

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

February 28, 2021

LENTEN OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Each year SFC designates two organizations, one local and one global, to be the recipients of our Lenten offering. This year our recipients are:

CityTeam Ministries (Local)

CityTeam is working tirelessly in the Bay Area to serve those most impacted by the COVID pandemic. As economic challenges continue to pressure many families, the requests for service at CityTeam have increased three-fold over the last year. This vital ministry addresses homelessness, hunger, poverty and addiction, all of which have increased during the pandemic. The Local Outreach Team hopes to raise \$15,000 during the Lenten season to support this important ministry.

Mulanje, Malawi (Global)

SFC has already helped bring significant transformation to Mulanje, Malawi through a Christian orphanage and preK-early elementary school. Now we are starting a high school for all the children in the village. The Global Outreach Team hopes to raise \$15,000 to provide an education to those who otherwise would have no opportunity to attend school, and to share the love of Jesus in this predominately Muslim part of Malawi.

Please designate "Lenten Offering" on your check or you may donate [on our website](#). Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to support God's work through our outreach partners. Monies received in excess of our target amount may be used for other outreach opportunities.

INSPiRiT HEALING ROOM - FEBRUARY 28

On Sunday, February 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the InSpIriT Healing Rooms will be open via email. Let us know how you would like God to heal you or a loved one at our confidential email inspiritprayer@yahoo.com. A team of two will pray for you, email you words of encouragement and send you Scripture verses. You may also request prayer over Zoom.

SELF CARE IN 2021 - MARCH 11

The Care Team invites you to participate in the second of four presentations on self care. On Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm, Suzi Josselyn will guide us through an interactive process of self-discovery to help us identify and choose our best self. [Register here](#). For more information, contact the Care Team at care@saratogafederated.org or (408) 867-1000 ext. 239.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Lenten Life Groups

Prepare your hearts for the glory of Easter with the hands-on, experiential Lent study, *Following Jesus*, for you and your family. The study is [available on our website](#), or the package (study and canvas) can be picked up outside the narthex or by Children's Ministry in a white bag. For more information, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pre-School Chapel

- Sundays at 10:15 am on Zoom

Mini Sunday School

- Sundays at 10:30 am on Zoom

Family Adventure Day

• Sunday, February 28 from 10:00 to 1:00 pm at Natural Bridges State Beach. Rain or shine! [Register here](#).

Contact Savoy Stevens at savoy@saratogafederated.org or Robyn Swan at robyn@saratogafederated.org to get connected. Go to the [Children's Ministry tab](#) on the SFC website for other links to our Facebook page and other resources.

ADULT MINISTRY

Life Groups

To join a Life Group, please contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org or visit our [website](#).

Experimental Men's Group

The Experimental Men's Group (EMG) will meet on Monday, March 1, at 1:30 pm via Zoom. Andy Eschenfelder has prepared a thoughtful legacy perspective to share with us. Email Tom Priest at tomp@caps4ups.com for the Zoom link.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Worship Gatherings

Middle School In-Person Worship

- Sunday Morning from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in-person at SFC
- [Register here](#) for in-person worship on February 28

High School In-Person Worship

- Sunday Evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in-person at SFC
- [Register here](#) for in-person worship on February 28

Middle School and High School Virtual Worship

- Sunday at 11:00 am on Zoom

Mid-Week Bible Program

Middle School Hangout (Games and Bible Lesson)

- Wednesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom only

To receive Zoom registration links for these programs, your student must [register here](#). For more information about the youth ministry programs, please visit our [website](#), or you can contact Debbie Sturm at debbie@saratogafederated.org.

CARE MINISTRY: GRIEF SHARE - THRU MAY 24

The Care Ministry is sponsoring GriefShare on Monday nights through May 24. The sessions are held from 7:00 to 8:00 pm via Zoom. Find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Register online at [Grief Ministry](#). Email Peggy Beck for more information, or go to griefshare.org.

AMAZON SMILE

Use AmazonSmile when you shop online, and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price (0.5%) to SFC. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and select Saratoga Federated Church as your charitable organization. It's that easy!

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

FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

BEREAVEMENTS

We celebrate the life of **Giovanni (John) Pastrone** who died on January 31.

We celebrate the life of **Hon Tsuen Liu** who died on February 14.
Yvonne & David Wong (daughter & son-in-law)

DO YOU NEED PRAYER

Our Care Ministry is confidential. The person being prayed for must give permission before their name and need is shared with others. Please include your name, the name of the person needing prayer and indicate their permission to distribute the request to the prayer team. Send your prayer requests to care@saratogafederated.org or submit through the online [web form](#).

NOT SURE HOW TO GIVE?

Are you wondering how to continue giving your tithes or offerings during the time when we are not meeting on campus? There are several ways.

- 1) You can mail in your gifts to the church office:
Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga, CA 95070 Attn: Finance
- 2) You can give securely starting on our website: www.saratogafederated.org/give.html.
This will then take you to a secure website for Pushpay, our online giving processor.
 - a. Please note that you can give via your bank account or via credit card.
 - b. You can set up automated recurring giving on any schedule that works for you.
- 3) Any of the giving actions you can do from our website can also be done from your smartphone.
You would begin by texting: saratoga fc to the number 77977 (message and data rates may apply).

General Fund Financial Update July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

General Fund Donations:	Actual	Budget	Over/(Behind)
Fiscal Year to Date: 2/21	\$1,572,180	\$1,722,222	\$(150,042)
Last Week's Giving:	\$29,650	\$43,534	\$(13,884)

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