

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

March 7, 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.

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.

GUINNESS & JESUS - MARCH 17

Join us on St. Patrick's Day from 7:30 to 8:30 pm for a pint and a reflection led by Russ Ikeda on St. Patrick's great prayer, *Breastplate*. Bring a beverage of your choice to the Zoom meeting. For more information and to register, contact Sally Bryant at sally@saratogafederated.org.

MEXICO 2021 ALTERNATIVE EVENTS

While going to Mexico to build homes is not an option this spring, we can still help Amor Ministries with their ongoing efforts to build homes for those in need.

Fundraiser - March 22

You can help support Amor by eating at WillowStreet Pizza or Main Street Burgers in Los Gatos on Monday, March 22 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. [Print a flyer](#) from our website or show it on your phone at the time of pick up. Not valid on deliveries.

Service Projects - APRIL 7 - 10

From April 7 to 9, we are hoping you will participate in a variety of service projects both on and off campus. Please [sign up here](#) to register for the service projects.

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

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](#).

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 March 7 in-person worship

High School In-Person Worship

- Sunday Evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in-person at SFC
- [Register here](#) for March 7 in-person worship

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.

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 **Barbara Moore** who died on February 24.

Dr. Eddie Moore (husband)

Eddie S. Moore Jr. & Rosalba Moore (son & daughter-in-law)

Cathy Moore & Todd Fernandez (daughter & son-in-law)

Brandon, Melvina, Sarah & Jonah (grandchildren)

We celebrate the life of **John Anthony Cagliostro** who died on February 24.

John & Christina Cagliostro (son & daughter-in-law)

Sarah & Vinay Nijalapuram (granddaughter & spouse)

Daniel & Merina Baldwin (grandson & spouse)

Gianna & Ryan Cagliostro (grandchildren)

Jane Nijalapuram (great-granddaughter)

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?

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

- 1) Mail a check to the church office:
Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga, CA 95070 Attn: Finance
- 2) Give securely from our website: www.saratogafederated.org/give.html links to a secure website for Pushpay, our online giving processor that accepts gifts directly from your bank account or via credit card. Pushpay can also set up automated recurring giving on any schedule.
- 3) Giving can also be done from your smartphone. Begin by texting: saratogafc 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: 2/28	\$1,587,582	\$1,765,756	\$(178,174)
Last Week's Giving:	\$15,402	\$43,534	\$(28,132)

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