



## Upcoming Events



**VBS**

**Get ready for the ultimate summer chill!**

Snowball Mountain Challenge is trekking into Sunnyvale UMC, and you're invited! Join us for a frosty VBS adventure as we discover our strength in God through alpine games, summit songs, and mountain-sized fun.

**Date: 15 - 19 June, 2026**  
**Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm**  
**Age: 5 - 13**  
**(13+ youth leaders or volunteers)**  
**Includes: lunch, 2 snacks and VBS materials**  
**Contact Sarah for more details.**

I can share my gifts!  
 I can be brave!  
 I can give my all!  
 I can pray!  
 I can hope!

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME**

**SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**

**FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD**

### FATHER'S DAY

On Father's Day, Sunday June 21st, the Hospitality Team invites you to our Father's Day Celebration. Please join us in Nick's Hall after worship service for a light lunch.

### SUMMER HIATUS

Our Choir will be on hiatus from June 21-September 6. Grace, our accompanist has some beautiful pieces to play during this time.

The Wednesday Adult Small Group is taking a summer break and will be back on September 2

The Friday Adult Small Group is taking a summer break and will be back on August 14.

### SUMC MEN'S GROUP

The SUMC Men will be meeting for supper on Monday, June 15th at 6:30 pm in the Johnson-Shaner Room. Please let Darryl Alford know if you plan to attend.

### SPECIAL GIVING SUNDAY

United Methodist Student Day is June 14! Let's celebrate and support students in their journey of faith and education. Your generosity makes it possible, providing scholarships and educational programs around the world and in the California Annual Conference.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

On June 14, we will be honoring our graduates during worship service.

- Emma Sparks, granddaughter of Roy & Janet Clifton will be promoted from Ponderosa elementary school to Peterson Middle School.
- Phillip Hagen, grandson of Jane Dredge will be graduating from University of Idaho with a Ph.D in Quantum Mechanics. He will be teaching in a university in New York City.
- Tyler Venator, grandson of Bob and Chris Cloke graduated from Cal Poly Maritime Academy in Vallejo with top honors in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Math. He is going to work for General Dynamics NASSCO in San Diego.
- Christopher Ngan, Ivy Cheung's son will complete the Master of Professional Accountancy program from UC Davis in June.

# Notes from the Pastor

**Pastor Jung Min Kim**



June arrives quietly in California. The evenings stretch longer. Windows open again. The

air changes almost overnight. You hear children playing outside later into the evening, neighbors walking their dogs, birds singing early in the morning — and the gentle feeling of summer beginning to settle in around us.

A few weeks ago, the jacaranda trees around our neighborhoods were bursting with purple blossoms. Every year, they surprise me. And just when you begin to fully enjoy them, the petals begin to fall.

Maybe faith is sometimes like that too. There are seasons when life feels closed up tight — windows shut, hearts guarded, energy low. But then there are seasons when something begins to open again. A little light comes in. Fresh air returns. Hope quietly reenters the room.

That is what Pentecost feels like to me. The story of Pentecost begins with people gathered indoors, uncertain and afraid. And then suddenly — wind. Noise. Movement. Spirit. The kind of holy interruption that throws open the windows of the soul. And notice what happened next: those who had been huddled inside found themselves moving outward, into the streets,

into the crowd, into community. Pentecost was not just an experience of the Spirit coming in — it was the beginning of the church going out. That same movement, from closed rooms to open doors, is one I find myself drawn to again and again.

And honestly, June at Sunnyvale United Methodist Church feels a little like that.

Soon our hallways will be filled with the sounds of Vacation Bible School and the joyful chaos of "Snowball Mountain Challenge." Somehow, in the middle of a California summer, our church will be filled with snowballs, laughter, music, and children running through the building. If that is not a holy interruption, I am not sure what is.

We will also celebrate our graduates, honoring those stepping into new chapters of life. Graduation is more than receiving a diploma. It is standing in front of an open window, looking out toward a future not yet fully visible — and leaning forward anyway.

This month we will also recognize our choir before they take their well-earned summer break through August. Week after week, they have offered beauty, care, and spirit to our worship life. Summer Sundays will sound a little quieter without them for a while, and that itself reminds us how deeply music shapes the air of a community.

Father's Day arrives in June as well. We give thanks not only for fathers, but for all those who have

quietly shaped lives with patience, sacrifice, encouragement, wisdom, humor, and steady love. Many people become father figures not through titles, but through presence — and presence, it turns out, is everything.

And later this month, pastors and churches from across California and Nevada will gather for Annual Conference. There is something I find quietly moving about that gathering — so many different voices, different stories, different cultures, each carrying their own piece of the journey, and yet somehow still moving together in the same Spirit. It is a reminder that the church is so much larger than one building or one congregation. We are part of something wide and living.

Perhaps that is the invitation of this season — not a demand, but a gentle opening.

To open the windows again. To let fresh air into our routines. To listen for laughter, music, conversation, prayer, and even holy disruption. To remember that God still moves through living communities, not perfect ones.

So as summer begins, may we keep our hearts open to surprise, to connection, and to one another.

And may the Spirit continue to move — through open windows, open hearts, and ordinary rooms still full of unexpected life.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jung Min

## Thank you Choir



Thank you choir for your dedication and ministry. The choir will be taking a short summer break from June 21 and will return on September 6 refreshed and ready to inspire us with their music.

## Congratulations Bob & Chris Cloke



Bob and Chris Cloke were honored by West Valley Community Services at the Chefs of Compassion Dinner on March 27. They have given their time and resources generously to assist the underserved in our community. Because they are so willing to share their computer skills and experiences, many have been able to become

self sufficient. Thanks to Bob and Chris for sharing their concerns with our church family and making us aware of the need in our community. The placement of the West Valley Community Services red barrel in our narthex reminds us that we are called to help our neighbors. Congratulations to Bob and Chris for sharing your love of Christ!



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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

4	Eleanor Barskey	16	Michael Wu
5	Eunice Daphne	18	Nanga Poulivaati
7	Rod Oravetz	21	Simon Jeyapalan
	Bob Stetson	29	Jean Murphy
8	Roy Clifton		
	Bryce Alkiuno		



6	Steve & Mae Boaz
11	John & Pat Tubbs

June

## Church and Society

**Ken Redler**

### 2026 CROP HUNGER WALK

WOW! Fantastic! Amazing! There are not enough superlative adjectives to describe our congregation's response to our committee's request for volunteers to do the walk and for donations. In both categories, our committee was just hoping for a "good showing". A good showing for me in regard to numbers of walkers would be 9-to-10. By my estimates we had 18. In regard to donations, a good showing would be \$1,200-to-\$1,300. The goal that was set for our team (Team Sunnyvale UMC) by the walk coordinator was \$1,500. Again, my estimate is that we received \$1,700 - \$1,800.

Another delight for me was seeing Sunnyvale UMC families doing the walk. For our first CROP Hunger Walk, family relationships dominated the walking team. For example, we had youth and their parents. There were two very young girls, Brynn, and Stephanie. There were two women sisters, one was a member of our congregation and the other with her daughter were frequent visitors. Of course, we had husbands and wives. And, within our church family, we had both of our ministers. What does all of this mean? There was a lot of laughter, joy, and comfort visiting with one another on the walk and after. In other words, we all had a wonderful time!



Here is a picture of Team Sunnyvale UMC taken after the walk (some walkers were not in the picture because at this time, they had not completed the walk). As you can see, there are a lot of smiling faces.

## United Women In Faith

**UWF Gathering:** June 8, 1:30 PM in the Johnson/Shaner rooms. A message from the UWF leaders, Donna Phillips and/or Nancy Cline will be sent prior to the meeting.

**Craft workshop:** *note...NO workshop on Thursday, June 18, due to VBS.* Join the craft workers in the Johnson/Shaner rooms from 10 AM until approximately 2 PM, unless cancelled by Tonya Oravetz. Come and see the variety of projects in process. There might be a project that "tickles your fancy" to create! Helpful hint: bring lunch or snack if you plan to come and stay for a while.

**One Warm Scarf project:** The scarf bins are filling up! The Youth Group might schedule a scarf blessing in September so that people have a scarf by the time the cold weather arrives. Many thanks to the helpful hands! This project is to knit, crochet or weave scarves for people in need. The scarf sizes are a helpful hint, but don't have to be exact: adult 8"x 80", women & teenagers 6" x 60", children 4" x 40". Please let me know if you need help with supplies. ([janeedredge@gmail.com](mailto:janeedredge@gmail.com))