



Cross Currents

Sunnyvale First United Methodist Church

535 Old San Francisco Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94086



December 2021

And the
Word became
and **l**ived
among us, **and** **W**e
have seen
His **G**lory
full of
Grace
and **T**ruth



Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24th
7:00 P.M.
Sunnyvale FUMC
Trinity UMC

Notes from the Pastor

Pastor Jay Parr



Advent is here and Christmas Eve is just around the corner! This is my favorite season of the year! I

love seeing all the Christmas lights and decorations around town and in the neighborhoods. I also love the Advent décor in our sanctuary and the wonderful advent candle lighting tradition on Sunday. And to think, all of this is about the anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! What an incredible Christian season!

But first, let's do a quick look back at November. We had a terrific stewardship campaign in which First Sunnyvale is on track with our pledges for next year. Thank you to our Stewardship minute speakers in Sunday worship – you were fantastic! We also had a wonderful Stewardship campaign celebration while enjoying a dried fruit tray together. I heard many comments that the fruit was delicious and a nice treat for Thanksgiving! The fruit theme fit well with the hope for abundant ministries in the coming year for our newly merged church. If you have

not turned in a pledge yet, we are hopeful that you will turn one into the church office soon. This pledge helps our church budgeting process for the coming year. Please note that if your circumstances change sometime next year,

allows both in-person and online worship (over zoom). Come prepared for great music, the telling of the Christmas story, and a terrific celebration! I encourage you to invite friends and family to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Ser-



your pledge can easily be modified by contacting the finance secretary or church office.

As for advent celebrations, we have a special treat by our children on December 12 during worship. You don't want to miss their performance! I am also excited that the Christmas Eve Candlelight service this year will be a combined First Sunnyvale and Trinity Sunnyvale celebration on Friday, December 24 at 7pm. The service will be hybrid, which

vice. We also have an advertisement running in the local paper inviting the community to join in the celebration.

If you are traveling over the Christmas holidays, I wish you safe travel and God speed.

Let us all prepare our hearts for the birth celebration of our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Praise be to God.

Peace be with you!
Pastor Jay

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Our Sunday School children will be presenting their annual Christmas pageant on December 12 during the 10:45a.m worship service. We welcome everyone to come and watch their performance as the kids present the birth of Christ through music and scripture.

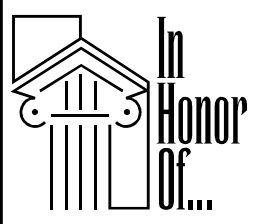


Poinsettias for Sanctuary

Each year potted Poinsettias are used to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.

If you are providing potted Poinsettias, please complete this form.
Forms are due in the church office by Monday, December 13.
Flowers may be brought to the church office by December 16.
A listing of memorial and honorarium names will be included in the worship bulletin.

Your Name(s): _____
I/we will bring _____ (#) potted Poinsettias.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6 Lopeti Hakeai
- 14 Darryl Alford
- 17 Christopher Ngan
- 18 Peter Parrish
- 20 Edwin Thangaraj



- 7 Susan and Rabindra Mishra
- 22 Victor & Jacqui Peterson
- 22 Sharon Yang & Dongping
- 27 Edin and Anusha
- 28 Sylvester & Shobana Rajasekaran
- Simon & Sara Jeyapalan

Finance

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First UMC Sunnyvale Finance Committee Report

What's up with this year's Stewardship Campaign?
Thanks for asking!

This year's Campaign began on November 7 and officially ended on November 21. Worship services featured lay Minute Speakers who shared their personal involvement in our church, Pastor Parr focused his sermons on stewardship, service, and generosity, and our church's music team shared heartfelt stewardship-focused music.



On the financial side of this Campaign, as of November 29 our church has received 21 pledges totaling \$81,050. Last year's Campaign received 26 pledges totaling \$127,304, and the previous year's Campaign received 36 pledges totaling \$131,124. If you've been intending to pledge for next year but haven't gotten to it quite yet, you'll be happy to hear that we're still accepting financial pledges for 2022, so it's not too late!

The Finance/Stewardship Committee is especially grateful to this year's Stewardship Minute Speakers Linda Morse and Darryl Alford for their deeply personal sharing, to Pastor Parr for his highly informative and motivating sermons, and to Lea McGowan for obtaining the Stewardship Campaign's gift to you at a very attractive price. And, as always, the Finance Committee is very grateful for everyone's very generous ongoing financial support.

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This is a MONTHLY newsletter. Its purpose is to inform you of what is happening in our church family with short news items. We are reaching out to members, friends and neighbors.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are having a hybrid service every Sunday. If you cannot be in church for in person worship, you can always connect to the worship service. The actual service starts at 10:45 a.m but you can log in any time on zoom from 10:30a.m.

Meeting ID: 846 2472 2020

Passcode: 631449

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| Pastor: | Pastor Jay Parr |
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| Organist: | Don Cardoza |
| Bookkeeper: | Terry Won |



By opening your phone to the camera setting and placing it on this icon, our church website can be accessed.