# FRESNO SUNNYSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

# SunnysideNews

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform members and subscribers of our current news and events.

# CHURCH LIFE

# YOUTH PASTOR CANDIDATE - TOM GEARING

This weekend we will have Tom Gearing with us. Tom graduated in May with a B.A. degree in Theology from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee. Although Tom attended college in the southeast part of the country, he grew up in Sonora, California, and graduated from Rio Lindo Adventist Academy. Tom is an avid rock climber and instructor; he also plays the tuba.

Please take some time during the weekend to get acquainted with Tom. He will join us at Youth Vespers at the church on Friday. He will teach Youth Sabbath School and will preach in both services this Sabbath. Following worship service Tom will join the youth and families for lunch in the fellowship hall.



# EARLY YOUTH DOUBLE BLESSING

Last Sabbath the Early Youth class made sack lunches for the homeless and sang to the residents of Bella Vista Retirement Home.

Originally, the plan was to assist the Meals On Wheels Street Ministry with serving lunch to the homeless in

downtown Fresno, then take a break and head to the retirement home. However, the Meals on Wheels truck was stuck in Madera and the Early Youth had already heated the 200 hot dogs donated by Tim McGuinn. The dilemma was solved by making brown bag lunches with two hotdogs, chips, cookies and bottled water. The Early Youth made the trip downtown and 100 sack lunches were handed out to people in need.

The Early Youth jumped back into cars and headed for the northwest part of the city to meet up with Kurt Logan for Sunnyside's Afternoon Music & Praise Ministry at Bella Vista Retirement Home. It was an amazing afternoon shared by this young band of volunteers. The

six Early Youth got a little help from one Junior, three Youth, and four adults. Misty Cruz said they never complained about the heat or asked about food until they were done.

After, they all went back to the church relaxed and laughed together...and plowed through seven pizzas. The energy was incredible. An awesome double blessing was shared by those who gave and those who received.



Worship Learn Connect Serve

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# SABBATH **CELEBRATION** August 2, 2014

# Sunnyside Light

9:00 - 9:50 A.M.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" "I Worship You"

#### **Prayer**

Marla Hartman

Scripture: John 3:14

"Look and Live" Tom Gearing

## **Worship Service** 11:15 A.M.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

#### Welcome

Pastor Dennis Ray

#### **Ministry Minute**

Fresno Adventist Academy

**Giving Thanks** 

"I Worship You" "We Have Come Into This Place"

#### **Prayer**

Marla Hartman

"Just Because I Asked" Yvette Gilbert

Scripture: John 3:14

"Look and Live" Tom Gearing

**Benediction** 

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Monday, August 4

Women's Ministry Bible Study: "Children of the Day" 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

<u>Tuesday, August 5</u> Women's Friendship Circle Meeting I:00 p.m (Youth Room)

#### Wednesday, August 6

Bulletin Info Deadline: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, August 7

Worship Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m. (Pastor's Office)

#### Sabbath, August 9

Sunnyside Light - 9:00 a.m. SunnysideUp Café - 10:00 a.m. Sabbath School - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.

Music & Praise Ministry - 2:30 p.m. at Twilight Haven

#### SUNSET

This Friday 8:07 p.m.

Next Friday 8:00 p.m.

#### **QR CODE** FOR ONLINE GIVING

Access Sunnyside's secure online giving portal from your smartphone. Just scan this code with any barcode reader app and it will take you directly to our online giving site.



### PREACHING SCHEDULE

August 9 - Pastor Ray August 16 - Pastor Ray August 23 - Pastor Ray

#### MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

July Needs	\$29,860.00
Church Needs Donations	22,474.73
Over (Short)	(7,385.27)
Year to Date	\$209,020.00
Donations Received	154,785.23
Over (Short)	(54,234.77)
Associate Pastor Fund	\$19,902.76
Youth Pastor Fund	\$50,802.00

#### TITHE TO CENTRAL CALIF. CONFERENCE

July Tithe \$31,169.24 \$174,775.81 Year to Date

#### THIS WEEK'S OFFERING

**Local Church Budget** 

# **HEALTHY BYTES**



Peas - More peas, please! They can help you stave off high blood pressure due to the vegetable protein they contain, as well as other vitamins and folic acid for overall cardiovascular support to your system. The best part is they taste amazing, especially if you buy fresh, organic peas. You can also

find organic frozen varieties, and these typically only cost a bit more than the conventional kind. The flavor difference is noticeable, as conventional peas tend to absorb plenty of chemicals.

However, peas of any kind — fresh, frozen, organic or not — are better than no peas at all! The frozen pea is a favorite with kids. Leaving them uncooked is a healthy bonus!

For more information on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at gale4health@yahoo.com or visit my blog at http://gale4health.blogspot.com.au I would like to remind you that these "Healthy Bytes" are my own suggestions and not medical advice. I get my references from many practical sources. Please read them with this in mind.

#### MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

**Second Reading** 

Henry Prokop to Hillside O'Malley SDA, Anchorage, Alaska



#### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MEETING

Join us Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

If you're looking for a place to connect and make new friends, the Friendship Circle is made up of single ladies 60 and older, and we meet every month for fellowship and refreshments or lunch. We also participate in community service projects and social events. We'd love to have you join.

#### SHAVER LAKE SABBATH

#### Our Annual Church in the Mountains - August 16!

Make plans to join us for our annual Church in the Mountains. The day will be filled with Sabbath School, hiking, Worship Service, boat rides, baptisms in the lake, and a huge picnic potluck.

#### FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Flowers add warmth and beauty to the worship service. Your donation of \$75 provides a beautiful arrangement. Call the church office (229-5501) if you'd like to donate a floral arrangement in honor of a loved one, a birthday, an anniversary, or just because.

#### MUSIC AND PRAISE MINISTRY

Come join Sunnyside's Afternoon Music & Praise Ministry each Sabbath afternoon as we share songs and verse with the folks in care homes. You can sing along, share a scripture, or simply chat with the residents. All are welcome! For more information contact Joseph Zenith: 289-5611 or mjzenith@gmail.com.

#### This Sabbath:

Vintage Gardens
540 S. Peach Avenue – Fresno
2:30 p.m.

#### Next Sabbath (August 9):

Twilight Haven
1717 S. Winery Avenue – Fresno
2:30 p.m.

#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Sunnyside Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Luncheon - October 5

Our Youth are inviting family, friends, neighbors and everyone they know to a fun fundraiser luncheon on **October 5** and they'd like their church family to attend as well. The afternoon will include a scrumptious lunch prepared by Cheryl Colombini and served by the Youth, music from Arland Finney and his band, presentations from our teens and a special treat that you'll have to see to believe. Watch for more details, soon. Save the date and spread the word!

# PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR HANDS

**United in Our Community** 

You are cordially invited to come to the Community Guest Day, 11:00 a.m., Sabbath, August 9, at the Hanford House of Hope Adventist Church, 206 E. Ninth Street, in Hanford. They also have a special Sabbath School planned at 9:30.

## Bus Driver Needed for FAA

Fresno Adventist Academy will be offering new bus service from south of Fresno to the Academy. A certified bus driver is needed as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 251-5548.

# JUNIOR CLASS SWIMMING PARTY

August 10! - at the Palafox home. Please text/call Jerma & Erbe (381-5000) for more details.



# CRADLE ROLL SWIMMING PARTY

Can you tell...it's summer?!

August 10 - at the home of Josh & Heather Daniels. Please text/call Teacher Donna (250-9705) for more details.

#### EARLY YOUTH NEWS



#### **McDermont House - this Sunday**

**Time:** 12-6 p.m.

Who: All current Early Youth & those who have

just graduated to Youth.

What is included: All day pass includes unlimited use of the surf machine, climbing wall, bounce houses, two slices of pizza & drinks. You will also receive a \$5 arcade pass. Bring additional money if you like.

**RSVP**: Please text Diane at 304-4801; space is reserved for 20. If you haven't already, be sure to complete and print the waiver form on the website: mcdermontfieldhouse.com.

## Youth News

<u>Vespers - August I (Tomorrow)</u>: We hope to see everyone at **6:30 p.m. at the church** for haystacks, vespers

and to get a chance to chat with Tom Gearing, Youth Pastor Candidate.

Lunch with YP Candidate - this Sabbath: Immediately following worship service we will have lunch with Tom Gearing in the fellowship hall.

Pancake Breakfast for Elderly - August 3: We are going to meet at 8:00 a.m. at Creek Park Village Retirement Community - 350 Minnewawa, Clovis. We will serve with the assistance of Cheryl Colombini. If you volunteered to bring food for the breakfast, don't forget to bring it to church Sabbath morning.

Fundraiser Work Bees - August 10 & 17: We have two work bees coming up in August for Charles & Pat Lutz and Geni Krogstad. We hope to see all those who can join us.

Please submit your bulletin and eNews announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org. All info is due by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.

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# GETTING TO KNOW OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS





















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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Julie Bowen (8/3) Skip Espinoza (8/4) Brenda Smith (8/4) Michael White (8/6) Terry Lipps (8/7) Garrett Tetz (8/8) Spencer Tetz (8/8)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Tim & Dioni Rodriguez (8/5)

# THE LAST WORD

### The High Cost of Hiding

We'll never fully experience community or significant transformation until we begin to acknowledge to others the truth about ourselves. Ironically, churches are often the last place this happens. Consider these words from Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*:

"Confession is so difficult a discipline for us partly because we view the believing community as a fellowship of saints before we see it as a fellowship of sinners. We come to feel that everyone else has advanced so far into holiness that we are isolated and alone in our sin...We imagine that we are the only ones who have not stepped onto the high road to heaven. Therefore we hide ourselves from one another and live in veiled lies and hypocrisy..."

There is a high cost to hiding. If I hide, my relationships become stagnant. If I hide, others are likely to hide too. If I hide, I can never know I'm loved unconditionally. If I hide, sin wins. If I hide, I lose the help I might receive for secret struggles and hurts.

Groups: The Life-Giving Power of Community - Pursuing Spiritual Transformation by John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson, Judson Poling