



ALONG THE WAY

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Youth in Church— Together or Separate?

By Paul Scholz, Director of Youth Ministry

The American Church has been asking this question for a long time now. Together, we have all the generations worshipping side by side and yet youth often complain about being “bored.”

Separate, we are able to create a worship experience that is relevant to youth, but then they do not connect with greater church body. Our current culture can be very influential to the church in this matter as the youth community grows more unique and independent from older generations. It is difficult to discern the best approach for each church community.

The Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) is a leading

voice in this conversation; the creators of the idea of “Sticky Faith” (www.fulleryouthinstitute.org). The primary objectives of Sticky Faith are for students to take ownership of their walk with Jesus and find their own faith community when they go away to their next season in life. That faith and church is so “sticky” that young adults stay connected. FYI’s wisdom and insight helps to guide us in this process of figuring out what is best for the SVPC community.

It seems that over the long-scope of a faith journey, youth that do not attend the main church service worshipping with all generations tend to lose connection with

Join our SVPC ministry leaders and read FYI’s latest book—

Growing Young:
6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church.



church. Decades of brilliant, committed, and loving youth-specific programs can overshadow a youth’s overall
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perspective of the church and so the dedication to the church body as a whole does not take place. Hence, youth slowly stop attending church and do not even see it as significant in their next season. Difficult! Our decision takes a lot of patience and prayer.

Last year our Youth Ministry Team made a bold decision to no longer have a separate Sunday youth program and, instead, worship in church with all the generations. While there are challenges to every ministry program, our priority is for youth to be present with the greater SVPC community. Our hope and prayer is that the youth see their place in the church community. We will continue this commitment to support youth becoming life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. 🌱

August Calendar

A quick look at what's happening at SVPC this month...

August

- 6 Food Drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services
CARAVAN Sunday
Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Family Worship with child-friendly elements
Summer Community Dinner #5, 6 PM, Trinity Court, dinner provided
- 8 Prepare materials for Family Worship, 7 PM, Carol Heath's home
- 10 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, The Pasta Market, Sunnyvale
- 12 A Way to Say "No" to Hate, 1-5 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 13 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Family Worship with child-friendly elements
Summer Community *Potluck* Dinner #1, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 14 Deadline for September newsletter articles
- 18 Session meets
- 20 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Family Worship with child-friendly elements
Safe Church Training, 11:30 AM-1 PM, Fireside Room
Summer Community *Potluck* Dinner #2, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 27 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Family Worship with child-friendly elements
Summer Community *Potluck* Dinner #3, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 28 BLAST/iBLAST Teacher/Shepherd Training, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, August 14 for the September newsletter. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to newsletter@svpc.us, and, if possible, include a photo with your article.



Go green!

Go Green! Consider joining the more than 435 individuals and families that now receive their newsletter electronically. The online edition arrives sooner, contains the same articles plus vivid full-color photos and live links, and can be easily shared with family and friends, all while helping reduce our carbon footprint! *Opt in* by sending an e-mail to newsletter@svpc.us with your request. 🌱

Looking Ahead

September 1–4, Redwood Glen Camp, Loma Mar, CA
September 5, Parent Support Group Coffee, 9:30–10:30 AM,
Room 702
September 9–30, Saturdays, GriefShare
September 10, New Member Class, 11:30 AM–2 PM,
Coleman Room
October 20–21, Silicon Valley Mobile Pack

Where is that?

Coleman Room
(Bldg 700)
Fellowship Hall
(Bldg 300)
Fireside Room
(Bldg 200)
Gym, Phoenix Center
(Bldg 700)
Sanctuary (Bldg 100)
Soulé Hall (Room 501,
Bldg 500)
Youth Room, Phoenix
Center (Bldg 700)

Youth Calendars

View current events at
www.svpc.us/youth



The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim



Dear Sunnyvale Presbyterian Family,


We don't really know each other yet. So it's strange for me to write this piece for the newsletter. I imagine it must be odd for you to be reading it, to wonder what sort of person is really behind these words. By the time you get the August newsletter, I will only have preached one sermon, so many of us will not even have glimpsed each other's faces!

I can't wait for us to get to know each other better—for these notes to be transformed from a way to get to know each other into vital exchanges about our plans, real expressions of

comfort and encouragement. I know that this is going to take time. So, I ask for your patience as I arrive and start to learn my way around and as I get comfortable enough to open up to you. I also ask for your willingness to step forward and make yourselves known to me as well.

I want you to know that, for my part, this process has already begun. Through the actions of the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, the thoughtful outreach of the deacons and

and inspiring things about the things you have accomplished and the work you are currently doing.

I am ready for more sharing with you, more learning about who you are and what you are doing. I hope you'll come be a part of it all as we dig into the work of being—together—rooted in Christ and reaching out in love. 

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hardy". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a personal style.

*My family and I have already begun
to experience the care and hospitality
of the SVPC community.*

Church School participants, and by the hard work of the staff and other leaders at SVPC, my family and I have already begun to experience the care and the hospitality of the community. I have learned wonderful



Rooted in Christ...

Sunnyvale Presbyterian offers everyone an opportunity to connect with the church community.

The Mission of the Presbytery of San Jose

**The Rev. Joey Lee,
Executive Presbyter**

The Presbytery of San Jose is made up of 36 congregations, fellowships and new worshipping communities, in the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey. Our mission is primarily focused on:

- Creating, strengthening and facilitating connections between churches and members
- Providing and sharing resources throughout the presbytery
- Working in all areas of ministries with pastors, congregations, sessions and presbytery.

Your mission dollars support the work of the Presbytery in some of the following ways:

- Vision grants and scholarships
- Hunger action advocate

Session Summaries

July session meeting

The July session meeting worship time opened with reading John 12:46, lighting the Christ candle, reflection, affirming the church's vision and prayer. Session reviewed and approved the consent docket.

Ministry updates included:

- June's Financial Report
- Review of Endowment's Charter
- Review of Ministry Resources' Charter
- Review of Council's Charter
- Pastor Hardy's arrival
- Discussion of the second associate pastor position


Session closed their time together in small groups with prayers for the church, and corporately with the Lord's Prayer.

(e.g., work with the Homeless Garden Project)

- Safe Church Coordinator and safe church training
- Immanuel House, refugee resettlement house
- Three new worshipping communities: Wednesday Revive, San Jose; Sweaty Sheep, Santa Cruz; and Beer Church, Watsonville

- Peacemaking advocate and Peace and Justice ministries
- The Washington Office, PC(USA)
- and more!

On behalf of the Presbytery of San Jose, thank you.

 www.sanjosepby.org

Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer in Children's Ministry!

10. You get to carry the all-important colored folders.
9. You get to know where the super-secret stash of markers, scissors, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, and felt resides.
8. You will get a coveted magnetic nametag.
7. Kids will recognize you out in the community or at church and smother you with admiration.
6. You will finally know what's in the mysterious totes.
5. Access to snacks.
4. You will be privy to amazing techniques that experienced teachers employ for classroom management.
3. You get the codes.
2. You will get an invitation to the exclusive Volunteer Appreciation lunch.

And the number 1 reason for volunteering in Children's Ministry:

1. Blessings and gratitude and LOVE!!

Please contact **Carol Heath** at carol@svpc.us to teach on Sunday mornings, or **Carol Tadros** at tadros@svpc.us to teach on Sunday evenings. There are MANY spots available!

All Ladies Welcome

Tuesday, August 8, 7 PM

All ladies are welcome to gather at Carol Heath's home for a time to catch up with one another while we prepare materials for Family Worship services in August.

Feel free to bring a light appetizer to share—and by all means, bring a friend!

We ask that children do not attend this function (nursing babies are welcome).

Please contact **Carol Heath** at carol@svpc.us for address information.

CARAVAN Sunday 2017

August 6, at all three regular worship services

Join us for our church's annual energy-filled, student-led worship service. Our youth and adult advisors recently returned from a service and learning trip to the Yakama Nation in Washington state where they were immersed in the Native American culture. The students will share what they learned about serving God by serving others, as well as the differences between the Western and indigenous viewpoints on Christianity.



Children's Ministry Welcomes New Team!

When four of our staff members on the children's team moved on for various reasons over the past months, it seemed impossible to find replacements for these amazing people. But God continues to provide here at SVPC! Please join us in welcoming Emily, Donna and Carol T.

Emily Cramer joins us as the **Associate Director of Children's Ministry** and **Child Care Coordinator**.



Carol Tadros, Emily Cramer, Donna Dillard

Emily is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley and recently spent time in Jordan where she managed projects at a refugee crisis nonprofit. In her application letter, Emily says "children's and youth ministry is at the core of who I am. I have a lifetime of commitment to pour into the lives of children however I can." We are so excited that she has chosen to pour into the lives of children at SVPC!

Carol Tadros is our new **Children's Intersections Associate**. Carol and her family have been attending SVPC for over a year. Her three children have taken part in the youth group. When Carol was approached about a part time position on the Children's Ministry team, she felt it was the answer to her prayer as she had been searching for a way to use her gifts beyond parenting. Carol is in charge of all aspects of the evening Church School program as well as Children's Ministry communications.

Donna Dillard joins us as our **Special Needs Coordinator**. Donna has been a part of the Parent Support Group and also participates in LOGOS with her daughter. It was a natural transition for her to join the team because of these connections as well as recently retiring from her other more full-time work. Donna began working during our VBS week and has already met our families and worked with our Special Needs buddies. This ministry has not missed a beat because of her knowledge of and love for the special needs community.

Please seek out these new members of our staff and welcome them warmly!

Reaching Out In Love.

Christ commands us to love one another as He loves us. Here's how.

A Way to Say "No" to Hate!

August 12, 1-5 PM

If you're bothered by the rhetoric and other expressions of hate in our nation and even our own community, you can take a stand for what is just and right. You can offer Sunnyvale neighbors a poster to put in their window or yard to show they stand against racism and Islamophobia and welcome all immigrants.

On August 12 we'll meet in Fellowship Hall to learn about Islamophobia and, after time to practice, receive an assignment to go out in two's to nearby homes and stores offering a poster that says "No" to hate and welcomes everyone. Participants will gather afterwards for refreshments and time to share about the experience.

This is a way to do a new thing, stand for love and acceptance in place of hate, and make a difference. Please RSVP by August 8 to miriamekishi@gmail.com or 408-246-4664 so materials and assignments can be prepared. This canvassing event is organized by the South Bay Jewish Voice for Peace and co-sponsored by the [SVPC Pilgrims of Ibillin](#).

Financial Update through June 30

\$432k Income
- \$430k Expenses
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\$ 2k Surplus

Contributions have slowed, as is typical for the summer months, while expenses are close to budget. Keeping your giving current and making additional gifts enable our church to be financially healthy. We continue to be grateful for your stewardship to this church community. Thank you!

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**We Stand with
Our Muslim,
Arab, &
Immigrant
Neighbors.**



Spice Dinner

Thursday, August 10, 6 PM, The Pasta Market

Our 50s+ Singles Group, [Spice](#), will enjoy a no-host dinner at The Pasta Market in Sunnyvale. Join us and enjoy a pleasant meal with the group. This is a wonderful way to make new friends and enjoy an evening out. For more information please contact **Melanie Prolo** at 408-394-9311 or melanieprolo@gmail.com.




Maximizing Your Gifts

We have two more ways you can maximize your donations to SVPC.

AmazonSmile—Amazon will donate .5% of all eligible purchases to SVPC if you list the church as your charity. Go to smile.amazon.com. It's that simple!



Bookmark this link so all of your eligible shopping will benefit Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church.

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Benevity and YourCause—These are employer matching plans. SVPC is a registered charity with them. See if your employer participates.




2017 Silicon Valley Mobile Pack— Save the Date!

October 20–21

Mission & Service in partnership with Orchard Valley Christian Church and Feed My Starving Children (a Christian non-profit organization) is pleased to sponsor the third annual Silicon Valley Mobile Pack. This year we will have five packing shifts over two days.

Friday, Oct. 20	Packing Shift 1: 3:30–5:30 PM
	Packing Shift 2: 6–8 PM
Saturday, Oct. 21	Packing Shift 3: 8–10 AM
	Packing Shift 4: 10:30 AM–12:30 PM
	Packing Shift 5: 1:30–3:30 PM

Volunteers will also be needed for set-up, clean-up and hospitality. Last year we packed 163,296 meals. This year our goal is 200,000! Sign-ups begin the third week in August. 



Parent Support Group Coffee

Resumes Tuesday,
September 5,
9:30–10:30 AM, Room 702

We will be resuming our monthly Parent Support Group Coffees. Last year was a great success. Parents who attended included those whose lives are affected by family members with special needs, learning differences, behavior challenges, or those wanting to be a part of a supportive community.

The Special Needs Ministry at Sunnyvale Presbyterian welcomes you to be part of this informal social support group. This is a place for parents in the community to gain support, ask questions, share stories, learn about resources, as well as share joys and accomplishments along their journey parenting children with special needs. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month in Room 702. For further information, please contact **Donna Dillard** at donna@svpc.us.

Summer Community Dinners

Sundays, July 9–August 6, Trinity Court

You're invited to join us for dinner this summer after our 5 PM worship service Sundays beginning July 9. It's one of the ways we build community and practice hospitality. We eat outside at tables in Trinity Court. The meals range from pizza to specialty food trucks to BBQ, and we work hard to include gluten-free and vegetarian options. There's always a donation basket set out to help cover costs, but never let that stop you from joining us.

Your support of these dinners is appreciated! Make plans to join us when you're in town these summer Sundays, and consider offering to help setup and/or clean up. Contact **Debbie Shaver** at dshaver@stanfordalumni.org.



Summer Potluck Community Dinners

Sundays, August 13–27, Trinity Court

We'll continue to have dinners together on Sundays beginning August 13 after our 5 PM worship service, but we're going to do so with good old-fashioned potlucks. Arrive a few minutes before the worship service with a dish to share and there will be signs indicating where to store your hot or cold dish during the church service, or come at 6 PM with your dish. We'll provide the plates, utensils and drinks!



In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

For recovery: **Jeanine Unterleitner**

For cancer treatment: **Trina Grube-Liu**

For the loss of loved ones: The family of **Ann Coleman**

In Celebration...

We celebrate the birth of **Violet Ann Stapleton** to parents **Amy** and **Shane Stapleton**, big sister, **Grace**, and grandparents **Deb** and **Bob Stoddard**.

Parents—Ready for a Date Night?

Parent's Night Out (PNO) is a Christian cooperative child care program at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. PNO is administered and staffed by participating couples, and overseen by the Director of Family Ministries. The program runs on a 16-week trimester basis. Families are expected to commit to the entire trimester. PNO currently meets Saturday nights from 5:30–8:30 PM.

During the three-hour program, the children enjoy age-appropriate activities, a snack, and a movie. Two couples provide supervision each week. Couples work on a rotating, regularly scheduled basis. When it is not your turn to supervise children, you are free to go out and spend time together as a couple. Families of all types and sizes are welcome. Children six months or older are welcome to participate.

Currently we have room on our waiting list. If you would like more information about PNO or would like to be added to our waiting list, please contact **Michelle Schmidt** at dancingschmidt@yahoo.com. 🌿

Online: What's at svpc.us

- New Member Class—www.svpc.us/groups/member
- GriefShare—www.svpc.us/groups/sage
- SAGE Luncheons—www.svpc.us/groups/luncheon

E-mail—info@svpc.us

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All-Church Camp

Labor Day Weekend, September 1–4, Redwood Glen

All-Church Camp is just a few weeks away! If you have not registered, we still have space. Spend your Labor Day weekend with friends from our church family at Redwood Glen Camp, about one hour away. There are some fun jobs open so come and join in! We also have special activities for first-time campers. Get to know **Pastor Hardy** and his family in a fun, informal setting. Contact **Bob Stoddard** at bobstoddard1@gmail.com or 408-499-5069.

You may also contact

Anneka or **Stephen Bear** at
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or 408-828-4472 with any questions. Turn in any forms or payment to the church office or pay online as soon as possible.

Come and enjoy! 