

SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

August 9, 2020

CELEBRATION OF JOY - AUGUST 23

You are invited to join us on Sunday, August 23, at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm for an in-person gathering on the courtyard as we laugh, play, learn and make a joyful noise. Our worship might look and sound different, but we are confident it will encourage you and glorify God's name. Part of the fun will be the creative modifications we make to ensure we follow safety guidelines. All ages are welcome. Invite your friends and family.

Pre-registration, masks and physical distancing are required. Space is limited. [Sign-up online](#).

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 - AUGUST 16

On Sunday, August 16, 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 inspiritprayer@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.

CARE MINISTRY

The [Care Ministry webpage](#) has been refreshed as we seek to find more ways to connect. Sometimes just talking with people can go a long way to lifting our spirits, so we have added a new link to sign up for Zoom chats. You will still find links to the [Self-Care and Mutual-Care Guide for the Virus Crisis](#) and a [web form](#) for you to inform the Care Team of needs you may be experiencing. As always, you can also [email](#) us.

Our Care Team and Care Deacons continue to reach out to our church family. Over 1000 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

Have you checked out RightNow Media on our website yet? RightNow Media is a media-streaming service (think Netflix) with thousands of titles of Bible study and devotional resources. These are great for Life Group studies or your own personal devotions. You might want to check out these options:

Bible Unearthed: A 12-part series looking at the history, importance and impact of archaeology and how these discoveries help us better understand the ancient world.

Oneness Embraced with Tony Evans

A look at a biblical understanding of the kingdom foundation of oneness by detailing why we don't have it, what we need to do to get it, and what it will look like when we live it. Evans looks to the scriptures for the balance between righteousness and justice that is crucial for applying in this generation and in training the next. Recalling experiences in his own evangelical journey, Evans shares kingdom minded approaches for biblical justice and social restoration.

COLLEGE & 20S MINISTRY

Join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 on Zoom for virtual Bible study. Saratoga Federated's college ministry exists for 18-24 year olds to find and explore what it looks like to follow Jesus in a loving community. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Claire Iguchi at claire.iguchi@gmail.com for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday, August 9 at 11:00 am - Join us on Zoom for MadHouse! Contact Yvette at yvette.lee@saratogafederated.org for details about getting connected to this event.

Sunday, August 9 at 7:00 pm - Join us on Zoom for a Parent Open House! Meet Matt Hall and other members of the MadHouse leadership team. Hear about the mission of MadHouse, the structure of our weekly program and our vision for the upcoming year. Contact Tracy Fell at youth@saratogafederated.org for details about getting connected to this event.

Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00 pm - Join us on Zoom for a Student Open House! A night of games and friendship-making. Get to know Matt Hall and other members of the MadHouse family as we prepare for a relaunch of the MadHouse program! Contact Tracy Fell at youth@saratogafederated.org for details about getting connected to this event.

Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am - Join us on a Zoom for Middle School Worship! (NEW TIME!) We are launching a 4-week teaching series called *Squad Up: A 4-Week Series from Ephesians on Friendship!* We all want to be part of a community that feels like family. That kind of community isn't easy to come by, but it's exactly what Jesus had in mind for His followers when the church first began. Contact Tracy Fell at youth@saratogafederated.org for details about getting connected to this event.

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

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 Savoy Stevens at savoy@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.

VIRUS CRISIS CARE TEAMS

Tech Support: 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. David Akers or 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. 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.

LIFE GROUPS

Many studies are available on RightNow Media! 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. You may be interested in *The Power of Knowing God* by Dr. Tony Evans. God gives every Christian the tools for building an active relationship with Him, and experiencing His presence in our daily lives. In this six-part series, Dr. Tony Evans shares how prioritizing God over all else will transform us from the inside out.

We are starting a new group in September to look at *The Story*, the story of God's love affair with humanity. We will be using *The Story* curriculum, looking at the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. If you have ever wondered how all the books of the Bible fit together, this group is for you! Contact Sally Bryant at sally.bryant@gmail.com for more information.

The Experimental Men's Group (EMG) meets the first Monday of the month and is intended for men 70+. SFC and non-SFC men are warmly invited to join the group and make new friends. The EMG is intended to be more a community group than a church group for the 70+ category of men out there. Email Tom Priest at tomp@caps4ups.com for the Zoom link.

FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

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: 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: 8/2	\$243,943	\$217,670	\$26,273
Last Week's Giving:	\$23,521	\$43,534	\$(20,013)

SERMON PODCASTS & VIDEOS are available at www.saratogafederated.org.

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