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Saratoga Federated Church Newsletter

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Important Dates

November

- 7 - Women's Luncheon
- 16 - Book Club
- 23 - Thanksgiving Day Service

December

- 5 - Women's Luncheon
- 8-10 - Christmas in Saratoga
- 24 - Christmas Eve Services
- 25 - Christmas Morning Service

Why People Go To Church at Christmastime

In a recent poll of 1,000 Americans, LifeWay Research found six out of 10 Americans typically attend church at Christmastime, but among those who do not attend church at Christmastime, a majority (57%) say they would likely attend if someone they knew invited them.

"Regular churchgoers may assume the rest of America has already made up their mind not to attend church," said Scott McConnell, vice president of LifeWay Research. "In reality, many would welcome going to a Christmas service with someone they know."

Another article gave eight reasons that people would consider going to a church at Christmastime:

1. It's tradition!
2. It's a family obligation!
3. It's for the kids!
4. It's safe!
5. It's about Jesus!
6. It's positive!
7. It's got cultural momentum!
8. It's an "event"!

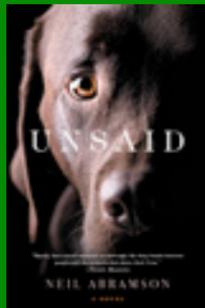
It's for these reasons that about 350 people participate or help in some way to present Christmas in Saratoga, and why we offer three Christmas Eve services. Consider it a way to invite a friend over to get to know them better. These are Life for Others events, created as opportunities for you to celebrate with a purpose. We will tell the story of Jesus that connects the past, the present and the future. It's pivotal, it's life-changing, it's true and it's a gift. Plan to come, plan to help and best of all, plan to invite a friend.



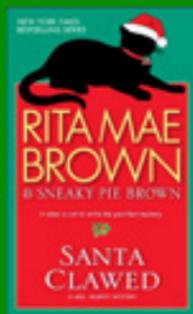
Book Club

The November Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, November 16 at 12:15 pm in room 111. We will be discussing *Unsaid* by Neil Abramson.

This book is about all the things unsaid between husband and wife, heaven and earth, humans and animals. It is a touching and dramatic story about love.



The December Book Club meeting will be held Thursday, December 21 at 12:15 pm in room 111. We will have a Christmas luncheon and discuss *Santa Clawed: a Mrs. Murphy Mystery* by Rita Mae Brown. This is a fun cat mystery about a corpse in a Christmas tree farm and as the season gets merrier the murderer gets bolder.



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

From the Desk of Pastor Gabe

I was a waiter for most of my college years. I wore a black vest with a red bow tie, and I sold Cajun seafood to the hungry people of Fort Worth. While it was hard work and often long days, I now look back with fondness on that season of my life. Besides paying for school, waiting tables was also preparing me for ministry. I just didn't know it at the time. In hindsight, I can see the preparation taking place. I had to memorize the menu and share it with new people while juggling multiple tasks all at once. You might be able to see how that prepared me to be a preacher and pastor.

It would be easy for me to point to the obvious ways that God trained and prepared me to be where I am today - seminary, internships, itinerant preaching, etc. More recently though, I have come to appreciate the "unofficial" preparation God often uses to shape and mold us into the people he has called us to be. While you might look at your spiritual growth and attribute

your current status to a timely sermon or an enlightening moment of scripture reading, I want to encourage you to see all of life as a preparation and molding for who God is calling you to become.

Our community's vision is to produce kingdom entrepreneurs. Simply put, kingdom entrepreneurs see broken things in this world and they fix them in Jesus' name. In order to do that, you must find your calling in this world. If you want to know your calling, you can look at how God has been preparing you. Not only the "spiritual" preparation but also the "unofficial" preparation of daily life. The victories and the tears. The detours. The defeats. God is making you into the person he wants you to be for a calling he wants you to embrace. You have a gift, and you have permission to use it. Look at how God has been preparing you and begin to share that gift with a hurting world around you.

Gabe Gilliam, Teaching Pastor



Lenten Offering Update

Thanks to your generosity during Lent, we gave \$28,000 to World Relief, providing refugee support for churches in the Middle East. Our gift was part of an effort that saw 29 churches and 326 volunteers mobilized across the Middle East, serving 112,566 displaced and vulnerable people. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Day Service

Each year congregations in Saratoga come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of church, home and country. SFC will be hosting the service this year, sponsored by the Saratoga Ministerial Association. People of all faiths are invited to attend this community-wide celebration of thanks on Thursday, November 23 from 10:00 to 11:15 am in our Sanctuary followed by a hearty reception.

As in years past, the service falls on Thanksgiving day, making it extra special for participants who join together in singing, prayer and fellowship. The morning includes singing of hymns, a Thanksgiving proclamation and

the reading of prayers and scriptures from the Hebrew, Muslim, Hindu and Christian faiths. Our SFC Choir and Orchestra, along with our own Lindsay Roush, will be joined by musicians from other congregations.

In a time when the evening news is filled with examples of division and polarization, we have the humble honor of opening our doors to all with grace. Consider helping us welcome the community by serving as an usher, with food preparation or food service and clean up. If you are available, please contact Diane Allison at diane@saratogafederated.org.

Got Questions?

We live in a world where the mission field has come to us. We often want to talk to our neighbors and coworkers about our faith but are unsure of how to do this. One of the most effective ways is to simply ask questions.

Join us for breakfast on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 to 10:30 am to

hear Mary Schaller, president of Q Place, share proven and practical ways of asking questions that engage hearts and minds.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext. 233.

Village Forum

The next Village Forum will be held Thursday, November 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Saratoga Community Center. The topic will be *Racism In Our Neighborhood: What would Jesus say?* The program will consist of a candid talk by Bryan Loritts, pastor at Abundant Life Church in Mountain View. A panel discussion will follow Bryan's presentation. The panel members are part of our church family: Carl Agers, Sam Sells and Nina Giles. They will discuss their experiences with racism in our neighborhood.

After the planned presentation and discussion, we will have an open conversation and discussion with attendees. Food and beverages will be available.

Please invite anyone who will value this experience. Your personal invitation is the best way to get the word out.

The Village Forum series is designed for the community beyond SFC by our Local Outreach Team.

Request your free ticket by emailing thevillageforum@gmail.com.

Year End Financial Reminders

1. **DEADLINE:** The tax deduction deadline for year 2017 giving is postmark of or RECEIPT by the church on or before Sunday, December 31. We are not able to "backdate" receipts that are mailed or given in January. Please plan accordingly.

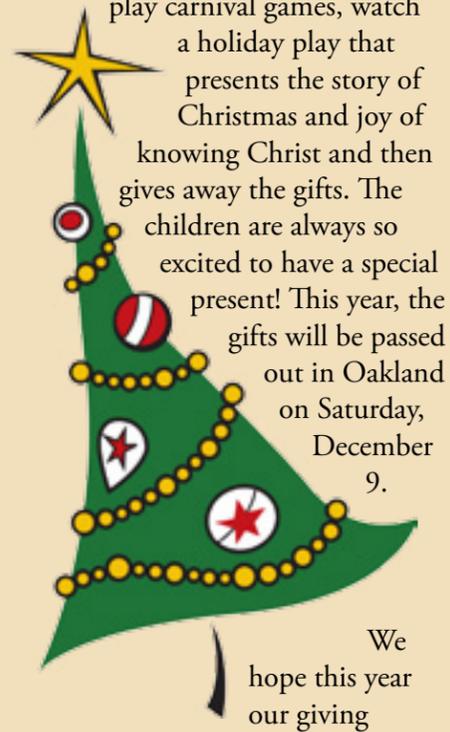
2. **STOCK GIFTS:** You may achieve significant tax savings by donating shares of stock rather than selling them and donating the proceeds. The church is happy to receive gifts in the form of stock. Our accounting manager, Packey Ng, has a form in the church office to facilitate stock transfers. Please be aware that stock donations can take many days to process depending on the situation. To have it count in calendar year 2017, you should start at least two weeks in advance.

3. **IRAs:** It's not too late to take advantage of a special law that allows those who are 70 1/2 or older to donate directly from their IRA while avoiding all income tax on the distribution. Call the church finance office for details.



The Giving Tree

It's almost that time again! It's time to go shopping for gifts to bless the children of Oakland. This year, we will once again be donating all of our giving tree gifts to Points of Light. Points of Light puts on a huge Christmas outreach each year when all the families and children gather to



play carnival games, watch a holiday play that presents the story of Christmas and joy of knowing Christ and then gives away the gifts. The children are always so excited to have a special present! This year, the gifts will be passed out in Oakland on Saturday, December 9.

tree will be just as successful as 2016! According to Points of Light, over 1,200 children picked up a gift at the event last year and SFC donated 637 of those. What an amazing outreach opportunity!

In case you are interested in shopping early or picking gifts up as you find them on sale, here are the requirements for the gifts:

- Suitable for a girl, boy or unisex (infants, ages 1-3, ages 4-7 and ages 8-11)
- Cost of gift: suggested about \$20
- If gift requires batteries, please include those as well.
- No clothes or shoes
- Nothing violent



- Wrapped with a label on the outside (We will have these at church for you starting November 5)

All gifts will be due on or before Sunday, December 3 to church. Points of Light will then pick them up, transport them to Oakland and organize them for the big event!

Thanks in advance for joining us in this outreach! Happy shopping!
Laurel and Trevor Shephard

Local Outreach – 2018 Emphasis

In the book of Luke one is struck by the fact that Jesus loved and cared for those whom the Jewish leaders did not even notice. It may have seemed to some in the communities that Jesus visited that their life was good and that their obligation was to themselves and not to others. In our “good life” environment, can we be guilty of the same thinking?

The first thing that needs to be asked is “Do we even have a problem?” A recent San Jose Mercury News article quoted statistics from the Santa Clara County Homeless Census which showed that in Silicon Valley, there were 7,394 counted homeless of which 2,530 were under the age of 25 and 43% are over 51 years of age—the latter a 23% increase since 2015.

While the economy in Santa Clara County seems to many to be a dream come true, for that group, (in excess of 100,000) who live in poverty, the dream is anything but a good one. Even more discouraging is the fact

that in Santa Clara County 12% of those in poverty are in the 5 to 17 age group.

Unemployment in Santa Clara County in August of this year was 3.8 which is commendable, unless of course, you happened to be Hispanic (unable to find rate) or African American (7.7%).

In Silicon Valley, human trafficking victims are most likely to be young, American women. They are most often sexually exploited at an early age, and their exploitation continues as they are forced to sell their bodies.

While the news about drug addicted high tech workers and executives is sometimes in the news, according to the latest Santa Clara County substance abuse survey, 20% of 11th graders engaged in binge drinking in the past 30 days and 8% have used cocaine. Also, more than 1 in 10 high school students have used prescription painkillers without a doctor’s prescription. In another

study, twelve percent of Palo Alto high school students surveyed in the 2013/14 school year reported having seriously contemplated suicide in the past 12 months.

Yes, we have a problem!

The Local Outreach Team wants to pay special attention in the coming year to those persons in our community who are at risk. Additionally, we want to publicize the efforts of the church and its members who are engaged in various programs dealing with the “at risk” community. Our purpose is not only to speak to specific problem areas but to encourage our members to actively involve themselves in this effort.

An accompanying article describes our special Advent offering for Cityteam which is a ministry involved in the care and rehabilitation of men and women who are part of the “at risk” community.

Local Outreach Team

Malawi Go & Tell

On Sunday, November 5 at 12:15 pm in Douglass Hall, Sally Bryant will share highlights from her eighth trip to Malawi in July. Hear about teaching elementary kids in a classroom that lacks electricity, books, paper and pencils as well as cultural superstitions that cause parents to allow their young daughters to be raped by a man with HIV/AIDS. We will also discover the difference a woman of peace is making in her village. A light lunch will be served.

Red Kettle Program

Lt. Thelma Jamindez of the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to man the Red Kettle at Lunardi’s in Los Gatos in two-hour shifts from Monday, December 4 through Saturday, December 9. Other dates and locations are available as well if these options don’t work with your schedule.

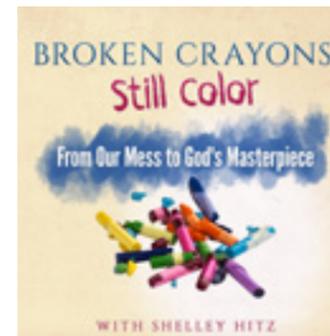
Please contact Lt. Thelma at (562) 393-2256 (mobile) or (408) 282-1165 ext. 3223 (office) if you are available to help.

If you have any questions or need clarification about the Red Kettle Program, please contact Earl Thompson at (831) 515-7887.

Life Groups

Monday Moms continues! Moms, if you are looking for an informal time of sharing life together, join us on Monday mornings between 9:15 and 11:15 am in room 109. We are studying *Broken Crayons Still Color*, and books are available at the study.

Childcare is provided for children ages 3 months to 4 years. For more information, contact Sarah Silva at sarah@saratogafederated.org or Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or call the church office at (408) 867-1000.



Save the Date

Saturday, January 6
Contemplative Prayer Retreat
Led by
Russ Ikeda, CJ Clark
and Sally Bryant
More details coming soon.



Christmas Eve Services

We hope you will join us on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will have three regular worship services in the morning and three services that evening.

Our morning services will be held at 8:00 am in the Chapel and 9:30 and 11:00 am in the Sanctuary.

That evening our Family Service will be held at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This service is very child friendly and includes a craft table for those who arrive early, a musical sing along, glowsticks and a nativity featuring many of the children in attendance.

Our candlelight services are held at both 7:00 and 9:00 pm in the Sanctuary and include our choir, handbells, orchestra, carols, candles and the Christmas story.



Advent Offering Global Outreach Sonrise Orphanage

Global Outreach seeks to raise \$30,000 to help Sonrise Orphanage in Uganda. Sonrise provides a home for more than 80 children by rescuing children in Uganda who are starving or vulnerable. They provide them with a loving and safe environment where they can grow physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually with the ultimate goal of knowing the saving love of Jesus Christ and growing in his grace. They also support a church that serves the local community, sharing the love of God and providing resources for clean drinking water.

HIV/AIDS and desperate poverty daily take their toll, so the children keep coming but the resources are limited. Sonrise hopes to expand their girls' dormitory. Currently they have 27 girls living in a four bedroom rental house. These girls have been rescued from living on the street, being abused and eating out of garbage piles. The new one-story home has seven bedrooms for the girls, housing up to 42 girls. This second story addition will

let them house up to 70 girls, more than doubling the number of girls rescued from the street. Through their ongoing work with sharing the gospel and providing education, they are showing the girls and the surrounding community the love of Jesus, giving them the power to change their world and, with God's help, break the cycle of poverty. This is a powerful witness in an area that is 90% Muslim.

You may remember that in 2014, we helped Sonrise buy a "new" van to bring children to church, school and doctor's visits. The children at Sonrise started thanking God for his provision of the van BEFORE they knew of our offering. Jesus reminded us to let the little children come to him...for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven. Their faith reminds us that God is always at work, bringing beauty from ashes.

Please join us in helping Sonrise share God's love in practical and spiritual ways.

Global Outreach Team



Advent Offering - Local Outreach Cityteam

Whether providing a much needed meal, a bed for the night or home for a pregnant girl who desperately needs one, Cityteam has been providing much needed help in our neighborhood with Christ's love and grace for many years. Many of you in our church family have helped provide these services both monetarily and through your helping hands. Christmas is a great time to show the love of Christ to those who need it. We are proposing a church target of \$30,000 for this year's local portion of the Advent offering to benefit Cityteam.

Here's a little background on Cityteam: Sixty years ago Cityteam (the San Jose branch is one of five in the US but each raise funds independently) started in San Jose as the San Jose Rescue Mission emphasizing help for the whole person. They describe their outreach efforts as "Meeting the needs of people struggling with poverty, homelessness, and addiction...their programs helping individuals and families improve their lives mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually."

Cityteam has several individual programs in which SFC members are currently involved:

Heritage Home - Helping pregnant women overcome homelessness, addiction and other hardships while becoming loving mothers to their newborn babies.

Dining Hall - Has its doors open 365 days a year and provides up to 300 hot meals each day for men, women and children in need.

Men's Shelter - Up to 57 men come in from the elements each night to enjoy a hot shower, clean pajamas, a comfortable bed, chapel services and hot meals.

Men's Program - A residential, Christ-centered, holistic program which empowers men to transform their broken lives through case management, mentorship and the development of essential life skills.

House of Grace - A unique program where addicted, abused or homeless women can rebuild their lives without being separated from their young children.

Learning & Career Center - Men and women in the residential programs attend the learning center four days a week in order to gain knowledge and increase employability.

Community Services - Provide those living below the poverty line in Santa Clara county with the resources they need, such as groceries and clothing, as they seek to overcome the hardships they are facing and to break out of the cycle of poverty.

Medical and Dental Clinic - Volunteer doctors and dentists provide medical and dental care to those in need.

Cityteam has entered into a strategic partnership with Second Harvest Foodbank and Starbucks that will make it possible to bring free fresh produce into the places where it is needed most. Cityteam has received funding for a refrigerated truck, but they lack the refrigeration capacity to store the produce before it is distributed. The Advent offering will help solve this problem.

Over many years members of SFC have served in various capacities at Cityteam both as volunteers and as staff members. You are all encouraged to go to their website in order to learn more about the volunteer opportunities that are available.

Local Outreach Team



Family Ministry

The Family Team has been partnering with Fuller Seminary and other churches to discover ways to help our church “Grow Young.” As we have found, churches are both shrinking and aging as more young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation’s leading congregations, the *Growing Young* resource from Fuller Seminary provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain its young people. It profiles innovative churches engaging 15 to 29 year olds that are growing spiritually, emotionally, missionally and numerically. *Growing Young* shows ministry leaders how to position their churches to reach younger generations in a way that breathes life into the whole church. They found that *Growing Young* churches empower others, (especially young people), they help adults step into the shoes of this generation and have empathy for young adults. *Growing Young* churches welcome young people into a Jesus-centered way of life and aim for warm peer and intergenerational friendships. *Growing Young* churches look for creative ways to tangibly support, resource and involve them in all facets of their congregation and enable young people to neighbor well locally and globally.

If you are interested in being part of our team to discuss this important issue, please email Tim Galleher at tim@saratogafederated.org.

Tim Galleher, Family Pastor

Junior High

A few weeks ago, the MadHouse was studying the miracles of Jesus and what faith means. At the end of this series, I gave the students an invitation to follow Jesus and several students raised their hands during prayer. To confirm their understanding, I went deeper with these students and discovered that they did make real commitments to Jesus. One student commented, “I always believed in God, but I’d never asked Jesus into my heart.”

Seems to me, we all need to take the time to ask our friends if they are ready to follow Jesus. As John said, “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe in the Good News.” Is there someone on your heart that you could talk to this week?

Yvette Lee, Director of Junior High & Family Ministries

Children’s Ministry

One little girl in our Sunday School program was kind of a wandering soul. God had gifted her with a plethora of big questions about God packed into a young, inquisitive girl. When she started our Third Grade Bible class this year, we weren’t sure if she would enjoy the structure of the class, but she was eager to try it out. We explained that in the Third Grade Bible class, she would learn about all the stories in the whole Bible in order so she might better understand God’s big story and his big love for her.

Our amazing teachers welcomed her into the classroom on the first day. By the second week, I saw her come into her class early because she had told her parents she wanted to be first to tell the teachers her Bible verse for the week! She loved the class and couldn’t wait to learn more about God the next week.

It is a joy to see God working through our teaching teams and children at SFC. If you feel God nudging you to join something larger than yourself, join a teaching team and partner with Jesus to love our kids well through him.

Sarah Silva, Director of Children & Family Ministries

High School

LifeHouse Winter camp is coming!

January 26 to 28, 2018. Registration is now open on our website: www.lifehouse.fyi. We are offering a reduced price for the first 20 people who sign-up. This is a unique camp put on by a partnership of local churches. Our partnership is a picture of churches working together to bring glory to God’s name.

Students leave camp with their own opportunity for partnership. At camp, we gather students together from their schools to pray for what God is doing on their campuses. Often students discover a Christian brother or sister that they did not know of before. Students return home feeling like they are a part of a broader community.

Winter camp is also a lot of fun. We play games, share our talents and get to hang out with friends. Please keep us in prayer January 26 to 28.

Matt Hall, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Village Preschool

It has been a wonderful and busy start at Village Preschool kicking off our new year with our Charleston gift wrap fundraiser. We are so excited that we met our goal thanks to all the support of our amazing families.

Another exciting and successful event in September was our Family Fun Night on September 28. We have always had a park day to celebrate the first month of school, but with our incredible teaching staff and collaborating ministry team, we decided to invite all our new and returning Village families to join us as a way to outreach and get to know each other. We kicked off the night with Miss Gennie doing her famous hula hoops, and Peter Apel came to work his magic with the children. It was a fun-filled night with the children enjoying the jump house, photo booth, Little Explorers petting zoo, face painting, carnival games and delicious food prepared by Dresden Erickson.

It warmed my heart to see all the families having such a good time. I loved having the whole family there including our Village alumni. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it took a supportive team to make the event so successful. Thank you to everyone who had such a strong and supportive hand in the evening. We are hoping to make this a great tradition at Village Preschool.

October’s highlight was our dress-up day where the children came ready to have a sing-a-long with Diane and Bill Allison in the music room. We then paraded around the school and were welcomed by Robyn and Sarah with Halloween bubbles.

November is always a reflection on how we model to the children the

importance of sharing and giving to families in need with our food drive.

December brings to us a wonderful event for the children with our Giving Tree and Christmas Chapel. It is such a blessing and privilege to see how the children are learning with Miss Sarah how God “created us, protects and provides for us by giving us his son, Jesus.”

Linda Kerin Garvey, Village Preschool Director



Care Update: Community Assistance

As the wage gap widens, housing costs rise and the local economy shifts, more and more residents of our community find basic necessities such as food, shelter and transportation inaccessible. 18% of Santa Clara county's population lives below the federal poverty level, meaning that nearly one out of every five of our neighbors live in poverty. The Saratoga Federated Care Ministry seeks to actively care for those whose quality of life is at risk. One way we care for the local community is by providing food and gas vouchers as well as referrals to local organizations who provide substantive support to the most vulnerable in our community.

Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:30 food and gas vouchers, in the form of gift cards, are distributed by

our Care Ministry staff in the Saratoga Avenue office. Individuals must provide identification and are eligible to return once every six months or twice a year. One person per family may receive vouchers during their visit. Though this is a "band-aid" solution, referrals are made to other organizations within the community which are equipped to provide a broader spectrum of resources. The contact information for many of these resources is available for your reference on the SFC website. For more information, call the Care Ministry at (408) 867-1000 ext. 239, email care@saratogafederated.org or stop by the Saratoga Avenue office at 143370 Saratoga Avenue.

Recipients of SFC's community assistance include those who are gainfully employed and those who

are not, those who have a home and those who live outside or in their car, those who drive themselves and those who take the bus, those who attend our church and those who do not. With one in five of our neighbors living in poverty, we encourage you to direct anyone who might benefit from receiving community assistance to our Care office this season. We seek to be a church that pursues life in God, with others and for others, and this simple act of provision, though small, is an act of hope and generosity that reflects the character of God, and communicates that we are people who care about the vulnerable in our community.

Savoy Stevens

On behalf of the Care Team

Care Reflection: No Person Left Behind

I am continually surprised by the breadth of what "care ministry" means within our church family. Having both witnessed and personally experienced that our church membership has a "heart" for tenderly coming alongside one another I can attest that we do not limit "care" to those who are elected to the Care Teams. We do not have a mentality that "it is someone else's job" to extend care, nor do we expect recognition. The quickness of individuals to identify a need and take action is a core part of who we continue to be as a church family.

The steadfastness towards brothers and sisters in need, through both long and short years, is astonishing along with the seemingly infinite number of ways that we care for others. A sincere, quiet "How are you doing?"

with complete attention to the answer. Baking, literally, hundreds of cookies for memorial services year after year for both people we have known and for strangers. Providing a respite for those giving long term care to family members. Visiting those who cannot get out. Tenaciously praying for someone who is under duress sometimes for years. Organizing rides to health providers for a single person diagnosed with cancer. Bringing dinners to people in crises. Calling or texting to see how someone is doing. Traveling to help downtown or thousands of miles away. These are just a few of the services I have witnessed our members participate in.

Perhaps the most extraordinary surprise is this church's "No person left behind" mentality such that we do not

let older members from one or more generations ago (people most don't know even exist) simply "fade away." There is a care group actively engaging with them, keeping informed of how they are doing and praying for them.

Louise Blevins

Care Deacon, Team 3 for ages 70+



Living Water International

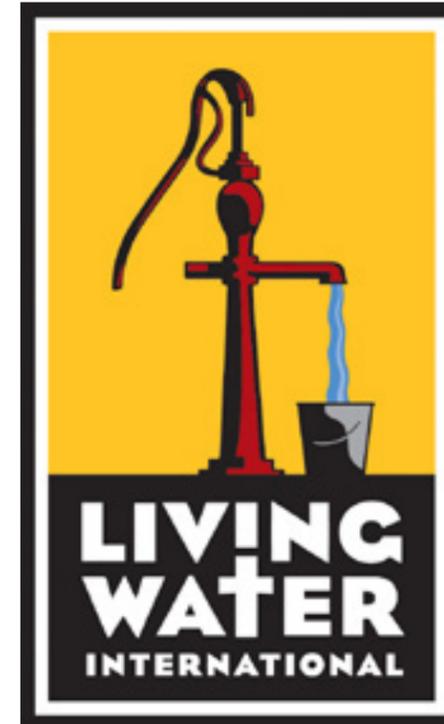
Saratoga Federated Church's involvement with Living Water International continues to grow! 1 of 5 young children in Central America will die from water borne diseases. Clean water is one of the answers.

We are dedicated to financing and drilling water wells along with many other volunteer organizations. We already have three wells that have been paid for. All we need are volunteers to help with the drilling and educating the villagers in hygiene.

We are looking for volunteers 50 years old and older to help drill the wells and educate the villagers in health and hygiene issues. No prior training is necessary.

Apply now and serve! There is a way for you to get involved! Not only will this experience change the lives of the village people, but it will also enhance and change your life!

If you are at all curious or interested in this noble cause, please contact Dave Loomis at davidjloomis@gmail.com or the church office at (408) 867-1000.



Time Change

It's that time of year when we roll our clocks back one hour and gain an hour of sleep.

Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4, or you may find yourself extra early for church on Sunday morning!



Bridge Builders Advent Respite Day

**December 2
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Volunteers arrive at
8:15 am for training**

**The living nativity is
always a highlight
at this respite day.**

**To register your children
or to volunteer, please
contact Debbie Lillo at
dlillo@comcast.net.**

Women's Fellowship Luncheons

November 7

11:00 am in Richards Hall

Tess Reynolds

CEO of San Francisco's ministry *New Door Ventures* for high risk youth will share her experiences in this critical outreach.

December 5

11:00 am in Richards Hall

Ronn Ealy

bass opera singer will perform many of our favorite Christmas songs.

Reservations

Sign up on the courtyard.

or

Contact Nancy Kamalski
(408) 255-3627

nancykamalski@gmail.com

Monthly Circles

Contact Joan Leonard at
(408) 741-0213 if you are
interested in joining a
fellowship circle.

We've Moved

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.



Saratoga Federated Church

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14370 Saratoga Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Congratulations!

November Anniversaries

Russell & Lynette Breed	November 1	20 years
Chuck & Linda Jeffery	November 2	54 years
Chuck & Janet Totman	November 4	39 years
Josef & Annika John	November 12	2 years
Joseph & DD Madden	November 14	8 years
Brian & Mary Smith	November 15	9 years
Steve & Barbara Hall	November 17	16 years
John & Mary Ann Lemons	November 18	50 years
Brian & Sarah Penzel	November 19	12 years
Bill & Linda Mullen	November 22	48 years
Dean & Judy Bartee	November 24	62 years
Jack & Sue Mallory	November 25	56 years
Jack & Pam Kretovics	November 26	41 years
Rich & Rebekah Penrose	November 26	23 years
Spencer & Amy Sells	November 26	23 years
Morgan & Stephanie Griffith	November 27	18 years
Hunter & Brooke Novak	November 28	8 years
Zack & Savoy Stevens	November 30	21 years

December Anniversaries

Richard & Angela Johnson	December 3	22 years
Helmut & Maria Lippert	December 5	58 years
Larry & Jackie Hester	December 8	50 years
Les & Karen Wandel	December 11	46 years
Rich & Becky Clewett	December 18	41 years
Steve & Renee Grubb	December 20	37 years
Douglas & Tina Case	December 21	27 years
Gary & Arleen Ressa	December 22	54 years
Carlos Martinez & Debra Janssen	December 22	38 years
Sieg & Ruth Yoder	December 26	62 years
Ron & Valerie Plummer	December 27	37 years
Terry & Sue Johnson	December 29	38 years
Dave & Jill Okamura	December 30	22 years
Bob & Barbara Silverstein	December 30	38 years

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