



# ALONG THE WAY

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## Reflections on Leadership

By **Scotty VanSickle**

How do you define leadership?

We associate leadership in our culture with achievement, and we may think the leaders in our church must be those “worthy” ones who somehow have “it” together. So who are these people?

**Beth Trietel**, an Elder, says, “I wasn’t a spiritual giant before, and being on Session didn’t turn me into one. Yet at the same time, it is a privilege to be serving with this group of people who don’t have it all together. It is heartening to come together and acknowledge the way God has been at work here... often in the ordinary ins and outs of church life.

Okay, but how do leaders serve?

**Melissa Morwood**, a Deacon, responds, “Being a deacon doesn’t require a large time commitment. Just being there in case the families on my parish list need me is how I contribute to church leadership in a small way.”

**Russell Lee**, an Elder, believes that “serving as an Elder is a rewarding way of giving back to the church. It is gratifying and empowering to know my actions can directly benefit people in the church and the community.”

The truth is our leaders simply serve trusting that God will show us the way.

**Meeduk Hyun**, a Deacon, reflects, “During the second year as a parish deacon, one elderly parish member gave me a call to tell me his change of address.



That call led to regular visits to him and friendship I will treasure. That was how God showed me to find my place as a home deacon.”

The church’s Nominating Committee is currently meeting, praying for guidance to choose leaders in our church. They may call you in the coming weeks. As you consider your response, remember the people Jesus has called. If you feel the Call, accept it, knowing God will show you the way. 🌿

# The View From Here

by Rev. Dr. Steve Harrington

What a great day of Easter worship we had this past Sunday! How wonderful to worship in a sanctuary filled with so many voices

and many of you went out of your way to extend a welcome to visitors... and the list goes on! I am so grateful to God for the faith and

the life of Christ — and therefore our church — goes on. Don't forget, this next Sunday we will hold our Resurrection and Remembrance Sunday where we celebrate how Easter brings hope not just to Jesus but to all of us and our loved ones. Join as we remember those who have died this year and celebrate that they are not lost but held safely in the arms of everlasting love! 🌿

Grace and peace,

*Steve Harrington*

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of praise! If you saw people at one of our services that you knew, I hope you will contact them this week to encourage them to return again soon.

As I look back on Holy Week, I'm amazed by the gifts of so many of you who made possible such wonderful worship services! Our prayer ministry team supported the week, custodians prepared the campus, support staff worked on logistics and printing, banner wranglers rotated our visual art to fit each service, choir members and members of our other music teams led in celebration, ushers greeted,

faithfulness of this congregation!

If we went by the calendar we might conclude that Holy Week and Easter are now over. But the resurrection means it isn't over because



# May Calendar

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

## May

- 1 All Church Camp sign-ups begin  
Annual Library Book Faire  
Presbyterian Women offer Mother's Day cards  
Parenting with Love & Logic class series begins  
Senior High CARAVAN meeting #1 – 6:15 PM
- 6 Open Invitation to Prayer in the Youth Room  
Presbyterian Women Commemorate 100th  
Anniversary of International Women's Day
- 7 Outdoor Movie Night
- 8 Mother's Day – All Church Family Worship  
No Church School – Childcare Available for 3's & 4's  
Cherub Choir (3's & 4's) Sings
- 15 Adult Lunch
- 21 Junior High Pirate Capture the Flag
- 22 Stanford Blood Drive on the church campus  
Children's Choir Performance (Rainbow and Glory  
Choirs), 11 AM
- 28 Senior High Spring Celebration at Great America
- 29-30 Senior High 30-Hour Famine

## June

- 5 Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation  
Celebration
- 12 All Church Picnic

## Summer

CARAVAN 2011 July 31 -  
August 7

## Newsletter

### Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, May 9 for the June edition. Articles must be 120 words or less. Send your article to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us).

### Go green!

Consider joining the 230+ individuals and families that now receive their newsletter electronically. The online edition arrives sooner, contains the same articles plus vivid full-color photos, 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](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us) with your request. 🌱



# Rooted in Christ...

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

## Adult Learning

The 8:50 AM Adult Learning class is a three-session study of the *Kairos Palestine Document*, a prayerful call to the world from Palestinian Christians. It is based on faith, hope, and love, and affirms that resistance to injustice and oppression is firmly grounded in these principles. The study provides context for the document and facts on the ground from a Palestinian perspective. **Susan Brooksbank** leads the class, which meets on May 1, 8 and 15 in Room 303 in Building 300. At 11:30 AM the **Rev. Dr. Jim Bennett** leads a class called *God in America*, based on the PBS series which aired last fall, which looks at the role of religion in the United States. The class meets on May 1, 8, 15 and 22 in Soulé Hall (Room 501), and childcare is provided.

## Parenting with Love and Logic

Parenting with Love and Logic is a six week parenting series done by video and discussion that will be taught by **Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski**. This series is specifically for parents of children ages 0 - 6 years old. Come and learn how to parent your children with empathy and thoughtfulness in place of emotion and frustration and do so in the company of others facing similar challenges. It starts May 1 and runs through June 12 (no class on Memorial Day weekend, May 29) from 11:30 AM – 1 PM. The cost is \$15 to cover materials. Please RSVP to **Dot Dansey** at [dot@svpc.us](mailto:dot@svpc.us) or 408-739-1892. Childcare available for children 6 months through 6 years.



## Annual Library Book Faire

On Sunday, May 1, shop “green” for fresh reading material. Tables will be set up under the overhang of Building 200 and labeled by book category. Bring books you are no longer using. Proceeds help fund purchases beyond the means of the Library’s operating budget. Multimedia such as discs and tapes are also desirable, but please avoid bringing fragile items like vinyl records.



## Children's Ministry

### Children's Choir Performance

On May 22 the Children's Choirs will be giving a short performance after the 10 AM worship service. All three children's choirs will be singing and including songs they've learned about creation. Please consider remaining in church for an additional twenty minutes to enjoy the sound of the children's voices.


### Vacation Bible School

Sign-ups will continue in the Church School office until May 27 or until classes are full.

### Church School Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Mark your calendars for the annual Church School volunteer appreciation celebration on Sunday, June 5 at 11:30 AM. We invite all Church School volunteers from the past year to enjoy an afternoon of food and fun to show you how much we appreciate the hard work you put into making Church School a success. Childcare is provided for our wonderful volunteers. Look for an invitation in the mail.

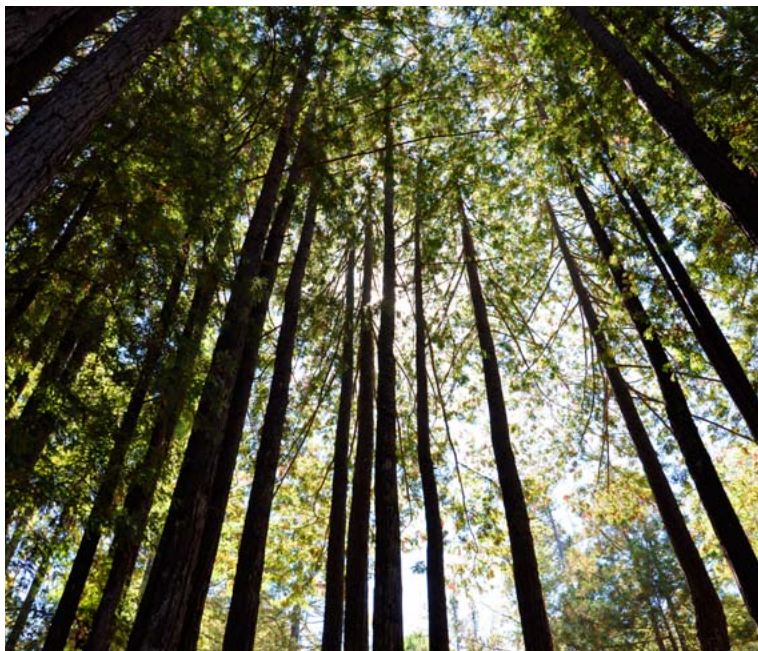
### Do You Have Leftover Yarn?

During the week of Vacation Bible School, children work on crafts that help them to remember the story of the day. We need help in collecting multi-colored yarn. Do you have any spare yarn left over from knitting projects? If so, you can drop it off at the Church School office. 

## Adult Lunch

The next Adult Lunch is May 15. **Doris Harry** and Music School Friends will entertain us. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 11:20 AM – 1 PM and the cost for lunch and music is only \$5. We hope you can join us and bring a friend!





*Photo by Bruce W. Taylor*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to two members of the congregation who received Teacher of the Year at the schools where they teach. **Geoffrey Caccioppo** teaches first grade at Nimitz school in Sunnyvale, and referees fourth and fifth grade football. Geoffrey has been teaching for seven years since changing careers. **Barbara Papamarcos** teaches fourth grade at Vargas school in Sunnyvale. She has been teaching for 20 years and finds every day to still be different.

**Reverend Alison Harrington** is the recipient of The Beatitudes Society's Brave Preacher Award which honors a preacher for a compelling, prophetic sermon in response to the January 8, 2011, shootings in Tucson. Alison is pastor at Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona. Visit [http://www.sfts.edu/news/view\\_printer.asp?ID=171](http://www.sfts.edu/news/view_printer.asp?ID=171) to read the full article and for a link to the sermon.

## All Church Camp September 2 – 5, 2011

Would you like to make new friends, experience spiritual growth, and have fun among majestic redwoods? Church Camp is all this and more! All activities are run by volunteers. Those folks willing to tackle the bigger jobs may sign up first and have their choice of accommodations (from campsites to motel rooms) beginning at 8:50 AM on Sunday, May 1, and continuing after all services each Sunday.

Most volunteer positions in the children's program will require Safe Church training. For more information regarding Safe Church visit the church website, [www.svpc.us](http://www.svpc.us) > Making a Difference > Safe Church.

For more information, contact **Richard Collins** and **Maria Benevento-Collins**, 2011 Camp Directors, at [maria\\_benevento@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maria_benevento@sbcglobal.net) or 408-739-4332.

## Prayer Sessions for Youth and Their Families Ministry

One way members of our church community can support our youth is through prayer. You are invited to attend a prayer session on Friday, May 6, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Room 752 (upstairs in Phoenix Center). Participants will be invited to pray silently and individually through different written prompts around the room. This format makes it easy for people who feel they don't know how to pray. You are welcome to enter and leave at any time during the hour. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for written requests by students and advisors, as well as general prayers for youth, families, Youth and Their Families Ministry, our church community, or anything else.

## From the Church Comptroller

### Donating Stock

Giving of stock is a good way to make a charitable gift, especially if the stock has appreciated in value and you have held it for at least one year. You will receive a *double* benefit: (1) a charitable deduction on your tax return equal to the fair market value of the donated stock and (2) no tax is owed on the appreciation in value of the donated stock.

Many contributors give stock to the church to pay their annual pledge or make gifts to areas such as the Endowment Fund, Mission, Youth, Facilities, etc.

You are encouraged to seek the advice of a tax advisor before taking any action. For more information, please contact the Church Comptroller **Tavie Armfield**. When transferring stock, please contact Tavie in advance of the transfer.

### Matching Gifts

There are more and more creative ways to give to your church. Have you considered a matching gift from your employer? It's an example of a new way to give and it helps our church and its commitment to mission.

For more information on donating stock or a matching employer gift, please contact **Tavie Armfield**, Church Comptroller at [tavie@svpc.us](mailto:tavie@svpc.us) or 650-948-3710. 🌿



# Reaching Out In Love.

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

## Stephen Ministry

“Whatever you did for the least of these...You did for me...” In Matthew 25, Jesus says, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...” We have many opportunities to respond to Jesus’ great love by showing that love to others. Stephen Ministry is one way our congregation shows that love to people who have deep needs for care. If you would like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister or having a Stephen Minister, contact **Deb Halford** at 408-732-6522, **Judy Beggs** at 650-949-4087, or **Joanne Papoulias** at 408-737-1749. 🍃



## Knitting Ministry

### Knit for Kids

The monthly Knit for Kids get-togethers have ended until the fall, but knitters are encouraged to continue knitting. We will collect sweaters at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 18. The sweaters will be displayed in Trinity Court on Sunday, October 23. Thank you to all the knitters who have dedicated their time to this ministry which touches the lives of needy children throughout the world. For more information contact **Jan Mortensen** at [janmort@me.com](mailto:janmort@me.com).



## Prayer Shawls

Some of us knit to be creative, some as an excuse to sit still, finding the repetition calming and renewing. Knitting can also be a ministry. Prayer Shawls are offered as a symbol of God's love and care. They're given to folks with special concerns, illness, grief, or for celebration. Prayer shawls can be wearable stoles or afghan-size wrap-arounds, knit using a simple garter stitch, a pattern of knit 3 & purl 3, or other pattern of your choice.

You're invited to be a part of this ministry, knitting on your own or joining a monthly group. Call **Brenda Yaggi** at 408-973-8455 for the second Tuesday at 7 PM or **Miriam Kishi** at 408-246-4664 for the third Wednesday at 7:30 PM meeting.




## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

The families of **Tom Robb** and **Florence Hill**, who died; **Karen Burnett**, **Xiaoming Zhang**, and **Carolyn Gross**, whose mothers died; **Trina Grube-Liu**, **Judy Joy**, **Bob Wood**, **Chuck Devine**, **Julie Reilly**, **Sue Hayden**, **Gerry Ducey**, and **Mary Jane Stoeckert**, who continue medical treatment; **Genny TerKeurst**, **Ray Pole**, **Art Bedford**, **Phyllis Draper**, and **Rainey Chow**, who are re-covering after surgery; and **Don Yeager**, who was hospitalized.

## In Celebration

**Ralph** and **Laura Babcock** welcomed the birth of their grandson, **Jacob Blue Babcock**, on March 2. Parents are **Chris** and **Megan Babcock**.

## Thanks...

Thanks to all the wonderful friends at SVPC for their cards, calls, messages, visits and most of all prayers following my hip replacement surgery and during my recovery. You are marvelous people of God! — **Dave Bentley** 

# Presbyterian Women

## Mother's Day Cards

Mother's Day cards will be offered by Presbyterian Women in the church courtyard after services on May 1 in exchange for a donation to PC(USA)'s Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project. The Mother's Day card reads: "Happy Mother's Day — A gift has been made in your honor to Healthy Women Healthy Families, a program which helps Presbyterian church partners in Africa improve the lives of women and children in Africa through health education, prevention and treatment projects."



### HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES



*Life as a woman, a wife and a mother in rural Africa brings many of the same joys experienced by American women in those roles. But too many African women struggle to protect the health of their children and themselves in places where lack of health services often leads to life-threatening illness or even death.*





## Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day

*Celebrating our Diversity in Life, Work and Play*

*Friday, May 6, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall*

Women of all generations are invited to celebrate the lives of women from the past, present and future. Come dressed in your favorite attire from the past or traditional ethnic fashion. Some women from SVPC will tell a story or two. Highlights of Presbyterian Women will also be shared. This will be a potluck dinner; please bring a main dish.

RSVP online at <http://svpcpwmay6.eventbrite.com> or contact **Betty Sauer** at 408-736-2452. Contact **Debbie**

**Klein** to request childcare (ages six months to 6 years) at

408-730-0212. For additional information call **Marian Devine** at 408-39-2580 or **Michelle VanSickle** at 408-749-1552.

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## Friends for Life

### Ride Care on Sundays

Coming to Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church is a gift that Friends for Life volunteers share with some of the Life's Garden residents. What a thankful way to come to church – drivers and riders both. We need to have a few more good folks driving. For details about the Sunday bus licensing process contact **Linda Hagan** at [ljhagan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljhagan@sbcglobal.net) or 408-255-5879.



### Opportunities for Parties

The Friends for Life Board, auxiliary to Life's Garden Senior Residential Apartments, offers party fun, camaraderie, and challenges. Won't you join up – Board positions are available for two-year terms as it may take a while to get into full swing, enjoy. Volunteering is also a good way to learn about Life's Garden and the Board. For details contact **Ann Rosing** at [rosingann@att.net](mailto:rosingann@att.net) or 408-446-0478.

## Blood Drive

### Sunday, May 22 at SVPC


The Stanford Blood Center will be on the church campus on Sunday, May 22, in Fellowship Hall from 11 AM to 2 PM.

Look for a table in the church courtyard to sign up or request information, or contact **John**

**Ahn** at 408-735-9319 or [ahn005@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahn005@sbcglobal.net).

You may also register for this blood drive at [bloodcenter.stanford.edu](http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu) (select Mobile Blood Drives under the "Donate" tab). 🍏

## Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Do you have a gift or passion for hospitality? Please consider sharing your welcoming smile and greetings with new friends to our church. Outreach and Evangelism is inviting volunteers to support the Welcome Booth before and after 10 AM services on Sundays. For details contact **Elsa Amboy** at 408-733-9828 or [elsa\\_amboy@yahoo.com](mailto:elsa_amboy@yahoo.com). 



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