

Echoes from the Hills

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church • San Jose, California



COOP'S CORNER

It's about time to get ready to change from regular worship to summer worship. There are a number of things that you need to remember about summer worship. First, it is pretty laid back, as if we could get any more laid back, right? There are no responsive written prayers and I don't wear a robe and stole.

A second change is that you get to choose the hymns. Unlike the last few years when you had to submit your hymn choice in advance, THIS SUMMER, all you have to do is raise your hand and be called on. Why so easy, you ask? It is because we are privileged to have a most gifted pianist, Tiffany Shi, who can sight read ANYTHING, as our church pianist!!!

A third difference is that instead of following the lectionary as I normally do during the rest of the year (except Advent and Lent), I do a summer sermon series. Last summer we looked at some of our Christian heroes from the past couple of hundred years. I don't know about you, but I certainly learned a lot.

This year we are going back much, much, much farther. The summer sermon series will be entitled ... wait for it ... (I need to pause here to raise the anticipation!) ...

"The Wild and Crazy Minor Prophets of the Old Testament"

I'll bet none of you (including me) could name the twelve "minor" prophets of the Old Testament without looking at a Table of Contents. And yet, they are a fascinating study. There are twelve minor prophets, including: Hosea, Jonah, Zephaniah, Joel, Micah, Haggai, Amos, Nahum, Zechariah, Obadiah, Habakkuk, and Malachi. But, wait, we only have ten Sundays. Quite the conundrum! But, rest assured, I won't leave anyone out.

You need to know that some of these prophets were really wild and crazy ... and yet they all have a message pertinent for us today. It will be my job to make sure you know what that is.

And, of course, each Sunday there will always be a short quiz to begin our sermon time together.

Did you know that one of them married a prostitute? One was not even a person? One was a prophet of DOOM! One's name meant "wrestler?" One was as much a doubter as the apostle Thomas? And you will find out why they are called "Minor" prophets – and it has nothing to do with their age!

This is going to be a fun summer. I can't wait to get started and when we are done, we are going to know so much more than when we began. And I trust that our faith and walk with God will be that much more strengthened.

The series will start on June 18th and go through September 3rd.

See you on Sunday, my friends. And may you sense God's presence and love and grace and peace ...

each and every day.

Pastor Tom

Worship and Music Dave Robertson • Elder

Holy Week Remembered

What a great week of meditation, mourning, and joy as we remembered the last supper (Maundy Thursday), mourned the crucifixion and death of Jesus (Good Friday), and celebrated His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lots of pictures here and also check out our website, www.sthpc.org.



The Cameroon Choir on Palm Sunday.

Easter Sunrise Service



Easter Celebration Service



ALLELUIA!
He Is Risen
Indeed!

Upcoming Communion Sundays:
May 7 and June 4.

Thank You Ushers: Horace Hines, Kate Manley, Carol Mello, Carol and Jerry Miller, Injoh Tanwani, Bob Toche, the Youth, Gertie Walker, and Rebecca Elliot.

Thank You Worship Leaders: Linda Buckley, Steve DeJarnett, Marylyn Goode, Yvonne Miller, Emmanuel Ngwa, Barb Overholt, Dave Robertson.

CHURCH AND WORLD MINISTRY

FAITH in ACTION was the weekend of April 28 – 30. Thanks to the many people who participated!!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Twenty STHPCers participated in a wonderful energizing experience. The efficiently run “assembly line” packed nutritious, inexpensive food for those in developing countries such as the Philippines or Sudan. The entire packing event of 153 people, generated over 180 boxes of 30 food packets each. Our group packed 28 boxes, exceeding our previous record by 10!

DeLynn Coop



YOUTH PROJECTS

Thanks to donations **from all of you** Youth and adult helpers were able to assemble 156 bag lunches filled with healthy ingredients for Front Door Ministry. They delivered the lunches to First Presbyterian San Jose, which distributes them to homeless men and women. In 2015, Front Door served 29,868 lunches during the year to an average of over 150 people per day. This was more than double the amount served just three short years before!

We also made 21 fleece blankets, with special help from Caryl Brown and her rotary cutter, and delivered them to the animal shelter for orphan critters.

Kate Manley and Injoh Tanwani



EDIBLE GARDEN

Our small group dug deep - installing an edible garden at the Women's Gathering Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Jose. The garden, designed by Laura Needham, included bush beans, tomato varieties and corn. We worked alongside some of the women participants and Linda's husband Stephen who leveled the dirt surrounding the raised garden beds.

Laura Needham

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Seven dedicated participants worked all day at the Habitat warehouse. Bill Simmons, David Miller, Jim and Janet Keenan, Rebecca Elliot and Mike and Emily Manley, painted countless walls and trim pieces, as well as using power tools to cut and shape the walls, windows and doors. All of these parts will be assembled into Playhouses and then sold and/or auctioned off to raise funds for Habitat. We completed enough parts to build 6 complete Playhouses, plus additional trim pieces.

Mike Manley

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Sunday after church 30 people enjoyed a light lunch and wrote 47+ letters to our congressional representatives (Senate and House) on the issue of hunger in the US. We advocated for protecting our critical food and nutritional programs like SNAP (food stamps) and WIC (Women and Infant Children) in the U.S. and hunger around the world. Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decisions makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee for helping with the lunch and setting up the room. *Cathy Warrick*



SMUM – SANTA MARIA URBAN MINISTRY

Karen, Jane and Jerry McMinn, Cathy Warrick and Joe Buttle, Delynn Coop and Yvonne Miller arrived at SMUM at 9 AM on Saturday eager to help however we could. The job for the day was cleaning the pantry area and cleaning up some (lots!) of potatoes and cabbage. We removed everything from the shelves, cleaned, and then restocked the shelves. These shelves hold the food that is given out 5 days a week and 2 Saturdays a month. Clients can receive a box of food twice a month. I think we all agreed that we are blessed not to be food challenged as are many of SMUM's clients. If you would like to volunteer to tutor children in an after school program or help in many other ways, please contact Alfonso Mendez at 408 292-3314.

Cathy Warrick & Yvonne Miller



Rotating Shelter Support (the VILLAGE)

Pastor Tom and Linda Buckley met May 11 with organizers from St. Julie's Catholic Church to explore what our congregation can do to support St Julie's while they host 12 -15 carefully screened homeless women during the month of June. Support might include: co-hosting some meals, helping with day activities or rides. More will be shared as we find out whether and how we can play a role.



Linda Buckley, Elder Church and World Ministry Elder



The 40th Annual South Bay CROP Walk was held on **Sunday, April 23**. Paul, Cheryl and Rebecca Elliot, along with little Arabella and Rebecca's big dog Rocco, enjoyed doing a 3 mile walk through the San Jose Rose Garden area on a beautiful afternoon.

We were joined by Lisa Wagner from Oak Grove Baptist Church. Our God Sighting on the walk was a lady who stopped her car and asked if she could donate to our cause and she did! So far our congregation has raised over \$625.....Did you know that with only \$150 CWS (Church World Service) can provide 15 home gardens for families in Indonesia to have sustainable food source for years to come? And \$330 can provide a month's worth of emergency food supplies for three families of five people after disaster strikes? It is a great cause, so please consider supporting CWS with your donations. You can donate online via crophungerwalk.org or give Cheryl Elliot your donations by May 21 via cash or check (payable to CWS/CROP).

Cheryl Elliot



MEN'S BREAKFAST

A record number of men turned out at the April Men's Breakfast for Steve Sunseri's famous pancakes. A good time was had by all! All men are invited to join us the second Saturday at 8:30 AM in the MultiPurpose Room.

Pastor Tom



CHILDREN'S ED MINISTRY

Holy Week was awesome! The children and youth helped with the Palm Sunday service, featuring Ethan Li on the piano, and the Youth leading the 'Call to Worship'. I am very proud of our kids...such talent and dedication. Our Easter celebration ended with our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Sunday School for May and June will be following the lesson plans from our curriculum source Sermon4kids.com. I am pleased to announce that Miyah Ngwa will be acting as Sunday School assistant for the next few months. We are still looking for more teachers/helpers and Nursery helpers, so if you feel you might be able to help out in the Nursery or Sunday School one Sunday a month, please come see me.

Want to go to ROME? Or at least come and see how it was back in Jesus' days? Vacation Bible School this summer will be doing Group's ROME program. We are again pairing up with Oak Grove Baptist Church, and we will be holding VBS the week of July 17th from 9 AM – 12:30 PM Monday – Friday. Our first planning meeting will be on Sunday May 21st at 1:00 PM at Oak Grove Baptist Church. If you think you might be able to volunteer during VBS week or maybe help with preparing for it, we would love to have you come to this meeting. We will be charging a small fee this year (\$20/student for the week) to help defray some of the costs. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Elliot.



Sunday School Teachers & Helpers:

Date	Lead Teacher	SS Helper	Adult Helper if needed
5/14	Lynn Hines	Miyah Ngwa	Yolanda Wu
5/21	Gertrud Walker	Miyah Ngwa	Emmanuel Ngwa
5/28	Claris Ngwa	Miyah Ngwa	
6/4	Marilyn Morikang	Miyah Ngwa	Yolanda Wu
6/11	DeLynn Coop	Miyah Ngwa	Yolanda Wu
6/18	Gertrud Walker	Miyah Ngwa	Emmanuel Ngwa
6/25	Lynn Hines	Miyah Ngwa	Claris Ngwa

Cheryl Elliot, Children's Ed Ministry Elder

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are pleased to share our success from Faith in Action weekend. Thank you to our congregation for their help and support in donating supplies to make our goal for Front Door Ministries. Please see the Youth section under Church and World on page 3 for more information.

*Yours in faith,
Kate Manley, Youth Ministry Elder*



ADULT ED MINISTRY

The gifts that keep on giving are the gifts that improve our living.

The gifts that God gives us to use are opportunities to share the good news.

The gifts that are given to us to share are ways we can show how much we care.

The gifts that are used to change a life will call more of us to end daily strife.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4 - 11. Read about the spiritual gifts.

Can you find them?

service wisdom knowledge faith healing languages miracles prophecy

spirit gifts

R	R	I	G	C	F	K	F	U	S	H	O	N	Z	R
Q	G	X	S	L	L	W	F	U	E	E	A	O	L	V
E	D	P	I	H	L	U	K	R	G	A	Z	K	B	N
J	G	V	S	I	T	N	I	S	A	L	M	D	Y	V
Y	E	D	S	E	Y	I	E	N	U	I	X	R	X	F
M	I	F	E	Z	R	L	A	I	G	N	K	G	F	T
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What are your gifts? How do you use them? What is God calling you to do ?

Make a list of your gifts and keep track of how you use them. If you need help with them, pray.

Carol Miller, Adult Ed Ministry Elder

Appreciation BBQ - Sorry to see you go Joe!



When: Sunday, June 18 immediately
following worship

What's provided? BBQ hamburgers,
hotdogs, chips, drinks and all
condiments and paper goods

Please bring a side dish to share!

(the refrigerator in the MultiPurpose Room will
be available)

Sign-up (so we'll know how many to expect)

Join the congregation in saying good-bye
and good luck
to our fabulous choir director!

Thanks to all the church members who brought finger food for the Mission Fair. Thanks also to the Elliots and Deacons for treats at Easter, the Fellowship and Church & World Teams for the Faith in Action celebration and the Elliots again for Arabella's baptism cake. And special thanks to those who help clean up! We'd be happy to share the cleanup, just sign up at the Activity Table!



Treat Schedule for May/June - as you can tell, we need people to sign up!!

5/14 Cameroon Community
 5/21 open 5/28 open
 6/4 open 6/11 open
 6/18 open 6/25 open

Sign up at the Activity Table to bring treats for your special occasion - or any time!

Lynn Hines, Fellowship Ministry Elder

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In April, we did lesson #7 of our PW study, 'Who is Jesus' and explored thru the lens of the non-Canonical gospels. These contain other stories about Jesus that circulated in the early centuries of Christianity, offering us accounts of the "missing years" of Jesus and give us insight into the diversity of early Christianity. Thanks to Cathy Warrick for bringing our snacks.

Our next STHPC PW meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23 from 7:30 PM -9 PM. All women are invited to come to our PW meetings. We meet in the Multi-Purpose room at the church. Glenda Nolt will be in charge of snacks. We will be doing lesson #8 of our PW study, 'Who is Jesus' and we will be exploring thru the lens of the other Abrahamic Faiths (Judaism, Christianity and Islam).

At our May meeting, we will also be finalizing our Women's Service ('Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart') which will be on Sunday, May 28. If you are interested in helping with the service, please let Cheryl Elliot know.

Our June meeting (Tuesday, June 20, 7 PM) will be our final one before our summer break. We plan to have a potluck, do a 'birthday' gift exchange and do the final lesson of our PW Study.

The 2017/2018 PW Bible Study, entitled 'Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews' is now available. Melissa Bane Sevier is the author of this study and she was asked to approach Hebrews through the lenses of peace, peacemaking and hope and to feature stories of women who have been witnesses to faith. I am looking forward to this bible study, which we will start in the Fall. I will be placing an order soon for the bible study guides, so if you want one, please let me know by the end of May.

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 23 and May 5 37 people were assisted; 29 people received food and 18 people received bus tokens. Kristie was able to honor requests for 3 gift cards and 1 backpack.

Food donations totaled 468 lbs. Thank you for donations from STHPC: 189 lbs. and St. Julie's: 279 lbs.

*The Deacons
and the Church & World Committee*

SESSION NOTES/VISIBILITY

Session Notes from April

- 1). All session members are now eligible to attend Presbytery meetings (only 3 at a time can vote). Attendance advocated with a sign up sheet.
- 2). Presbytery has made available additional grant money for congregational growth, community mission, and individual projects. Visibility may apply for funds before June 15 (first half).

Visibility Update

- 1). The youth-designed banner arrived with slight errors. After repair, the banner has been hoisted.
- 2). The Easter-specific flag was removed after Easter. We are awaiting the non-specific replacement.
- 3). The latest newsletters and copies of sermons are always available on the website as well as a video of the most recent sermon. Please check these out.

Bill Simmons, Visibility Ministry Elder

Nursery Attendants

5/14 Rebecca Elliot
5/21 Ashley Fitzgerald
5/28 Alfred Morikang
6/4 Ashley Fitzgerald
6/11 Rebecca Elliot
6/18 Ashley Fitzgerald
6/25 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

	April 2017 Month to Date	Through 4/17 Year to Date
Income	\$30,669	\$108,619
Expense	\$26,237	\$108,154
Net Income	\$4,432	\$465



Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

May 3	Karin McMinn
May 10	Ross Souter
May 11	Lucas Mudoh, Mike Overholt
May 12	Paris Elizabeth Acha
May 17	Steve Sunseri
May 23	Susan Hunt-McArthur
May 24	Billy Sunseri
May 27	Libby Souter
May 29	Eric DeJarnett
June 3	Nancy Chesterson, Posey Shiu,
June 4	Barbara Brown, Dorothy Miller
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	Ruth Lund

Anniversaries

June 9	David & Nancy Girton
June 15	Tim & Laura Davis
June 17	Horace & Lynn Hines,
June 18	Steven & Annie Sunseri
June 19	Hersh & Nan Brown
June 22	Tom & DeLynn Coop

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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

Sat., May 20 9 AM - 4 PM	CPR class @ Oak Grove Baptist (see sign-up info on the patio at STHPC)
Sun., May 21 11:30 AM	Free Wellness Seminar in the Fellowship Hall Lunch & childcare provided
Sun., May 21 1:00 PM	VBS Planning meeting Oak Grove Baptist (see pg. 6)
Sun. June 18	Summer Sermon Series begins
Sun, June 18 after worship	Appreciation BBQ see pg. 8 for details

*Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church,
The Reverend Tom Coop, Pastor*

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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: June 27

for Summer 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