

Echoes from the Hills

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church • San Jose, California



COOP'S CORNER

Summer Sermon and Film Series

Summer is here already. The temperature is rising. Kids are out of school. Vacations are on the horizon. What's not to like? It is also time for our Summer Worship Schedule – well, almost. This month we are starting late due to the fact that I will be in Portland from June 17th through the 25th for our denomination's biannual General Assembly. I have the honor to have been elected by our Presbytery to be one of its two minister commissioners to the assembly, where Elders and Pastors from all 172 Presbyteries, gather to discuss the direction our denomination will take over the next two years and beyond.

On Sunday, June 26th, we will start our Summer Worship AND I will give a very stimulating, thought provoking, fascinating, remarkably entertaining report (*okay, maybe I laid it on a little thick*) on my experience there!

Then starting with Friday, July 8th, I will begin my **SUMMER FILM AND SERMON SERIES**. Each week on Friday evening at 7:00 PM, we will watch a movie about (*or having to do with*) the “hero” that I will be preaching on that Sunday. Look for actual details in the pages to follow!

I've entitled my sermon series “Christian Heroes Through the Centuries.” We will start with **Constantine**, the Roman Emperor who adopted the Christian faith and made Christianity the state religion in the Roman Empire, thereby legitimizing Christianity.

Then you will hear about one of my favorite saints of all time, **St. Francis of Assisi**. His is a remarkable story of going not from poverty to wealth, but the other way around. You will learn about the first man to make the bible available in the English language (**William Tyndale**) and his constant battle with the Pope. Then, we'll wind up the month of July by learning about the Father of Presbyterianism – **John Calvin** and TULIP.

In August, we will start off with **John (not Paul) Bunyan** (*we are now all the way up to the 18th century*) who wrote the classic, “Pilgrim's Progress.” Bunyan is also the one who said, “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” Next you will learn about **William Wilberforce**, a preacher and politician who singlehandedly stopped the slave trade from England to the Americas.

As we move into the twentieth century, we begin with **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, a German pastor who stood up to Hitler during World War II and was martyred for what he believed.

Bonhoeffer will be followed by two of my favorites: **C.S. Lewis**, who wrote “The Screwtape Letters” and “The Chronicles of Narnia,” and then **Mother Teresa**, a true saint to the poor.

I will end my sermon series with my favorite pope of all time, the current pope of the Catholic Church, **Pope Francis**.

It is going to be a GREAT summer and we will learn a lot. I might even throw in a quiz here and there.

Have a wonderful summer, my friends, and when you get back from vacation, don’t forget, we have a seat here for you!

Pastor Tom

SUMMER FILM AND SERMON SERIES “CHRISTIAN HEROES THROUGH THE CENTURIES”

Dates	Movie Sermon Title	Information
July 8	Constantine and the Cross	PG-13 / 120 min
July 10	Constantine: Pious Convert or Political Sage (or both?)	4 th century
July 15	Brother Sun, Sister Moon	PG / 121 min
July 17	St. Francis of Assisi: Rich Man, Poor Man	13 th century
July 22	God’s Outlaw: The Story of William Tyndale	PG-13 / 93 min
July 24	William Tyndale: God’s Outlaw	15 th century
July 29	Luther	PG-13 / 123 min
July 31	John Calvin: Father of Presbyterianism	16 th century
August 5	Pilgrim’s Progress: Journey to Heaven	PG / 105 min
August 7	John Bunyan: Preacher, Convict, Author, & Theologian	17 th century
August 12	Amazing Grace	PG / 118 min
August 14	William Wilberforce: Abolishing the Slave Trade	19 th century
August 19	Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace	PG-13 / 90 min
August 21	Deitrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy	20 th century
August 26	Shadowlands	PG / 92 min
August 28	C.S. Lewis: Master Storyteller	20 th century
Sept. 2	The Letters: The Untold Story or Mother Teresa	PG / 118 min
Sept. 4	Mother Teresa: A Living Saint to the Poor	20 th century
Sept. 9	Saving Grace	PG / 112 min
Sept. 11	Pope Francis: The Man, the Myth, the Legend	21 st century

** All Heroes are subject to change at the preacher’s whim*

Worship and Music Marylyn Goode • Elder

Cameroon Sunday!



Emmanuel Ngwa

Our annual Cameroon Sunday was held on May 22 and we were blessed as New Bridges Presbyterian Church of Hayward joined us. **Emmanuel Ngwa and Edith Sona** were our worship leaders. **Bob Toche** presented a slide show of STHPC's involvement in the Cameroon Mission projects since 2008.



Cameroon women's chorus processed into the sanctuary singing.

Our worship service was filled with song, dance, and the Spirit as we worshipped Cameroon-style. The Cameroon women's chorus processed into the sanctuary singing and the entire congregation joined in singing praise songs Cameroon-style. What a joyous celebration!

And the celebration didn't stop with worship. A feast for the senses was offered after worship that included a delicious array of Cameroon food, lots of fun games, and fellowship. Thank you to our brothers and sisters in the Cameroon community for a wonderfully worshipful Sunday!

Ushers and Worship Leaders, Oh My!

Thanks to our worship leaders in May: *Paul Elliot, DeLynn Coop, Hersh Brown, Edith Sona, Emmanuel Ngwa, and Cathy Warrick.*

Rebecca Elliot schedules ushers and would appreciate members signing up for a Sunday in the next several months. The sign-up sheet is on the Activity Table in the courtyard every Sunday after worship.

Heavenly Warblers

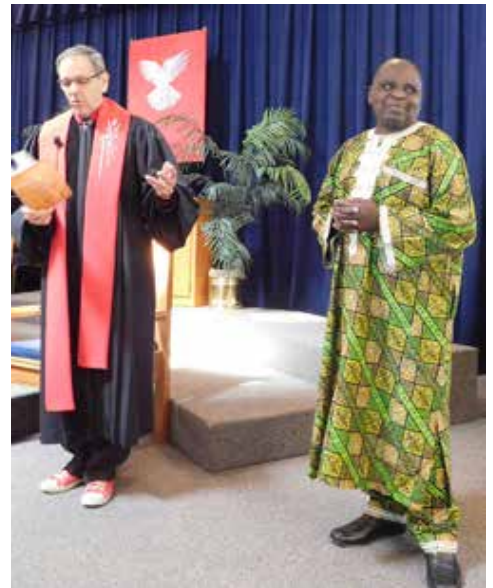
Starting Sunday, June 12 the STHPC Choir will be off for the summer.

Coming Up:

June 19 • Hymndinger II Sunday

June 26 • Summer Worship Begins:

"Christian Heroes Through the Centuries"



On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, Lucas Mudoh was installed as Deacon.



*Mother's Day, May 8
Young Ethan Wu plays the piano to honor his mother, Yolanda Wu.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

By tradition and faith, Presbyterians are believers and doers. We believe in the six Great Ends of the Church, which are: 1) proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; 2) the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; 3) the maintenance of divine worship; 4) the preservation of the truth; 5) the promotion of social righteousness; and 6) the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. For our summer Sunday School curriculum, we will be helping our children explore more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We also are going to be 'traveling' around the world. Each of the lessons has a section about a different country. We hope that all the kids will be able to attend as many Sundays as they can and invite a friend or two to come aboard for an awesome trip.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is just about one month away. VBS will be held July 18-22 (9 AM – 12:30 PM) at Oak Grove Baptist Church (479 Blossom Hill Rd). This year's theme is 'Cave Quest-Following Jesus-the Light of the World'. We are looking for volunteers to help during VBS as well as behind the scenes prior to VBS. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Elliot. We will have a Volunteer training/ decoration making day on Saturday, June 18th from 10 AM-noon. Registration is now open for kids K thru 6th grade (preK kids are okay if related to a volunteer). Please invite anyone who might want to attend our fun filled VBS week.

NEW HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few more Sunday School helpers and/or nursery helpers as we have a few that are not able to continue. If you are interested in assisting with this very special ministry, please contact Cheryl Elliot.

Summer Sunday School Teachers and Helpers:

Date	Lead Teacher	SS Helper	Lesson #
6/12	Debbie Serasio	Claris Ngwa	summer #2
6/19	Gertrud Walker	Mindy Gerber	summer #3
6/26	DeLynn Coop	Lynn Hines	summer #4
7/3	Cheryl Elliot	Sharon Simmons	summer #5
7/10	Cheryl Elliot	Claris Ngwa	summer #6
7/17	Gertie Walker	Mindy Gerber	summer #7
7/24	Marilyn Morikang	Emmanuel Ngwa	summer #8
7/31	DeLynn Coop	Lynn Hines	summer #9
8/7	Cheryl Elliot	Claris Ngwa	summer #10

Cheryl Elliot, Children's Ed Elder

Thank you everyone for your donations for this year's CROP Walk. Your \$780 will help fight hunger both globally and locally.



Women's Worship Sunday

A Special Service in Celebration of the Gifts of Women

May 29, 2016



Sermon: *Can You Believe It?*

Woman at the Well - Linda Buckley

Samaritans - Marylyn Goode and Barb Overholt

Disciples - Cathy Warrick and Edith Sona

Scripture:

Psalms 32 and Mark 14:3-9



Soloist Cathy Williams
Great Is Thy Faithfulness.



Joy Lee



Women's Choir.

Thank you to Cheryl Elliot for coordinating and organizing this very special service.



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Brave party goers defied the heat to celebrate Pastor Tom's 65th birthday on Saturday, June 4. The Circus birthday party, with games and plenty of food, was enjoyed by 45 people. One highlight was the revelation that it was Dorothe Miller's 101st birthday that day! She and Tom celebrated by taking their photo in the photo booth. More June birthdays were celebrated including attendees Karla Frye and Mike Manley. Special thanks to David Miller for braving not only the heat of the day, but also the heat of the BBQ as he grilled all the burgers for the hungry revelers. For the rest of the photos see page 7.

Lynn Hines, Fellowship Elder

Upcoming Summer Fellowship Events!



Sundaes on Friday - July 8 @ 6:30 PM
(for the "Hero" movie)

We provide the ice cream,
please bring a topping!

San Jose Giants Baseball

Saturday, August 6

(Matt Duffy bobblehead night for first 1,000 fans)

Game at 5 PM

vs. Stockton Ports

watch the bulletin board and the Sunday bulletin for more information



Saturday, August 27



Enjoy the beautiful setting
in the Santa Cruz mountains
just outside Saratoga

An adult afternoon/evening of wine
tasting, picnic dinner and music. Come
before 4:30 for wine tasting or just
bring your picnic dinner and come
before 6 PM for music. More
information on the bulletin board and
in the Sunday bulletin.

Step Right Up!

We were AMAZED and ASTOUNDED
at the age of this perfectly preserved man!

(See bulletin board for more photos!)



Happy 101st to Dorothy Miller!



EAT!
DRINK!
CELEBRATE!



VISIBILITY/ SESSION NOTES

1. A tie vote for the winning banner from the entries submitted in our banner competition. Congratulations to Pastor Tom for the "A Progressive Church" banner and to our Youth ministry for their collaborative entry. The first banner has been ordered and should be delivered to the church this month. The second banner will be fixed and available later this summer. Look to see which one arrives first. My thanks go out to those who participated in the Banner Contest and to Barb Overholt for providing her expert marketing knowledge during the process.



A Progressive Church

Where **ALL** are **FAMILY**

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

→ **www.sthpc.org** ←



2. Steve DeJarnett attended the Clerk of Session training on April 23 put on by the Polity and Government committee of the Presbytery of San Jose at Log Gatos Presbyterian Church. Steve will receive a certificate for outstanding clerk from the Presbytery in June. When you see him, please extend your warm congratulations! Steve's role as Clerk of Session, is to keep the minutes of Session meetings, prepare the dockets for the Session meetings, attend these special Presbytery meetings, as well as manages the ledgers of membership, baptisms, marriages, deaths, etc. He does all of this quickly, efficiently, and always with a smile.

Session meetings are open meetings where anyone can attend with the exception of infrequent personnel matters. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:59 PM.

Debbie Serasio, Visibility Elder

ADULT ED MINISTRY

This summer, beginning June 5th through September 4th, we will be offering a new Adult Bible Study. It is available to all. Each week a Bible Study worksheet will be in the Sunday bulletin. It can be completed individually or in a group anytime during the week. Each week a new worksheet will be available. This will continue until the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. The Upper Room will also be available for study.

Take time this summer for study and prayer. Seek and you will find. Read, pray, ask, and find. Spend time and open your life to God. He is at work in your life, so get ready, get set and grow.

Carol Miller, Adult Ed Elder



FOR ALL THE DADS
WHO TOOK THE
TIME...



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our June PW meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21 in the STHPC Multi-Purpose Room. We will start a little bit earlier (7 PM) as we will be having a potluck in celebration of all of our birthdays over the last year. Please bring some food to share and a small gift to exchange. We will also finish up our last session of the Bible Study, #9 (River of Life-Hope). Anyone can join the Bible Study at anytime as each lesson is an independent lesson.

Starting in the Fall, we will embark on Presbytery Women's new bible study for 2016-2017. It is entitled, "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes". We will be led on a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is...a journey of our hearts and minds, a journey that we will take together. We will explore 'Who is Jesus' through nine different theological lenses: according to Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John, to Paul, to the Hebrews, to the non-canonical gospels, to the Abrahamic faiths and lastly, according to contemporary cultural interpretations. I will be ordering the Bible Study books and the DVD soon. Please let me know if you think you might be interested in joining us.

Cheryl Elliot, Moderator



Helping Hands



*Please help
us help others who
struggle to support
and feed their families*

Requested items: Cans of fruit and cans of vegetables, cans of soup or chili, canned meats, peanut butter & jelly, pasta & pasta sauce, and boxes of macaroni & cheese. Flip-top cans are appreciated by many!

Monthly summary: Between March 9 and May 31, 56 people were assisted; 49 people received food and 22 people received bus tokens. Kristie was able to honor requests for 2 gift cards and 1 backpack. One person received cash.

Food donations between April 2 and May 31 totaled 474 lbs. Thank you for donations from STHPC: 251 lbs., St Julie's: 140 lbs, and Other: 83 lbs.

*The Deacons
and the Church & World Committee*

Nursery Attendants



6/12 Alfred Morikang
6/19 Nan Brown
6/26 Courtney Mays
7/3 Ashley Fitzgerald
7/10 Alfred Morikang
7/17 Nan Brown
7/24 Courtney Mays
7/31 Ashley Fitzgerald
8/7 Alfred Morikang

Nursery care is provided for three year olds and younger, supervised by Rachele our nursery attendant and assisted by one of our rotating volunteers.

The nursery children are learning the same story each week as the Children's Sunday School class as Rachele provides story time.

As a reminder, parents please sign your children in and out of the nursery and use the name tags.

Cheryl Elliot, Children's Ed Elder



Income and Expenses

	May 2016 Month to Date	Through 5/16 Year to Date
Income	\$21,049	\$112,997
Expense	\$24,949	\$116,922
Net Income	-\$3,900	-\$3,925

• Thank you to Gertrud Walker, Marylyn Goode, Nan Brown, Sharon & Bill Simmons and the Cameroon Community for treats in April and May.
• Thanks also to the Manley Family for coffee every Sunday and all the clean-up helpers! The "open" dates below are opportunities to help make Santa Teresa Hills your church.

Treat Schedule/Clean-up help needed also

• June 12 Claris Ngwa celebrating Ngwa birthdays

• All other dates are open!!!

• Amount for a "normal" Sunday is approximately ONE of the following: Ten dozen cookies, OR - 6 dozen donuts, cut in half, OR - 3 - 9X13 pans of brownies, cut small, OR - a sheet cake from Costco, OR - \$15.00 and we will purchase for you! Sign-up at the Activity Table or the Treat Table.





Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

June 3	Nancy Chesterson, Posey Shiu, Brooke Girton
June 4	Barbara Brown, Dorothe Miller (101!)
June 5	Mike Manley
June 9	Tom Coop, Karla Frye
June 10	Robin DeJarnett
June 12	Claris Ngwa
June 16	Teke Ngwa
June 23	Edith Sona
June 24	Jessica Lewallen, Peggy Wright
June 26	Ruth Lund's 100th birthday!
July 9	Rogan Souter
July 16	Miyah Ngwa
July 21	Harlan Otter
July 23	Rhona Souter
July 26	Dick Clouss

June 9	<u>Anniversaries</u> David & Nancy Girton
June 15	Tim & Laura Davis
June 17	Jim & Peggy Wright Horace & Lynn Hines, Steven & Annie Sunseri
June 18	Hersh & Nan Brown
June 19	Tom & DeLynn Coop
June 22	Walt & Iris Fox
July 4	Paul & Cheryl Elliot
July 8	Jerry & Jane McMinn
July 20	Joe Buttle & Cathy Warrick
July 25	Steve & Robin DeJarnett
July 27	

Newsletter Staff

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ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Activities are open to all members and visitors - come check out what is happening!

EVERY SUNDAY:	TWO-CAN SUNDAY: BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE DEACON'S PANTRY TO WORSHIP
Second Sunday:	Church and World Ministry Team after Worship
All Other Sundays:	Church Library Open after Worship
Every Thursday:	Choir Practice At STHPC at 7:30 pm.
First Tuesday:	Fellowship Ministry Team at STHPC at 7:15 PM
Second Tuesday:	Session meeting at STHPC at 6:59 PM
Second Saturday:	Men's Fellowship meets at 8:30 AM in the Multipurpose room.
Third Tuesday:	Presbyterian Women at STHPC at 7:00 PM. - every other month
Third Saturday:	Presbyterian Women at STHPC at 10:00 AM - every other month
Third Sunday:	Deacon's meeting at STHPC, following worship.
Last Sunday:	Breakfast at Aqui Restaurant (Blossom Hill & Snell) following worship (around 11:30ish)

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 19 Father's Day
- Tuesday, June 21 PW Potluck @ 7 PM
- Friday, July 8 First summer sermon movie and ice cream sundaes!
- Sunday, July 10 Summer Sermon Series begins
- July 18 - 22 Vacation Bible School sign up now!
- Saturday, Aug. 6 SJ Giants Baseball
- Saturday, Aug. 27 Savannah-Channel Winery



*Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church,
The Reverend Tom Coop, Pastor*
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Adult Sunday School: off for the summer

Worship: 10:00 AM

Sunday School PreK - 8th grade 10:00 AM

**Regular Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**For Pastoral care: The Office (408)629-5906 or
Pastor Tom's cell (408)234-8553**

Church Bulletin deadline: Thursday 9:00 AM

Church Historian: Barb Overholt

**Church Newsletter deadline: July 24
for August Newsletter**

email your information to Lynn Hines at not57@sbcglobal.net

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Help our families in the community by bringing

TWO CANS

of any of the following items

EVERY SUNDAY:

- Hearty Chunky Soups and Stews
- Canned Ravioli or Spaghetti
- Canned Fruit or Vegetables
- Canned Meats • Chili with Meat
- Food with flip tops
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

We **CANNOT** accept canned food that has expired
or food that is not sealed in its original container.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Deacons, Church and World Ministry