

# SFC COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

November 22, 2020

## **INSPiRIT HEALING ROOM - NOVEMBER 22**

On Sunday, November 22, 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 may also request prayer over Zoom.

## **DECORATING THE CAMPUS - NOVEMBER 23**

Now that our County is in the purple tier, more than ever we hope to bless our community by decorating our campus with special displays and lots of lights. Many hands make light work! If you can help us during Thanksgiving week for a morning, an afternoon or more, [sign up online](#). We especially need people who are comfortable on a ladder. Plan to wear your mask and stay as far apart from others as possible. We will be working outdoors.

## **NIGHT OF GRATITUDE - NOVEMBER 25**

You are invited to an online night of gratitude and prayer on Wednesday, November 25. This will be a simple hour of reflection on the evening before we celebrate Thanksgiving. Pastor Sean will lead us in a devotion on the faithfulness of God and the power of gratitude, especially in challenging times. Join us online and fill your heart with thankfulness as we share a special evening together.

## **ADVENT WREATH KIT PICK UP - NOVEMBER 29**

Supplies for making an Advent Wreath at home will be available for pick up at the church from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We invite you to create your own at-home Advent traditions and participate with us while we light the candles online in our Sunday gatherings. [Register on our website](#). Contact Savoy Stevens at [savoy@saratogafederated.org](mailto:savoy@saratogafederated.org) or Robyn Swan at [robyn@saratogafederated.org](mailto:robyn@saratogafederated.org) if you have any questions.

## **GIVING TREE DEADLINE - DECEMBER 4**

There's still time to bring Christmas joy to a child in Oakland or San Jose. [Sign up here](#) to provide a gift or gifts to be distributed by Cityteam, Points of Light and Servant Partners. Please remember to provide the quality of gifts you would give to your own child or grandchild. Gifts can be returned to the back of the old post office.

## **CARE MINISTRY CAREGIVER PANEL**

### **DECEMBER 9**

Many of you give unending care to family members with difficult illnesses. You are secret heroes, and we want to support you. On Wednesday, December 9, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, our Care Ministry is hosting a Caregiver Panel on Zoom. Sign up to hear how other caregivers find their joy and stamina, and discover how they care for themselves. Register for this Caregiver Zoom gathering at <https://tinyurl.com/CareZoom>.

For more details about this event and how to support caregivers and those with illness or disabilities, visit <https://tinyurl.com/invisibled>.

### **PANDEMIC PARENTING - DECEMBER 10**

Parents of preschoolers through high schoolers, join us for this virtual webinar on Thursday, December 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm for an evening with Dr. David Wang. Through the lens of traumatic stress, he will discuss the research and best practices for coping with and navigating the stress of pandemic life. If you are concerned about your child's mental health, or your own, please join us for this 2-hour interactive webinar. Register here. More information is available [online](#) or by contacting [Savoy Stevens](#) or [Matt Hall](#).

### **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

Sally Bryant has prepared a beautiful Advent devotional designed for participants of all ages, with study questions for Life Groups that follow Sean's Advent sermon series, *Pondering Christmas*. The devotionals will be available on our website and for pick up at the church next week.

### **COX BUILDING VACANCY**

Saratoga Federated Church is seeking a tenant for the office space in Suite B of the Cox building. It is an 835 square foot space with two private offices, one open office, a conference room and a bathroom. All spaces have hardwood floors. Rent is \$2100/mo plus utilities on a one-year lease. If you are interested, contact Jerry Bruce at (408) 867-1000, ext. 249, or email [jerry@saratogafederated.org](mailto:jerry@saratogafederated.org) for photos and/or a tour.

### **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. Zoom links are sent out on Friday afternoons to all students registered in our Youth program. 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**

Suspended until the SFC Campus reopens.

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

No mid-week programs this week (11/25) due to Thanksgiving

### **Parent Guides for Discussion at Home**

Parent Guides for the Wednesday night studies and the High School Fireside program are available on our website at [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).

## **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 seeing the image of God in everyone. It is timely for us to ask: how can we truly see the image of God in 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 see and affirm the image of God 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.

## **LIFE GROUPS**

### **Study by Nicole Unice**

Check out Nicole Unice's study available on RightNow Media. Nicole was one of our favorite preachers during the interim season, and she is back with a new study talking about how the everyday issues that drive you crazy affect you... and why you don't have to settle for letting them win. The good news? You don't have to "fix" yourself. You have access to the power of Christ. His power can transform your everyday weaknesses into your greatest strengths and gifts. You and your group can access this study [HERE](#).

### **The Experimental Men's Group (EMG)**

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.

## **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.

## FOR YOUR AWARENESS, PRAYER OR ATTENTION

### BEREAVEMENTS

We celebrate the life of **Kimberly Leonard** who died on November 2.

Mark Leonard (husband)

Jonny & Mandy Leonard (children)

Joey Cochran (mother)

Bob & Joan Leonard (father & mother-in-law)

Eric & Tracy Leonard & Family (brother-in-law & family)

Steve & Courtney Leonard & Family (brother-in-law & family)

### 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 fc 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: 11/15	\$792,689	\$870,679	\$(77,990)
Last Week's Giving:	\$29,142	\$43,534	\$(14,392)

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

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