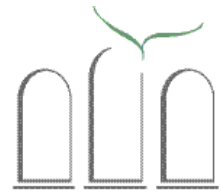


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MARCH 2011

LENT: PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER

BY SALLY BRYANT

For many of us raised in the Protestant tradition, as I was, the Lenten season can be overlooked, falling as it does in the valley between the peaks of Christmas and Easter. Lent is also hard to pinpoint on the calendar, since the dates of Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter change every year.

Lent has been celebrated by the church since the second century. Early Church Father Irenaus of Lyons (c.130-c.200) wrote about Lent in the earliest days of the church, which at that time lasted only two or three days, not the 40 days observed today. In 325 AD, the Council of Nicea discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting, which may have been intended for new Christians preparing for baptism but soon encompassed the whole Church. While practices of Lent have changed over the centuries, its purpose has always been the same: self-examination and penitence in preparation for Easter.

Easter is truly the high point in the Christian life. Without Easter, we would have no reason to celebrate Christmas, because without the resurrection of Jesus, his claims to be the Messiah would be without foundation. And yet, it's spiritually risky to celebrate the great and wondrous resurrection of Jesus without entering into a season of self-examination and penitence. This penitential focus helps us remember that it was for my sins – and for your sins – that Jesus died. Because of his death and resurrection, we have restored relationship with God and the promise of life everlasting with the Creator of heaven and earth.

Let's share this Lent journey together. We offer four ways towards a more meaningful Lent season:

- Join us on Saturday, March 5 at 6:00 pm for the 3rd Annual Lenten Soup Supper and a time of worship.
- Join a small group for the Lent study. Our church-wide study this year looks at the final week of Jesus' life on earth. New groups are being formed now – call Camille or Rol Chapman at (408) 252-2898 for more information.

- Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent (March 9-April 20) at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for a time of reflective Bible reading. Often called *lectio divina*, this time offers each of us an opportunity to slow down, so we can meditate on God's word and create a space to hear God speak to us.

- Join us for a 24 hour prayer vigil beginning at noon on Good Friday in the Chapel.

Questions? Contact Sally Bryant at (408)867-1000, ext. 233 or sally@saratogafederated.org.

DO YOU GIVE UP SOMETHING FOR LENT?

BY CAMILLE CHAPMAN

As a youth, I remember my friends "giving up something for Lent." A good many of these were Catholic friends who came from their Ash Wednesday service with an ash mark on their forehead. Actually, all through my youth, going to service every Wednesday of Lent, having communion on Maundy Thursday, and a meditative service on Good Friday was part of my life. When it came to my school friends, the "giving up" of something for Lent usually meant giving up chocolates, sweets or ice cream. I don't know exactly how this made one feel closer to God, but it was a start. The Small Group Team isn't asking you to "give up" anything. We are asking you to "take part" in a study...a study that takes you with Jesus through the events of his final week.

To begin our walk with Jesus, the Team invites you to a Soup Supper, Saturday March 5 at 6:00 pm in Richards Hall. At the conclusion of the evening, we will adjourn to either the Chapel or Sanctuary (depending on the number of people) for a Lenten meditation time. The music, the Scripture and the prayers help to set the stage for this journey with Jesus. Won't you join us? We extend this invitation to anyone wanting a closer walk.

IET (INTERIM EXECUTIVE TEAM) UPDATE

BY BOB PITMAN

On Sunday February 6, the Church Assessment Team (CAT), gave a short report to the congregation regarding the results of the church wide surveys taken in October. The Leadership Model Assessment Team (LMAT) presented information collected as a result of the LMAT interviewing over 100 individuals who have participated in church leadership.

Listed below are summaries of these reports:

The CAT reported that 370 people took part in the two surveys. Three main points that came out of the survey results are that as a church we desire strong teaching, a deeper walk with our Lord and a stronger Council of Elders.

The LMAT reported that based on their interviews their recommendation is that the Search Team looks for a candidate who can preach and teach, who is relational, a good communicator, a gifted shepherd who has the ability to mentor and attract younger members and who is a collaborative team builder.

In addition, the LMAT learned through their interviews that we are looking for ways for people to be involved, for true worship choices, maximized communication strategies, accountability and strength in our Council of Elders, a focus on intergenerational relationships and local outreach and a diverse congregation that mirrors our local community.

The CAT and the LMAT have completed their work and made presentations to the Council of Elders. The Elders are currently meeting frequently to conclude what changes to the leadership model will best serve SFC moving forward. The Search Team has begun meeting and is preparing to begin the interview process. It is expected that the search team will interview their first candidates in March.

Please be in prayer for the search process, the Search Team and the Council of Elders.



SARATOGA SERVES 2011

Every Spring the communities of faith in Saratoga encourage all members of the greater Saratoga community to be involved in building community and making our world a better place to live. We are participating in Saratoga Serves with two projects:

Project #1 - *Basic Necessities Drive for Sunday Friends*

SFC is collecting basic necessities for very low-income families in San Jose to be distributed through Sunday Friends, the same organization we benefited with the 2010 Giving Trees (www.SundayFriends.org). Families need basic household items. A list of suggested items is available on Sunday mornings in the Hospitality Center. You can make it possible for parents to earn and select the consumable necessities that will support their families while they build life skills and self-respect. Look for the collection boxes on campus. Sunday, March 27, is the last day to bring in your donations. No time to shop? Write a tax deductible check to Sunday Friends, place it in an envelope with your name and address and leave it in one of the collection boxes.

Project #2 - *Shut-In Visitations*

We will be offering a wonderful opportunity for families to adopt a grandparent in our church to visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family to serve together. Sign-ups begin on March 6.

Contact Tim Galleher at tim@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 for more information.



April 2011 Newsletter
Deadline
Wednesday, March 9



“AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY”

From SFCs Church-Wide Vision Statement: *We desire a strong sense of internal community, united in our worship of God and our need for his grace. We want to practice an active hospitality that creates a place of intimacy and acceptance.*

As we focus on this vision value, it helps to get a picture of it in our mind, to understand why it's significant and what it really means. Remember “Object Lessons” in school? The teacher would use props or a visual example to help explain the subject that was being taught. Here's an Object Lesson on community:

It is Thursday evening. People start arriving around 6:30, bringing a salad or dessert to add to the meal. Around the dinner table we are a mixed lot – a wise and humorous widowed senior citizen, a couple from England who are witty and wonderful, a younger couple who both work and are fairly new to SFC, a family of four with their teenage daughter and junior high son, a single mom and her two junior high daughters, a single woman who is a nanny by occupation and an artist by passion, and my wife and I. We share stories and sorrows, talk about movies, books, world events, pets and tell jokes. Following dinner, we delve into a Bible Study by reading scripture, answering questions, raising questions, often inspired by wisdom from young lips, often blessed by the wisdom of age and experience. Prayer follows – for jobs, relationships, help in school, for strength to apply what we've learned. Sometimes we get together just for fun to BBQ, to celebrate holidays, for a field trip. We have become a family, an authentic community.

How do we develop and maintain a sense of Authentic Community as a church? Pastor and author, Shane Hipps, when asked a similar question in an interview posted on You Tube, responded by saying that the following four elements need to be in place; *Shared History*: It helps establish a sense of identity and belonging. *Permanence*: Something fixed or consistent. It is how you get shared history. *Proximity*: You have to be with one another over time to create meaningful connections. *Shared Imagination of the Future*: A sense that we're all going in the same direction.

Here are some of the building blocks for developing community at SFC – Name tag Sundays, support and

recovery groups, all-church events like the Fed Family Festival, service days, craft nights, the bike group, mom's groups, Bible study small groups etc. The list is long and the list of ideas is longer! Be a part of the process by finding the doorway that fits you and walk through it. Welcome others as they come in. Share your stories. Commit to being together. God's grace is the glue that binds us into a community – a community of extravagant lovers of God and each other.

FROM OUR PASTORS

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:37-39

Bill Allison, Pastor of Worship Ministries

LENTEN SEASON PREACHING SERIES

“Who is He, and in what ways do I want to be like Him?”

This series features the person and work of Christ. What did he do, and why did he do it? The sermons will offer an accessible Christology that explores core motivations and methods in the ministry of Jesus. By implication, the calling of grateful disciples will be discovered.

Sunday, March 6

Sally Bryant

“Jesus: His Identity and Work
*John 6:35-40, 48-51; 7:37-38; 8:12;
10:7-18; 11:25-27; 14:6-7; 15:1-5*

Sunday, March 13

Arvin Engelson

“Jesus: A Life of Truth and Grace”
John 1:1-5, 14; Ephesians 4:10-15

Sunday, March 20 - Jim Martin, Internatinal Justice Mission

Sunday, March 27

Tim Galleher

“Jesus the Servant King”
Mark 10:32-45

Sunday, April 3 - Guest Speaker

Sunday, April 10

Arvin Engelson

“Jesus the Master Teacher”
Matthew 13

Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday)

Sally Bryant

“Jesus: Great and False Expectations”
*Isaiah 9:6-7; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 1:31-32;
John 12:12-15, 18:37*

Sunday, April 24 (Easter Sunday)

Arvin Engelson

“Jesus: Man of Sorrows, Lord of Joys”
Psalms 53:1-7, 11-12, John 15:8-12

2010 LENTEN OFFERING

Each year we take a collection during Lent – the weeks between Ash Wednesday (March 9) and Easter (April 24). This year’s goal of \$40,000 will be split equally between the two recipients chosen by the Local and Global Outreach Teams. Please give as you are able and designate your gift to the Lenten offering by writing “Lenten offering” on your check or offering envelope. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Global Outreach: *Child Hope International*

Many of you know Silas and Bhakti Khadka who were moved by the dire plight of abandoned children to start Child Hope International (CHI) over 14 years ago in Nepal. Homeless, cast-off and dying children are a tragic reality of everyday life in many struggling nations, including Nepal. Over three million discarded kids, more than the combined populations of San Francisco and Santa Clara counties, are left alone to fend for themselves. Too often, these children fall prey to starvation, illiteracy, organ harvesting, child prostitution, child slavery and death. However, because of CHI, many children have been rescued from a life of hopelessness and given a loving Christian home, an education, medical care and are prepared to become active and productive members of society. By placing children in homes, rather than orphanages, CHI provides strong family relationships and values while building godly character in these special boys and girls. Today, CHI has twenty homes serving over 150 boys and girls, but many more homes are needed.

The money from the Lenten offering will help CHI start and fund two new homes for two years at a cost of \$16,400. These loving Christian homes will care for 10 children, providing food, clothing, school uniforms, school tuition and supplies and medical care. The additional \$3,600 will provide a nursing school scholarship for a deserving young woman raised in a CHI home. Nurses are in great demand in Nepal. This gift will enable a well-trained nurse to serve in a remote part of Nepal.



Local Outreach: *Advent Group Ministries*

Advent Group Ministries serves youth with histories of addiction, abuse, neglect, gang involvement and chaotic family lives. They offer five recovery homes, as well as an after-school program, a home for mothers reuniting with their children, a low-cost counseling center and Christian foster care services.

Advent Ministries desires that every child hears the Gospel in a way they can understand and experiences the love of Christ through healthy relationships. Their programs strive to meet the teens’ spiritual needs while offering high-quality individualized treatment for complex mental health and addiction issues.

More than six years ago, Saratoga Federated Church donated a new passenger van for Advent’s Group Homes. That vehicle has transported youth over 177,000 miles. That includes over 1,500 AA and NA meetings, 2,000 individual and family counseling sessions, 1,350 trips to school and 316 field trips! The van has been extremely useful. After six years of heavy use, it has worn out, requiring costly repairs on a regular basis to keep it running. Because transportation plays such a vital role in Advent’s treatment program, it is crucial that they have safe, reliable vans they can count on.

The Local Outreach team is challenging the congregation to donate \$20,000 to replace the van we gave in 2004. Your Lenten offering will help purchase a new (or slightly used) passenger van to “put wheels” on this highly successful treatment program for troubled and addicted teens.

KIDS AND MUSIC

BY STACEY LEWIS

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!” Dressed in a black and yellow firefly costume holding a flashlight, I was a mere four year old, but I belted those words on the stage of our small church in the central valley with such conviction. Those words were powerful then and are still powerful to me today. I grew up in a family of believers and as a result of that came to Christ as a child. But it is the gift of music, given to me by God and nurtured by my parents, that has allowed me to find connection with him in a more personal way. There is nothing I desire more than to share that with my girls and the children in our church community.

Music has many attributes which make it great for both the development of the whole child as well as the development of a strong relationship with our Maker. Music stimulates all of the senses and involves the child on many levels. It can encourage socialization, self-expression, communication and motor development. Because the brain processes music in both hemispheres, music can stimulate cognitive functioning as well. Music is also highly motivating. Most kids don’t realize how much they are actually learning because they are having so much fun! For many children, participation in musical activities gives them an opportunity to “shine.”

Music is also a wonderful response to God. By using songs with words found in scripture, we can memorize the truths of God. Well-crafted melodies can help children remember the qualities and attributes of God as well as the promises he has for us. This season, the Kids Choir is learning more about how the Holy Spirit lives and works in us by singing a song about the Fruit of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23.

Music can be an emotional outlet for our love and praise for God and what he has done for us. What a wonderful joy it is to teach our children that they can take everything to the Lord, whether it be grief or joyful praise. I have discovered that sometimes music is the only form of expression I have.

Music is one of the first things we relate to. It is a “universal language” that crosses all cultural lines. In our ever-diversifying community, music is an activity that is understood, appreciated and creates an atmosphere of harmony. In February, the Kids Choir shared the hymn, “Praise Him, Praise Him” during the Sunday

services; a song they loved and that is probably a favorite of many of our members (including myself). In our multi-generational church, music gives young and old common ground. Sharing praise together makes kids feel a part of their church community where they may otherwise be slightly uncomfortable in an “adult” setting.

I encourage you to engage your kids in music. Sing a song and talk about what it means. Play an instrumental recording and create a story around the sounds you hear. Move to music. Meditate to music. Color to music. Your kids will love it (and they won’t even realize all the developmental benefits)!

Stacey Lewis directs the SFC Kids Choir. Children in Kindergarten through 5th grades are invited to join the fun on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 in Douglass Hall.

O GREAT REDEEMER

APRIL 21 & 22, 2011

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Two identical nights of worship at

7:00 pm



Banners and stained glass, voices and instruments, young and old, gathered around the cross. *O Great Redeemer* dips into the song books of some of the best contemporary writers of worship music. Matt Redman, Paul Baloche, Kathryn Scott and Matt Maher are represented, alongside poignant arrangements of timeless tunes of the church. Music will be the thread that weaves the readings, dramatic re-enactments, candlelight and silence together to create an ambiance of awe, reverence and raw wonder at the event that changed the world in a few crucial hours of grief and grace. *O Great Redeemer* causes one to ask, with Bernard of Clairvaux, writing 900 years ago, “What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, Dearest Friend?” Plan to come. Plan to listen, pray, sing, reflect and remember the events leading up to Christ’s Passion. On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate. On Thursday and Friday, we will contemplate. You will want to experience *O Great Redeemer*.

CARE MINISTRY FOCUS

A HEART FOR CAREGIVERS

There are so many caregivers in our congregation today. We care for our children, our spouses and our loved ones or friends on a daily basis. But when a crisis hits, we step up our efforts and often become overwhelmed.

Having a church family to come alongside caregivers is a blessing and a necessity at times. We find ourselves needing prayer, someone to talk to, advice on financial matters or care options or maybe a meal once in awhile. An offer from a friend to give us a respite or to visit us and our loved ones is often just what we were praying for.

Caregivers are on the Care Deacon's hearts, and we would like to offer some resources to you as well as our personal support.

Compassionate Caregiving; Practical Help and Spiritual Encouragement by Lois D. Knutson is an excellent resource. You will find workable solutions, encouragement, reassurance and scriptural support on being a compassionate caregiver in this book.

The following websites provide valuable information and support: *American Society on Aging* – www.asaging.org; *Assisted Living Federation of America* – www.alfa.org; *Family Caregiver Alliance, National Center on Caregiving* – www.caregiver.org; *National Association of Area Agencies on Aging* – www.n4a.org; *National Association for Home Care* – www.nahc.org; *National Council on Aging* – www.ncoa.org; *National Family Caregivers Association* – www.thefamilycaregiver.org; *National Respite Locator* – www.respitelocator.org.

Do you have a resource that has been helpful to you? Please share it with us by contacting Susan Bollman at (408) 867-1000, ext 239 or susan@saratogafederated.org.

God gives us specific instruction in his word. “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’*” Luke 10:27

Love God, love your care recipient and love yourself! (Please allow us to love you too.)



MEN'S MINISTRIES

We had a very successful 2011 Retreat with over 80 men attending at Mission Springs Conference Center. René Schlaepfer received the highest rating ever for his presentation and topic of God's grace. He has written a book and study guide on *Grace Immersion*. Copies are available at the church office for \$10.



Up next is our March breakfast series with Greg Jamison on March 19. Greg was president and chief executive officer of Silicon Valley Sports and Entertainment, a position he held since his promotion from executive vice president and chief operation officer in 1996. During his tenure, Greg oversaw the transformation of the Sharks into one of the NHL's most respected and successful franchises. In his seasons as president, the Sharks advanced to the Stanley Cup Playoffs 11 times, including capturing the President's Trophy in 2009. Greg has been an active participant in a number of local community organizations and at Saratoga Federated Church.

Breakfast begins at 7:30 am in Richards Hall. Please sign up on Sunday mornings on the courtyard.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Women's Fellowship launched 2011 with a very interesting and worthwhile program by Honili Sema about City Team's House of Grace, a residential program for addicted, abused or homeless women.



Come to our uplifting Hymn Sing March 1 at 10:00 am in Richards Hall. Not only will we sing some of your favorite old hymns, we will also learn a bit about their origin and history. This is a brunch meeting featuring a delicious and hearty feast!

“*Angels through the Eyes of Artists*” is the name of the program for our special annual Saturday event. All SFC women are invited to a luncheon on Saturday, April 9 at 11:00 am in Richards Hall. Dr. Venna Bishop will present a Biblical overview of the Celestial Hierarchy and show us artists interpretations of these angelic beings as seen in various museums around the world. Be sure to watch the Sunday bulletin for further details and reservations information.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

BY DEBBIE STURM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars – SFC's Vacation Bible School is June 20 to 24, 2011 from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm at Oak Street School for fourth through sixth graders and from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Saratoga Federated Church for third graders and younger. Come have fun with us at SonSurf Beach Bash where kids will get answers to five big questions about Jesus.

SonSurf Beach Bash is for children ages 4 (as of June 1, 2011) through entering sixth grade in the fall of 2011. SonSurf Beach Bash will be a week full of fun, fellowship and opportunities for children and adults to learn more about Jesus through drama, games, music and crafts.

Children entering seventh grade and higher in the fall of 2011 are welcome to participate in our Counselor/CIT program. Counselor and CIT applications will be mailed out to students on our mailing list on March 15, 2011. If you need more information about this program, please contact Tim Galleher directly at tim@saratogafederated.org.

Registration for VBS will begin March 7, 2011. Simply fill out the registration forms *completely* and return them to VBS Registration, Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga, CA 95070 or drop them off in the Children's Ministry office. Registration forms are all available on the SFC website or in the Children's Ministry office. Registration will only be done by mail/drop off this year, and it is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please return your forms to us as soon as possible.

For registrations postmarked or dropped off in the Children's Ministry office ***NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2011***, the price will be \$75 per child with a \$225 family maximum. For registrations received ***AFTER*** April 15, 2011, the price will be \$150 per child with ***NO FAMILY MAXIMUM***.

Absolutely ***NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 20, 2011***. We have had to make this adjustment to allow us enough time to organize the volunteers and supplies necessary to make

VBS a great week for your children. Remember ***NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 20, 2011!*** Complete your forms today to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing.

If you have any questions, please call (408) 867-1000 ext. 240 and speak with Robyn Swan. See you in June at SonSurf Beach Bash VBS!

VBS Helping Hands

Our Vacation Bible School has a beach theme this year, and the decorations team is hoping you can help decorate with items you would be willing to LOAN to the church to use that week. These items will be returned to you, but they may have more dings than when you dropped them off!

Do you have - surf boards, beach chairs, beach balls, beach umbrellas, beach toys (clean!), kites and/or beach towels?

Decoration Cut Outs: We also have several decoration items that we need cut out of paper. This is something that can be done at home, and we have LOTS!

Please contact Debbie Sturm at (408) 867-3456 to arrange a time to drop off decorations or pick up cutting projects. Thank you for helping to make VBS a great week of fun for our kids!

BIBLE SKILLS, DRILLS & THRILLS CLASS

Attention all Third, Fourth & Fifth Graders

We would like to invite you to participate with us in our upcoming class...Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills. We always have so much fun with this class! If you have not yet had the chance to participate, we hope you will come join us. The class will be taught on five Wednesday nights beginning April 20 and concluding on May 18. The class will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 each evening in rooms 111 and 112 in Kids Town at SFC.

We are very excited about the fun we are going to have teaching you about the Bible through games, activities and lessons. At the end of the class, on Sunday, May 22, each participant will be presented with a Bible of their own in the Sanctuary during the 10:30 am service.

Please contact Debbie Sturm right away at (408) 867-3456 or debbie@saratogafederated.org to register for this class.

Celebrations!

THANK YOU

To all the women who worked on WOW 2011. We had over 100 women from SFC and Rohi come together to build a sense of community. A big thanks to our small group leaders: *Diana Bond, Diane Hartsell, Donna Coleman, Judy Akers, Jeannie Hilt, Jennifer Ortiz* (Rohi), *Mary Priest, Joan DenHartog, Joy Carlough, Melinda Chase, Nancy Sheets, Terri Goehner* and *Vanna Truong* (Rohi). And a really BIG thanks to the leadership team: *Susan Bollman, Terri Goehner, Marguerite McAfee, Tina Roberts, Nancy Sheets, Diane Hartsell, Sally Bryant*, and from Rohi, *Vanna Truong, Nicole Hancock, Jennifer Ortiz* and *Sheyna Heard*. It was an amazing weekend!



- 56 years - *Frank & Lee Matas*, March 19
- 42 years - *Winston & Johanna Chew*, March 7
- 38 years - *Earl & Carol Thompson*, March 10
- 31 years - *Bob & Linda Connors*, March 8
- 30 years - *Phil & Siggie Stillman*, March 7
- 30 years - *John & Roz Fazio*, March 7
- 28 years - *Steve & Shirley Bragonier*, March 19
- 28 years - *Steve & Darlene Wood*, March 20
- 26 years - *Bob & Lauri Sutterfield*, March 23
- 15 years - *Bill & Kim Rolston*, March 6



Please let us know if you move or have changes to your contact information. Be assured this information will be used only for SFC business. Send your changes to Kathy Hensley at kathy@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000, or go to the COMMUNITY tab on our website to update your personal profile. Thank you.

Celebrations shares events and milestones of our church family. If you have a wedding, birth, baptism, new job, graduation, anniversary, etc. to share, please send the information to Nicki at the church office, (408) 867-1000 or nicki@saratogafederated.org.

BOOK CLUB

The book for this month will be *Still Alice* by Lesa Genova. This book is about a woman's journey with early onset Alzheimer's; something we all have compassion for. On March 17, we will be meeting at Sharon Babb's home in the Rose Garden area of San Jose. Call Jeannie Hilt at (408) 984-2266 for more information.



SPRING INQUIRERS CLASS

The Inquirers' Class Team is midway through a four class session that began in February. We look forward to introducing to you the class members who choose to become SFC Members on April 17. The Inquirers' Class is a great opportunity to explore your faith in Jesus Christ, meet other seekers, make new friends, to learn about this church family and its pursuit of God's will and to be introduced to new opportunities for participation in one of our ministry teams. Another class will be held in the Fall.



MOMS MEET MONDAY MORNINGS

Join us on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am in Room 111. Come for coffee and conversation with other moms. We have started a new book, *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp. This is a great time to join in the fun. Contact Dorothy Araldi at (408) 828-1667 or Stacey Lewis at (408) 378-4193 if you are interested. Child care is provided.

