

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

November 18, 2018

SEASON OF PRAYER

Please continue to pray for our Pastoral Search Team, Elders and Staff. In addition, this week please pray for the Pastoral Housing fundraising drive. Pray that members would seek God's will as to their role in providing housing for our next lead pastor and those who will follow.

GIVING TREE - NOVEMBER 18, 25, DECEMBER 2, 9

This year's recipients of the Giving Tree will be the children of Oakland through the Points of Light program. Stop by the tree today and pick up a tag or two. Please return your wrapped gifts with the tag attached no later than Sunday, December 9.

CARE MINISTRY: 2 OR 3 - TODAY

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20.

Walkers, meet us by the benches in front of the SFC Sanctuary at 12:15 pm today. Wear walking shoes and bring water. We will return to SFC by 1:15 pm.

For more information about these activities, contact our Care Ministry team at care@saratogafederated.org.

HEALING ROOM - TODAY

God's spirit heals us in many ways including mind, heart, body, memories and relationships. Are you interested in receiving healing prayer? Drop in today between 2:00 and 4:00 pm at our monthly Healing Room in the old post office (14376 Saratoga Avenue). Questions? Contact Kathy Kroesche at care@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext. 239.

53RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE - NOVEMBER 22

Each year congregations in Saratoga come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of church, home and country. Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be hosting the service this year, sponsored by the Saratoga Ministerial Association. People of all faiths are invited to attend this community-wide celebration of thanks on Thursday, November 22 from 10:00 to 11:15 am followed by a reception.

BRIDGE BUILDERS RESPITE DAY - DECEMBER 1

Our next Bridge Builders Respite Day is coming up on Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteers arrive at 8:15 am for training and breakfast. To register your children or to volunteer to serve, please contact Debbie Lillo at dlillo@comcast.net.

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

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 4

Ladies, join us Tuesday, December 4, at 11:00 am in Richards Hall for our monthly luncheon. Major Paula Wild from the Salvation Army will be our guest speaker. She will share the developing plans of a new child care center. To make reservations, please contact Nancy Kamalski at nancykamalski@gmail.com or (408) 255-3627.

CHRISTMAS IN SARATOGA - DECEMBER 7, 8 & 9

A Family Christmas is coming up in December. You won't want to miss this inspiring event. The Christmas family gathering is one we have all attended. The tree, the food, the gifts, the relatives...and the kids' table. An empty chair, a new space, some secrets revealed, and a few new friends, help one family to forge an unforgettable bond of love that began with a baby. Make plans to bring a friend and join us for a performance or two. Performances will be held Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 pm, Sunday December 9 at 3:00 and at 5:30 pm.

YOU CAN HELP WITH CHRISTMAS IN SARATOGA

It takes many hands to make Christmas in Saratoga happen. If you are available to help, please fill out the You Can Help form or visit our [website](#) for the [online form](#). For more information, contact Diane Allison at (408) 867-1000 ext. 238 or diane@saratogafederated.org.

ADULT EDUCATION

Ken Johnson is leading a Bible study on the book of Acts on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Library. All are welcome!

The 9 Arts class concludes this session in the old post office from 9:00 to 10:30 am today. For more information, contact Sally Bryant at (408) 867-1000 ext. 233 or sally@saratogafederated.org.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Choir & Orchestra rehearsal will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no Kids Choir rehearsal this week. Kids Choir will resume on Wednesday, November 28 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.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP FOR AGES 40+

For information on Singles Fellowship activities and other singles resources, contact Rosalie Hackett at rosalie_dancer@yahoo.com.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Dec 2 **Countdown to Christmas** - 12:15 pm in Richards Hall. Families, join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth as the true meaning of Christmas! We will enjoy lunch together and a time of Christmas crafts, cookie decorating and holiday fellowship. RSVP online at saratogafederated.org/children or contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org.

Visit the Children's Ministry page at www.saratogafederated.org/children for information about our activities.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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

Nov 18 **Youth & Parents Together** - 11:00 am - in MadHouse
Nov 21 **No Studio Night**
Nov 28 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - meet in the SFC Kitchen
Dec 5 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - Cookie Baking Service Project - meet in the SFC Kitchen
Dec 12 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - Family Caroling - meet in MadHouse
Dec 14 **Annual Reindeer Hunt** - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - no cost - drop off and pick up at Valley Fair

HIGH SCHOOL

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

Nov 18 **Youth and Parents Together** - 11:00 am - in Lifehouse
Nov 18 **Thanksgiving Baskets Service Project** (lunch provided) - 12:15 to 3:30 pm - meet in LifeHouse
Nov 18 **Project 2019 Student Meeting** - 5:00 to 6:30 pm - meet in LifeHouse
Apr 6-12 **Mexico House Building Trip**

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

COLLEGE & 20S MINISTRY

Nov 19 **Monday Bible Study & Dinner** - 6:30 pm at Jake's Pizza
Nov 26 **Monday Bible Study & Dinner** - 6:30 pm at Jake's Pizza

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

PARENTS

Dec 2 **Parent Recharge** - 11:00 am in Douglass Hall