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Sunnyvale United Methodist Church

535 Old San Francisco Rd, Sunnyvale, CA 94086



November 2025

Upcoming Events

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

Join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 23 in Nick's Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service, to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed on our church. Please bring an appetizer, entrée or dessert to share. Turkey and mashed potatoes will be provided by the church. For more information to help in set-up and clean-up, please contact Darryl Alford.

May you and your families celebrate Thanksgiving with love in your heart, prosperous vision in your mind, and gratitude in your being.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

The annual stewardship campaign is a time to consider not only your financial support to the church, but also your non-financial support.

As for the financial portion, 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. You can also return your pledge card by mail.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY- November 2

We invite you to bring a framed photo of your departed loved ones to place on the altar during worship. Photos may be placed on the altar prior to the service on Sunday morning. Together, we will honor and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us. Please pick up the photos after the service.

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE- NOVEMBER 2

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Nov. 2 at 11a.m. Pastor Rajiv Pathik will preside.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We hope you all got a chance to pick up a shoebox, and fill it for a girl/ boy or both with items like toy cars, jump ropes, socks, toiletries, school supplies. Its time to deliver these shoeboxes so **Please return filled shoeboxes to church by Sunday, November 2.** Our many thanks to Ken Redler for coordinating this whole project.

Notes from the Associate Pastor

Pastor Bayani Alkuino



As we enter the month of November, I'm reminded of these words from Colossians 3:23–24 and it says

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

This scripture lesson encourages me to pause and ask: *Am I serving out of duty, or out of gratitude to God?* When we remember that every act of service: whether it's singing in the choir, teaching Sun-

day school, greeting at the door with our beautiful smile, or praying quietly for others; is done for the Lord, our work becomes worship.

This November, we have two important occasions that remind us of this calling.

First, our Charge Conference is coming up. It's that special time each year when we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. I invite you to ask yourself: *Where is God calling me to serve this coming year?* Whether in leadership, behind-the-scenes ministries, or simply through faithful prayer, every role matters in God's kingdom.

Second, we will celebrate

Thanksgiving Sunday on November 23. What a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's goodness to us as individuals and as a church family. I hope we can come together with thankful hearts, ready to praise God for His faithfulness and to share that joy with others.

Let us continue to pray for a fruitful and Spirit-filled ministry ahead. May everything we do, big or small, be a reflection of our love for Christ and our gratitude for all He has done.

See you in worship, and may God bless our church family this November!

Pastor Bayani

Shout out to the Hospitality Team

In the season of Thanksgiving, we would like to recognize and thank Chris Perianayagam (1st 2nd and 4th Sunday) and Melva Irvine (3rd Sunday) who lovingly treat us to well thought of delicious goodies on Sunday after worship service.

Chris takes bringing in Krispy Kreme donuts every Communion Sunday very seriously and is probably one of the 1st people in the store on Sunday morning ordering a few dozen donuts. Along with cut fruit, baked goods, specially crafted salads, tea, coffee, decaf too, hot cocoa and juices Melva & Chris make sure everyone has something to enjoy along with fellow congregants. Behind the scenes, on Saturday evening, Chris along with Sarah, kids in tow arrive at church to set up coffee etc for Sunday morning. Both of them try to serve occasion related treats. So, church members, with the holiday season approaching, let's see what Chris & Melva have in store for us. (No pressure ladies)

We like to thank Chris and Melva along with other members of the hospitality team who help serve on Sunday mornings. Your generosity, warmth and thoughtful coordination make everyone feel welcome and cared for each Sunday.

The Hospitality team consisting of Darryl, Lyn, Mary Ruth, Grace, Apolina, Gloria and Dawna take care of helping during special events like Ice cream Socials, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Halloween to name a few.



October Highlights



Welcome Baby Aiden into our church family. Pastor Jung Min shared a special blessing over Aiden, asking for God's love and grace to surround him always. May Aiden grow in faith and be a source of joy to all who know him.



Welcome Frances Scott as our new member.



The United Women In faith presented their awards this year to Mary Ruth and Chris Perianayagam. These ladies give quietly and generously behind the scenes to make our church a welcoming place for everyone.



Celebrating Tom's 78th birthday



Birthdays

4 Ken Redler	17 Sylvester Rajasekaran
Fatu Poulivaati	21 Ellie Jin
5 Robert Snyder	25 Elizabeth Wu
8 Nancy Cline	26 Nishanth Solomon
13 Steve Wu	28 Pat Tubbs
Stephanie Reginold	



Church and Society

Melissa Caudle

SVACG (Silicon Valley Allied for the Common Good) (previously IAF)

Silicon Valley Allied for the Common Good, in partnership with Santa Clara University, is presenting a special screening of the documentary, **American Agitators**. The documentary highlights the work of Fred Ross Sr., the first IAF organizer in California. He worked closely with organizers such as César Chávez and Dolores Huerta.

Tuesday, November 4, 6:00 PM - Santa Clara University Library

After the film, we will engage in conversation. A light meal will be provided. If you are planning to attend let Melissa and Dean Caudle know so we can connect there or carpool.

Encompass Ministry

A number of Sunnyvale UMC's members have joined the Encompass Group at Hope Lutheran Church (2383 Pacific Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051). They meet at 11:00 am on Thursdays. They prepare small packets of care products and single serving food packets to be distributed to the unhoused in San Jose. Clothing is also collected and available to those in need. The products are given to the people that meet at Martha's Kitchen. If you wish to hear more about this program or participate, contact Melva Irvine. We welcome all who wish to join in the "hands on giving". This is a gentle activity, sit down and no heavy lifting.

West Valley Community Services

Keep up the good work of filling the Red Barrel! So far in 2025 we have collected enough food for 1226 meals. Let's keep filling the barrel. If you have questions, contact Bob and Chris Cloke.

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS)

SCS uses volunteers from Sunnyvale UMC to help fill grocery bags with produce and nonperishable groceries for Sunnyvale residents experiencing food instabilities. Currently, volunteers are needed every Wednesday of the month from 8 am - 11 am and from 2 pm - 5 pm. If you are interested in joining the Sunnyvale UMC team that helps SCS please contact Ken Redler at ken@kenredler.net.

United Women In Faith

Jane Dredge

UWF Executive Board meeting Monday, November 10, 11:30 AM, in Johnson/Shaner rooms.

UWF Unit meeting Monday, November 10, 1:30 PM, in Johnson/Shaner rooms. The program will be centered on our 2026 pledge with information about our worldwide mission institutions

Craft workshop: Just in case you have not heard about the success of the Holiday Craft Fair, Janet Clifton has the following information as of October 19th: **Income \$7,469.08, Expenses \$451.32. "sub-total for now" is \$7017.76.** There will be some additional adjustments as there are Jam Sales from Sunday and additional donations as well as some minor further expenses.

Thursday Craft workshops 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. See what everyone is creating, finishing, mending, or deciding what to do that is different and interesting.

One Warm Scarf Project...163 scarves +10 hats were blessed on Sunday, September 28th!!! Finished scarves were stored in bins until the blessing, thanks to our Youth Group. The wonderful scarves were created by these busy fingers: Nancy Cline, Keiko Hirano (hats), Donna & Jackie Phillips, Patricia Roth. Cheryl Herring and Carol Wilser deserve special thanks 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".