

Fed Family

Saratoga Federated Church Newsletter

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Important Dates

May

- 2 - Women's Luncheon
- 6 - Bridge Builders Respite Day
- 7 - Annual Meeting
- 13 - Men's Ministries Breakfast
- 21 - Children's Musical &
Fed Family Festival

June

- 4 - Serve Sunday
- 6 - Women's Luncheon
- 19 - VBS Starts!

New Hosts on Campus

Perhaps you've noticed some folks at church wearing blue "Host" name tags. This is part of a new ministry to welcome others to our church and to create a welcoming atmosphere. The Bible is very clear that we are to practice hospitality. While we often think of hospitality in terms of welcoming family, friends and neighbors to a meal in our home, the writers of the New Testament had a much broader definition of hospitality. In their world, hospitality was centered in the practice of welcoming strangers into one's home while keeping them safe. The epistles provide strong evidence for the importance of hospitality: Paul made it a requirement for leadership (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8) and instructs believers to practice hospitality (Romans 12:13). Peter challenges the community to offer hospitality ungrudgingly (1 Peter 4:9). Why does the Bible stress that we are to practice hospitality?

One reason is to share the hospitality we have received from Jesus. Whenever we partake of communion, we gather around the table for the Lord's Supper. Welcoming others reminds us that we once were strangers, alienated from God, and now have been welcomed into the family of God. When we welcome others, especially the stranger, we extend to them the same hospitality God has extended to us. Practicing

hospitality provides a safe place where people are invited to experience abundant life in God.

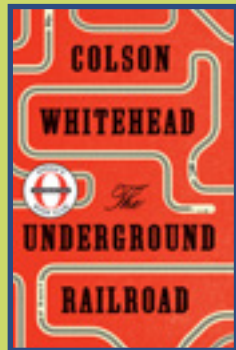
Recent research shows that loneliness is as harmful to our health as smoking or obesity, yet many people around us are lonely, longing for true community and belonging. If we as the church, the living hands and feet of Jesus, do not welcome others, who will?

The hosts you see on campus are living out the commandment of hospitality. They are welcoming the stranger as an honored guest, helping them find their way around our church, which is sometimes described as the "Winchester Mystery Church" for all its various entrances and exits. Our hope is that each person who sets foot on campus will know he is – she is – God's beloved. Practicing New Testament hospitality is one of the ways we live out our vision of Life in God, Life with Others and Life for Others. Loving God and loving people are made tangible.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please 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.

Book Club

The May Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, May 18 at 12:15 pm in room 111. We will be discussing *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. The National Book Award winner and #1 New York Times bestseller is a magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.



The June Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, June 15 at 12:15 pm in room 111. We will be discussing *Native Son* by Richard Wright. A deep story about a young man from Chicago and his life that takes him down the wrong path.



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

From the Desk of Pastor Gabe

I'm guessing you saw the recent episode in the news in which United Airlines forcibly removed a passenger from the plane? In the process of this removal, security officers bloodied and bruised this man while literally dragging him down the middle aisle off the airplane while all of the other passengers watched in horror with their cameras rolling. Why was this man dragged off the plane? He was dragged off the plane because United needed room for one of their employees and they needed his seat to accommodate their own needs.

Well, you know how this story turned out. This entire event was a public relations nightmare for this airline, not to mention the steep drop in their company's value as people sold off their stock and vowed to never travel the scary skies again with such a terrible company. To top it all off, the company, via the CEO, claimed this was all done according to protocol, and while it was a sad event, it was necessary. Whether protocol was followed, whether the company was in the right, whether this man was belligerent no longer matter. The nation was horrified and left with the image of a man being humiliated and physically dragged out of the plane as the "United" experience.

Some people in the world around us have had some sort of similar experience with the church. While it may have been an isolated event or the work of an unscrupulous individual, people have been literally and metaphorically dragged out of the church. Against their will, people have been hurt and embarrassed by the church and felt like they have been left spiritually bloodied and bruised. All

of this has happened with numerous onlookers watching in horror with their cameras rolling. They have seen pastors acting poorly, they have seen personal divisions and they have been hurt by theological wrestling matches. They have watched a supposedly united church act thoroughly divided and fractured.

Because of all of this, people are leaving the church in droves. They were dragged out or pushed over by some person or some episode and they vow to never go back. People are still interested in Jesus, but they have a hard time seeing him because of the church. All of this means we have an opportunity before us. As a church, we need to consider how people are welcomed, loved and supported. As a church, we need to consider how we can be the best church we can be in order to impact the world and point them toward Jesus.

Starting on April 30, we will begin a seven-week series looking at the letters to the churches in the book of Revelation. Almost a generation after the death and resurrection of Jesus, this book offers a course correction from Jesus to those who represent him in the world. In these chapters, Jesus speaks to seven different churches, sometimes offering criticism, sometimes offering praise. Jesus reminds these churches who they are truly called to be.

I hope you will join us for this series and dream with us about who God has called SFC to truly be in this world and how we can impact the Bay Area for Christ.

Gabe Gilliam

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the third worship service at approximately 12:10 pm on Sunday, May 7. Light refreshments will be provided. This meeting serves as the mechanism through which various key leaders are chosen and affirmed. An election will be held for Elders, the Church Treasurer, Care Deacons as well as for Nominating and Foundation Committee members. There is also a proposed change to our bylaws that would make our Teaching Pastor an

additional Elder. The other major agenda item at this meeting will be an update on our vision.

Please come and support your church's governance process! All are welcome, though only registered members will be able to vote. We plan to be done within one hour. Nursery care will be available during the meeting for children ages 3 months to 4 years. Detailed information, including a proxy ballot for use by members, will be mailed separately. A detailed presentation of the proposed bylaws change can be found below.

Proposed Bylaw Change

This year we are proposing a change to the bylaws to strengthen the relationship between the Elders and the Pastoral Staff. Specifically, we are proposing a change to Article V Section 2 - Council of Elders - Membership that adds the Teaching Pastor as a voting member to the group of 8 to 12 Elders.

The paragraph below uses italics to show what words are being added to the existing bylaw language. No other words are being changed or deleted, so the paragraph below displays the exact wording of this bylaw section as proposed.

The Council shall consist of a group ranging from eight (8) to twelve (12) qualified non-staff church Members, a portion of whom shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting to serve three-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting. *In addition, the Teaching Pastor shall be a voting*

member of the Council. In the event an available elected Council position is vacant it shall be filled by vote of the Council with the newly selected Council member serving until the next Annual Meeting, at which time the Members shall elect a Member for the balance of the term.

The Elders believe this offers a better reflection of several facts:

- 1) The role of Pastor and the role of Elder are very similar as described in various New Testament writings.
- 2) There is appropriately a very close working relationship between the Pastoral Staff and the Council of Elders.
- 3) While providing a voting Elder position to the Teaching Pastor, we specifically are not providing the same voting privileges to the other Pastors and Ministers so the Elders remain an independent group of church leaders.

The Elders encourage you to vote yes to approve this bylaw amendment.

Bridge Builders Respite Day

Saturday, May 6

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

(volunteers arrive at 8:15 am for training and breakfast)

Parents get to take a break and relax while their children have fun with spring crafts, cookie decorating, games and more.

Parents, please register your children as soon as possible as we do fill up quickly.

Volunteers, please sign up early so we know how many families we can serve.

No Cost

Must Pre-Register

Volunteers Needed!

To register your children or to volunteer to serve, please contact Kaity Weisenberger at wisebrgr@yahoo.com.



Kids Choir Musical

Come on a journey into the future to a galaxy far away. The crew of the starship "Star Quest J-316," is on a mission to boldly spread God's love in the greater Omega Galaxy! Paper has been outdated, all written communication is now digital and believers can only read their cyber Bibles on the intergalactic Bible database. You will meet Captain Holly Grammar and her crew, who love to share the love of God throughout the galaxy, but were never taught the importance of Bible memorization. The theme of memorizing God's word permeates this musical as the crew encounters a villain named Deletor from the planet M-Nezia, who manages to use Zita the Droidbot to hack into and delete the entire Cyber Bible before anyone can stop him! The crew doesn't realize Zita has been compromised until she starts

displaying some puzzling behavior. But even as it seems Deletor has succeeded in deleting the entire database of scriptures, God has not forgotten the crew of the Star Quest J-316, and leads them to meet the citizens of a not-so-technologically-advanced planet who have memorized the Bible.

Along the way, the SFC Kids Choir has memorized a lot of scripture too! They are excited to show you what they've learned. Plan to be in church on Sunday, May 21 at 9:30 and 11:00 am, as the future church praises God in their exuberant, energetic style.



ALL CHURCH RETREAT



Mount Hermon ~ September 8 – 10, 2017

Fed Family Festival

The 2017 Fed Family Festival immediately follows the Kids Choir musical after both the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, on Sunday, May 21. The bountiful array of food and décor on the courtyard will continue the theme of the morning and will give everyone a chance to connect and extend the intergenerational atmosphere. We will also be celebrating and honoring our 2017 graduates, so come expecting a great day.

Chapel Air Conditioning

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, we now have air conditioning in the Chapel. While that may not seem very valuable if you only use this room to attend a Sunday morning service, please know that afternoon weddings and memorial services have been severely impacted by the heat in the past. The Chapel is used for other events as well and with this upgrade it will get even more use.

This upgrade has been in the works for nearly two years as we reviewed various solutions that would not compromise the Julia Morgan architecture. We found a solution that satisfied the Saratoga City Planning and Building departments, while minimizing the visual impact of any changes. We utilized our existing

furnaces as part of the finished system, but re-routed the air ducts to be more efficient for both heating and cooling. This rework should result in the system being a bit quieter as well.

There are still some aesthetic repairs to be completed, but the system became fully operational before Palm Sunday. Thank you for your patience during the modest disruption of this project.

Jerry Bruce



All Church Retreat - September 8 to 10 Mount Hermon Conference Center

- Boating
- Climbing Wall
- Fitness Center
- High Ropes
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Crafts
- Archery
- Discovery Grove
- Conference Center Pool
- Board Games
- And More!

Housing

Two styles of accommodations—lodges and cabins; at three levels:

All linens included (sheets and towels), private baths, hand soap provided.

Deluxe - beds are pre-made upon arrival, upgraded furnishings

and decor with larger, more spacious rooms.

Standard - beds are pre-made upon arrival with upgraded furnishings and decor.

Economy - Make your own bed upon arrival with basic furnishings and decor.

Meals

Meals at the Mount Hermon Conference Center include a wide variety of well-prepared food with diverse options, including a kid's bar, gluten free options, salad bars and Mount Hermon favorites.

Pricing

Retreat pricing is variable based on level: economy, standard or deluxe; and whether you are rooming single,

double, triple or more. Family pricing allows a lower price for children 4-17, while children 3 and under are free. Per person adult prices (double occupancy) range from an economy room at \$200 to a deluxe room at \$305. This includes all retreat events and six meals. Special recreation opportunities are available for an additional charge.

For more details go to www.saratogafederated.org.

Care Update - Our Prayer Ministry

Think of prayer as a road into the city of God. It moves us to a place beyond our current state, a place where we are not lost but found, not unknown but known. The streets in God's city have no names because there is no need to navigate them. We need only walk forward, through prayer and God will find us there.

On Mondays, the Care Team Associates carefully gather your prayer requests for distribution to our prayer team of 100 plus souls. These prayer requests come to us via email, phone and by the blue cards submitted on Sundays. Confidentiality is a high priority, so permission must be given by the person being prayed for in

order for their name and need to be shared. Contact information from the one submitting the request allows us to follow up on the care needs that are shared.

We encourage your own practice of prayer, for yourself and for others. In the simplest form, prayer is like breathing. We do it to survive. Whether whispered or gasped, prayer is a lifeline that keeps us from turning into dust. Or perhaps it helps us turn back into dust, reminding us how fragile and dependent our existence is. Whichever way you look at it, the Care Team is grateful for



your confidence as you trust us to carry your requests down the dusty road where we know God will find us.

*Savoy Stevens
On behalf of the Care Team*

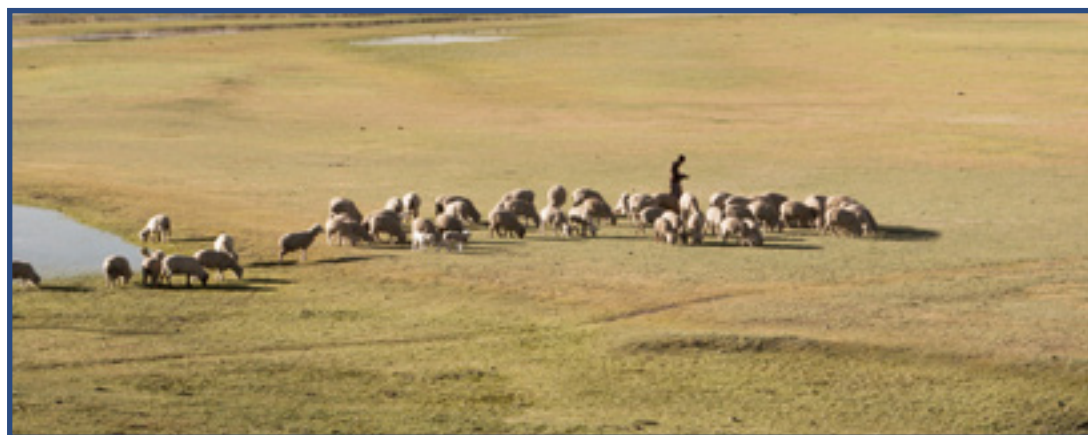
Care Reflection - Feed My Sheep

When Jesus said, "Feed my sheep," he meant not only to provide food for their physical hunger, but to care for any needs they had. There's a lot of caring that happens at Saratoga Federated, much of it is unseen. Recently we received such care. Last December 1, Bruce fell on his head from the back of the church pick-up truck while working in the parking lot behind the post office. A friend saw it happen, called 911 and called me as the ambulance took him to the trauma center at Valley Medical

Center. I'm told a group was working in the Sanctuary and stopped to pray for him when they heard what had happened. A pastor called to see how he could help me and later brought Bruce's truck home from the church. I don't drive, but when I called a church friend, he came at once and took me to the hospital. He stayed until I was ready to go home while a Care Team Associate arranged for a Care Deacon and another woman to spend the night with me. A friend in Modesto put her life on hold for eight days and moved

in to care for both of us until Bruce was able to resume his role as my caregiver. Another Care Deacon brought food and ran errands while God went about the job only he could do . . . healing Bruce. We're blessed to be part of a family that excels at being the hands and feet of God.

*Diana McFarling, Care Deacon
Team 3 for ages 70 and older*



Changes at Joni and Friends

This July, long time SFC member, Debbie Lillo, will be retiring from her role as Church Relations Manager for Joni and Friends. Joni and Friends is a ministry that serves families with special needs in the Bay Area. They provide practical help and support while also helping these individuals and families find faith and belonging. She has been on staff at Joni and Friends and an SFC Local Outreach recipient for over nine years. Debbie focuses on encouraging and equipping churches to intentionally welcome those with disabilities and their families.

As Debbie looks forward to her retirement, she is particularly excited about spending more time with her grandson and aging in-laws. She plans on focusing more deeply on our SFC Bridge Builder program. She is passionate about our church continuing respite programs for families with disabled children and she wants to build upon meaningful relationships to encourage further engagement in our church community. Debbie will continue to support Joni

and Friends by being a part of their Equipping Team of volunteers who help the staff accelerate the ministry.

Joni and Friends is preparing now for the changes ahead. Since last fall, Debbie has been training and coaching an East Bay Church Relations Coordinator to continue the work in that region. Also, the ministry is currently looking to hire a part time South Bay Church Relations Coordinator to serve churches here in the South Bay. Joni and Friends will continue to need our support as they work to support more and more churches in the Bay Area and continue to host two impactful family camps every summer.

If you are interested in helping with our Bridge Builders ministry at SFC, feel free to reach out to Debbie Lillo. SFC is always in need of more volunteers to be Sunday buddies who accompany disabled students to Sunday School. Debbie is also beginning to build a team to organize the respite events serving families with



disabled children. About 30 volunteers are needed for each of these events, giving parents a much-needed respite while church volunteers care for their disabled and non-disabled children for a few hours.

Join me in thanking Debbie Lillo for her kingdom work with Joni and Friends and our own SFC Bridge Builders. Pray a blessing upon her retirement and for the continued outreach of these great ministries.

Deep Sea Discovery VBS at SFC

June 19 to 23

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

For kids 4 years to fifth grade

Join us for *Deep Sea Discovery* where kids explore God's wonders through silly skits, catchy songs, science projects, fun games and crafts!

Camper and volunteer registration is available at saratogafederated.org.

For more information about Vacation Bible School please contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org.



Village Preschool

The children at Village Preschool are getting excited to host our annual Spring Tea on Thursday, May 11. This event is a great way to honor and celebrate the amazing families we have here at Village. It has been wonderful to watch how the children have blossomed with Miss Sarah and our staff of loving teachers. The time has flown by this year, but the memories we will always hold dear and near to our hearts. It has always amazed me to watch the growth from the first day they walk through our doors to when we send them off to kindergarten as little “stars.” Just like beautiful butterflies, we give them their wings and watch them fly.

Linda Kerin, Village Preschool Director

Junior High

The transition from fifth grade to junior high is like climbing a mountain for some students, but at SFC we want to help families encourage their children in this process with the Fifth Grade Milestone Celebration. In our church community, this is a spiritual milestone where we affirm students and their families. Last month, during our Milestone Celebration dinner, several parents expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to stop and tell their student how much they are loved, but also how exciting their future is with Jesus. As one parent said, “Showing my child that Jesus matters during this transition is so valuable.” We are thankful for these families and look forward to supporting their relationship with God.

Yvette Lee, Director of Junior High Ministry

High School

The Family Ministry program has a series of milestones that act as a map of hoped-for faith development that fuels parents and the church’s discipling of our children. These milestones begin with Infant Baptisms and Dedications and conclude with our milestone for high school seniors. Our senior milestone, Project 2017, began last May when we kicked off a series of seminars that equip a group of seniors to graduate with the desire/discipline to pursue their faith, build healthy relationships and make wise decisions.

We culminate their shared experience with a “rite of passage.” On May 21, we will give the congregation an opportunity to pray for these students as they prepare to go to college in the fall. On June 4, the students and their parents will gather for a celebration in our chapel.

Matt Hall, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Children’s Ministry

Little Katie’s family is new to SFC and she is a little nervous about Sunday School. She shows up and a greeter directs her family to her kindergarten class on the first floor. It is bright and cheerful, full of toys and kids playing. She is warmly welcomed by her teachers and teen mentors who introduce her to the other children. The class fills up to about 16 kids and Katie is surrounded by friends. The teacher calls everyone to the rug for story time and to teach them a song. When her mom and dad come to pick her up at the end of the service, Katie is playing in the play kitchen and has long forgotten about her worries. She has so much fun, she doesn’t want to leave! Her parents are pleased and glad to bring Katie back next week.

This is not a stand-alone story, but more an example of the Sunday School environment in all nine of our classrooms every Sunday. It sounds ideal, almost too good to be true. Fortunately for us, here at SFC, it is also a reality. This level of comfort and welcome is only made possible by the phenomenal teaching team who dedicates their time, every week, to make sure each and every child has a good experience and continues to build relationships here on Sunday morning. Our teaching team understands that the child’s impression of Sunday school will impact their relationship with the church, and more importantly with God. Our teachers do not take their roles lightly. Our mentorship goes a step further with our energetic, fun-loving teen mentors who invest in our kids every week. These teachers dedicate hours each week to preparing crafts, lessons and games for our kids so they might know Jesus and one day empower the next generation to be disciples in the world. They consider themselves just regular believers following God. To me, they are the unsung heroes of the church who humbly serve consistently without asking for anything in return and are brilliant examples of God’s hands and feet in the world.

I would like to thank our incredible teaching team for sharing their love, theology, time and creativity to God’s precious children. The teaching opportunity is open to any who are interested in serving and helping little ones, just like Katie, experience Jesus. Please contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org if you feel called to serve on a team guaranteed to impact the future of the church and God’s Kingdom here on earth

Sarah Silva, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Family Life Groups

Pastor Tim asked my husband and I, “Why is it important to you to participate in a life group as a family (instead of a men’s/women’s group or a couple’s group)?” The simplest response is just that. It is where we are in life – married with three kids ages five to nine. There are many reasons though.

First, it’s important to us to have the kids see what a vibrant Christian community looks like and to experience the life that happens in that context. It includes learning how to be hospitable, how to share authentically, how to forgive, how to bear each other’s burdens, how to celebrate and rejoice with each other, how to communicate truth, blessing each other, serving together, loving each other, loving God and much more. It goes beyond the Sunday morning experience of learning about God through his word and worshipping him together. It is a way of doing life together. We have been in small groups where our kids were all asleep while we experienced this rich community, and we wanted them to see and experience it themselves.

Second, we wanted them to know that we value this. If they didn’t participate and actually see us committing time and energy and effort, they might not understand how important it is to both their parents. We hope and pray that living life regularly and being deeply connected to other believers will become a way of life for them as they grow up.

Third, we value having other families know and love on our kids. As we have heard from the message of Sticky Faith and the research that went along with that, it takes a community of loving adults to help children navigate growing up and becoming

mature adults. Those relationships require time and investment to be places where kids can truly be real. They require shared experiences to build. They do not happen overnight or just when you need them to be there. Our small group allows for those relationships to organically grow.

Finally, we just enjoy being able to do life with other families in a similar life stage. The struggles and triumphs can be shared and milestones celebrated. We have so many fun memories of camping, rich conversations, eating delicious meals, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, supporting each other through tough seasons, serving together and just playing. We are so grateful to get to do that with these families who are willing to commit to meeting regularly in a valley full of very busy people! It has been worth every ounce of investment.

Sarah Penzel



Serve Sunday - June 4

Projects – Provisions – Polos. What do these have to do with Serve Sunday?

Projects are primarily what we do that day. Preparations are well under way for our next Serve Sunday on June 4. Check our Serve Day webpage at www.saratogafederated.org/serve for more information including a link to our sign-up form. Pass this information on to your neighbors. Invite a friend. Please help make this truly a community building event. If you know of a deserving project, please let us know. A project idea form is available on our Serve Day web page.

Provisions remind us that we host a food drive now for each Serve Sunday.

June's recipient will be House of Hope. The House of Hope provides physical, spiritual and emotional support for those in need in our community. They also run a food pantry out of a building on the campus of Calvary Church Los Gatos. Please help our local needy by bringing dry and canned goods for this drive. A list of preferred food items is available on our Serve webpage – www.saratogafederated.org/serve.

Polos and t-shirts with the SFC logo or the Serve Day logo are also available to order on that same webpage. The polos have our logo on the front (with nothing on the back) and are \$10 each. The t-shirts have our Serve Day logo



on the back (nothing on the front) and cost a mere \$5 each. We have most sizes in stock and will re-order any sold out sizes in time for you to wear yours on June 4. Both styles are navy blue with white lettering. Order your shirts now at www.saratogafederated.org/serve.

Thank You...

Thank you for putting
a smile on my face
for creating the human race
for your prophecy of peace
because without you
we would surely decrease.

From the top of the highest
mountain to the bottom of the
lowest fountain he loves us all
a love that will never be deceased.

Come one and come all
if you seek him you will never fall
just give him a call
just say his name
ask
and he will help you over any wall.

For the many that look away
you have gone astray
and that's okay
because one and all you can
at any time turn back his way
and look for him
and he will help you stand tall.

From the boy in the manger
to anyone
a complete stranger
you will never be in danger
he will protect you
just trust in him
for he will not forsake you.

From the bottom of the Dead Sea to
the top of the tallest tree
you are his creation
so just remember that from January
to December you will never miss the
train that leaves his station.

When you feel his love it will be
like the soft feathers of a dove
a warm breeze on a cool night
he will take you from a dark room
and add a soft light.



God I pray to you
let good prevail
make darkness get crushed
by your light
let the righteous win the fight
send the demons and the devil
back to where they belong
let the weak become the strong
this is our time of need
and we need God's speed
your cunning, your wits
we ask this in Jesus' name
your only son
the one beside you he sits
amen.

Brian Geistlinger, April 6, 2017

Men's Ministries Breakfast

Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 am in Richards Hall

Major John Desplancke of the Salvation Army will be our final speaker of the year on Saturday, May 13. John was born in Los Angeles, California. The Salvation Army has always been his church home. His mother was invited to a Salvation Army vacation Bible school in the early 1950s and that was the beginning of John's affiliation with the Salvation Army.

John is married to Major Linnea Desplancke and as Salvation Army officers they have pastored congregations in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Aurora, Colorado, Oxnard, California and Bullhead City, Arizona. Most recently they have served in San Jose.

John's subject will be *Salvation Army 101*. Tickets are on sale on the



courtyard. The breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 10:00 am in Richards Hall. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. All men are invited to attend.

Village Forum Re-Cap

Village Forum Coaches on Developing a Life Plan

On March 16, the Village Forum was held at the Saratoga Community Center, featuring Stanford lecturer and long-time SFC member Dave Evans providing insights from his best-selling book *Designing Your Life*, which is based on the class Dave is co-teaching at Stanford. After the talk, there were questions from Gabe Gilliam regarding how faith plays a role in this process. This was followed by a lively discussion around questions from the audience. The audience included a spectrum of ages including 18 high schoolers from Los

Gatos High. The Village Forum is sponsored by the Local Outreach Team with the intent to draw people into a conversation about spiritual issues and the big questions of life. The next Village Forum is scheduled for Thursday, May 18.



Women's Fellowship

Ladies! You won't want to miss the Womens Fellowship luncheon on Tuesday, May 2 at 11:00 am in Richards Hall. The program is entitled *Captivating Collections* and will feature Women's Fellowship women displaying and sharing their personal collections including miniature dolls, Madam Alexander dolls, quilts, antique samplers, paper weights, nesting dolls, salt cellars, mortars and pestles, Bibles, Beanie Babies, miniature elephants and many more. Invite a friend! All women are welcome!



Our final meeting before summer break will feature a pot luck Patio Party in Douglass Hall on June 6 at 11:30 am. Your circle leader will be sharing more information at your circle meeting. Invite a guest to experience Women's Fellowship in a warm, friendly setting.

To register for the upcoming May and June luncheons, contact Nancy Kamalski at (408) 255-3627 or nancykamalski@gmail.com. You may also sign up on the courtyard on Sundays between services.

Fed Family Deadlines

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We're Moving

Keep in Touch

Let us know if there is a move in your future. Please send your new address to Debbie Sturm at debbie@saratogafederated.org.

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 Saratoga, CA 95070

Congratulations!

May Anniversaries

Mark & Kimberly Leonard	May 1	24 years
Tadashi & Sarah Okuno	May 1	24 years
Rolf & Bonnie Noehr	May 2	47 years
Tom & Ellen Hogue	May 5	55 years
Bill & Linelle Bell	May 6	50 years
Tom & Elaine Henson	May 6	50 years
Steve & Lisa Sinclair	May 7	23 years
Neil & Joan Holland	May 9	25 years
Nick & Karen Seroff	May 11	32 years
Jon & Arianna Gerry	May 15	7 years
Don & Ruth Bruns	May 18	66 years
Mark & Julie Cabrales	May 20	28 years
Roger & Janine Murray	May 21	40 years
Joel & Sarah Carter	May 21	12 years
Ed & Nancy Kamalski	May 22	41 years
Norb Fronczak & Margaret Dancey	May 26	22 years
Mark & Tarla Draper	May 26	5 years
Stephen & Shira Kempf	May 26	5 years
Charlie Snyder & Debbie Supnet	May 28	6 years
Jim & Ruthie Koch	May 29	35 years
Norman & Muriel Alexander	May 30	60 years
Neal & Sonja Locke	May 30	25 years
Alex & Terri Bailey	May 31	31 years

June Anniversaries

Tom & Mary Priest	June 1	49 years
Mike & Bev Poellot	June 3	50 years
Bob & Gay Bohn	June 4	60 years
Chris & Elizabeth Engelman	June 5	24 years
Bruce & Diana McFarling	June 6	52 years
Scott & Carol Hutchings	June 7	31 years
Arvin & Dale Engelson	June 8	49 years
Eric & Marguerite McAfee	June 8	26 years
Craig & Carrie Elin Awbrey	June 10	28 years
Burt & Karen Schraga	June 10	28 years
David & Karen Leitzell	June 11	34 years
Darrell & Betty Qualls	June 13	58 years
Dan & Ann Nash	June 13	25 years
Mike & Janet Caldwell	June 14	39 years
Bob & Barbara Goedjen	June 15	62 years
Bill & Nancy Sanderson	June 15	60 years
Dana & Melinda Chase	June 15	49 years
Lawson & Lynn Adams	June 16	49 years
Karsten & Lauren Temme	June 16	10 years
Charles & Phyllis Marsh	June 17	66 years
Lou & Sandy Thorpe	June 17	55 years
Fred & Jo Chez	June 18	60 years
Mike & Ginny Bowman	June 18	23 years
Vincent & Arlene Tong	June 18	23 years
William & Jenny Martinusen	June 18	6 years
Al & Ellen Trimble	June 21	59 years
Jeff & Jean Cherniss	June 21	30 years
Jim & Hester O'Gara	June 22	43 years
Carl & Olivia DCosta	June 23	31 years
Bob & Pat Rung	June 24	67 years
Don & Carolyn Armstrong	June 24	50 years
Pete & Jane Franusich	June 25	67 years
Jon & Stephanie Giamanco	June 25	11 years
Bill & Diane Janz	June 26	52 years
Michael & Lindsay Bloom	June 26	7 years
Rol & Camille Chapman	June 27	53 years
Doug & Audrey Bloom	June 27	36 years
John & Peggy Kimball	June 28	31 years
Trevor & Laurel Shephard	June 28	3 years
Romeo & Brittany Gonzalez	June 29	4 years
Ken & Doris Johnson	June 30	61 years
Dick & Bobbi Brendlen	June 30	33 years
Joe & Crista Fabbri	June 30	5 years