

FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

BEREAVEMENT

We celebrate the life of **Verna Mae Benton** who died on May 17.
Peggy & John Beck (daughter and son-in-law)
Charis & Luke Beck (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.

General Fund Contribution Update July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

	Actual	Operating Budget
Fiscal Year to Date	\$2,232,300	\$2,280,000
Last week (5/14/17)	\$33,669	

Church Bank Mortgage

Original Borrowing	\$2,000,000
Principal Reductions ⁽¹⁾	\$(914,781)
Current Balance	\$1,085,219

⁽¹⁾ Reductions made via cash flow from operations, designated gifts and some temporary borrowing from restricted funds.

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

SARATOGA FEDERATED CHURCH

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SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

May 21, 2017

GRIEF WORKSHOP - TODAY

Today from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in Douglass Hall, the Grief Ministry will hold 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. Today's presenter is Louise Blevins. The workshop will be held May 21 and 28. To register for this workshop, please contact Peggy Beck at (408) 867-1000 ext. 239 or peggy.beck@saratogafederated.org.

COURTYARD SERVICE BEGINS - MAY 28

Our courtyard service returns on Sunday, May 28, weather permitting. Our three summer services will be at 8:00 am in the Chapel, 9:30 am on the courtyard and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

DINNER & DISCUSSION - BEGINNING IN MAY

A new dinner and discussion group is starting! They will meet twice a month on Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in May, June and July at the Van Buskirk's home for an informal, relational time around the table with open discussion about the sermon while sharing a casual meal. Contact Carol Van Buskirk for more information at carolvb1@comcast.net.

SERVE SUNDAY - JUNE 4

Our next Serve Sunday is coming up on Sunday, June 4. There are a variety of projects to choose from for all ages and activity levels. Join in as we serve our community, build relationships and have fun together! Sign up Sunday morning on the courtyard or visit our [website](http://www.saratogafederated.org).

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - JUNE 6

Ladies, please plan to join us on Tuesday, June 6 at 11:30 am on the courtyard for our patio party. This luncheon will be a delicious salad buffet provided by you. Sign up with Nancy Kamalski at nancykamalski@gmail.com or call her at (408) 255-3627.

NEW TO OUR CHURCH - JUNE 11

If you are new to SFC, please plan to join us on Sunday June 11 at 11:00 am in the Library to meet new friends and to learn more about SFC. For more information, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-10000 ext. 233.

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.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 8 TO 10

It's time to get registered for this year's All Church Retreat. It is coming up on September 8 to 10 at Mount Hermon. Visit the table on the courtyard for more information. Visit our [website](http://www.saratogafederated.org) to get signed up.

JOB POSTING - CAFE BARISTA

The SFC Cafe has openings for new baristas. We are looking for students or adults with a strong sense of responsibility and the ability to work well as part of a team. The time commitment is approximately 2 1/2 hours twice a month. We are only open on Sundays. If you are interested and are over the age of 14, please contact Gaya Chatterjee at gayachats@gmail.com or at (408) 828-6611. We look forward to hearing from you!

JOB POSTING - YOUTH MINISTRY ASSOCIATE

We are looking for a part time ministry associate for Youth Ministry. If you are interested in this position, please email your resume to Tim Galleher at tim@saratogafederated.org. Tim is available via email if you have any questions.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Kids Choir has their Cast Party on Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:15 pm in Douglass Hall!

Choir & Orchestra rehearsal on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

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 gfritz@nccn.net.

SINGLES MINISTRY FOR AGES 35+

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

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)

Young adults, join us for *Bocce at Brad's* this summer at the Rollinson's house. A kickoff barbeque will be held Thursday, June 8 from approximately 7:00 to 9:00 pm with get-togethers on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month thereafter. For more information, contact Brad at brads.boccee@gmail.com.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES 3 MOS - 5TH GRADE

9:30 & 11:00 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

Jun 11 **Youth & Parents Together** - 11:00 am in MadHouse

Jun 14 **It's Summer - Pool Party** - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - no cost

The Lee's 13864 Yerba Santa Court, Saratoga

Jun 21 **Pool Party** - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - no cost

The Andersons' 18122 Via Encantada, Monte Sereno

Jun 19-23 **CIT Leadership Bootcamp/VBS** - For incoming grades 6 through 8. Sign up on the MadHouse [webpage](http://www.saratogafederated.org). Deadline for student applications is June 1.

Jun 23 **The Elevener Event** - 5:30 to 11:00 pm - \$20 - Meet in LifeHouse

Jul 20-23 **MadHouse Summer Camp - Team Ninja** - Join the MadHouse for river kayaking, adventure climbs, campfires, crafts and games in the Mendocino redwoods as we talk about life with God and with others. Invite your friends! Remember space is limited so sign up today!!!

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

Jun 11 **Youth & Parents Together** - 11:00 am in LifeHouse

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