



ALONG THE WAY

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PELC 50th Anniversary

By Grace Randle

Can you guess who is turning 50 this fall? If you said the Presbyterian Early Learning Center (PELC), you would be right! On September 30 from 4 to 7 PM PELC will be host a 50th anniversary celebration with a blow-out Harvest Festival.


Everyone is invited to participate in what we hope will be the “best time” for all involved. Children of all ages will be able to bounce or slide, ride ponies and play lots and lots of games. We’ll have our very popular cake walk as well as yummy goodies, dinner from Armadillo Willy’s, and photo albums from our many years of history. We will have baskets filled with goodies to raffle and many other activities to keep everyone happily engaged.

There will be some of our oldest brochures and pictures from years and years ago. Reminders of when we started as the Preschool of Christian Impressions to our current role providing quality preschool to the children of our church and our community.

PELC is one of the oldest preschools in Sunnyvale and it’s a testament to the quality of our school that we not only have survived, but thrived as a school for our youngest children. It is a huge milestone for a preschool to hit 50 years of service in our community. We plan to celebrate in style. Our pastors will lead some of our activities (no dunk tank this year) and others from our church and community will be helping too.



Fifty years! Wow! Fifty years of quality childcare for our church family and reaching out into our community. Our success is due to many blessings – the excellent support and love of our church, a staff that is incredibly talented, capable and loving, and the families that continue to participate in our programs.

PELC – 50 years of quality preschool where love and learning really do go hand in hand! 

The View From Here

by Carol Heath, Director of Children's Ministry

Yes, it's that time of year again. How does it always manage to sneak up on us? School has already started for many and for others it will begin after Labor Day. If you are the parent of a school-aged child, you no doubt have been scouring the office supply stores with "The List" in your hand. You know what I'm talking about. The school supplies your child's teacher insists on having by tomorrow (even though you've already been shopping but apparently didn't get all of the right things). You've made or been to doctors' appointments to get new inoculations now required for your child to be allowed to return to school. And of course, the mountain of paperwork you had to gather to verify that you actually do

live within the zone of the school where you are registering your child. As parents, we do whatever it takes to ensure that our children will be eligible to attend school and are well equipped with every needed supply. We value education. We make it



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a priority.

So what about our children's faith education? Do we make that a priority? It is my hope, as Director of Children's Ministry, that our children experience the joy of learning about God and how to live a Christ-centered life through Church School. And here is the good news!

No inoculations required! We will provide all of the supplies. And it doesn't matter where you live. We just want you to come.

As you help your child make faith education a family priority, we in Children's Ministry will continue to strive to provide quality programs for children that are full of "faith, fun and friendship!" We are looking forward to seeing you for another great year in Children's Ministry! 🌱

As always, we are on the lookout for those interested in helping out in Children's Ministry. If you enjoy working with children and would like to be a part of their faith development here at SVPC, please contact me at carol@svpc.us for more information.

September Calendar

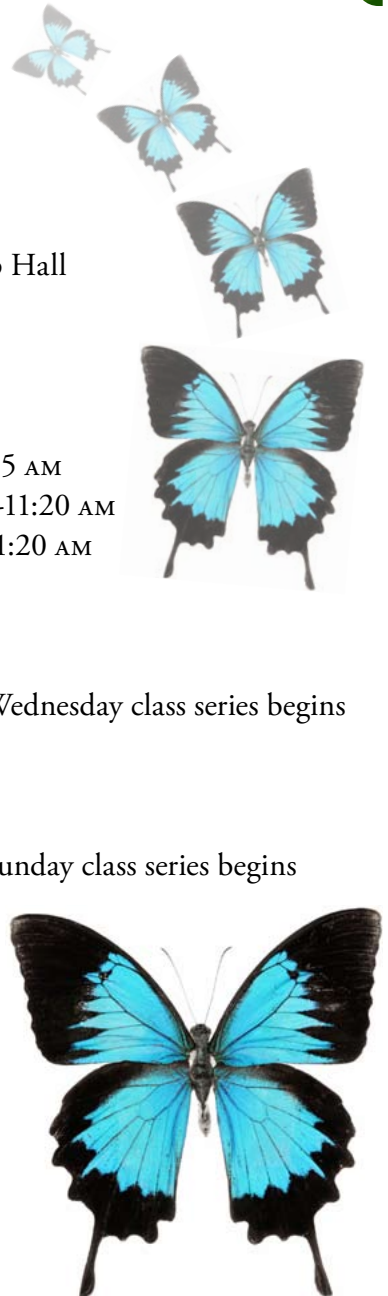
A quick look at what's happening at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church this month...

September

- 2-5 All Church Camp
- 4 Labor Day weekend, no Church School
- 7 Parent Experience, 7-8:30 PM in Room 752
- 8 Presbyterian Women meeting, 10:30 AM
- 9 Youth Monthly Prayer in Room 752
- 10 Music School Celebration Concert 11 AM in Fellowship Hall
- 11 Adult Learning classes begin
First day of Church School
FLASH AM, 10 AM in the Gym
Church School Choir Begins:
 - Cherub (3's and 4's) in Room 801 from 11-11:15 AM
 - Rainbow (K-2nd grade) in Room 405 from 11-11:20 AM
 - Glory (3rd-6th grade) in Room 203 from 11-11:20 AM
- 12 Music School Fall classes begin
Becoming a Love and Logic Parent® class series begins
Deadline for October newsletter articles
- 14 *Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun*™ Wednesday class series begins
FLASH/CLUE, 7-8:30 PM in the Gym and Room 752
- 18 Teacher Dedication Sunday
FLASH AM, 10 AM in the Gym
Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun™ Sunday class series begins
Youth – Oakland A's baseball game, off campus
- 21 LOGOS begins
FLASH/CLUE, 7-8:30 PM in the Gym and Room 752
- 25 FLASH AM, 10 AM in the Gym
- 28 FLASH/CLUE, 7-8:30 PM in the Gym and Room 752
- 30 PELC 50th Anniversary Harvest Festival

October

- 2 New Member class, 11:10 AM–12:30 PM
- 9 New Member class, 11:10 AM–12:30 PM
- 21-22 Marriage Workshop



Rooted in Christ...

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

Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, September 12 for the October edition. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to newsletter@svpc.us.

Go green!

Consider joining the 260+ individuals and families that now receive their newsletter electronically. The online edition arrives sooner, contains the same articles plus vivid full-color photos, and inline 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.



Presbyterian Women Meeting September 8, 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Presbyterian Women invite all women to join us for the September 8 meeting in Fellowship Hall (Room 300). We will meet at 10:30 AM for coffee and rolls; the program begins at 11AM. Our speaker will be **Ken Becker**, a well-known San Francisco guide. Ken's topic will be "The Ladies of Nob Hill." We will hear about some men, also. This will be a fun and informative talk. Please join us and bring your friends.

To learn more about Presbyterian Women, visit the [PW page on pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org). You can also view excerpts from *Horizons, The Magazine for Presbyterian Women*, on pcusa.org.



All Church Camp September 2 – 5, 2011

August 27 is the last day to sign up! For more information, including currently available accommodations and jobs, visit the All Church Camp website. You can also contact the 2011 Camp Directors, **Richard** and **Maria Collins**, at maria_benevento@sbcglobal.net or 408-739-4332.



New Member Class


October 2 & 9, 11:10 AM – 12:30 PM

If you've been attending for some time, are feeling at home and have been thinking you'd like to explore the step of connecting with Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church as a member, now's your chance. This class will meet from 11:10 AM to 12:30 PM in the Coleman Room (Room 702) for two consecutive weeks on October 2 and 9. To let us know you plan to attend, please contact **Dot Dansey** at dot@svpc.us or 408-739-1892. Childcare is available for children aged six months to six years if reserved by September 23. Please contact Childcare Coordinator **Debbie Klein** at childcare@svpc.us or 408-730-0212.



Want to Pay Less in Taxes?

From **Tavie Armfield**,
Church Comptroller

A law was renewed this year by Congress to encourage charitable giving. The legislation allows taxpayers over 70½ to make *tax-free* gifts to the church directly from their IRAs. If you have a 401(k) or 403(b) instead, then you are eligible but you would need to do an IRA rollover first. If you would like more information, I would love to talk to you to see if this is something that would work for you. You may contact me at tavie@svpc.us or 650-948-3710. And as always you should consult your tax advisor regarding your specific situation. 

Adult Learning Classes

Journeying with Joseph

Sept. 11 through Oct. 16

To kick off the 11:30 AM Adult Learning class, parish associates will lead a class focusing on Joseph, whose story takes up a quarter of the book of Genesis (chapters 37-50). Joseph's life makes for dramatic storytelling, including family feuds, kidnapping, a rise from rags to riches, and the redemption of a people alongside the reconciliation of a family. Come learn how Joseph's life not only forms a foundational story of our faith but also speaks to the challenges of living out that faith in our own lives. The class meets in Soulé Hall, Room 501. Refreshments will be served and childcare is available.



catching up with those you do know. You may view these opportunities from the church website by selecting the tab Making A Difference, then Church Campus. Or you may go directly to the online descriptions and sign up forms by visiting these links:

- Weekly Sunday Morning Coffee Service — view details on [SignUpGenius](#)
- Monthly Communion Cup Cleanup — view details on [SignUpGenius](#)
- Serving at the monthly Adult Luncheon — view details on [SignUpGenius](#)

Making Moral Decisions

Sept. 11 through Oct. 9

Making Moral Decisions is an exploration of the complex relationship between religion and morality and of reasons that guide Christians to behave morally. This class is lay-led with a reading and discussion format. The class meets Sundays at 8:50 AM in Room 303. 🌱

Church Service Opportunities

Be in community by occasionally participating in one or more church campus service opportunities. These service opportunities are easy, fun, and allow you to meet others in the church community you may not know, or to spend time



Getting in Shape This Fall

Do you know about the great Balance for Living exercise classes available here in our own church gymnasium? **Jackie Hirsch** has taught challenging but safe classes here for more than 20 years, constantly training in and sharing the latest methods. Offering three formats, including conditioning, Pilates and aerobics, four mornings a week, Jackie's classes provide great opportunities for people of all ages from our church and community to get in shape and bring balance to their lives. New classes begin in September. You can sign up for one, two or three classes a week or pay \$5 for a drop-in class.

Class schedules and registration forms are available on the church website, or in the church kiosks. Find the registration form on the [church website](#).

Growing with God

If you seek to grow in your relationship with God, try reading God's word daily. Bibles are available on the Sunday morning booksale display, as well as daily devotionals and inspirational books. See the free *These Days* booklets plus *Jesus Calling, Enjoying Peace in His Presence—Devotions for Every Day* and *Jesus Calling: 365 Devotions for Kids*, both by Sarah Young; *Choosing Gratitude, Your Journey to Joy* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss; *Live Loved*, devotionals to live deliberately in God's presence by Max Lucado; and *The Confident Woman*, embracing God's plan for you by Joyce Meyer. Or try reading scripture using [Lectionary reading lists](#) of Bible passages from the General Assembly Mission Council at pcusa.org. 🌿

Reaching Out In Love.

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

Service through Knitting

Knit for Kids

On Sunday, October 23 all sweaters knit the past year will be displayed in the church courtyard and dedicated during worship. Please complete sweaters and bring them to **Jan Mortensen's** home for a lunch gathering on Tuesday, October 18. Jan will be available to accept sweaters in late September; contact Jan then at 408-733-1220 to make arrangements.



Knitting Ministry Support

For several years, people in our church have been knitting or crocheting prayer shawls — some simple, others fancy, some wearable stoles, others blanket-sized, but all gifts of God's love. Recipients' appreciation includes comfort in loss, encouragement in challenges, healing in illness or injury, plus love in times of celebration. You're invited to prepare a shawl on your own (giving it to someone of your choice or placing it in our Prayer Shawl Bank) or meet with others monthly, the second Tuesday or third Wednesday evening. If you'd like to make a shawl but could use support, the church's Nurture committee is offering funds to help with the cost of yarn. For details contact **Miriam Kishi** at 408-246-4664. 🌿



Parenting Made Fun!

This fall we are offering two different parenting classes geared to parents of kids birth to six years old and another for parents of kids six to twelve years old—pick the one that works best for you! Space is limited so reserve your spot now by contacting **Jeanie** at jeanie@svpc.us or calling the church office at 408-739-1892. To reserve childcare when offered, contact **Debbie Klein** at childcare@svpc.us.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent® will run on Monday evenings September 12 through October 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. This is for parents of children six to twelve years old. You will learn how to parent with empathy and consistency and make these years fun! The cost is \$95/single or \$125/couple; we encourage both parents to attend together. The cost includes a light meal for the adults and resources. Child care to age 12 is available by advance registration and kids should eat before they come or bring along a bag dinner. This course will be led by independent facilitators **Vonny** and **Bendik Kleveland**.

Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun™

Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun™ is for parents of children newborn to six years old. Choose from two groups that run for six weeks: Sundays beginning September 18 from 11:30 AM–1:15 PM or Wednesday mornings beginning September 14, 9:30–11:30 AM. Come and learn how to have fun parenting as you do so with empathy and logical consequences. The cost is \$95/single or \$125/couple; we encourage both parents to take the course. The cost includes a light meal and resources. Childcare is available on Sundays with an RSVP and kids should bring a sack lunch. Sorry, no childcare on Wednesdays. This course will be led by independent facilitator **Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski**. 🌿



Youth

Baseball Game

If you have a youth in middle or high school, you and your immediate family are invited to a BBQ and baseball game. Watch the Oakland A's vs. Detroit Tigers at the Oakland Coliseum on Sunday, September 18 from 11 AM– 4 PM. A full terrace with a free BBQ lunch is reserved just for SVPC youth and their families! We have limited tickets so sign up now. To reserve your spot, visit SignUpGenius.



The Parent Experience

If you are a parent of a middle or high school student, you are invited to The Parent Experience on Wednesday, September 7 from 7-8:30 PM in The Youth Room (Room 752). Learn about youth events, parent participation, and SVPC YM communications. Meet the youth staff and volunteers. Snacks provided. Hope to see you there!



Confirmation Class Overview & Introduction

If you are in high school and are interested in learning more about being a Christian, and may be interested in becoming a member of our church, please join **Matt Gough** in the Youth Room (Room 752) on Sunday, October 2 at 11:15 AM for an introduction to this year's Confirmation Class. For more information contact Matt Gough at matt@svpc.us.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

The family of **Bob Wood**, who died; **Judy Joy, Chuck Divine, Sue Hayden, Gerry Ducey, Mary Jane Stoeckert, Scott Chapman, Anita Gaines, Don Yeager, Glenn Martinson**, and **Genny TerKeurst**, who continue medical care; and **Rodger Bauer**, who was hospitalized.

In Celebration

We celebrate the birth on July 20 of **Chloe Julie Tippett**, daughter of **Matthew & Julie Tippett**.

Marriage Workshop

If you are married, mark your calendar (and your spouse's calendar!) for this great marriage workshop on October 21 and 22. Our lives are busy and we don't often take the time to nurture our marriage and simply talk about our relationship. But this is a chance to do just that. Facilitated by Dr. Bob Navarra, we'll spend Friday evening and Saturday (9 AM– 4 PM) being encouraged in our relationships as we learn and work through exercises with our spouse—no group work included. The cost includes dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday as well as needed resources. The material is based on the work of Dr. John Gottman, the gold standard in marriage research, and is intended to encourage discussion and deepen relationships. The cost is \$75/couple and childcare is available on Friday evening with an RSVP. To reserve childcare, contact **Debbie Klein** at childcare@svpc.us. Sorry, no childcare offered on Saturday. Whether you've been married a week or 60 years, this workshop is for you! Reserve your spot by contacting **Dot** at dot@svpc.us or 408-739-1892. 🌱






THE USIC SCHOOL

Celebrate Music, Friends, and a New School Year!

September 10, 11 AM

The Music School invites you, your family, and friends to our Celebration Concert Saturday, September 10 at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall. This free concert will feature faculty and friends of The Music School performing classical, folk tunes, Broadway hits, jazz and more. We hope to see you there! 



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