

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

April 23, 2017

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If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Bruce at (408) 867-1000 ext. 249 or jerry@saratogafederated.org.

SFC SERMONS AVAILABLE IN MANY FORMATS

Each Sunday's sermon is available on our website in a variety of formats. On the [Teaching page](#), each week you will find the study questions, video and audio for the current sermon series. If you are looking for past sermons, you will find them in the Sermon Archive. At the bottom of the teaching page, you will also find links to the sermons on iTunes and an RSS feed. If you have any questions about the sermon formats, please contact Debbie Sturm at (408) 867-1000 ext. 250 or debbie@saratogafederated.org.

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

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GRIEF WORKSHOP - BEGINS TODAY

Beginning today from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in Douglass Hall, the Grief Ministry will be providing a workshop on self-care for those who are grieving and for those who are caring for others who are suffering a loss. Sessions will include practical tools, stories shared by those further along the same road, spiritual guidance, recommended resources and fellowship with others living a similar experience. While our focus will be on bereavement, the workshop will be helpful for those recovering from any kind of loss. Divorcees are welcome. Our first presenter will be Tony Hoffman. The workshop will be held April 23, 30, May 7, 21 and 28. To register for this workshop, please contact Peggy Beck at (408) 867-1000 ext. 239 or peggy.beck@saratogafederated.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - APRIL 28

The Red Cross blood drive will take place in Richards Hall on Friday, April 28, from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Sign up online through our [website](#), at www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS.

THE GREAT RACE - APRIL 30

As a church, we've been looking for ways to more intentionally engage with the community around us. The Great Race, held Sunday, April 30, gives us that opportunity. The race begins right in front of our church and ends four miles later in Los Gatos. We need Course Monitors, Starting Line Crew and Clean-Up Crew. If you would like to get involved, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext. 233.

BRIDGE BUILDERS RESPITE DAY - MAY 6

Our next Bridge Builders respite event will be held Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (volunteers arrive at 8:00 am). To register or to volunteer, please contact Kaity Weisenberger at wisebrgr@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 7

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 7, immediately following the third service. A light snack will be provided. A question and answer session will be held today at 9:00 am in the Chapel and on April 30 at 10:00 am in the Chapel.

MEN'S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST - MAY 13

All men are invited to the Men's Ministries Breakfast on Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 am in Richards Hall. Major John Desplancke of the Salvation Army will be our guest speaker. Tickets are on sale on the courtyard and are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

BABY DEDICATION & BAPTISMS - MAY 14

We will be having baby dedications and baptisms on Sunday, May 14, Mothers Day, in the 9:30 and 11:00 am worship services. If you would like to begin the process of having your child dedicated or baptized, please contact Robyn Swan at robyn@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext. 240.

VBS DEEP SEA DISCOVERY - JUNE 19 TO 23

Vacation Bible School *Deep Sea Discovery* is coming June 19 to 23 for ages 4 years old through 5th grade and will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register your campers at www.saratogafederated.org. Questions? Contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Kids Choir is held Wednesdays at 5:15 pm in Douglass Hall.
Choir & Orchestra rehearsal is held Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

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

ADULT EDUCATION

A Bible study is being held on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Library titled *God's Final Word*, a study in the book of Revelation. This class is facilitated by George Lee. All are welcome!

The Adult Sunday school class studying the Jewish aspects in the Gospel of Matthew continues today at 11:00 am in the Library. 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.

YOUNG ADULTS (20s & 30s)

Tuesday evening Life Group - 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Cherniss condo. This year we will be doing a survey of the Old Testament. For more information regarding this group, please contact Ben King at ben.elijah.king@gmail.com.

Wednesday evening Life Group - 7:15 to 9:00 pm in Willow Glen/Downtown San Jose. For more information regarding this group, please contact CJ Clark at cjclark0@gmail.com.

Join the SFC Young Adults' public Facebook group to see more upcoming events and connect with more people in their 20s and 30s!

SINGLES MINISTRY FOR AGES 35+

Contact Rosie Hackett for Singles Ministry events at rosalie_dancer@yahoo.com.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

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

Apr 23 5th Graders promoted to MadHouse - 10:45 am
Jun 19-23 Vacation Bible School - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

JR. HIGH SCHOOL - SUNDAY MADHOUSE 10:45 AM TO 12:00 PM, ROOM 302

Apr 23 5th Graders promoted to MadHouse - 10:45 am
Apr 26 Studio Night - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - meet in the SFC kitchen
Apr 28 GO BIG Monopoly Night - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - meet in Douglass Hall - \$5

CIT Leadership Bootcamp/VBS - CIT Leadership Bootcamp is the junior high program for our Vacation Bible School and includes incoming grades 6th through 8th. Students are trained to work with preschool and elementary students with on-the-job opportunities and Bible coaching. Deadline for applications is June 1. The application can be found on the [MadHouse webpage](#).

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

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

PARENTS

May 7 **Family Communion (9:30 am) & Parent Recharge (11:00 am)** - Join Pastor Tim Galleher on Sunday, May 7, in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am for Family Communion (especially for junior high and high school students and families) followed by Parent Recharge at 11:00 am in Douglass Hall. Come and connect with other parents as we discuss topics that impact your family.