

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

January 14, 2018

CARE DEACONS

Have you considered being a Care Deacon? Care Deacons notice needs in our SFC family, come alongside, listen, help find resources and comfort others with the comfort we have received. Care Deacons usually serve a three-year term and meet monthly. If you want to hear more about our work, contact Savoy, Kathy, Peggy or Arvin in the Care Ministry at (408) 867-1000 ext. 239 or care@saratogafederated.org.

SINGLES MINISTRY FOR AGES 35+

For information about Singles Ministry, contact Rosalie Hackett at rosalie_dancer@yahoo.com for more information.

CARE MINISTRY: 2 OR 3 GATHERING

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20. We have a “2 or 3” gathering just for you! Share prayers and praises in an informal, confidential setting with hearts open to the Holy Spirit. Next dates: January 16 at 10:00 am in room 109 with Bonnie Noehr or on January 21 at 12:30 pm at Villa Montalvo in lot 4 for a hike with Sandra Tang. For more information, contact care@saratogafederated.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

A Bible study is being held on Sundays at 9:30 am in Douglass Hall. Special guest speakers from North Korea will be sharing with us today. All are welcome!

The Adult Sunday School class studying the Jewish aspects in the Gospel of Matthew continues today at 11:00 am in Fireside. This class is led by Scott Fritz. For more information, contact Scott at gfritzs@nccn.net.

LIFE GROUPS

Study questions for each week’s sermons are available on our website on the [Teaching page](#) for Life Groups who want to follow along with the sermon.

Interested in joining or creating another Life Group? Contact our Pastor of Adult Ministries, Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY

Everyone is invited to attend a special Congregational meeting today at noon in the Sanctuary. Registered members of the church will be asked to vote to commission Matt Hall as our Minister to Youth and Families. Members who are not able to attend in person are asked to return their proxy form as soon as possible.

GOD IS AT WORK IN NORTH KOREA - TODAY

North Korea was once called the “Jerusalem of the East.” Although now hostile to Christianity, the light has not been extinguished. God is at work in this country. Come hear stories of God’s work from a Korean-American couple who have been in NK for over 10 years today at 9:30 am in Douglass Hall. Their story, told honestly and humbly, is an amazing display of God’s faithfulness and their obedience and love. It is evidence that faith is alive in this country.

9 ARTS OF SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION - BEGINNING JANUARY 15

Would you like to find joy, freedom and pleasure in talking about God with people who believe differently? Join us for this 10 week class as we study the *9 Arts of Spiritual Conversation*. The 9 Arts are: noticing, praying, listening, asking questions, loving, welcoming, facilitating, serving together and sharing. Join us on Mondays, January 15 through March 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in room 109. Questions? Contact Sally Bryant at (408) 867-1000 ext 233 or sally@saratogafederated.org.

NEW TO OUR CHURCH: SIX MINUTE DASH - JANUARY 21

If you are new to the church, we invite you to meet all the pastors during a Six Minute Dash after the 9:30 am service on the courtyard. It’s a chance for you to put names with faces and get a (very) brief overview of ministries.

PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC - BEGINS JANUARY 24

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm from January 24 to March 14 (no class on February 14 and 21) in Douglass Hall to learn from America’s most practical, effective and entertaining parenting program. This class will be taught by Valerie Plummer and is for parents of children from 2 to 18 years of age. Kids Clubhouse is available for Children of attendees in kindergarten through fifth grade. You can register for both online at www.saratogafederated.org.

SERMON PODCASTS & VIDEOS are available at www.saratogafederated.org.

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MEMBERSHIP CLASS - JANUARY 28

Are you interested in becoming a member of SFC? Our next membership class will be held Sunday, January 28 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm in Douglass Hall. For more information, contact Sally Bryant at (408) 867-1000 ext. 233 or sally@saratogafederated.org.

HOPE IN THE DARKNESS - JANUARY 28

Did you know human trafficking occurs in our community? Come to the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 28 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm and hear from District Attorney, Jeff Rosen and residential manager for The Nest, Bryanna Pellizzer. Discover simple ways you can become involved. For more information, contact Jean Cherniss at momcherniss@aol.com or Terri Goehner at tgoehner@adventgm.org.

MEXICO TRIP INFORMATION MEETING #3 - JANUARY 28

If you are interested in participating on the Mexico house building trip in April, please plan to attend the information meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 12:15 pm in Richards Hall. All participants must attend one information meeting and this is the last opportunity to do so.

MEXICO HOUSE BUILDING TRIP FUNDRAISER - JANUARY 29

Support our Mexico house building trip by having lunch and/or dinner on Monday, January 29 at WillowStreet Pizza in Los Gatos. Be sure to pick up the flyer in the Narthex or print one out from our [website](#). Grab some friends and make it a fun night out while supporting our trip at the same time.

AGILE VS. FRAGILE FLAG FOOTBALL - FEBRUARY 3

The 10th annual Agile vs. Fragile flag football game will be held Saturday, February 3 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on the Saratoga High School football field. Everyone ages 13 to 99 who love football should come join in the fun. For more information, contact Matt Hall at matt@saratogafederated.org.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Choir & Orchestra rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Kids Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 24 at 5:00 pm in Douglass Hall.

Contact Diane Allison at (408) 867-1000 ext. 238 or diane@saratogafederated.org for information regarding the worship programs or visit the worship page at www.saratogafederated.org/worship.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES 3 MOS - 5TH GRADE 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Jan 19 **Jam 45: Burgers and Bunko** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - for all 4th & 5th graders - \$10 for dinner and bunko or \$5 for bunko only - Richards Hall - register online

Visit the Children's Ministry page at www.saratogafederated.org/children for information about our activities and to sign up for events.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY MADHOUSE 10:45 AM TO 12:00 PM, ROOM 302

Jan 17 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - SFC Kitchen
Jan 24 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - SFC Kitchen
Jan 26-28 **Snow Camp** - Jenness Christian Park - \$200
Jan 28 **No MadHouse due to Snow Camp**
Jan 31 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - SFC Kitchen
Feb 11 **Family Feud Game Night** - Students & Parents - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - \$5

HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY LIFEHOUSE 10:45 AM TO 12:00 PM, ROOM 210

Jan 26-28 **Winter Camp** - Mount Hermon - \$200
Apr 7-13 **Mexico House Building Trip**

Visit the LifeHouse and MadHouse pages at www.saratogafederated.org/youth for information about our activities.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Jan 15 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga
Jan 22 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga
Jan 29 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga

For more information about the college group, contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org.