



Circuit Writer

Sunnyvale United Methodist Church

535 Old San Francisco Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94086



May 2024

Vacation Bible School

VBS - 2024

Whenever I'm afraid, I put my
trust in you.  Psalm 56:3

When : June 10 – 14

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Ages: 5 – 13 years

Registration Fees: \$100 per child

(includes lunch & snacks)

Where: Sunnyvale United Methodist Church

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Registration in progress.... Limited spots



**Trust God
to Go
with Us!**

**Trust God
to Lead
the Way!**

**Trust God
to Give
Us Peace!**

**Trust God
to Spark
Joy!**

Notes from the Pastor

Pastor Jung Min Kim



I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff and congregation for accommodating my recent vacation to visit family

in Korea, which marked my 10 months as pastor of Sunnyvale United Methodist Church. It was a truly rejuvenating time, and I returned feeling revitalized. Although it may take some time to get over the jet lag, I'm grateful for the opportunity to have such a refreshing experience.

During my vacation, I had the pleasure of taking a short trip with my family and enjoying meaningful moments with my mother, my sister's family, and my brother's family. In addition, reconnecting with old friends was a delightful experience as we shared stories and cherished memories without any sense of awkwardness. It seems that our shared history allows us to interact as if no time has passed, with fond memories serving as the catalyst for laugh-

ter and growth.

If you've lost touch with loved ones, I encourage you to reach out. Awkwardness is fleeting, and reconnecting may lead to rediscovering the joy of shared memories and laughter.

Food too, holds fond memories for me. Dishes my mother prepared in my youth were once merely nourishment, but now I savor them with love. I wonder how long I'll be able to enjoy these soulful meals she prepares. As long as her health allows, I want to continue to receive her love, even if it means a few extra pounds. While traveling with my family, I was reminded of the words of my late father, who urged us to foster sibling harmony and live joyfully. At first puzzling, his advice, devoid of religious or professional connotations, now reveals its depth, infused with God's grace and love. Every relationship we've been blessed with is a gift from God.

Whether it's our encounters with others or the dynamics within our families, they all reflect God's grace. With gratitude for this grace, let's strive to live not only for ourselves,

but also by caring for and loving one another. True companionship means being a source of strength and support for one another, and above all, praying for one another.

To live joyfully is to find balance in God's creation. Just as we work during the day and rest at night, we should invest time in ourselves and others, fostering peaceful relationships with nature and people as God intended.

While we often believe that life will be enjoyable if we follow our desires, neglecting our responsibilities can leave us feeling insecure. As I write this post-vacation article, missing a day of golf, I'm reminded of the importance of balancing desires with obligations.

May we all become individuals who respect the relationships God has entrusted to us, live a life of harmonious balance within God's creation, and thus experience true joy and fulfillment.

Your companion in Christ,
Pastor Jung Min Kim

Please come and support Grace, our accompanist on her solo piano recital on May 18



GRACE EUNHYE LEE SOLO PIANO RECITAL

PIANO AND WOMEN COMPOSERS

A. BEACH M. BONDS G. FRANK J. AHN

*MAY 18 2024
SATURDAY 1PM*

*SUNNYVALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
535 OLD SAN FRANCISCO RD, SUNNYVALE, CA 94086*

FREE ADMISSION
MORE INFO: GRACELEE8128@GMAIL.COM

Our New Members

Keiko Hirano is a 3rd generation Japanese American, born in Stockton, California. Her grandfather came to the United States in the 1800's. Keiko spent part of her childhood in Japan but came back to the US to study.

She got married in San Francisco and moved to Mountain View and Sunnyvale with her husband's job. They had 2 children, a son and a daughter and Keiko stayed home to take care of them. She volunteered at their school during this time.

At the age of 47, Keiko decided to start her own business and went to cosmetology school and became a salon owner. She sold it when her husband became ill. Keiko enjoys texting with her 4 adult grandchildren. In her spare time, she loves to indulge in Japanese calligraphy, knitting and crochet.



My name is **Janet Arthur** and I am from Ghana, West Africa. I was born in 12/03/1990 in the central part of Ghana called Dunkwa-on-offin. My parents are Joseph Arthur and Mary Boakyewaa both alive and healthy. I started both my basic and secondary school at Dunkwa-on-offin where I grew up. After secondary school I went to the nursing training college at Dunkwa -on-offin in the same town. After completing nursing college, I started working with the Ghana health service where I was first posted to senchi ferry health center in the eastern part of Ghana to work as a nursing assistant clinical. I worked with Ghana Health service for five years.

I got married in 2018, then I joined my husband in 2019 who was then a PHD student at University of Alabama at Birmingham. I have two children (Lillie Asare-Bediako and Nathaniel Asare-Bediako). We then moved from Alabama to California in March, 2023.

Church and Society

Carlos

One of the most gracious clients I remember from my days volunteering at West Valley Community Services was a man I will name Carlos. He often came in alone, and other times with one or more of his adult daughters. He spoke with a heavy Hispanic accent, such that I wasn't always sure we understood each other. He was approaching seniority, although perhaps not there yet, had a little bit of a shuffle to his gait, but was so thankful for WVCS and the people who served him. Each week, after shopping in the pantry he would come back into the office, say good-bye to the other clients with whom he had been waiting, and then thank each of the staff and volunteers who had helped him.

Several years after we met, I learned that he had been a fighter pilot in the Peruvian Air Force. My son-in-law, Minh, whose company restores decommissioned fighter jets had some photos of his work on his website. I showed the photos to Carlos. He was very interested, recognizing the particular airplane that is the bulk of Minh's work. Carlos made the comment that flying one of those is "just like riding a bicycle."

The following week, Carlos brought in some patches that he had removed from an old flight suit for me to give to Minh. Such generosity.

When Minh saw what aircraft Carlos had flown, he was very impressed.

When you meet someone, you never know what their interesting story is, what talents they have, or in Carlos's case, how generous that person might be.

Bob Cloke

SUMC Men's Group

The SUMC Men will be meeting for supper on Monday, May 20th at 6:30 pm in the Johnson-Shaner Room. Please let Darryl Alford or Tom Morse know if you plan to attend.

Graduate Recognition

On June 2nd, 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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Mary Jo Morin
- 4 Shannen Edwin
- 5 Sheehan Edwin
- 6 Linda Malmstrom
- 10 Les Cline
Katy Cole
- 18 Ruhi Nathan
- 25 Nancy Kornegay
- 31 Suzanne Dougan



May

- 1 Jim & Linda Marken
- 22 Lopeti & Fulata Hakeai
- 25 David & Cheryl Herring
- 28 Tom & Linda Morse

Church and Society

Sponsoring Organizations Fighting for Justice and Equity

A major ministry of the Church and Society Committee is the justice ministry. One aspect of this ministry is to support those who challenge the groups that attempt to oppress and/or deny the basic civil rights of others. We have chosen to support, with periodic donations, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Founded in 1971, SPLC has, in decades since, shut down some of the nation's most violent white supremacist groups by winning multimillion-dollar jury verdicts on behalf of their victims. It dismantled vestiges of Jim Crow, reformed juvenile justice practices, shattered barriers to equality for women, children, the LGBTQ community and the disabled, and protected low-wage immigrant workers from exploitation. Today, SPLC's white supremacist activity monitoring capability is internationally known for tracking and exposing a wide variety of hate and extremist organizations throughout the United States. SPLC also pioneered the Teaching Tolerance Program (now known as Learning for Justice) to provide educators with free, anti-bias classroom resources such as classroom documentaries and lesson plans. Today, it reaches millions of schoolchildren with materials that teach them to respect others and help educators to create inclusive, equitable school environments. SPLC is a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy, and advance the human rights for all people. Our support, together with the support of other faith-based organizations and nonprofits, enable SPLC to continue fighting for justice and equity in courts and combating white supremacists who are emboldened and energized. SPLC also continues helping teachers across the country create inclusive school communities where children are respected, valued, and welcome participants.

United Women In Faith

Jane Dredge

United Women in Faith news:

UWF Executive Board will meet Monday, May 13, in Classroom 2, Education Bldg., watch for a message with more details from UWF President, Donna Phillips.

UWF Unit will meet Monday, May 13, 1:30 PM, in Classroom 2, Education Bldg. Nancy Cline will be sending a message with the meeting details.

Weekly craft workshops are ongoing: Thursdays, from 10 AM until 2 PM in the Johnson/Shaner, Ralston rooms, unless cancelled by Pat Tubbs or Tonya Oravetz.

Jane Dredge, UWF Newsletter Reporter (e-mail janeedredge@gmail.com)

“Jots from Jane” (e-mail janeedredge@gmail.com)

Project Day: You are welcome to come on Friday, May 3rd, and Friday, May 17th, 10 AM-1 PM. We meet in Classroom 2. Hot water for tea, coffee, cocoa, is available. Simple snacks provided.

One Warm Scarf Project- There are now 69 finished scarves and 5 hats. There are a dozen scarves in the finishing process: weaving in yarn ends and adding fringes. Please feel free to join us in this project. Please let me know if you need supplies. Scarf sizes: Knit or crochet adult size: 8” x 80”; children: 6” x 60”. Smaller scarves, size 4” x 40” are welcome for younger children.