

# SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

May 2, 2021

## WORSHIP GATHERING RSVP

Come join us for live Sunday worship. Please visit [www.saratogafederated.org](http://www.saratogafederated.org) to reserve your seat. Gatherings are held outside in a tent at 9:30 am (contemporary) and 11:00 am (traditional). Before registering, please consider your risk factor and your doctor's advice.

## WORSHIP GATHERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes a variety of skills and lots of work to host our outdoor gatherings, and we need volunteers! If you can help on Saturdays or Sundays, [please sign up here](#).

## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS - MAY 2 AND MAY 9

Informational meetings (via Zoom) will be held May 2 and May 9 at 12:30 pm in advance of the May 16 annual meeting. Information was mailed out this week to everyone in our church database. If you did not get a letter, please contact Olivia DCosta at [olivia@saratogafederated.org](mailto:olivia@saratogafederated.org) to be added to our mailing list.

## LEADERSHIP HUDDLE #2 - MAY 3

Join Pastor Sean and others on Monday, May 3, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Zoom for a conversation about one of the most important elements of a healthy church—unity. Our desire at Saratoga Federated Church is to ignite, champion and practice uncommon unity around our mission. In a world of division and divisiveness, uncommon unity is possible. In fact, Jesus says it's a game changer (John 17:20-23). [Register here](#).

## VIRTUAL WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER - MAY 8

Please join the SFC Mexico House Building Team for a virtual wine tasting! Wine and Charcuterie Plate available for pickup on Saturday, May 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on the courtyard. A video link will be provided to guide you through the pairing. Cost is \$200 per couple. [Please RSVP by Sunday, May 2](#).

## SELF CARE IN 2021 - MAY 13

Join The Care Team and Stephanie Castro-Hengstler (LMFT) on Thursday, May 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom as we discuss how we can care for our relational health. [You can sign up online here](#). For more information contact the Care Ministry team at [care@saratogafederated.org](mailto:care@saratogafederated.org).

## CARE MINISTRY: GRIEF SHARE - THROUGH 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](mailto:Peggy_Beck) for more information, or go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

## VILLAGE PRESCHOOL SUMMER SENSATION

Village Preschool will be holding a summer session called Summer Sensation on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm on July 6 through 29. To apply, [visit our website](#). Your application and registration fee can be mailed to Village Preschool, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga, CA 95070.

## ADULT MINISTRY

### Life Groups

To join a Life Group, please contact Olivia DCosta at [olivia@saratogafederated.org](mailto:olivia@saratogafederated.org) or visit our [website](#).

## 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](http://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](mailto:jerry@saratogafederated.org).

## YOUTH WORSHIP GATHERINGS

**No Middle School Worship on May 2 due to the Confirmation celebration**

### High School Worship

- Sunday Evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in-person on the courtyard at SFC

Please RSVP for our weekend worship gatherings. You can register for both the congregation and youth worship gatherings on one form. Check back each week for a new link on our website: [www.saratogafederated.org](http://www.saratogafederated.org).

For more information about the youth ministry programs, please visit our [website](#), or you can contact Debbie Sturm at [debbie@saratogafederated.org](mailto:debbie@saratogafederated.org).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Zoom Sunday School** will be held on Sundays via Zoom for ages 2s-5<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:30 to 10:45 am. Please note the time change. Children are also welcome to join the worship gatherings with their families under the tent.

**Fifth Grade Families Dessert Mixer**, Tuesday, May 11, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on the SFC courtyard. Families of 5<sup>th</sup> graders, we are excited for your kids to transition to life with the SFC Youth. We'll get together, hear from Matt Hall, Minister to Youth & Families, about Middle School Ministry, tour the Middle School rooms, get to know each other - AND eat dessert!!!

[Click here to RSVP](#) - siblings welcome with parents.

**Family Adventure Day** is on Sunday, May 30, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Montalvo Art Center! Park in Lot 4 and meet us on the Great Lawn in front of the Villa. Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch. We'll have games for your family and a choose-your-own-adventure guide to explore some of the cool things on the Montalvo grounds.

[Register online](#). Questions? Contact Savoy Stevens at [savoy@saratogafederated.org](mailto:savoy@saratogafederated.org). See you there!

Family devotions and resources are available on our website.

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## FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

### BIRTH

We celebrate the life of **Quincy Raymond Dennis** who was born on April 16.

Nate & Kate Dennis (parents)

Percy Dennis (big brother)

### 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) 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](http://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).

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

General Fund Donations:	Actual	Budget	Over/(Behind)
Fiscal Year to Date: 4/25	\$1,909,168	\$2,114,028	\$(204,860)
Last Week's Giving:	\$16,355	\$43,534	\$(27,179)

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

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