

FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

BEREAVEMENTS

We celebrate the life of **Joy McCaleb** who died on October 22.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 12 at 1:00 pm in the Chapel followed by a reception in Douglass Hall.

We celebrate the life of **Vivian Ridenour** who died on November 24.

Nancy & Bob Commins (daughter & son-in-law)

We celebrate the life of **Bob Rung** who died on November 26.

Patrica Rung (wife)

Skip & Laura Rung (son & daughter-in-law)

Sue Sherman (daughter)

David, Lisa & Becky, Cole & Cori (grandchildren)

and five great-grandchildren

We celebrate the life of **Mike Cochran** who died on December 2.

Kimberly & Mark Leonard (daughter & son-in-law)

Amanda & Jonny Leonard and Austin Cochran (grandchildren)

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

Our Care Ministry is confidential. The person being prayed for must give permission before their name and need is shared with others.

Please include your name, the name of the person needing prayer and indicate their permission to distribute the request to the prayer team.

Send your prayer requests to care@saratogafederated.org.

Pastoral Housing Campaign Update as of Monday, December 3, 2018

Total Pledges: \$320,551

Number of Families Responding: 93

General Fund Financial Update July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

General Fund Donations:	Actual	Budget	Behind
Fiscal Year to Date: 12/2	\$961,946	\$1,126,000	\$(164,054)
Debt Balances:	Bank	Internal	
	\$84,830	\$450,619	

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

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SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

December 9, 2018

SEASON OF PRAYER

The Pastor Search Team asks for your continued prayers as our consultant is actively networking with local and non-local pastors in search of candidates that match our requirements. Pray that phone calls will be enthusiastically received and excellent candidates will be brought to mind for referral. May God continue to give the Search Team wisdom and discernment in their decision making.

CHRISTMAS IN SARATOGA - TODAY

There is still time to see *A Family Christmas*, an original musical drama. Bring a friend and join us today at 3:00 and at 5:30 pm.

MEXICO TRIP INFORMATION MEETING #1 - TODAY

If you are interested in participating in the 2018 Mexico house building trip April 6-12, 2019, please plan to attend the information meeting today at 12:15 pm in Richards Hall. All participants must attend one of three information meetings. The other meetings are scheduled for January 13 (trip alumni only) and 27.

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.

MEXICO HOUSE BUILDING TRIP FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER 10

Support our Mexico house building trip by having lunch and/or dinner on Monday, December 10 at WillowStreet Pizza or Main Street Burger in Los Gatos. Be sure to pick up the flyer in the Narthex or [print one out](#) from our website. Grab some friends and enjoy a meal while supporting our trip at the same time.

LIVING WATER INFORMATION MEETING - DECEMBER 16

In 2019, SFC is sponsoring a well for people in Guatemala to have clean water. Come to an information meeting on Sunday, December 16 at 12:15 pm in the library to get details on how to join the trip. For more information, contact Joe Madden at jm@mobile-experts.net.

HEALING ROOM - DECEMBER 16

God's spirit heals us in many ways. Are you interested in receiving healing prayer? Drop in Sunday, December 16, 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - DECEMBER 24

We will hold three services in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The 4:00 pm service is a child-friendly family service where children are encouraged to participate in an energetic, interactive setting. This service includes a craft table for early arrivers, a musical sing-along, glowsticks and a live nativity featuring the children in attendance. At 7:00 and 9:00 pm, we will hold a more traditional family service filled with glorious and reflective music from our choir, orchestra and handbells including carols, candlelight and a Christmas message.

FAMILY SERVICE - DECEMBER 30

On Sunday, December 30, we will be holding only one service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Make plans to bring your children to the Sanctuary with you as there will be no infant, children or youth programs that morning.

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!

WORSHIP MINISTRY

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+

The Christmas in Saratoga musical program is always inspiring and fun. Let's enjoy the performance together on Sunday December 9 at 3:00 pm. Afterwards we will go out to dinner. For details contact Rosie at rosalie_dancer@yahoo.com or Allyson at textilemaniac@yahoo.com.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

- 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 Lego Store
- Dec 16 **MadHouse Christmas Party** - During Sunday School
- Dec 23 **No MadHouse**
- Dec 30 **No MadHouse**
- Jan 25-27 **Snow Camp at Jenness Park** - \$200 plus snow activities - meet at 9:00 am in lower parking lot, return at 2:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

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

- Dec 21 **LifeHouse Christmas Party** - 6:00 to 9:00 pm
- Dec 23 **Project 2019 & Alumni Lunch** - 12:15 pm in LifeHouse
- Dec 30 **No LifeHouse**
- Jan 25-27 **Winter Camp at Mount Hermon** - \$185 for registrations received by December 10, \$210 after that.

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

COLLEGE & 20S MINISTRY

- Dec 10 **Monday Bible Study & Dinner** - 6:30 pm at WillowStreet in Los Gatos
- Dec 17 **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 10 **Men's Bible Study with Pastor Tim Galleher.** Monday mornings from 6:30 to 7:45 am in the junior high room on the third floor. We will be studying Genesis 25 - 50. All men are invited.