



# ALONG THE WAY

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## The Music School

By **Chantelle Urbina, Director**

Happy New Year! As I am now well into my second year as Director of The Music School, it is a great time to reflect on the past year and look ahead to what is to come in 2019.

The Music School teachers have been very supportive in maintaining the quality instruction and support for students that has been our priority since 1977. Our private lesson schedule is nearing capacity, and our class enrollment includes over 100 new families with students of all ages. We are thrilled to have brought back our *Musical Treats* program for 2s and 3s. In an effort to encourage teens and adults to give music a try, we opened our *Group Piano for Adults* class last



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year, and I'm very pleased that our new *Strum Class* for beginning guitar and ukulele students is full of individuals and families, all enthusiastically learning folk songs and contemporary music, family sing-along style.

**Jo Smith-Nilsson** has joined our staff as Assistant

Director, and she is here every day as an administrator and teaching classes in almost every age group. If your students have a break from school in February, consider signing them up for Jo's new *Music and Science Camp*, or *Music and Art Camp* with **Debbie Sanfilippo**.

Jo and I are regularly teaching music to PELC's classes including the Infant/Toddler, Intro to Preschool, and Full-Time 3s and 4s. We love our relationship with PELC Director **Grace Randle** and the PELC staff and faculty, as we are continuously supporting each other with events, advertising, and merging our communities.

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# The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim

## *Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

I am sitting in my office on a Monday morning, and I find that I'm still struck by a sermon that was preached yesterday by **Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski**.

Her sermon was about Jesus' mission statement from Luke 4 where he says:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Pastor Karin urged us all to understand that Jesus was declaring His solidarity with those who are poor, oppressed, and marginalized. That He was willing to give His life to redeem them from their plight.

And then she went on to say that we are all called, as Jesus' followers, to join Him

in these efforts. To offer up our own gifts and lives on behalf of those who are the poor, oppressed, and marginalized in our own times. She closed by saying, "Our work is cut out for us. But, with God's help, we can do this."

As I consider her words today, I realize the enormity of the task that she is calling us to tackle. Things like poverty, the refugee crisis, the opioid epidemic, mass incarceration, and violence against women won't go away just because we want them to. To address them means to devote much of our attention, energy, resources, and lives to work in areas that are not pleasant to face. We might have to work for long years to establish incremental changes.

But I am convinced that she's right in her interpretation of Jesus' statement of his vision of ministry. And so I think she's also right in the encouragement she puts forward to all of us—that we should be a part of what Christ continues to do in the world. I am grateful for her witness and leadership. I hope that you will join us in living out this ministry in the days ahead. And I pray that you'll come speak to Pastor Karin (or me) if you have questions or concerns about what this all means as well.

Finally, I want to be clear in communicating that SVPC expends a great amount of resources—staff, program, and finances—in making sure we stay

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true to this vision of Jesus' ministry. Your generosity has been critical to enabling our work. Yet there is so much more that we have all dreamed together: outreach to a more diverse Sunnyvale community and to young adults, more work in hands-on mission and relief efforts following disasters, and more direct action to deal with problems such as homelessness or the housing crisis. We need your continuing support—in prayers and finances—and we need more people to join in the giving and working, so that our new initiatives can flourish as well. I remain hopeful that all we now dream of might become—by your gracious giving and by God's miraculous power—a reality in the days ahead. 🌱

With hope,



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Please join us at some of our upcoming events, all in the SVPC Sanctuary.

- *Sweetheart Concert* on Friday, February 15 at 7 PM—featuring **Donald & Yoko Dillard** and **John & Nancy Whitecar**. Outstanding piano, organ, and tuba performances; child care courtesy of PELC.
- *Santa Clara Chorale "Pirates of Penzance"* on Friday, March 15 at 7 PM—includes performances by our Adventures and Kaleidoscope students.
- *Senior Recital*, April 13 at 2 PM—featuring graduating seniors **Kenneth Lin**, piano, **Julia Ralston**, flute, and **Austin Tao**, clarinet.



Keep an eye out for information on our *Spring Musical*, as well as our *Summer Theater* and camp schedules coming out soon on [themusicschool.org](http://themusicschool.org). 🌱

## Interested in connecting...

with other young adults at SVPC? For news and events, contact **Sarah Hawthorne** at [YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com](mailto:YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com).

## Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, February 11 for the March edition. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us), and, if possible, include a photo with your article.

## Go green!

Consider joining the hundreds of individuals and families that now receive the digital edition of this newsletter. It arrives sooner, contains vivid full-color photos and live links, and helps reduce our carbon footprint! *Opt-in* at [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us).

# February Calendar

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

## February

- 1–3 Men's Retreat
- 3 Food drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services  
All-Ages Worship, Communion Milestone Moment for 1st and 2nd Grades  
Café Justo coffee served, available for purchase too ([www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.org))
- 4 Monday Night Fellowship for FLASH & CLUE
- 6 JAM (Just Among Moms), 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702
- 7 PELC Open House, 6–8 PM
- 9 Ice Skating and Broomball Outing for FLASH and CLUE
- 10 SAGE Luncheon 11:20 AM, Fellowship Hall  
Youth Group Parent Information Meeting, 6:15–7 PM, Soulé Hall
- 11 Deadline for March newsletter articles  
Monday Night Fellowship for FLASH & CLUE
- 12 Parent Support Group Coffee, 9:30–11 AM, Room 750
- 14 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, Mountain View
- 15 The Music School's Sweetheart Concert, 7 PM, Sanctuary
- 17 Start Together Sunday,  
Rainbow Choir (3 year olds–1st) and Glory Choir (2nd–5th) Sing
- 18 Church office closed
- 20 JAM (Just Among Moms), 9:30–11:30 AM, Park Play Date
- 24 *A Brief Statement of Faith Discipleship* class, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
- 25 Monday Night Fellowship for FLASH & CLUE

## March

- 1–3 Women's Retreat
- 6 Ash Wednesday Services, 5:15 or 7:30 PM
- 8–9 Spring Concert, 7 PM, Sanctuary
- 10 New Member Class, 11:30 AM–2:30 PM, Coleman Room  
Begin *Invitations from God: A Lenten Contemplative mini-retreat series*
- 15 Santa Clara Chorale *Pirates of Penzance*, 7 PM, Sanctuary

## Holiday Closures

The church office is closed on Monday, February 18.

## Looking Ahead

April Holy Week & Easter  
May Annual Chili Cookoff  
June CARAVAN




E-mail—[info@svpc.us](mailto:info@svpc.us)

Facebook—[facebook.com/SunnyvalePres](https://facebook.com/SunnyvalePres)

## *Where is that room?*

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)

## SVPC Church App for your Mobile Device

Stay connected with the church community through the new SVPC app. Find upcoming church events and add them to your calendar, look up Bible passages, and make donations. The app is a convenient way to donate (in addition to cash, check, bank account, credit, debit or text). To get the SVPC app on your mobile device search for SVPC or Sunnyvale Presbyterian on the Apple App or Google Play stores, or use this link from your phone: <http://sunnyvale.app.link>. 



# Rooted in Christ...

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



## New Member Class

March 10, 11:30 AM–2:30 PM, Coleman Room

If you have been attending worship and are interested in the next step, come and explore membership with us. **Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski** will be teaching this one-session New Member Class. Also required for membership is a meeting with session. New members will be received during worship services on the following Sunday, March 17. If you plan to attend the class, please contact **Jean Ranck** at [jean@svpc.us](mailto:jean@svpc.us) or 408-739-1892. A light lunch will be served. For child care, please contact **Emily Cramer** at [childcare@svpc.us](mailto:childcare@svpc.us) by March 3.


## 40-Day Journey Through Lent

Join our church family traveling through Lent on a spiritual journey guided by Howard Thurman. **Rev. Hardy Kim** has chosen this book of forty inspiring passages gleaned by Editor Donna Schaper from the works of Thurman, a spiritual advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By reading one each day of Lent, skipping Sundays, we'll be encouraged to live out our faith in action that is "guided by spirit and maintained in peace."

Thurman was an influential American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was strongly influenced by his grandmother, a former slave, who raised him and a Quaker mystic under whom he studied. Buy the paperback from our church's Sunday Book Sale or online.

## A Brief Statement of Faith

Sunday, February 24,  
11:30 AM, Soulé Hall

Pastor Hardy Kim will teach the class *A Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church (USA)*. This statement of faith was approved in 1991 and resulted from the 1983 reunion of the two major Presbyterian denominations in the United States. This Discipleship class continues our study of the creeds and confessions in the PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*. 



HOWARD THURMAN





## Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 6,  
5:15 & 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

5:15—Everyone is invited to this family-friendly, intergenerational service. Imposition of ashes and hands-on Lenten experiences will be a part of this interactive worship service. All are welcome, young in age and young at heart. Stay for a potluck style family dinner in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Bring a dish to share.

7:30—Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. Our service will also include communion. Child care will be available in Room 901 for ages six months to six years.


Ash Wednesday, Season of Lent, Lenten Opportunities, and Holy Week: [www.svpc.us/lent](http://www.svpc.us/lent)

## Discipleship Hosts Teacher Recognition Dinner

On January 22, the Discipleship ministry team hosted its first annual Teacher Recognition Dinner to honor teachers of 2018 classes. Those recognized at the dinner were:

- **Judy Beggs**
- **Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright**
- **Dr. Allan Graham**
- **Rev. Hardy Kim**
- **Livvy Nolin**
- **Jim Peterson**
- **Dr. Bill Prior**
- **Barry Vickrey**
- **Mary Green Vickrey**
- **Rev. Steve Whitney**
- **Val Weirauch**



At the dinner, librarian **Julie Reilly** reported that the following titles have been added to the library collection in connection with 2018 classes: Adam S. McHugh, *The Listening Life: Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction*; Joe & Judy Herzanek, *Why Don't They Just Quit?*; and Rob Bell, *What Is the Bible?* Each title contains a bookplate recognizing the person who taught the related course. 



## Youth Ministry Happenings

### Monday Night Fellowship

*February 4, 11, & 25*

Middle School ([FLASH](#)) and High School ([CLUE](#)) students gather for open gym, fun nights and outings to In-N-Out.

### Ice Skating and Broomball for FLASH and CLUE

*Saturday, February 9*

Details and sign up info on the [website](#).

### Youth Group Parent Information Meeting

*Sunday, February 10, 6:15–7 PM, Soulé Hall*

### Middle School (FLASH) and High School (CLUE) students...

Join us for regular weekly events in addition to special outings and activities.

The best way to know about youth activities and to register for events is to sign up for the weekly electronic youth newsletter. Look for “[Join Email Lists](#)” on the bottom of any SVPC web page. 🍃

## Scholarship Donations

[CARAVAN](#) is the annual week-long service and learning trip organized by SVPC Youth Ministry. If you would be interested in making a scholarship contribution for this experience or other youth ministry activities, you may do so on the church app. [Download the app](#), and under ‘Offering’ select: Youth Ministry Scholarship Fund. You may also contribute on the church website under the [Give tab](#). Thank you!



## Annual Chili Cookoff

**Sunday, May 5, 11:30 AM–2 PM, Fellowship Hall**

Proceeds benefit [CARAVAN](#). We are looking for chili chefs now and space will be limited. Email [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us) if you would be interested in competing. Ticket sales will begin soon. This is a One-Service Sunday at 10 AM and Confirmation Sunday.



# Financial Update through Dec. 31

April through Dec.	Actual	Budget	Delta
Income	\$1,383K	\$1,438K	(\$55K)
Expenses	<u>\$1,401K</u>	<u>\$1,517K</u>	<u>(\$116K)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$18K)	(\$79K)	\$61K

Year-to-date pledge income is exceeding YTD budget, while non-pledge income continues to trail YTD budget, resulting in total income coming in less than budget. Expenses continue to trend lower than budgeted. We currently have a \$61K surplus YTD, and are hoping we can continue this trend to the year end. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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**OUR GIFTS**

## Stewardship Update

**Gloria Bordeaux-Pacholec, Comptroller**

The commitments for 2019 are coming in at a lower rate than last year. If you have not yet made a 2019 financial pledge, please prayerfully consider your response by returning a pledge card or submitting a response online at [svpc.us/give](http://svpc.us/give).

We thank those who have generously given in 2018, and those who have already made their 2019 financial commitment. 🌱



# Reaching Out In Love.

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



## Spring Choir Concert

Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9, 7 PM, Sanctuary

Invite your friends and family to our first-ever, double-performance, collaborative Spring Concert presented by nearly 300 musicians—SVPC's Chancel Choir, the Cupertino High School choirs, orchestra, soloists, and organ.

The concert features Dan Forrest's powerful *Requiem for the Living* (2013), a five-movement prayer for rest based on Biblical texts (Ecclesiastes and Job) and traditional Requiem texts. The texts and music move from pouring out grief, and wrestling with the problem of pain and sorrow, to finding hope in Christ's redemption, seeing God's glory in creation, and arriving at rest and peace in Christ, even while living in our broken world. Several rousing spiritual settings featuring tenor soloist **Trente Morant** will round out the program.

Child care (6 months to 6 years) will be provided, and all are invited to a reception immediately following the concert. A free-will offering will be collected to help offset the concert costs. 🌿



## Women's Retreat

Friday, March 1, 4 PM–Sunday, March 3, 2 PM, Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park

Give yourself the gift of fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth with your sisters in faith! Join us for our second year at the beautiful Vallambrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. We will gather in worship, create opportunities for reflection, and have opportunities for outdoor activities, art, prayer, connection and down time. The food is great, the rooms are comfortable and the program is sure to feed your soul.

We are pleased to welcome speaker **Cassie Carroll**, Ministries Assistant at Westminster Woods and former Youth Director at SVPC. Cassie will be speaking to us around creating conversations for reclaiming our Christian womanhood through key women characters in scripture.

For questions, contact co-chairs **Jen Britton** and **Tjitske Postma** at [svpcwomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:svpcwomensretreat@gmail.com).

🖱 Register here: [svpc.us/womens\\_retreat](http://svpc.us/womens_retreat)

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## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

*For Recovery:* **Edna Cate; Sonja Krave; Lois Sanguinetti; Sue Slavik; Harold Thiede**

*Continued Prayers:* **Sharon Heyler; Jo-Marie Lawrence; Mildred Prasad; Grace Ann Weiler**

*For Cancer Treatment:* **Leslie Gross; Olivia Lin; Michael Yocum**

*In Hospice:* **Marge Connell; Canuto Ramirez; David Robinson; Barbara Timmons**

*For the loss of loved ones:* **Mary Aron's father (Daniel Goodnight); Natalie Caldwell's father (Ed Roberts); Ralph Robinson's wife (Madeleine Robinson); Lynn Thomas' father (Robert Clifton Parker); Lynn Wiese's mother; the family and friends of Donna Ducey and Jane Frees**



*Praise:* The birth of **Sienna Romeo** to parents **Mary** and **Paul Romeo** and grandparents **Sue** and **John Ahn** 🌿



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## Spice Dinner

Thursday, February 14,  
6 PM, Potluck



SVPC's 50s+ Singles Group, Spice, will enjoy a potluck dinner at a home in Mountain View. Join us for a wonderful meal with the group—men and women are invited. Contact **Kathy Ebhardt** at 408-249-7842 or [kathy.ebhardt@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.ebhardt@gmail.com) to RSVP (by February 8) and get location details.



## SAGE Luncheon

Sunday, February 10,  
11:20 AM, Fellowship Hall

You are invited to attend the SAGE Luncheon (Seniors Actively Growing and Engaged).



We'll have entertainment, conversation, and a wonderful meal, all for a suggested donation of \$7. Remember to invite a friend or two!