COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Update
SFC will continue to hold a single Sunday worship service online during the current shelter-in-place order. While the County has authorized some religious gatherings, their primary requirements are still such that trying to hold an on-campus service would not be practical for our congregation.

Meanwhile, our church is alive and well! Check out the creative ways that ministry is continuing to happen through a variety of virtual applications. Visit our website for information on how to stay connected. In fact, there’s even a tech support team to help those of you who might need assistance in figuring out how to do that!

One worship service is available to view on our website each Sunday morning by 9:30 am.

InSpirit Healing Room - June 21
On Sunday, June 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the InSpirit Healing Rooms will be open via email. Jesus brings us healing and hope in all situations! Let us know how you would like God to heal you or a loved one at our confidential email inspiritorayer@yahoo.com. A team of two will pray for you and then email you words of encouragement and Scripture verses that God puts on our hearts for you or your loved one.

Devotion and Prayer - Beginning July 1
The Church for Such a Time as This: Gather for Devotion and Prayer

Although the times we live in seem tumultuous, we know this for sure: God calls His people to pray. We are closely watching the guidance on gatherings coming from Santa Clara County Department of Health. Now that small gatherings of 25 are permitted outside, we are offering a time of devotion and prayer each Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 6:30 pm on the courtyard for the month of July. This will be an informal gathering where we can join together to pray, to seek refuge for the things that burden us, to place our burdens in the arms of Jesus. Since space is limited, we invite you to sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA4AB2DA5FB6-evening.

We are monitoring the guidance from the Health Department on a weekly basis as we, like you, look forward to the time when we can gather together face to face.

If you have questions or just want to know more, email Sally Bryant at sally.bryant@gmail.com.

New Online Resources - Building Bridges: Racial Reconciliation and Understanding
We want to love God and love our neighbor. Sometimes this requires us to come out of our comfort zone to engage in sacrificial love. It can be easy to love our parent, spouse or child with sacrificial love. We are actively engaged with them. In fact, we are part of them, but what about loving our neighbor when our neighbor looks differently than we do? Acts differently than we do? How are we as people of God to bridge the chasm currently roiling our nation? Here are some resources:

Join our discussion group based on the movies 13th and Just Mercy. Contact Michael Miller at mycaljon@gmail.com.

Join our discussion group based on the book Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. Contact Barb Clark at barbjclark77@gmail.com.

Join our discussion group based on the book White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo. Contact Sally Bryant at sallybryant@gmail.com.

Daily Prayers Online
This is the last week of “praying the hours,” and we will be experiencing what is commonly called “The Great Silence.” In this night hour, we turn our thoughts inward, reviewing our day with a gentle evaluation of our faithfulness as a follower of Jesus. For more information, contact Sally Bryant at sallybryant@gmail.com.

Care Ministry
The Self-Care and Mutual-Care Guide for the Virus Crisis is now on our website. It includes a web form for you to inform the Care Team what needs you may be experiencing. You may also email needs to care@saratogafederated.org.

Our Care Team and Care Deacons have tried to contact everyone identified in our flocks. Over 800 calls have been made. It is our goal to connect personally with everyone in our congregation. If you did not receive a call, we may have the wrong number for you. Please email your correct contact information to care@saratogafederated.org.

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.
**We Are Here For You**

**Tech Support:** We have formed an on-call tech support team to help you connect to our church. They can help enable you to watch the weekly online church services or help you get email up and running so that you get various timely updates from the church.

If you would like help with email or watching our Sunday service videos, or know someone else who does, simply call the church office at (408) 867-1000 and when it offers to let you enter an extension number, enter 265. Then leave a detailed message at extension 265 including your name and phone number. One of our tech volunteers should respond to you within 6 to 24 hours.

You can also use that extension to let us know if you would like to volunteer for the tech team.

**Grocery/Pharmacy Assistance:** We also formed a volunteer team that can assist those in our congregation who are unable to shop for themselves. Our team will assist with grocery shopping, curbside pick-up/delivery of pre-ordered groceries, and retrieving and delivering prescriptions that cannot be acquired through the mail. To place a request for assistance, dial the church office at (408) 867-1000 and when it offers to let you enter an extension number, enter 266. Then leave a detailed message at extension 266 including your name and phone number. Robyn Swan or another volunteer should respond to you within one weekday.

You can also use that extension to let us know if you'd like to volunteer for this team.

**Children's Ministry**

Please join us every Sunday morning at 10:30 for our Zoom mini Sunday school. At-home Sunday school lessons are also available via email links. Please contact Amy Sells at amy@saratogafederated.org if you need links for any of our Sunday resources.

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!

Go to the Children’s Ministry tab on the SFC website for other links to our Facebook page and prayer request page.

**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 Games!

Contact Yvette at yvette@saratogafederated.org for details about getting connected with us.

Go to the MadHouse tab on the SFC website to sign up for weekly Zoom links, MH facebook, and Prayer Connection.

**High School Ministry**

Sunday at 11:00 am - Join us on Zoom for Sunday LifeHouse.

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

Contact Matt Hall at matt.hall@saratogafederated.org for details about getting connected with us.

Go to the LifeHouse tab on the SFC website for additional information and parent resources.

**Life Groups**

Love your neighbor. Jesus says that is the second commandment. And He says that if we love God, we will love our neighbor. Are you wondering how you can love your neighbor right now? Then I invite your Life Group to watch The Color of Compromise available on RightNow Media (https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/419940). Saratoga Federated has made this resource available free to anyone interested. You can watch these short videos together online, then move to a Zoom call for discussion. This series gives a historical overview of the church's role in racism, and often, its refusal to act in a loving way to our neighbors. Let's move from being complicit Christians to courageous Christians as we live Life with God...Life with Others...Life for Others.

If you are not part of a group and would like to join one of these discussion groups, please contact Sally Bryant at sally.bryant@gmail.com. Until we experience the truth of Revelation 7:9, when “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,” let us learn to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us make God’s house a house where everyone is welcome.
**BIRTHS**

We celebrate the life of **Maddox Matthew McNeil** who was born on May 19.
- Dillan & Jordan McNeil (parents)
- Anne Darling (great-grandmother)

**BEREAVEMENTS**

We celebrate the life of **Ruth Lillo** who died on June 7.
- Robert Lillo (husband)
- Mark & Debbie Lillo (son & daughter-in-law)
- Sarah Lillo (granddaughter)
- Peter & Marina Lillo (grandson & spouse)
- David Lillo (grandson)
- Andrey & Zach Lillo (great-grandsons)

We celebrate the life of **Barbara Goedjen** who died on May 22.
- Bob Goedjen (husband)
- Nancy & Rob Stump (daughter & son-in-law)
- Mary Stump & JT Taylor (granddaughter & spouse)
- Rachel & Will Allison (granddaughter & spouse)
- Peter Stump (grandson)

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**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.

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**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: saratogafc to the number 77977 (message and data rates may apply).

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**General Fund Financial Update**

**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

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