for Overwhelmed and Worn Out
<https://www.ibelieve.com/health-beauty/an-easter-meditation-for-the-overwhelmed-and-worn-out.html>

SCRIP

Scrip is a simple way of giving a little extra gift to the church. Scrip cards are simply gift cards, available for many different stores and restaurants. You can buy groceries, chocolate, clothes, meals, whatever you like from your favorite stores. Each vendor gives a percentage of your spending back to the church, so you spend money you'd be spending anyway on food or gifts. Bob Roll is our point man and can answer any questions. Forms are available on the Sanctuary bulletin board.

Hallelujah

a joyful word of praise to God
in languages all around the world



Garden Work Day

Saturday April 13th

9:00 a.m.

Come help us spruce up the garden and patio area in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter services. Many hands make light work. Friends from St. Mary's Filipino Independent Church will be helping us. Trowels, gloves, weeding forks will help.

APRIL CALENDAR

Fri. 4/5	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Sat. 4/6	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Community Breakfast:
		Kansen Chu Legislative Update
Mon. 4/8	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
Wed. 4/10	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees meets in Jones Hall
Fri. 4/12	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Sat. 4/13	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sun. 4/14	9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday w/Children & Potluck
		Special Offering Native American Ministries
Mon. 4/15	11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Tues. 4/16	6:30 p.m.	Young Adult Ministries: Anakbayan Silicon Valley
Fri. 4/19	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 4/20	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sun. 4/21	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service on the Patio
	8:00 a.m.	Finger Food Potluck—Everyone welcome for Easter Breakfast!
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship
Mon. 4/22	11:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)
Fri. 4/26	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary (every Friday)
Sat. 4/27	7:00 a.m.	Morning Devotion in Sanctuary (every Saturday)
Sun. 4/28	<i>Your spare change helps the hungry and homeless</i> — Changeover Sunday	
	11:00 a.m.	Administrative Council meets in the Sanctuary
Mon. 4/29	11:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary (every Monday)



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