



Circuit Writer

Sunnyvale United Methodist Church

535 Old San Francisco Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94086



October 2025

56th Annual
HOLIDAY FAIR

Holiday Craft Sale

October 18, 2025

Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

***Handmade Quilts, Seasonal Décor, Wall Hangings,
Aprons, Placemats, Table Runners, Baby Items,
Special Items for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and more.
Homemade Jams and Baked Goodies***



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Please Come and Shop!



Notes from the Pastor

Pastor Jung Min Kim



"Sharing Our Gifts, Living Our Vision" Embracing the Season of Change

Fall has arrived with its gentle whispers—crisp morning air, golden sunsets that come a little earlier, and leaves that dance their way toward transformation. Autumn doesn't just change the landscape; it changes *us*, inviting us to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for what God has in store.

Just like the season around us, our church is entering its own season of reflection and preparation—one deeply rooted in the **vision we embraced together** this past April.

Our Living Vision

More than a church: an intergenerational, multicultural, inclusive community.

Where faith is alive, love is action, and transformation is real.

These aren't just beautiful words framed on a wall. They are our **living invitation**—a daily reminder that life at Sunnyvale UMC extends far beyond Sunday mornings. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every moment we choose love over fear is how we embody Christ's transforming presence in our world.

Our three core values anchor this vision:

WELCOME — *Because everyone deserves to belong, exactly as they are*

SERVICE — *Because love becomes real when it moves into action*

RENEWAL — *Because God's grace is always making us new, together*

Your Invitation to Serve

Since September 7th, many of you have responded to our "Sharing Your Talents at Sunnyvale UMC" flyer!

We've been amazed by the wonderful response—so many people stepping forward to serve in worship, outreach, fellowship, care, technology, and beyond. If you've already signed up, thank you for saying "yes" to living our vision together!

Still feeling called to serve but haven't found your spot yet? It's not too late! Please reach out to the church office—we'd love to help you find the perfect way to share your unique gifts with our community.

Here's the beautiful truth: **every person who steps forward is more than volunteering.** You're breathing life into our shared vision. You're part of discovering that the church isn't built by a few dedicated people, but by the beautiful tapestry of gifts, voices, and hearts that God has woven together in this place.

Your talents matter. Your contribution is irreplaceable. This community needs exactly what you have to offer.

Stewardship: Investing in Our Vision

Mark your calendars: November 9, 16 & 23

Our Stewardship Campaign isn't about budgets and spreadsheets—it's about **vision becoming reality**. When you make a pledge, you're not just keeping the doors open; you're:

- **Nurturing children** who will grow deep roots of faith
- **Supporting elders** who deserve care and dignity
- **Fueling ministries** that welcome, serve, and transform lives

Investing in a community that boldly proclaims God's inclusive love

Like autumn's cycle of letting go and renewal, stewardship reminds us that **giving and receiving** are part of God's beautiful design. We are blessed so we can bless others. Every gift becomes part of a larger story—faith alive, love in action, transformation made real.

Notes from the Pastor

Living the Vision Together

Change is woven into the very fabric of our Christian journey. Just as autumn shows us that endings can lead to beautiful new beginnings, our vision calls us to **keep growing, keep becoming, keep sharing.**

We are so much more than a building or a Sunday gathering—we are a **living, breathing community** where God continues to write stories of hope, healing, and resurrection.

You Belong Here

This October, as you discover new ways to serve, as you prayerfully consider your stewardship pledge, as you look around at the beautiful faces of this community—remember this truth:

You are part of this vision.

You are welcome.

You are needed.

And together, we are becoming the church God has called us to be.

With deep gratitude and joyful anticipation,

Jung Min

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." — Ephesians 2:10

Events at Church

Halloween at Church

HALLOWEEN AT CHURCH October 26

We invite our children, youth, and adults to come to worship in their church appropriate Halloween costume and to participate in our annual carnival after the service. Please contact Pastor Bayani or Sarah to volunteer for the event.

Remember to pick up a shoe box on Sunday, fill it and return it by November 2.



Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 2 at 11:30 a.m. More details to follow.

Stewardship Campaign

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN starts November 9

This is a time to consider your financial support to the church. Both members and non-members can make a pledge of financial support for the calendar year 2026. Pledges help us plan ahead for the coming year. So, please watch for your pledge card to arrive in the mail, mark the date on the calendar, and plan to join us in church on Sunday, November 23.

SUMC MEN'S GROUP

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Cheryl Herring	24 Sara McAllister
7 Tom Morse	28 Alison Boaz
14 Lora Corner	30 David Irvine
23 Dianne Yamada	31 Ronel Sylvester



21 Les & Nancy Cline



Church and Society

Ken Redler

Earlier this year I published a tribute to those of you who had been donating food items consistently, in 2024, to the WVCS pantries via our red barrel in the Narthex. I wrote that article in response to a thank you note from the Director of WVCS saying "that all of the organizations (such as ours) and grocery stores that supply the food items for their pantries are essential to their winning the fight against hunger." I also boasted in that article that we supplied a total of 1,078 meals in that year. After telling the children during the Children's Time in the Worship Service how well our pantry barrel folks did in 2024, Donna Phillips challenged Bob Cloke, who is responsible for monitoring the Pantry Barrel Project, to set a higher goal for 2025 than that which was achieved in 2024. He said we'll do 1,200 in 2025! On September 9th, the number of meals supplied to WVCS so far this year was 1,198, only two meals short of Bob's goal. And we still have a little over 3 months to go in 2025! This compares to a total of 1,087 meals supplied at years end in 2023; and as noted above, a total of 1,078 meals supplied at years end in 2024. Congratulations to all of you who have quietly but consistently and frequently been putting food items in the Pantry Barrel. For those of you who haven't donated food yet, here's a chance for you to join a winning team. It will make you feel good because you will be helping to feed individuals experiencing food instabilities that live within the WVCS distribution area. In 2024, there were 4,203 individuals that received portions of the 1,124,300 meals distributed.



World Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 5, 2025. On this Sunday, United Methodists join Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture.

But it's more than just worship. It's also a time to support scholarships and leadership training for students from underrepresented communities—helping the Church become more inclusive and better equipped to serve.

- Scholarships (50%) Half of the funds collected go toward scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of color in the U.S. who are pursuing ordained ministry.
- Grants (35%) A portion of the funds provide In-Service Training Grants that support diversity, equity, and access training—helping the Church recruit and retain leaders of color across all areas of ministry.
- Leadership Programs (15%) The remaining funds support leadership development with partner churches in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and communities of color in the U.S.

Donations can be made through the standard channels: Check, made out to Sunnyvale United Methodist Church, noting that it is for World Communion Sunday, paypal or cash in the offering plate.

United Women In Faith

Jane Dredge

No UWF meeting will be held in October. **Holiday Craft Sale is Saturday, October 18th 10:00 AM-3:00 PM!**

Thursday, October 16, preparation 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, with moving tables/chairs in Nick's Hall beginning at 1:00 PM.

Friday, October 17, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, set-up items in Nick's Hall, prepare bakery items for sale, etc.

Saturday, October 18, 9:00 AM, finish set-up. Clean up after 3:00 PM!

Craft workshop: Craft workshop will continue in the Johnson/Shaner rooms from 10 AM until 2 PM, unless cancelled by Pat Tubbs or Tonya Oravetz. You are welcome to stop by and visit. Several crafts are in process for the craft sale in October. There is still time to make something!

One Warm Scarf Project... There might be about 100+ scarves and about 10 hats, blessed on Sunday, September 28th. Finished scarves are stored in bins until the blessing, thanks to our Youth Group. Many thanks to these busy fingers for creating colorful, warm items: Nancy Cline, Keiko Hirano (hats), Donna & Jackie Phillips, Patricia Roth. Special thanks to Cheryl Herring and Carol Wilser for weaving in the yarn ends and adding the fringes for Jane's scarves.

Scarf sizes: adults 8"x80", teenagers 6"x60", children 4"x40". (janeedredge@gmail.com)