



# ALONG THE WAY

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## In Celebration of our Church Deacons

Deacons are elected by the congregation to a ministry of compassion. Each member has a Caregiver (if you're part of a fellowship group of some kind) or a Deacon. Deacons serve in many different ways.

We have Home Deacons who visit members who are no longer able to make it to church due to mobility challenges. Their monthly

visits extend the congregation's love in a very practical way. Other deacons contact members on an occasional basis just to check in and let you know you're prayed for and that they are ready to help in a time of need, large or small. The specific focus of their ministry is indicated below.

Our deacons want to

serve you well, so we hope you'll welcome their contact and care.

- *College Age Deacons:*  
**Rona Layton, Elaine Mansfield, Pam Mason-Wood**
- *Home Deacons:* **Marlene Davis, Meeduk Hyun, Nancy Kop, Trish McAfee, Barbara**

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*Current Deacons*

# The View From Here

by Rev. Dr. Steve Harrington

Dear Friends,

Our ministry has been shifting in ways that we think better reflect what our reformed/Presbyterian tradition calls “the priesthood of all believers.” The priesthood of all believers is a biblical term that affirms that each of us — not just the clergy or the ordained

from its clergy and its select leadership people. But in our shift we’re seeking ways to encourage and support the ministry that our membership is discerning and pursuing. How can your vision for bringing God’s love into that particular situation and circumstance become something that our church can affirm

priately advocate for a cause or issue that is near to their heart without that being assumed to be the position or view of our entire church.

The details of the policy are available for review but in short, we anticipate providing a table in which a “passive” (that is, non-confrontational) advocacy could be presented in Trinity Court. Also, we’ve decided that any issues (or candidates) that are on an upcoming ballot will not be included in this advocacy opportunity. We’re going to try this for a period of time to see if indeed it’s helpful, but know that underneath it all is the conviction that God is at work in our membership, that our membership is wonderfully diverse, and that we are a better church when we engage and listen to the various voices that speak. It’ll be interesting to see how this unfolds! 🌱

Grace and peace,



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leadership — but each of us has a gift (or gifts) and calling from God that we are to respond to in faith and faithfulness. The shift in our ministry has to do with where we see the locus and center of our ministry energy happening: is ministry church-o-centric or member-centric?

In the past — and for the many decades of my life in the church — the impetus and initiation for ministry often came from the church:

and support? And how can that concern, or even “cause,” that weighs upon your heart be communicated to others in our congregation who may feel a resonance with that issue and maybe even the desire to join you in addressing it?

Towards this latter question our Session has recently developed a policy for personal advocacy on church grounds. The document tries to articulate ways in which church members can appro-

# March Calendar

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

## March

- 6 Caravan Mission & Service Trip Unveiling, 6:15 PM
- 9 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 PM
- 12 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering, 2–4 PM
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins – set clocks forward  
Moment with Children – Glory Choir (3rd – 6th) sings  
Annual Congregational Meeting, 11 AM
- 14 Deadline for April newsletter articles
- 16 Last day of LOGOS
- 19 Senior High Event – Bowling
- 23 Junior & Senior High BLEND Night, 7–8:30 PM
- 24 Presbyterian Women Meeting, 10:30 AM–noon
- 26 Junior High Event – Fear Factor

## April

- 2 ParenTeen Seminar, 6–9 PM
- 3 Chancel Choir Spring Concert, 7:30 PM
- 17 Palm Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing  
Dedication
- 21 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM
- 22 Good Friday, 7:30 PM
- 24 Easter Sunday – 6:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM



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- McClellan, Joanne**
- Papoulias, Sally**
- Ricci, Ruth Smay, Jan**
- Thompson, Nancy**
- Tucker, Bev Wallace**
- *Life's Garden Deacons:*  
**Marian Devine, Shirley Harms**
- *Parish Contact Deacons:*  
**Janelle Allemandi,**  
**Mandi Cacioppo, Bruce Carlson, Jack Cole,**  
**Jeannie Cole, Cille Emery, Jo Goslow,**  
**Debbie Klein, William Kou, Becky Mallinson,**  
**Karen McCoy, Nikki Miner, Melissa Morwood, Dana Rao, Aimee Reyes,**  
**Lois Sharp, Rebecca Sugumar, Holly Zhang**
- *Memorial Service Deacons:*  
**Dot Dansey, Dorothy Davidson, Gail Lee,**  
**Lois Sanguinetti**
- *New Member Deacons:*  
**John Ahn, Bev Lenihan,**  
**Cheryl Thomas,**  
**Michelle VanSickle**

# Rooted in Christ...

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

## ParentTeen Seminar

Saturday, April 2, 6 – 9 PM in Soulé Hall (Room 501)

Today's culture has changed tremendously from just a decade ago. Learn the skills you need to stay connected to your teen and successfully guide him or her into adulthood. Speaker **Tim Galleher**, Pastor of Youth & Family Ministries at Saratoga Federated Church, will discuss the changing landscape of today's teens.

### Seminar highlights:

- What's really going on with your teenage son or daughter?
- What do they need from you?
- How to help them navigate the challenges of peer pressure.
- How to deal with moodiness, disrespect, and withdrawal.

### Who Should Attend?

Parents with children of all ages and any adults who love and serve teens, including grandparents.

Sponsored by the *Youth & Their Families*

Ministry, <http://www.svpc.us/groups/family.php>



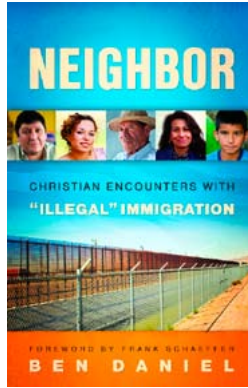
## Adult Learning

The season of Lent can be a time for study and reflection. On March 13, the 8:50 AM Adult Learning class begins a series about “Biblical Models of Discipleship in the New Testament.” The class meets in Room 303. The 11:30 AM Lenten class is a series of talks and discussions about the parables of Jesus, led by our pastors. The **Rev. Matt Gough** teaches on March 20, the **Rev. Karin Hejmanowski** on March 27; April classes will be led by the **Rev. Dr. Steve Harrington** and the **Rev. Dr. Jim Bennett**. Earlier, on March 6, the 8:50 AM class is “Atheism: A Christian Response,” and at 11:30 AM, the **Rev. Dr. Steve Harrington** concludes the class about Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Child care is provided for the 11:30 AM classes.



## Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering “Come and Encounter Immigration” Saturday, March 12, 2 – 4 PM

The Presbytery of San José invites all women to “Come and Encounter Immigration.” The **Rev. Ben Daniel**, Foothill Presbyterian Church pastor, will read from his book, *Neighbor*:



*Christian Encounters with “Illegal” Immigration*, and lead a discussion on immigration issues. Refreshments will be served. We will carpool from Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church at 1 PM. Please contact **Marian Devine** if you are interested in carpooling, [smplydivin@aol.com](mailto:smplydivin@aol.com) or 408-739-2580.



## Presbyterian Women’s Meeting

All women of the church are invited to hear local author and historian **Mary Jo Ignoffo** speak about “Some Women in Sunnyvale’s History” on Thursday, March 24 in Fellowship Hall from 10:30 AM to noon. Coffee and treats will be served (Building 300); a \$3 donation is requested. Please invite your friends. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women. RSVP to **Betty Sauer** by Tuesday, March 22 at [bettrysauer@comcast.net](mailto:bettrysauer@comcast.net) or 408-736-2452.



## Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, March 14 for the April edition. Articles must be 120 words or less. Send your article to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us).

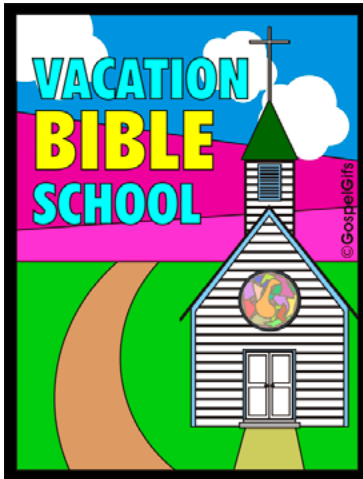
## Go green!

Consider joining the nearly 210 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. 

# VBS: Camp Promised Land

June 20-24, 9:30 AM to noon

Four years old (by 12/2/11) through entering 4th grade



Join us on a camping adventure as we explore events in Moses' life and how the lessons Moses learned through God apply to our lives today. Children will have a great time learning about Moses' life through stories, songs, crafts, music and worship. Program fee is \$50 per child. Pre-registration for church members and regular

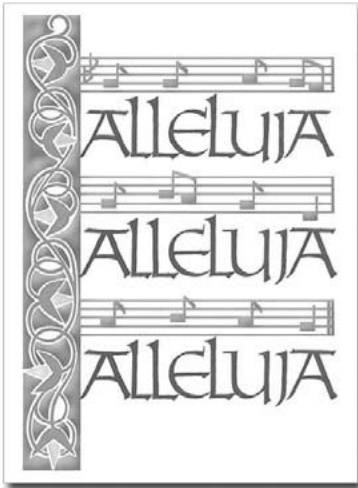
attendees will be after the 10 AM and 5 PM services on April 3 and 10, and will open to the community on April 11 and continue until classes are filled or May 27.

We need volunteers to make Vacation Bible School a success. Children of teachers and leaders attend VBS for FREE! Contact **Carol Heath** at [carol@svpc.us](mailto:carol@svpc.us) or 408-732-1892 to secure your teaching position.

## Endowment Funds

Our Recreation Ministry Intern, **Val Weirauch**, is paid from an Endowment Fund set up anonymously in memory of **Faye Ellyson**, a long-time member, church school teacher and friend. Faye's legacy lives on through this gift to the church. What a wonderful way for a member of our church to choose to make a difference. For more information on how to set up an endowment fund, you may contact **Tavie Armfield** at [tavie@svpc.us](mailto:tavie@svpc.us) or 650-948-3710.





## Chancel Choir Spring Concert Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 PM

The Chancel Choir Spring Concert features Händel's sacred oratorio, *Messiah*. Completed in just 24 days, this famous composition debuted during Lent, although since Handel's death, it is often performed during Advent. Come hear the "Hallelujah" chorus in the context of Christ's passion, resurrection, and ascension. Child care (ages 6 months – 6 years) is provided, and a reception follows.



## Parenting with Love and Logic

*Parenting with Love and Logic* for parents of kids from birth to six years old coming this spring! **Pastor Karin Hejmanowski** will be teaching this class during the Sunday 11:30 hour. Watch your bulletin or the website for dates.

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## Bill Pay

You can sign up for "Bill Pay" with your bank to automatically mail a check to the church on a regular basis if you'd like — monthly, quarterly, or whatever is convenient. When setting this up with your bank, you will be asked for your account number with the church; just give them your name or envelope number. It's that easy!

# Church Website Links

[www.svpc.us](http://www.svpc.us)

Enrich your New Year by visiting the “Daily Lectionary Readings” (Who We Are > Links). The lectionary can help you read daily from the Old Testament, Psalms, Gospels and Letters. Print the monthly list to tuck in your Bible or read daily online.



The Northern California Ecumenical Media Resource Center has an excellent selection of DVD's and other resources for one-time programs or series of studies for all ages. Since we are a “Member Church,” anyone from SVPC can check them out. See their catalog online and pick up your order from their Campbell site or pay for postage.



On SVPC's Library web page (Resources > Library) a link to “Northern California Ecumenical Media Resource Center” will take you to a wealth of resources for groups within the church.



# SVPC 2011 Personnel Committee

The SVPC Personnel Committee meets monthly to discuss and give guidance on personnel related topics including staffing, salaries, benefits, and job functions. In addition, the Personnel Committee considers how the church staff job functions promote the overall ministry of the church. If you have any questions or concerns about personnel related issues, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the personnel committee.

The members of the 2011 Personnel Committee are:

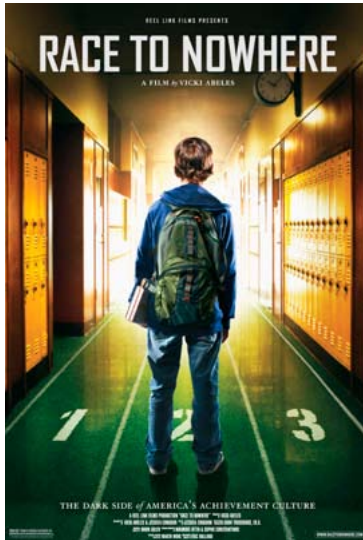
- **Eric Lanzendorf** (chair)
- **Amy McFarland**
- **Jon Krogstad**
- **Scott VanSickle**
- **Nancy Moffett**
- **Jim Shaver**
- **Judi Pogue** (session liaison) 

# Reaching Out In Love.

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

## Day of Service

The **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** often spoke of his vision of the “Beloved Community,” a community of love, justice, brotherhood, an ideal expression of the Christian faith. On January 17, over 120 members of our community came together to celebrate Martin Luther King Day and honor his life and vision with a Day of Service. Many activities took place to help those in our community including: making dinners for the Bill Wilson Center, assembling welcome backpacks for refugees, assembling care packs for Sunnyvale Homeless Connect, assembling hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, sorting coats for Sunnyvale FISH closet, making decorations for Our Daily Bread and writing over 120 letters of appreciation to servicemen and servicewomen.



## The Race to Nowhere

On January 25, our church hosted a screening of the movie *The Race to Nowhere*. This movie's goal is to encourage families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, and contributing citizens in our world.

It was great to see our church pews filled with almost 300 people from our church community and the community at large. **Pastor Matt Gough** introduced the movie and reminded us that caring about education is a very “Presbyterian thing to do.” At the conclusion, **Bethann Merriam** led a lively discussion. Many thanks go out to **Trina Grube** for organizing this important community gathering. 🌿



## Come join the REACH Challenge!

REACH is the opportunity to *Recreate* and *Encourage* each other to be *Active*, and to renew and make new *Connections* that make us *Healthier!* Nurturing ourselves through activities not only drives our roots deeper but also builds us up so that we can more readily reach out to others. To learn more about participating in REACH, visit the Recreational Ministry web page or stop by the information table after each service on February 27, and March 6 and 13.

Sponsored by Recreational Ministry: <http://www.svpc.us/calendar/recmin.php>

## Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is a coordinated effort by volunteers and service agency staff to provide health and human services to our community's most vulnerable residents. Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church helped support the February event held at the Sunnyvale Armory by providing care packs and toiletries donated by the congregation throughout the year and a bag lunch that was assembled by the Senior High CLUE. Way of Service volunteers were on hand to greet clients and distribute food and care packs. For more information on Project Homeless Connect or to volunteer for future events, contact **Paul Wilcox** at [pwilcox\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:pwilcox_99@yahoo.com) or 408-838-7630.



## Thanks from Refugee Transitions

On behalf of Refugee Transitions, I would like to extend our gratitude to SVPC for the generous Christmas Offering donation of \$9,000.

Annually Refugee Transitions provides weekly educational support for over 700 refugee and immigrant youth and adults in three counties. In our short time in the South Bay we have been able to assist 180 newly arrived refugee youth and adults in Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and San Jose.

Our success is due to our partnership with Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. In 2008 the church provided funding and space for our first office in the South Bay, and in 2010 hosted our first enrichment camp for refugee youth. Many members have volunteered from serving as home-based tutors, teaching students at summer camp, to helping with our move to our new office in San Jose.

Thank you for supporting our mission to assist refugee and immigrant families in becoming self-sufficient in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

**Laura Vaudreuil**

Executive Director

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

The families of **Ron Freeman, John Kearney,** and **Ray Wallace**, who died; **GINNA Traina**, whose mother died; **Nancy Koski**, whose father died; **Trina Grube-Liu, Tom Robb,** and **Mary Jane Stoeckert**, who continue medical treatment; **Genny TerKeurst, Ray Pole, Julie Reilly,** and **Eileen Chow**, who are recovering after surgery.

## Thanks...

To the many friends at SVPC who sent me their sincere good wishes for a speedy recovery when I broke my thigh bone in a fall, a big *thank you!* You are a wonderful community who really cares and it is felt when we pray together. God bless you all!

— **Raymond Pole** 🍀



# Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 13 following the 10 AM service

The annual meeting will review 2010, vote on the terms of call for the pastors, and celebrate our church's ministry. A light lunch will be served.

The Adult Lunch is not meeting, so participants are encouraged to join the congregational lunch and meeting.



**Note: be sure to “spring” your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 12.** 🌿



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