

# SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

March 22, 2020

## COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) UPDATE

SFC will meet online only.

Effective March 17, our campus closed to everyone until the shelter-in-place order is lifted.

One worship service will be streamed live beginning at 9:30 am on Sunday.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Due to the shelter-in-place order, all on campus activities have been suspended until further notice. We will keep our website as up to date as possible with current information.

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

Daily short meditations at noon will be led by Sally Bryant and others. Email Sally at [sally@saratogafederated.org](mailto:sally@saratogafederated.org) for dial-in information.

## COMMUNION

Communion will be available each Sunday following the service. As you gather the elements at home for communion, feel free to use any kind of bread or crackers and wine, grape juice, or other liquid.

To join us on Zoom, visit:

<https://zoom.us/j/702936521?pwd=bmM4eklIM01ndThxdm9EalJwbUNrUT09>

Meeting ID: 702 936 521

Password: 769105

Dial-in +1 669 900 6833 US

## LIFE GROUPS

Watch your email for ways to connect with your group online.

## ADULT MINISTRY

[Visit the Adult Ministry webpage](#) for new options on meditating on scripture. One new add is Dwell, an app that allows you to go deeper with scripture by creating “playlists” so you can meditate, reflect and even memorize it.

## CARE MINISTRY

The Care Ministry is preparing guides for self-care and care of others, with detail on community resources. Our Care Associates and 30 Care Deacons are contacting members of all ages to make sure essential needs are being met. Initially, we are prioritizing those who live alone and are over age 80. If you would like the Care Ministry to contact you, please email [care@saratogafederated.org](mailto:care@saratogafederated.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have an interactive Sunday school lesson for you and your children. Watch the video as a family and answer the discussion questions when prompted. The video is in the style of a fun morning talk show for kids. Both you and your kids will love it! Best of all, it's designed to help your children learn and grow in their walk with Jesus. ([Click here to access the video on YouTube.](#))

Stay connected through our SFC Kids Clubhouse Instagram. Please follow us at [sfc kidsmin](#) so we can share ideas, encouragement and keep up with each other. These posts are meant to show to your kids, too. Look out for special messages from their Sunday school teachers!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday at 11:00 am - Join us on Zoom for MadHouse!

Wednesday at 6:30 pm - [Join us on Zoom](#) for Studio Night!

Contact Yvette at [yvette@saratogafederated.org](mailto:yvette@saratogafederated.org) for details about getting connected with us.

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday at 11:00 am - Join us on Instagram Live at [@lifehousehsm](#) for LifeHouse.

Wednesday at 7:00 pm - Join us on Zoom for a virtual Bible study.

Contact Matt Hall at [matt.hall@saratogafederated.org](mailto:matt.hall@saratogafederated.org) for details about getting connected with us.

## 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](mailto:care@saratogafederated.org).

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## General Fund Financial Update July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

General Fund Donations:	Actual	Budget	Over/(Behind)
Fiscal Year to Date: 3/15	\$2,061,496	\$1,698,958	\$362,538
Last Week's Giving:	\$16,275	\$40,458	\$(24,183)

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SERMON PODCASTS & VIDEOS are available at [www.saratogafederated.org](http://www.saratogafederated.org).

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## LENTEN OFFERING 2020

Each year we designate special outreach organizations to receive our Lenten Offering. This year, our Local recipient is Called Up and our Global recipient is AgGrandize Global. We hope to raise \$20,000 for each ministry.



### Local Outreach - Called Up

Last August, Clay and Kelly Elliott launched Called Up as an offshoot of their 20 year local ministry with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes that has impacted thousands of athletes in the Bay Area for Christ. This new venture enables them to work alongside their daughter, Whitney, to engage deeply in the lives of community leaders, as well as the student athletes, coaches and faculty at San Jose State and Santa Clara Universities. During the fall semester, over 700 meals were served at the Elliott house for 17 “family” dinners with a speaker for 50+ athletes at a time. Our Lenten offering will support their work as they share the Good News of Jesus through team chapels, women’s and men’s groups, weekly dinners, summer internships and leadership retreats.



### Global Outreach - AgGrandize Global

Join us in partnering with AgGrandize Global to restore water to Sinjar Mountain in Kurdistan, Iraq. When ISIS terrorists attacked the Yazidi community on Mount Sinjar near the ancient city of Nineveh in northern Iraq, they massacred thousands of people and sought to destroy the rich agricultural practices of the Yazidis. ISIS stole or damaged water pumps, cables, generators and even entire irrigation systems. Restoring agriculture is key to revitalizing this area, enabling displaced Yazidi refugees to return home. Our Lenten offering will help restore water infrastructure village by village on Sinjar Mountain. We anticipate the cost to restore the water infrastructure to one village is about \$10,000. We hope to join the on-going work by restoring two villages.

Please designate “Lenten Offering” on your check or choose a Lenten Offering from the drop down menu when giving online. 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.

