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Saratoga Federated Church Newsletter

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ALL CHURCH RETREAT



September 7 – 9, 2018

Mount Hermon



New Lower Pricing!

Book Club

The July Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, July 19 at 12:15 pm in room 111. We will be discussing *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. New York socialite Caroline Ferriday has her hands full with her post at the French consulate and a new love on the horizon. But Caroline's world is forever changed when Hitler's army invades Poland in September 1939 and then sets its sights on France.

The August Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, August 16 at 12:15 pm in room 111. We will be discussing *Lucia, Lucia* by Adriana Trigiani. It is 1950 in New York City. Lucia Sartori is the beautiful twenty-five-year-old daughter of a prosperous Italian grocer in Greenwich Village. The postwar boom is ripe with opportunities for talented girls with ambition, and Lucia becomes an apprentice to an up-and-coming designer at a department store on Fifth Avenue. Forced to choose between duty to her family and her own dreams, Lucia finds herself in the midst of a sizzling scandal in which secrets are revealed, her beloved career is jeopardized, and the Sartoris' honor is tested.

For questions or more information, contact Jeannie Hilt at (408) 984-2266.

From the Desk of Pastor Gabe

This July I will be taking a study break to prepare the preaching calendar for the upcoming year. The Elders recognize the value in long term sermon planning and have granted me an absence from the pulpit this summer. This study break will allow me to complete a great deal of sermon work in advance, which will allow the church to plan curriculum, study-guides and media that will accompany the upcoming sermon series. All of these additional materials will allow our church to be more united in our studies and hopefully will make these sermons come to life through various expressions and writings.

I am excited to let you know we will have a great group of preachers who will encourage you with God's word during the month of July. The focus in the month of July will be a study in the book of Psalms. Each week, our speakers will be focusing on the themes of grace, worship and connection in this amazing collection of songs.

Kicking off this series will be Pastor Sally followed by Greg Ogden and closed out by Keith Potter. Sally, you

surely know, but maybe not the latter two gentleman.

Greg Ogden was the Senior Pastor of SFC during the 1990s. Greg is a noted author and preacher who has a great passion for the concept of disciple-making. Keith Potter was the Senior Pastor at SFC during the 2000s. Keith is an amazing writer and preacher who greatly touts the specific calling and joys of the Christian life. It is such an amazing gift to have these leaders come back and share their insights and wisdom with a church they so dearly love.

7/1 - Sally Bryant
7/8 and 7/15 - Greg Ogden
7/22 and 7/29 - Keith Potter

I will miss being with you during this study break, but I look forward to hearing from God and preparing our fall series going through the gospel of Matthew. Save these dates in your calendar and make plans to invite a friend. I encourage you to take advantage to hear new voices and new perspectives on the Kingdom of God.

Peace and Grace,
Gabe Gilliam

Global Outreach Go & Tells

On July 15, Doug and Ann Johnson will share about their work with Muslims at 12:15 pm in Douglass Hall. A light lunch will be served.

On August 26 at 12:15 pm in Douglass Hall, the founders from Sunrise Orphanage in Uganda will be with us to tell us about their ongoing work providing homes for abandoned children and rescuing girls from the streets. Thanks to your generosity during the Advent season, we were able to send almost \$60,000 to them to help with their second story addition to the

girls' home, provide solar power and some furnishings. Come meet these wonderful folks and learn more about their work. A light lunch will be served.



Sally Bryant Is Heading to Malawi

Sally Bryant continues her work in Malawi where HIV/AIDS, sexual superstition and other issues have torn apart the family. Malawi has more than a million orphans, one out of every 16 people in Malawi. In addition to this crisis of the family, many believe that they are cursed by God and thus see no hope or purpose in life. Through her training, they realize they are created in the image of God, made for a purpose, redeemed by Christ and restored to relationship with God through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. She will also be training teachers. Imagine teaching without paper, pencils, books or electricity. This is the challenge facing many teachers in Malawi. Through the workshops, they learn participatory teaching techniques to help them

overcome the lack of teaching materials. She will be in Malawi July

23 through August 5. Please pray for her trip!



Children in Mulanje Malawi

Free Estate Planning Seminar

Save the date! Sunday, September 23 at noon, the Saratoga Federated Church Foundation is sponsoring a free informative seminar on estate planning. Our speaker this time will be Larry Copenbarger. Larry is with Copenbarger Copenbarger LLP, a state-wide law firm specializing in estates, trusts, wills, etc. The seminar will last about 90 minutes and a light lunch will be served beforehand. If you do not yet

have a will or a trust, you should make time to come to this free seminar. Our goal is not to sell you anything, rather to inform you and hopefully encourage you to take action on being a good steward in an important area of your life. For further information see our webpage at www.saratogafederated.org/foundation. In the meantime, please mark this on your calendar.



Annual Meeting 2018

What we presume to be the 98th Annual Meeting of the Saratoga Federated Church was held on Sunday, May 6. Over 100 members gathered together in person, with another 122 people participating by proxy. We spent a moment remembering those in our congregation who had passed away in the last year. Nick Kepler gave a report from the Elders. David Akers provided

the Treasurer's report, showing we had met budget last year, and had a wonderful response to the call to reduce our bank debt.

Our new business consisted of the election of Elders and the Treasurer as well as members of the Care Deacons, the Foundation and the Nominating Committee. In addition there was a modest change to the Bylaws made

that streamlines the process for Care Deacons to serve additional terms after they are first elected. Gabe shared some thoughts about our life in God, with others and for others as a church body. Thank you to all who participated in this critical component of our church governance.

Farmer or Silicon Valley Producer?

Today I was a farmer. I started wanting to be a farmer eight years ago when I was trying to create more space in my life for God. I even put a picture of my overall-clad Iowa great grandfather on my bedside table to remind myself daily of my preferred vocation.

Having the mindset of a farmer is difficult for me; much easier is having a production mindset. I learned how these two mindsets can affect my approach to spiritual growth when I studied David Smith's Theodyssey Spiritual Formation Series. As Smith describes, focusing on "production" can influence how we approach the Christian life, as we may believe that "success will be a factor of our planning, effort, and ability to execute our plan." We can get trapped into thinking that by doing certain things with the right frequency and in the right way, like going to church, doing Bible studies, and serving, we will produce spiritual results. In other words, in the Silicon Valley where efficiency in "production" is applauded, we get into the mindset that we can produce spiritual growth on our own.

The farmer's approach to spiritual growth is quite different than the producer's. For starters, the farmer doesn't "make" anything. Instead, a farmer must "cultivate an environment where life can grow" according to Smith.

Today I helped plant seeds at Cityteam's House of Grace garden. Weeks before, we weeded in order to remove any obstacles to growth

and then broke up the soil that had hardened over the winter months. Today, we placed seeds and smaller plants in shallow holes in the dark earth, and the women from the House of Grace program covered the seeds, hiding them in darkness in hopes of growth.

A similar process needs to happen in our spiritual lives if we want to bear fruit. We need to "cultivate our interior environment" where we have space for our inner self to grow and be transformed. The rest is up to God.

Our morning at House of Grace felt sacred. While digging in the soil, the women shared some of their stories and brought their children to learn about planting and watering and how God makes a tomato. Even though we were creating an environment for the plants to grow, we were also pouring into each others' lives.

Ruth Peterson, Local Outreach Team



Adrianus Huygens

SFC Celebrates Cityteam Graduation

I have always been inspired by the community and support demonstrated by the early church, where "all the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had" (Acts 4:32). I witnessed this type of community on Friday, May 11, when our church hosted a Cityteam graduation honoring women who had completed a rigorous, year-long addiction recovery program.

SFC and a group led by Debbie Cellar planned for months, and numerous church members shared the gifts they had to make this event meaningful and memorable. Food preparation, led by Melinda Chase, lasted several days, with women of multiple generations chopping and mixing around the SFC kitchen island, sharing recipes and life stories. In my imagination, I see the early church in this same way, helping others together as they brought what they had to share.

Next, the flower arrangements were created by Debbie, Tracy Leonard and Tracy Fell, who shared their artistic ability to combine spring flowers into extraordinary arrangements. These bouquets were placed at beautifully set tables with twinkling lights overhead and an hors d'oeuvre table, complete with a punch fountain. When the

Cityteam women and their families arrived, they were mesmerized by the intimate and delicate setting. As an extra special treat, a group of teens clad in dark pants and white shirts helped to prepare appetizers and serve the meal.

Much to the delight of the Cityteam women, after dinner, everyone proceeded to the Sanctuary and were ushered in by the bell choir. Next came several musical favorites led by Bill Allison, the choir and part of the orchestra.

Glen and I were fortunate to be asked to be Co-Masters of Ceremony. We presided over the program portion of the evening and shared some of our own story and experiences with SFC and Cityteam. One of my favorite parts of the evening came at the end, when Lindsay Roush gave an amazing rendition of "Jesus Loves Me." Later, the father of one of the graduates told me that this song brought tears to his eyes, as he had been brought up in a Southern Baptist church and had sang that song many Sundays during his youth.

Layered between all of this were stories of redemption and restoration told by the graduates themselves. All came to Cityteam broken and in need of healing. Many found Jesus and his desire to chase out darkness and replace it with his light.



SFC has supported Cityteam financially through the Local Outreach Team for many years, including an extremely generous Christmas gift last year. This financial support is yet another example of how our church has "shared everything they had" (Acts 4:32).

In addition to financial support, I was proud of how our church worked together to make this particular graduation extraordinarily special. Many of the Cityteam women said this was the best graduation they've experienced because of the beautiful music and delicious food. I was encouraged by how loved and honored the women felt by the Christ-followers of our church. I think that if a letter was written to our church about this event, its sentiments might echo those found in Hebrews, which commend those who "do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (13:16).

Ruth Peterson, Local Outreach Team



Care Update – Care Sunday

The Care Ministry was highlighted Sunday, June 10 at all three services. The Care Ministry is led by Arvin Engelson, Pastor for Care and Counseling. Serving our congregation with Arvin are our Care Ministry Associates: Stephanie Giamanco, Savoy Stevens, Kathy Kroesche and Peggy Beck and our Care Deacons listed below. These teams greeted congregants and were affirmed and blessed by the congregation and Elders through a shared liturgy. Gabe illustrated the valuable role our Deacons play by “jumping in the hole” with others because they “have been in this hole before and know the way out!” All church attendees were challenged to find their own role in caring for others. A bright green flyer, *Your Role in Care Ministry*, was distributed and is

available in the Care office.

The Care Ministry arranges pastoral care or counseling; prays for the needs of our flock; refers needs to professionals; finds care resources, support groups, public agencies or community services to help a member; and supports members during times of loss.

Our Care Deacons play a vital role in providing this care by observing and serving the needs of our members and neighbors. They make contact, hear stories, clarify needs, share resources and promote the rewards of lives in community. They value, comfort, encourage and pray. They help bring people with common needs together, create venues that teach self-care, mutual-care and preventive-care.

We encourage all of our church attendees to participate in mutual care by engaging with those around you, seeing care needs and helping to meet those needs, when able.

To refer a need to the Care Team, please call the church, email us at care@saratogafederated.org or contact a Care Deacon. We respect the privacy of those under care, therefore permission from the individual(s) being prayed for must be obtained before we share their names to our prayer team. May God give each of us humility, discernment and compassion to care for others so that we may we experience his love and mercy.

Peggy Beck, on behalf of the Care Team

Flock 1 Care Deacons

I am so encouraged and excited to step into this role as Care Associate for Flock 1 (20s and 30s)! I have first hand experience on feeling the love and care of our Care Team and church family. Some of my deepest friendships and mentor-ships are from people who attend SFC. My family has reached out at different times in our lives for care including when we had our second child. We were blessed with meals every couple nights for about two months. If you or someone you know is a new mom or is someone who just had surgery, etc., please let me know (stephanie.giamanco@saratogafederated.org). I would love to set up meals for you. This is just one small way to love on our church family.

What’s even more exciting is that we have five new Care Deacons coming onto the Flock 1 team. We are excited to see how their fresh energy spills out as Jesus’ hands and feet to our church family. Each person on our team exudes



different skills and talents. We have a teacher, a pastor, a learning specialist, a laboratory manager, an academic counselor/chapel coordinator/spiritual director, an account representative for sales, a software architect and an advertising strategist just to name a few. These lovely people are here to chat, hangout, help plan events, help arrange pastoral care/counseling, inform us about a care need in our congregation, pray for you and/or a friend, relative or coworker. We want to build connections between people!

*Stephanie Giamanco
Care Associate for Flock 1*



Care Deacons

Flock 1 – 20s-30s:

- John Beck
- CJ Clark
- Will Clark
- Alana Guzzetta
- Brad Rollinson
- Tim Rollinson
- Elizabeth Swan
- Emily York

- John Cellar
- Eric Dunstan
- Kathy Finnecey
- Renee Hart
- Theresa Horvath
- Jeannie Mirassou
- Bonnie Noehr
- Cathy Oleson
- Sandra Tang
- Nah Tooyserkani

Flock 3 – 70s-90s:

- Muriel Alexander
- Norman Alexander

- David Aune
- Geneva Baker
- Cookie Britton
- Dana Chase
- Jack Dunstan
- Jim Ellingwood
- Nelia Garner
- Nancy Kamalski
- Richard Karsen
- Phyllis Marsh
- Diana McFarling
- Judy Stokes
- Dick Wolden

Monthly Healing Room Opens at SFC

The Care Ministry at Saratoga Federated Church is partnering with the BASIC Living Ministries Team to provide a monthly InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room. We invite you to partner with us, praising God for this opportunity to bring his healing to those in our surrounding community, and praying for his leading, blessing and covering as we step out in faith.

Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to join this team. There are several volunteer opportunities: pray for healing with those who come to the healing room; pray over the ministry (in person and in spirit); greet and guide people who come; lead worship; and provide tech support. For those interested in being on the healing room team or receiving training, please contact Kathy Kroesche at care@

saratogafederated.org.

The InSpirit Praise & Prayer Healing Room will open monthly at SFC starting Sunday, August 19, 2018. The sessions will be held on the third Sunday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the old post office at 14376 Saratoga Avenue, next to the SFC Care office. People may drop in anytime during those hours. As they wait for their individual prayer session with two healing prayer ministers, they are invited to worship and take communion.

As we battle illness, injury or feelings of discouragement, we find hope and peace in Christ our Savior. The Bible tells us that Jesus “was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was

upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5) Jesus suffered and sacrificed to set us free, to give us peace and healing, in our hearts, minds, bodies, souls. We look forward to seeing more people healed and drawing nearer to God.

The InSpirit Healing Room is a member of the International Association of Healing Rooms (IAHR).



Welcome Ministry

Romans 15:7 tells us to “welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Our hope is that everyone, especially those who are new to our church, feel like they are genuinely welcomed as they come to worship each Sunday. Our Hosts on campus, wearing blue name tags, are there to provide a warm welcome to all who attend our church, especially to guests.

Recent research tells us that visitors make up their minds regarding a new church in the first ten minutes of their visit. Often, even before they have experienced a moving worship song or

heard a meaningful message, they have made up their minds whether or not to return, and their decision to return is usually based on how warmly they have (or not) been welcomed. The six most important minutes of a church service, in the eyes of a first-time guest, are the three minutes before the service and the three minutes after the church service. This is an opportunity for church members to extend a welcome to others as Christ has welcomed us. It’s an opportunity to show the love of Christ in action.

God entrusts his work here on earth to us. We are to welcome one

another in the same way that Christ has welcomed us into his family. Imagine being given the opportunity to extend the love of God to each person who steps foot on our campus. That is the opportunity we have each Sunday.

If this makes your heart say, “Wow!” then join us! Our next training is Sunday, August 19 from 9:15 am to noon. For more information, contact Susi and Richard Reaves at angelchild2053@gmail.com or pastor.rich.123@gmail.com, or call Sally Bryant at (408) 867-1000 ext 233.

Mark Your Calendars

The Arts of Spiritual Conversation begin September 16 from 9:00 to 10:30 am in Douglass Hall.

Have you ever wanted to have a meaningful conversation about God with people who believe differently? Perhaps you didn’t know how to begin a conversation, or were worried that you might know “all the answers.” Help is available! There are nine practices to help start and continue a conversation

over time (rather than shut it down).

For instance, consider the way Jesus interacted with people around him. He noticed them. He prayed for them. He listened. He asked good questions. He loved. He welcomed. He facilitated ongoing conversations about God. He served together with people. Jesus shared good news.

With this fresh perspective, Christians can engage every day in

these same nine practices. This class meets from 9:00 to 10:30 am in Douglass Hall beginning Sunday, September 16.

If you would like to be part of our next conversational training, please contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext. 233. We’ll look at the Whys, Whats and Hows of these 9 arts, so we can follow Jesus in living them out.

SFC Mobile Giving

Giving during the summer months typically slows down a little. Why not make it easy and sign up to give on your mobile device?

Text to Give*

Text saratogafc to 77977 (from a smartphone or tablet) as displayed below:

To: 77977

Message: saratogafc

You’ll receive a text message with a link to the SFC PushPay webpage. On the webpage, you will fill in your unique information, including name and bank information one time. Bookmark this webpage for future access.

* When you send “saratogafc” to 77977, you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to Saratoga Federated Church (1msg/

request). Please be aware that message and data rates may apply.

For full terms and conditions, please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the privacy policy, please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help, reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

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

Serve Sunday Fun On June 3

The following article is reprinted with permission from *The Mercury News*, June 5, 2018.

Saratoga Federated Church bustled with the energy of over 300 volunteers Sunday. Various work groups collaborated on projects: creating hygiene kits for the homeless, making cards for U.S. military members, preparing meals for people in need, clearing open space brush to reduce wildfire risk, painting an outdoor storage shed, clearing ivy in a local park and assisting with grounds keeping at Montalvo.

Since 2013, the church has been coordinating three Serve Sundays each year. Project selection is based on several criteria and church organizers work with the city to determine appropriate focus areas. They also work alongside faith and non-faith based non-profits.

As the volunteers headed out to their diverse projects, the mood was jovial; the homeless hygiene group had a goal to assemble 2,000 kits by the end of the day.

Ruth Cormier started the Kards 4 Soldiers program in 2010 when she was just 16. The number of cards sent to military personnel overseas has now reached 280,000. For over four years, the church has partnered with Ruth’s program to express gratitude to U.S. troops for their service and sacrifice, as well as offering words of encouragement.

Another group of volunteers headed to an outdoor storage container used by a Community Emergency Response Team, where they sanded and painted, sprucing it up. This team is a group of volunteers who help out the community in the event of a natural disaster. The container they cleaned up stores tents, tarps, emergency medical

supplies, generators, N95 masks and hard hats.

Inspiration to give back goes way back said Teaching Pastor, Gabe Gilliam, who cited the book of Matthew in the online training video for the event.

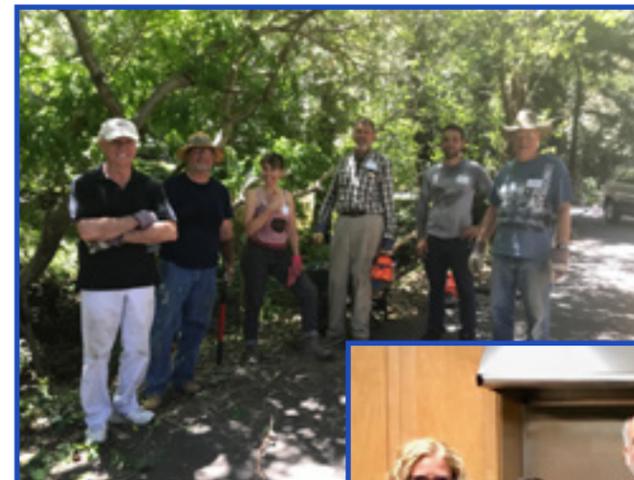
“What did you do for the least of these?” he asked, adding that helping is part of his faith.

The next Serve Sunday will be in the fall.

“Usually in October we stuff Christmas stockings for the children of Oakland, along with several jobs we do nearly every Serve Day with the help of about 350-400 people,” said Jerry Bruce, minister of church operations for the church.

To find out how you can get involved, visit: saratogafederated.org.

Jake Richardson, The Mercury News



Thank You Family Ministry Volunteers

The Family Team is very fortunate to have a group of volunteers who are dedicated to providing spiritual education, guidance and community for our families with children and continuing into college! From Sunday school to mid-week events and camps, our programs could not be made possible without our wonderful team members from our congregation who serve as mentors, small group leaders, event planners, teachers, room parents, chaperones, drivers and resource coordinators who dedicate their time and love to be the hands and feet of Jesus kids.

We have compiled a list, and we know many more serve and give so much. To our faithful servants, we thank you for loving our precious children as God does.



Glen Aby, Janelle Aby, Katelyn Aby, DJ Akers, Andrea Anderson, Gordon Anderson, Dorothy Araldi, Isabella Bambas, Jef Bambas, Soheila Baniani, Audrey Bloom, Doug Bloom, Kelly Blough, Christina Cagliostro, John Cagliostro, Nancy Carlson, Dana Chase, Melinda Chase, Jean Cherniss, Barb Clark, Becky Clewett, Carolyn Cocanour, Ron Cocanour, Mary Coustier, Tanya DeMare,

Lori Diez, Karen DiLullo, Shannon Duisenberg, Emily Ediger, Dresden Erickson, Jennifer Feldmeyer, Steven Feldmeyer, Tracy Fell, Lisa Furlong, Jon Giamanco, Steph Giamanco, Amy Gibson, Nina Giles, Casey Gilliam, Gabe Gilliam, Terri Goehner, Evan Griffith, Morgan Griffith, Rachel Griffith, Stephanie Griffith, Vanessa Guzzetta, Tracy Hall, Lisa Hanson, Oscar Hanson, Myles Hart, Renee Hart, Shannon Hart, Yvonne Harter, Dena Haugen, Jeff Heid, Jeannie Hilt, McKenna Hunt, Nicolas Jensen, Angela Johnson, Richard Johnson, Sue Johnson, Peyton Joos, Allie Jorgenson, Jim Keck, Nick Kepler, Rene Klaus, John Klimek, Bob Lee, Chris Lee, Colette Lee, Donna Lee, George Lee, Eric Leonard, Kimberly Leonard, Tracy Leonard, Laura Lewis, Debbie Lillo, Elena Locke, Jeremy Locke, Neal Locke, Sonja Locke, Devon Lowery, DD Madden, Tia Marciel,



Emma McCloskey, Shelby McNary, Helen Mossman, Max Murphy, Ali Olivo, Shantel Oloju, Kevin Payne, Sarah Penzel, Carrie Priest, Mary Priest, Jessica Pugh, Shruthi Raj, Suzanne Ranney, Chase Robbins, Jackson Robbins, Allison Robinson, Tim Rollinson, Amy Sells, Deb Sells, Eleanor Sells, Emma Sells, Lucy Sells, Spencer Sells, Stan Sells, Kimia Shakerpoor, Andrew Sides, Joe Silva, Margarita Sokolenko, Sage Stevens, Shaelea Stevens, Matt Sutterfield, Maelynn Sutterlin, Dennis Swan, Robyn Swan,

Sandra Tang, Arleene Tong, Julian Tong, Kaity Weisenburger, Laurel Weisler, Beth Wilson, Steve Wood.

Your Family Ministry Team
 Tim Galleher, Matt Hall, Yvette Lee, Tracy Fell, Sarah Silva, Robyn Swan, Dresden Erickson, Linda Kerin-Garvey



What's Better Than A Cruise?

Are you over 50 and need an emotional high? Are you looking to do something meaningful in life and also getting emotional gratification while doing so?

One in five children in undeveloped countries will die from a water borne disease.

If we could send you on a trip to Central America for a week to live during the day in a village and experience the flavor of country living, would you be interested? What if we taught you how to run a water drilling rig (with guidance, of course), would

you be interested?

What if you and your team brought in a well and upgraded the lives of an entire village, would you be interested?

What if you, as a result of your effort, were the hero of a child or perhaps a family, would you be interested?

We have a place for you during August 19 to 25 to join a group of volunteers from Saratoga Federated to travel to El Salvador to help a village. For more information, please contact Dave Loomis at davidjloomis@gmail.com.

Our Home Saratoga

About a year ago, Laurel Perusa came to see me and asked me if I would write a song that could be the city of Saratoga's theme song. I told her that I'd be delighted to give it a try! I asked Laurel, along with a number of others, to tell me what it is that makes Saratoga special. What comes to mind when you think of Saratoga? I kept hearing recurring themes and used those as the basis of the lyrics. I came up with a simple, singable melody that kids would enjoy. With the help of Gary and Becky Dugan, we put the song into print, along with a march-like accompaniment. Our SFC Kids Choir learned the song, and Iain and Lindsay Roush worked with me to get them on video. On April 28 at Saratoga's State of the City event, the video was played for the first time as the song, called *Our Home Saratoga* was premiered and introduced. Here's the link to that video: <http://www.saratogafederated.org/kids-choir.html>.

The song has been noted in The Saratoga News, and Spotlight magazine

will be featuring it in an upcoming issue. We are hoping that it will be part of Saratoga's 4th of July celebration at Kevin Moran Park, as well.

Here are the lyrics:

Our Home Saratoga

We love our home Saratoga, our place to belong

On trails of flowers, trees, and mountain breeze

We're able to walk along

To experience the sunshine and the blossoms of spring

Makes us part of the fabric of all these things

Seasoned with tradition, colored by love

Heritage and beauty, all a part of

Our home Saratoga, we lift up a cheer

Our own Saratoga, we're glad we live here

Words & Music by Bill Allison, 2018

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will be breaking for the summer, starting up again in September with circle meetings the third Tuesday, September 18. Your circle leader will be calling you a couple weeks before then giving you the place and time. If you are not currently in a circle and would like to be, contact Joan Leonard at (408) 741-0213. Our kick-off luncheon will be Tuesday, October 2. Put it on your calendar More details will be given later.

Have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you in the fall!

New to Church?

If you are interested in learning more about Saratoga Federated Church, we invite you to the membership class on Sunday, September 30 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. We'll discuss our history as one of the oldest churches in Saratoga and how we got the name "Federated." We will explore our beliefs and examine our doctrine. We'll look at the ministries and organization of the church, and offer ways to get involved. This is a "no pressure" class - you are welcome to attend regardless of any intention to join the church.

For more information, or to register, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext 233. We'll provide food, so come join us for a fun and informative morning together.

Fed Family Deadlines

Aug 8, 2018 Sep/Oct Issue
Oct 3, 2018 Nov/Dec Issue
Nov 14, 2018 Jan/Feb Issue
Feb 6, 2019 Mar/Apr Issue

We're Moving

Keep in Touch

Mike & Janet Caldwell
2104 Cadenza Lane
Raleigh, NC 27614

If you have moved, send your new address to Debbie Sturm at debbie@saratogafederated.org.



Saratoga Federated Church

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20390 Park Place
Saratoga, CA 95070

Business Office:
14370 Saratoga Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Congratulations!

July Anniversaries

William & Martha Thomas	July 6	77 years
Gordon & Andrea Anderson	July 7	18 years
Matt & Tracy Hall	July 12	4 years
Wade & Phyllis Meyercord	July 13	55 years
Bill & Linda Snider	July 14	45 years
Bob & Yvette Lee	July 14	34 years
Rob & Nancy Stump	July 14	34 years
Dick & Jody Wheeler	July 14	28 years
Harry & Claudia Peabody	July 15	29 years
Kurt & Kathy Kroesche	July 15	23 years
Brian & Denae Haugen	July 15	11 years
Dennis & Robyn Swan	July 16	41 years
Michael & Donna Butcher	July 17	47 years
Charles & Suzanne Jo	July 17	18 years
Bob & Nancy Commins	July 18	54 years
Steven & Jennifer Feldmeyer	July 18	9 years
Glenn & Janelle Aby	July 19	20 years
Steve & Marcia Wright	July 20	27 years
Rick & Stephanie Louie	July 20	27 years
Thomas & Janice Berthold	July 21	45 years
John & Cookie Britton	July 24	25 years
John & Peggy Beck	July 25	26 years
Russ Krapf & Ellen Krapf-Evans	July 25	9 years
Carl & Sheri Agers	July 27	22 years
Jim & Ruth Kolesar	July 29	1 year

August Anniversaries

Erick & Debbie Sturm	August 4	39 years
Eddie Babcock & Karen Chez	August 5	29 years
Henri & Barbara Jeanrenaud	August 6	41 years
David & Ann Fisher	August 8	65 years
Gabe & Casey Gilliam	August 9	15 years
George & Donna Lee	August 10	61 years
Tom & Joyce Martin	August 11	39 years
Robert & Karel Peer	August 12	56 years
CJ & TracyLyn Clark	August 12	6 years
Iain & Lindsay Roush	August 14	8 years
Carl & Sharon Liljenstolpe	August 15	54 years
Jack & Phyllis Dunstan	August 17	55 years
Ray & Mary Coustier	August 17	33 years
Marty & Miriam Von Raesfeld	August 17	33 years
Tony & Carol Catron	August 19	57 years
Dick & Lynn Rowe	August 19	40 years
Larry & Carla Bjork	August 20	58 years
Chris & Barb Clark	August 20	41 years
Mike & Judi Falarski	August 22	54 years
Sam & Laura Wolfe	August 22	9 years
Doug & Marilynn Nagel	August 24	62 years
Keith & Dorothy Fraker	August 24	58 years
Dave & Mary Norton	August 26	46 years
Jeff & Barbara Cage	August 26	35 years
Cameron & Lisa Tulee	August 26	14 years
Ted & Elaine Clabeaux	August 30	61 years
Larry & Betty Hinman	August 30	49 years