

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Drama and solo auditions for Christmas in Saratoga 2017, *The Art of Christmas* will take place on Sunday, October 15 from 1:15 to 2:30 pm in the music room. Pick up an audition packet on Sunday, October 8 or request more information from Diane Allison at diane@saratogafederated.org.

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

Kids Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm in Douglass Hall. You can sign your children up online at <https://sfc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/256/responses/new>.

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.

LIFE GROUPS

A new women's Life Group begins Monday, October 9 at the home of Sue Ranney. This group will focus on praying for their families and studying the book of Matthew. This group will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Contact Sue Ranney at (408) 777-8788 for more information.

Mom's join us for an informal Life Group on Monday mornings from 9:15 to 11:15 am in room 109. We are studying *Broken Crayons Still Color*, and books are available at the study. For more information, contact Sarah Silva at sarah.silva@saratogafederated.org or Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org, or call (408) 867-1000.

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.

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

October 8, 2017

EXPLORING THE CHURCH - TODAY

The *Explorer* class today will feature Corky Davis and Jerry Bruce. Corky is president of the Council of Elders and will talk about the role and responsibilities of the council. Jerry Bruce will talk about the role and responsibilities of the Federated Foundation. Please join us at 9:30 or 11:00 am in Douglass Hall.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - OCTOBER 10

The Red Cross blood drive will be held in Richards Hall on Tuesday, October 10 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. Sign up online through our [website](http://www.redcrossblood.org), through the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS.

TOUGH TOPICS PARENT WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 11

Parents, join Tim Galleher to discuss how to talk to your kids about technology and sexuality in the digital age. Connect with other parents and bring your tough topic questions. We will meet in Douglass Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 11.

We will offer Clubhouse for children of *Tough Topics* attenders for first through fifth graders. They will play, create and learn how to make healthy choices for their relationships with friends and technology.

JAM 45 - OCTOBER 13

Calling all fourth and fifth graders! Come on over to Richards Hall on Friday, October 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and join us for dinner, a scavenger hunt, fun and friends. The cost is \$5.00. Bring a friend and come join the fun! For more information, contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org.

LOVING JEWISH NEIGHBORS - OCT 14 AND NOV 18

SFC is pleased to host, in partnership with the Abrahamic Alliance, "Loving Jewish Neighbors" a seminar taught by Dr. Marvin Wilson, Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Gordon College. Parts II & III on 10/14 and 11/18, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in Douglass Hall. \$75 includes lunch, DVDs of complete seminar or online access and Dr. Wilson's book, *Exploring Our Hebraic Heritage: A Christian Theology of Roots and Renewal*. Register online at abrahamicalliance.org.

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2 OR 3 GATHERING - OCTOBER 17

"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 concerns, prayers and praises in a small informal, confidential setting with hearts open to the Holy Spirit. Join us on Tuesday, October 17, 10:00 am in room 110. Facilitated by Bonnie Noehr, Care Deacon for our 40s to 60s. For more information, contact the Care Ministry at care@saratogafederated.org.

SERVE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 22

It's time again to go out and bless our community. Sign up on our [website](http://www.saratogafederated.org) to serve on Sunday, October 22. Join us at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary before we head out to participate in a variety of ways. For more information, contact Jerry Bruce at jerry@saratogafederated.org or visit the table on the courtyard this Sunday before or after service.

TRUNK OR TREAT - OCTOBER 28

Please make plans to join us in the SFC parking lot on Saturday, October 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for Trunk or Treat. Come join the fun as we open our doors to our neighbors and connect with one another. We need volunteers to bring a decorated car and candy, help with carnival games and fun! Please let us know how you can serve. We have many ways to get involved. Sign up online at [saratogafederated.org](http://www.saratogafederated.org) or contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org.

DESIGNING YOUR LIFE - OCTOBER 29

The *Designing Your Life* workshop will be held October 29 from 12:30 to 5:30 pm at the Foothill Club. Join us for an afternoon with Stanford professor and bestselling author, David Evans. This hands-on workshop is for those 45 and younger. David will walk participants through the design thinking process utilizing exercises to initiate the process of creating a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling. A light lunch will be served, and an afternoon wine and cheese reception will conclude the event. A signed copy of *Designing Your Life* is included in the registration fee. Register online through our [website](http://www.saratogafederated.org). The cost is \$60 for general admission and \$20 for students with identification. For more information, contact Savoy Stevens at savoy@saratogafederated.org.

SINGLES MINISTRY FOR AGES 35+

Several of us enjoyed the event on September 30. More will be planned. For information about Singles Ministry, contact Rosalie Hackett at rosalie_dancer@yahoo.com for more information.

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 Chapel. This class is led by Scott Fritz. For more information, contact Scott at gfritzs@nccn.net.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

- Oct 13 **Jam 45** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - \$5 - Richards Hall for all 4th and 5th graders
- Oct 28 **Trunk or Treat** - 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the SFC parking lot
Sign up online to volunteer or to decorate your car.

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

- Oct 11 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - SFC kitchen
- Oct 18 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - SFC kitchen
- Oct 20 **Mystery Night** - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - \$5 - in MadHouse

HIGH SCHOOL

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

- Oct 13 **SJ Barracuda Game** - 6:00 to 10:00 pm - \$15 - Meet in LifeHouse
- Oct 15 **Project 2018** - 5:00 to 6:30 pm - Meet in LifeHouse
- Oct 21 **Regeneration Forum** - 8:30 am to 5:30 pm - \$15 - Christian Community Church

COLLEGE MINISTRY

- Oct 9 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga
- Oct 16 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga
- Oct 23 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga

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