



Circuit Writer

Sunnyvale United Methodist Church

535 Old San Francisco Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94086



May 2023

Easter at our Church



Notes from the Pastor

Pastor Jay Parr



April showers bring May flowers! I love that phrase. God brought us the much-needed rain this past winter. And now, sunshine is abundant and

God's flowering plants are in full bloom. You may have noticed around our church campus there are flowers blooming everywhere. You also may recall that our children and youth did a project during Sunday school this past year of planting in our pots around campus a myriad of flowering plants. The glorious flowering plants around campus are a witness to God's beautiful creation. Praise be to God!

Holy week this year was also filled with glorious beauty! On Palm Sunday, our church was wonderfully decorated with palm fronds while our children and youth led us with the waving of palms in remembrance of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. What a celebration of our Lord and Savior! Good Friday was a moving and somber service in remembrance of Jesus' suffering for each one of us. New life was abundant on Easter morning at SUMC. Just outside the sanctuary entrance was a cross adorned with flowers from our gardens. Entering the sanctuary, you were greeted by a myriad of Easter lilies and a glorious butterfly above the altar. Christ's new life for all of us was in full display! And then the cele-

bration began. Our chancel choir and instrumentalists – on upright bass, trumpet, saxophone, and drums - filled the air with an abundance of glorious Easter melodies. Our youth band joined in the celebration with a wonderful Easter song – *Happy Day*.

Throughout the Easter worship celebration, we joined in prayer, scripture, and the Easter story of a *New Life in*



Christ. Halleluiah - He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Thanks to our incredible church scout troop, we continued the celebration with a delicious pancake brunch in the social hall. And yes, we had one more celebration on Easter morning. This Easter Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of our newly merged church – Sunnyvale UMC. We all ate cake with our pancakes in celebration of our new life as a merged church. What a glorious morning. Let this fabulous Easter celebration help us remember that every day is a new life in Christ. Thanks be to God!

On Sunday, April 23, in worship our

SPRC chair Lyn Irvine announced the new pastor at SUMC - The Rev. Jung Min Kim. He comes to SUMC as an experienced and gifted leader, as he recently started a new congregation from only three couples to almost 100 members in several years. Pastor Jung Min will start at SUMC on July 1. During this time of transition, let us hold Pastor Jung Min in our prayers. I am

also transitioning to a new place of ministry – Willow Glen UMC in San Jose. I have been so blessed to serve with you at Sunnyvale UMC. Bridget and I have absolutely loved this wonderful journey of ministry together.

Finally, you may have noticed that the signs around our SUMC church campus requiring the wearing of masks in worship have been removed. The church Ad-

ministrative Council recently discerned that it was now appropriate to lift the mask requirement at in-person SUMC worship service. Of course, persons are welcome to choose to wear a mask for their additional protection. Also, if you have tested positive for COVID, please do not attend worship or other church ministries in-person. Fortunately, we have a robust on-line capability for most of our church ministries.

I am looking forward to doing ministry together throughout the month of May!

Blessings,
Pastor Jay

Choir

Dear Singers and lovers of music and the word, Choir is looking for you. We are hoping to continue on through summer. Won't you come and join us as we launch our summer session with choir, praise singers and band. We meet Thursdays 7:30-8:30 pm in the sanctuary. You are welcome to come and check us out. Don Cardoza, DM sunnyvaleumc.choir@gmail.com

Graduate Recognition

In June, during worship, we will honor those in our church family who are graduating. If a member of your extended family has completed an educational milestone, we'd like to celebrate that achievement. We are proud of those transitioning from preschool to kindergarten, elementary to middle school, and from high school, community college, vocational training, and college. Please email your graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and your relationship to the graduate to the SUMC office at: sunnyvaleumc@comcast.net.

United Women In Faith

Jane Dredge

United Women in Faith news:

UWF Executive Board will meet May 1 at 12:15 PM., in Classroom 2, Education Bldg. Watch for the reminder from Donna Phillips, our UWF President for 2023.

Mary Circle: May 8th is the date, the time is 1:30 PM. **NOTE: new meeting place...Classroom 2, Education Building.** Nancy Cline is the Circle Leader. All are invited and welcome.

Ruth Circle: The next meeting is June 13th, at 10:00 AM in Classroom 2. The program is a book review by Lois Chestnutt. Watch for more information in the June newsletter. All are invited and welcome.

Other UWF information: Member news...Please keep in your prayers, members and friends who have not been well. Check with the Circle Leaders, Nancy, Jane, or Prayer Chain coordinator, Cheryl Herring, for updates. Busy fingers are preparing for the annual Holiday Craft Sale on October 21. Want to make something, but need an idea??? Come to the weekly craft workshops on Thursdays, from 10 AM until 2 PM in the Johnson/Shaner, Ralston rooms. Tonya Oravetz, the coordinator, will help you find something to do! **NOTE:** masks are optional.

Kuddles for Kids... NEWS: The new home for the handmade stuffed animals is "Amigos de Guadalupe" Center for Justice and Empowerment. They are part of St. Francis of Assisi in San Jose. They provide a variety of support for families in need: housing... "Las Casitas" is small houses for sleeping, a safe environment for families needing jobs and housing. There are other programs to help people in their community: Justice, Empowerment, Innovation, Determination, Immigration. Check their website and read their Core Belief, Vision, and Mission statements.

One Warm Scarf Project- There are 44 finished scarves thanks to our knitters, and crocheters! Scarf sizes: Knit or crochet... adult size: 8" x 80"; children: 6" x 60". Smaller scarves for children ages 3-5, are welcome.

Project Days-We meet first & third Fridays: May 5th and 19th, 10 AM-1 PM. Bring your own project. I have an option or two, for you, if you don't have a project, or we will just visit!

Jane Dredge, UWF Newsletter Reporter **NOTE:** new e-mail address janedredge@gmail.com

Youth Corner

Pastor Bayani Alkuino

What an amazing month for our youth and kids. First, we finished our five session Confirmation Class, we will simply schedule a make up class for all missed sessions. Second, the Saturday before Easter, the youth and kids had a great time decorating the easter eggs. Third on Easter Sunday the youth band with our kids played a celebratory song for Jesus entitled "Happy Day" by Tim Hughes. Singing and shouting that this is the greatest day in history, our Savior is alive, Jesus is alive! Good job youth band and kids! After the worship they had a field day hunting for eggs in the courtyard. Fun day indeed! Fourth was the tour at Monterey Bay Aquarium. We started our tour with a meet-up at Monterey State Beach. We had a short devotion, lunch and trash picking at the beach. Then we proceeded to the Aquarium. Everyone



had an amazing time at the Aquarium including the adults. Sixth and last was the fourth Sunday Worship where the youth band filled the sanctuary with lively worship songs. Youth and kids shared a short testimony of their memorable experience in the Aquarium. Wow! What a month for our youth and kids! Good job guys!

So if you want your kids to be involved, come and join us! Everyone is welcome!

Blessings Everyone!
Pastor Bayani



Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Mary Jo Morin		1 Jim & Linda Marken
4 Shannen Edwin		22 Lopeti & Fulata Hakeai
5 Sheehan Edwin		Mike & Dianne Yamada
6 Linda Malmstrom		25 David & Cheryl Herring
10 Les Cline		28 Tom & Linda Morse
Katy Cole		
18 Ruhi Nathan		
25 Nancy Kornegay		
31 Suzanne Dougan		
		

Finance

Les Cline

Sunnyvale UMC Finance Report

I'm pleased to report that our church continues to be blessed with very good financial health, and that March's Operating Income and Expense numbers are close to our expectations.

In this month's Church Finance news:

SUMC business operations moved from Bank of America to Bank of the West on April 1, so SUMC disbursements are now being paid through Bank of the West.

SUMC has applied for a Vanguard Brokerage account. Once this account is in place, the Proceeds Fund holdings in the two TUMC-owned Vanguard Brokerage accounts will be transferred to this new SUMC-owned account. Many thanks to all who are writing donation checks to "Sunnyvale UMC"; please continue to use this name, or our church's full name "Sunnyvale United Methodist Church". Our church would need to establish another bank account to accept checks written to "SUMC", which we don't want to do unless it's really needed. If this is important to you, please let me know. FUMC's banking accounts have been closed, and TUMC's will be closed soon. After this happens, SUMC won't be able to accept checks written to First UMC, Trinity UMC, or variations of these names. If you've not yet switched your donations to "Sunnyvale UMC" (or our church's full name), please do so.

Our PayPal transition is now complete; TUMC's PayPal account has been closed, as have FUMC's PayPal account and PayPal Giving Fund webpage. SUMC's PayPal Giving Fund URL is <<https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/4706243>>, and its QR Code is in this article. It's a very efficient way of donating to SUMC, and we highly recommend it to everyone who has a personal PayPal Account. So far this year, \$12,475 has been donated to SUMC via this method. Unfortunately, it doesn't provide a way for you to tell our church exactly how you would like your donation to be used, so if you would like to designate all or some of a PayPal Giving Fund donation for a specific purpose, please contact me or email SUMC's Bookkeeper Terry Won at <sunnyvaleumcbkpr@gmail.com>. SUMC's PayPal Donate webpage is <https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=BLBXGTD268FX2>; it's a good method for anyone who doesn't want to have a personal PayPal account, or who prefers automatic recurring donations to one-time donations, or who needs to include a brief written message along with a donation. If there are any other electronic donation methods you think SUMC should offer, please let me know and we'll investigate.



Vacation Bible School

Get Ready . . .
for some VBS fun!

New friends • Amazing experiments
Creative games • Super fun snacks
Surprising adventures • Incredible music



June 26-30, 2023

VBS 9 am to 12 noon

4 yrs.-5th grade—\$35/child or \$60/family

Extended Stay Program—12 noon to 5 pm
\$45/child or \$75/family

Registration forms are available on our website

www.sunnyvaleumc.org

Call the church office: 408-739-0826

Scholarships available

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Altar Flower sign-up

Look for the Flower Chart in the Narthex and sign up to fund Sunday's altar flowers. Enter your name on the date of your choice and note the reason for your gift; i.e., birthday, anniversary, remembrance, etc. Cash or check in the amount of \$40 covers the expense of the flowers including delivery. Use PayPal or write your check to the church, note "altar flowers" in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Your name and the reason for your gift will be published in the bulletin on the Sunday you choose. Your flowers are available for pickup on Sunday after the 1 pm worship. You are welcome to take the flowers and vase with you and return the vase to the church Narthex at your convenience.