

FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

BEREAVEMENTS

We celebrate the life of **Anne Pahler** who died on November 29.

Arnold Pahler (husband)

Laura Pahler (daughter)

Brett Pahler (son)

We celebrate the life of **Eleanor Patten** who died on December 1.

Susan & Steve Marsh (daughter & son-in-law)

Kevin & Kellie Patten (son & daughter-in-law)

Mark Patten (son)

Nicole Marsh and Sabrina Franklin (grandchildren)

We celebrate the life of **Stanley J. Benkoski Jr.** who

died on December 1.

Kerry Benkoski (wife)

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary followed by a reception at the Foothill Club.

We celebrate the life of **Robert Wold** who died on December 3.

Karen Wold (wife)

Kris & Jennifer Wold (son & daughter-in-law)

Todd & Ann Wold (son & daughter-in-law)

Woodra Wold (daughter-in-law)

Nicholas, Tori and Evan Wold (grandchildren)

We celebrate the life of **Ruth Hutson** who died on December 4.

Jeannie Hilt (daughter)

Laurel & Trevor Shephard (granddaughter & grandson-in-law)

We celebrate the life of **Mary Grayson** who died on December 5.

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.

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SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

December 17, 2017

SUNDAY, 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

On Sunday, December 31, 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.

A NEW YEAR...A NEW FOCUS: A PRAYER RETREAT - JANUARY 6

Each January gives us an opportunity to experience a fresh start to release the past year and to receive God's goodness in a new way. Join us on Saturday, January 6 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in Douglass Hall for a time of prayer and contemplation. The retreat will be led by Russ Ikeda and Sally Bryant. There is no cost to attend this event and food will be provided. For more information and to register, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or call (408) 867-1000 ext. 233.

SINGLES MINISTRY FOR AGES 35+

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. Beginning today 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 gfritz@sarccn.net.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

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

Kids Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 24 at 5:00 pm in Douglass Hall.

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 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 **New Year's Eve Service** - Sunday, December 31 at 10:00 am children will go with their parents to the Sanctuary. There will be no children's Sunday School or Nursery care that morning.

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 17 **MadHouse Christmas Party** - 10:45 am in MadHouse
Dec 20 **No Studio Night**
Dec 22 **Reindeer Hunt** - 7:00 to 9:00 pm - Pick up and drop off at Valley Fair/Westfield Mall in front of the Lego store
Dec 24 **No MadHouse**
Dec 27 **No Studio Night**
Dec 31 **No MadHouse**
Jan 7 **MadHouse Resumes**
Jan 26-28 **Snow Camp** - Jenness Christian Park - \$200

HIGH SCHOOL

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

Dec 23 **Christmas Adam Party** - 7:00 to 10:00 pm - \$5 - in LifeHouse
Dec 24 **No LifeHouse**
Dec 31 **No LifeHouse**
Jan 7 **LifeHouse Resumes**
Jan 26-28 **Winter Camp** - Mount Hermon - \$200
Apr 7-13 **Mexico House Building Trip**

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Dec 18 **Monday Bible Study** - 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Jake's in Saratoga
Dec 21 **Christmas Party** - 6:30 pm in Richards Hall
Jan 8 **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.