

# SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

October 25, 2020

## **CELEBRATING BILL & DIANE ALLISON**

On November 1 at 1:00 pm, we will be celebrating the Allisons' retirement. For instructions on how you can send well wishes via video to Bill and Diane, go to <https://sturmmmedia.com/allison>.

## **INSPiRiT HEALING ROOM - OCTOBER 25**

On Sunday, October 25, 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](mailto: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. You can also request live prayer by Zoom.

## **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.

## **VIRUS CRISIS CARE TEAMS**

**Tech Support:** If you would like technical assistance to view the online church service, call the church at (408) 867-1000 ext 265. Leave a detailed message with your name and phone number. A volunteer should respond to you within a day.

**Grocery/Pharmacy Assistance:** If you would like assistance with getting groceries, call the church office at (408) 867-1000 ext. 266. Leave a detailed message, including your name and phone number. Robyn Swan or a volunteer should respond to you within one weekday.

## **FIRE RELIEF**

Are you wondering how you can get or provide help? Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

## **ADULT MINISTRY - LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Jesus tells us the second greatest commandment, after loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, is to love our neighbor as ourselves. As a church, we are committed to Life in God, Life with Others and Life for Others. It is timely for us to ask: how can we love our neighbor when we don't know our neighbor, or understand our neighbor's reality, especially when our neighbor is different than we are? How do we love our neighbor across racial divisions?

We are committed to helping us understand our neighbor so we can better love our neighbor. Here's how you can get involved:

- Join the monthly book club discussion. For more information, contact Barb Clark at [barbjclark77@gmail.com](mailto:barbjclark77@gmail.com)
- Read one of the books or listen to a podcast listed on our website. Each of these resources [listed on our website](#) is now based on the recommendations of theologians and pastors of color.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Students must be registered in our program to receive links to Zoom meetings. Please [REGISTER HERE](#).

### **Youth Worship Gatherings**

Middle School – Sunday at 9:30 am on Zoom

High School – Sunday at 11:00 am on Zoom

### **Sunday Evening Fireside Bible Study**

For High School Students

Sunday, October 25, from 7:30 to 8:45 pm on campus

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Mid-Week Bible Programs**

We can now offer a hybrid Wednesday night program option of in-person gathering and Zoom. Students will meet in the SFC courtyard with masks and 6' social distancing. Registration is required as space is limited. Both middle and high school programs will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Students may still use Zoom to participate if they cannot meet in person. Zoom links are sent out on Friday afternoons.

Middle School Hangout (Games and Bible Lesson)

7:00 to 8:00 pm - to attend in-person, please [register here](#).

High School Bible Study from 7:00 to 8:00 pm - to attend in-person, please [register here](#).

Parent Guides for all of our lessons are available on our website at [sfcyouth.info/parents](http://sfcyouth.info/parents). For more information about the program, please visit our [website](#). You may contact Tracy Fell with questions about the program at [tracy@saratogafederated.org](mailto:tracy@saratogafederated.org).

## **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](mailto:claire.iguchi@gmail.com) for more information.

## **LIFE GROUPS**

If you are looking for a new study, check out RightNow Media, the Netflix for Christian studies. Here are a few suggestions:

*This Is the Day: A Study with Tim Tebow*. Sometimes life feels rigid—as if nothing could ever really change. Maybe we're afraid of taking a step of faith, or maybe we're too injured from the past to move forward. No matter where you find yourself, you can make the most of today. Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to illustrate what it means to seize each day for God's glory and challenges us to step out in courage.

*Race and the Gospel* with Bryan Loritts and Matt Chandler. Using Ephesians 2:11-16, pastors Bryan Loritts and Matt Chandler look at an issue that has plagued American churches since the conception of America itself—racism. The doubt and frustration surrounding current conversations about race and ethnicity provoke questions like, "Why do we keep bringing racism up?" and "Isn't there just one race—the human race?" Today many Christians can no longer ignore racial tensions or use simplistic responses to deflect from the complexity of our country's racial problem. As those who follow Jesus, Christians have the unique opportunity to enter into—rather than shy away from—conversations about race and reconciliation in light of the hope of the gospel. Through teaching and honest dialogues, Bryan and Matt will unpack the hard truths about America's racial past and suggest a pathway forward of healing, justice and hope for multiethnic harmony in the church.

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](mailto:tomp@caps4ups.com) for the Zoom link.

## FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

### BEREAVEMENTS

We celebrate the life of **Andrew Aldridge** who died on October 9.

Sylvia Aldridge (wife)

Arianna & Jon Gerry (daughter & son-in-law)

Luke & Lilly Gerry (grandchildren)

### BIRTHS

We celebrate the life of **Cassian Qayde Iannucci** who was born on October 8.

Robbie & Lanie (parents)

Sophia Iannucci (big sister)

### 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?

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](http://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: saratoga 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: 10/18	\$617,942	\$696,543	\$(78,601)
Last Week's Giving:	\$28,492	\$43,534	\$(15,042)

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