

FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

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 Financial Update July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

General Fund Donations:	Actual	Budget	Over
Fiscal Year to Date: 11/26	\$900,423	\$1,046,000	\$(145,577)

Debt Balances:	Bank	Internal
	\$226,315	\$501,838

Bank Debt Reduction Campaign

Total Debt Reduction Donation Received	\$821,881
Response Pledges Outstanding	\$16,000
Total Reduction Paid or Pledged to Date	\$837,881

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

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SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

December 3, 2017

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - DECEMBER 5

Ladies, make plans to join us on Tuesday, December 5, at 11:00 am in Richards Hall to hear Ronn Ealy perform our favorite Christmas songs. Contact Nancy Kamalski at nancykamalski@gmail.com to make your reservation.

CHRISTMAS IN SARATOGA - DECEMBER 8, 9 & 10

The Art of Christmas is coming soon. You won't want to miss this inspiring event. When the stories behind the canvas hit home, Christmas opens up a whole new world. Make plans to bring a friend and join us for a performance or two. Performances will be held Friday, December 8 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm, Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 pm 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 visit our [website](#) to fill out the You Can Help form. We still need 33 more people to bring 4 dozen cookies, 74 more sack lunches, childcare workers and ushers for the two Sunday performances. Thank you! For more information, contact Diane Allison at (408) 867-1000 ext. 238 or diane@saratogafederated.org.

MEXICO TRIP INFORMATION MEETING #1 - DECEMBER 10

If you are interested in participating in the 2017 Mexico house building trip in April 2018, please plan to attend the information meeting on Sunday, December 10 at 12:15 pm in Richards Hall. All participants must attend one of three information meetings. The other meetings are scheduled for January 7 and 28.

MEXICO HOUSE BUILDING TRIP FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER 11

Support our Mexico house building trip by having lunch and/or dinner on Monday, December 11 at WillowStreet Pizza in Los Gatos. Be sure to pick up the flyer in the Narthex or [print one out from our website](#). Grab some friends and make it a fun night out while supporting our trip at the same time.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - DECEMBER 24

On Sunday, December 24, we will have our regular morning services at 8:00 am in the Chapel and 9:30 and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. That evening we will hold three services in the Sanctuary. 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.

CARE MINISTRY: YOU ARE INVITED!

“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 prayers and praises in an informal, confidential setting with hearts open to the Holy Spirit. Next dates: Today at 12:30 pm at Villa Montalvo parking lot 4 for a hike and December 12 at 10:00 am in room 110. For more information, contact care@saratogafederated.org.

SINGLES MINISTRY FOR AGES 35+

For information about Singles Ministry, contact Rosalie Hackett at rosalie_dancer@yahoo.com for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Today at 9:30 am in the Library, Scott Fritz is teaching on the Lord's Prayer. Beginning Sunday, December 10, George Lee will be teaching on the book of Acts. All are welcome!

The Adult Sunday School class studying the Jewish aspects in the Gospel of Matthew continues today at 11:00 am in Fireside. This class is led by Scott Fritz. For more information, contact Scott at gfritzs@nccn.net.

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.

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.

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Dec 3 **Family Christmas Countdown** - 12:15 to 1:30 pm in Richards Hall - Families, come together to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season. Start family Advent traditions with engaging activities including countdown paper chains, crafts, prayer stations and cookie decorating. Lunch will be provided.

Dec 24 **Happy Birthday Jesus** Sunday School class for children 1st-5th grade in room 111/112 on Sunday, December, 24 at the 9:30 am service only. Children ages 3-5 will meet in room 105 and children ages 3 months to 2 years will meet in the Nursery at 9:30 am. There will be no Sunday School or Nursery care at the 11:00 am service.

Dec 31 **Family Service in the Sanctuary.** There will be no children's Sunday School or Nursery care.

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

Dec 6 **Studio Night** - 6:45 to 8:00 pm - SFC Kitchen

Jan 26-28 **Snow Camp** - Jenness Christian Park - \$200

HIGH SCHOOL

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

Jan 26-28 **Winter Camp** - Ponderosa Lodge at Mount Hermon - \$200

Apr 7-13 **Mexico House Building Trip**

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Dec 4 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga

Dec 11 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga

Dec 18 **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.

PARENTS

Dec 3 **Parent Recharge (11:00 am)** - Join Pastor Tim Galleher in Douglass Hall to discuss topics that impact your family. You want your kids to grow up into healthy adults. You want to see them take responsibility for their behavior, their values, and their lives, but maybe you've discovered that simply telling them to "do the right thing" isn't enough. We will be talking about *Boundaries With Our Kids*. Come meet other parents and discuss parenting together.