

Echoes from the Hills

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church • San Jose, California



COOP'S CORNER

"Getting a Do-Over"

As I sit and write this month's **COOP'S CORNER**, I am preparing to fly to Houston, Texas to perform the re-wedding of my daughter Danielle (which will already be done by the time you read this). If you don't know the story, it will take a little explaining.

In January of 2016, Danielle joined the U.S. Navy (of which we are very proud!). She was in a relationship with a young man (who we like a lot, by the way) named Matt, who had just gotten out of the Navy. It was actually during Boot Camp that they realized just how much their lives would be missing without each other.

So, after she completed her eight weeks of "hell", they continued the relationship and took it to the next level. During Memorial Day weekend, Matt asked for Danielle's hand in marriage.

The question asked and answered... the happy couple tried to agree on a date for their Special Day. In the meantime, Danielle kept hearing horror stories about how engaged sailors were sent to all ends of the earth and had to leave their beloved behind because they weren't married. Danielle and Matt both decided it was a risk too large to take.

Consequently, they decided to just make it official and eliminate the chance that Matt could be left behind.

As fate would have it, both sets of parents were going to be in Pensacola, Florida, where Danielle was stationed, to celebrate their engagement. It was easy to change that to being in town for a WEDDING!

And so, on July 2, **2016** with very little advance planning, on a beautiful beach, Danielle and Matt pledged their love and their lives to one another in front of a crowd of ... just six.

Unfortunately, everything didn't go exactly as planned. I shared some stories I thought were amusing, but Danielle thought were inappropriate. I've done that on more than one occasion, as some of you have experienced firsthand (I'm sorry), and should have known better.

And then to top it all off, I dropped the ring in the sand and we couldn't find it ... till the next day, mind you. Not cool on my part. There wasn't a doghouse big enough!

But both Matt and Danielle wanted a big wedding where all their extended family and friends could attend and so...

On July 2, **2017**, I had the privilege and honor of officiating at my daughter's re-wedding ... and I got my do-over.

Do-overs are important in life. I recently finished listening to an e-book about just that subject. We can get do-overs in most areas of our lives. The important thing is to make the changes necessary to make the do-over work.

This time I sent a copy of what I was going to say during the wedding to Danielle to get her approval first – I think I only needed one revision. I had paid attention! And, the wedding is on hard ground, not sand, and losing the ring will be all but impossible.

We can get do-overs with our diet, with our exercise plan, with our finances. The important thing is to know what went wrong the first time and then change it.

God is the KING of do-overs. God loves us so much, that he allows for do-over, after do-over, after do-over. That's what repentance is all about. Turning around and then doing things differently.

I was lucky to be able to have a do-over with the wedding. But I am blessed by God to be able to do do-overs when I mess up with him. God is good, but better than that, God is LOVE.

I hope that you will take advantage of his love and enlist in his do-over program ☺. I am!
Be blessed, my friends – and I'll see you on Sunday!

Pastor Tom

CHURCH AND WORLD MINISTRY

Pentecost Offering: Thanks to your generosity, we received \$445 for the Pentecost offering. 40% will go to summer youth programs for at risk children and youth at the Santa Maria Urban Ministry and 60% will go towards at risk youth and youth leadership within our denomination. Thanks go to Bob Toche for a Moment for Mission well done!

BACKPACKS: We are again providing school backpacks for children and youth to help Santa Maria Urban Ministry with their school backpack program. One reason we partner with SMUM is they lack the large corporate donors and longevity that Sacred Heart has. Those of us who volunteer at SMUM, know it's a class act operation, led by Alfonso who has a great heart for the community they serve. The youth and other volunteers will assemble the backpack contents Sunday, July 23. Sign up in the courtyard to bring backpack contents (get a reminder slip) and/or join the packing operation on **July 23**.

City Team Ministries: City Team is a non-denominational faith-based organization which has not been receiving adequate donations to provide emergency food boxes for low income working families. This is an especially big need during the summer when school breakfast and lunch programs are not in operation. We will give \$175 from our Building Tithe account to City Team Ministries. You can provide additional tax

deductible contributions by making a check out to STHPC. Put "City Team Ministries" in the memo line. If possible please do this by Sunday, July 9 to provide summer food for for the children.

St Julie's Homeless Women's Shelter (the Village): Thanks to Jay Hartley, Jane and Jerry McMinn, Yvonne Miller, Laurie Boggs and Marylyn Goode for bringing desserts or lunch ingredients for 12 to 15 homeless women plus volunteers and staff. Linda gave constructive feedback to the St. Julie's leadership on possible solutions to streamline scheduling, so next year they and we might be better coordinated.

IMMANUEL HOUSE: Yvonne Miller has been communicating with the Immanuel House Director and board members about ways we can support their "mission" other than doing a dinner. They let Yvonne know of supplies they could use. We will let you know what those are, and how to help.

We hope to have **more joint Church and World/Fellowship** events. Everyone enjoyed the lunch after our successful Faith in Action weekend.

*Linda Buckley, Elder Church and World
Ministry Elder*

The Divine Dance

Trinity Sunday • June 11

On Sunday, June 11 the STHPC Choir graced us with two songs “Ubi Caritas” and “I Have Felt the Touch of God” before embarking on their summer hiatus. Our Cameroon Choir was on hand for festive, get-up-and-dance and clap-your-hands music - “Sing and Praise the Lord,” “We are Walking in the Light of the Lord.”

Our June 18 service marked the final Sunday we formally said good-bye to our Choir Director, Joe Taff, with a special choir song and a great tasting BBQ.



Choir Director Joe Taff conducts the STHPC Choir for the last time.

Thank You Ushers: Our Youth, Chris De La Roca, Yvonne Miller, Horace and Lynn Hines, Emmanuel Ngwa, Hersh and Nan Brown, Marylyn Goode. **Head Usher:** Rebecca Elliot.

Thank You Worship Leaders for May and June: Emmanuel Ngwa, Yvonne Miller, Barb Overholt, Dave Robertson, Marylyn Goode, Linda Buckley.



The Cameroon Choir

Worship Calendar of Events

Sundays beginning June 18

Summer Worship Starts

*“The Wild and Crazy Minor Prophets
of the Old Testament”*

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Upcoming Communion Sundays:

August 6 and September 3

CHILDREN'S ED MINISTRY

Summer is here, and so is our summer worship format. Pastor Tom is enlightening us on the Minor Prophets from the Old Testament. Carol Miller has written up weekly scripture studies for the congregation. The children and youth are meeting together during Sunday School time using Carol's wonderful study guides to learn about these Prophets. Parents, ask your children what they know about each of these prophets and what is the main theme behind their story!

Marilyn Morikang is the new elder in charge of Children's Education. Marilyn is very creative and I think Children's Education is lucky to have her on board. She and her husband Alfred have two children, Alma and Aiden. Please congratulate Marilyn on her new role when you see her next and let her know if you might want to help out with our Children's Ed ministry - we do need a few more folks!

Vacation Bible School planning is under way.

Important information about VBS:

- VBS will be held Monday – Friday, July 17 – 21 from 9:00 AM – noon at Oak Grove Baptist Church on Blossom Hill.
- We need more volunteers! Anyone interested in helping please let Cheryl Elliot know ASAP. Volunteer jobs include helping with the week long VBS or preparation ahead of time.
- The theme this summer is ROME. Group's program will teach the children how God's Love is so awesome. Our Bible stories will concentrate on Paul and the Underground Church.
- We will have a Roman Marketplace where the kids will visit 'shops' and try out different Roman crafts, foods, etc.
- We are charging a small fee this year (\$20/student for the week) to help defray some of the costs.
- If you have any kids interested in registering for VBS week, please contact Cheryl Elliot. We have 15 kids signed up so far with room for lots more!



Sunday School Teachers & Helpers:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lead Teacher</u>	<u>SS Adult Helper</u>
7/9	DeLynn Coop	Cheryl Elliot
7/16	Gertrud Walker	Emmanuel Ngwa
7/23	Lynn Hines	Claris Ngwa
7/30	Marilyn Morikang	Emmanuel Ngwa
8/6	Cheryl Elliot	Yolanda Wu
8/13	DeLynn Coop	Cheryl Elliot
8/20	Gertrud Walker	Emmanuel Ngwa
8/27	Claris Ngwa	Lynn Hines

Cheryl Elliot, former Children's Ed Ministry Elder, now a Deacon

Jonah

Jonah 1, 3

Repent or Be Destroyed

The Lord instructed Jonah to preach to Nineveh. To find out how his message affected the citizens of Nineveh, follow the directions below.

Find the letters of the left-column words in the middle column and cross them out. Write the remaining letters on the lines in the right column. When finished, read the beginning part of the message, then move down the words in the left column, followed by the words in the right column.

The king of Nineveh put on sackcloth and declared that . . .

NO ONE	NOONONE	— —
SHOULD	SHOTUHLDE	— — —
EAT	LEORATD	— — — —
OR	OANRD	— — —
DRINK,	DRIGINKVE	— — — —
BUT	BUUTP	— —
EVERYONE	EV THEREYOIRNE	— — — — —
SHOULD	SHEOVUILLD	— — — —
CALL	WCAALYLS	— — — —



ADULT ED MINISTRY

Minor Prophets (Not Miner Profits) Can you find them all?

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P	I	Q	A	K	I	A	J	E	K	J	J	I
H	K	T	D	L	M	V	O	E	C	K	O	X
A	Z	W	M	S	A	J	E	J	E	U	U	H
N	S	V	D	O	C	C	C	M	D	S	A	K
I	R	O	P	U	N	C	H	V	O	N	V	J
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H	Y	B	H	A	M	L	B	J	Y	R	N	B
J	J	U	F	H	A	I	R	A	H	C	E	Z
Y	M	O	W	O	B	A	D	I	A	H	W	N

Amos
Habakkuk
Haggai
Hosea
Joel
Jonah

Malachi
Micah
Nahum
Obadiah
Zechariah
Zephaniah

The Minor Prophets had major ideas and great faith.

O, Summer is here.
And God is near.
The sky is clear.
Our family and friends are dear.
Have no fear.
Listen and hear.
So be of good cheer.
The Lord will steer.

Watch for the Upper Room and *Sunday morning bulletin insert*.

Have a blessed Summer. Look into His word. Walk with Jesus. He is the Way. Sing His praises. Take time to pray. One step at a time. . .

Carol Miller, Adult Ed Ministry Elder



Enjoy the beautiful setting in the Santa Cruz mountains
23600 Congress Springs Road, Saratoga, CA 95070

Saturday, August 19

An adult afternoon/evening of wine tasting,
picnic dinner and music

Wine tasting: Come by 4:00 for the last tasting at 4:30. Tasting room open 11 AM - 5 PM. A flight of 5 wines is \$15.

Music and Picnic: Grounds open at 4:00, music by Luv Bomb at 6:00. Seating is first come first served, bring a picnic (no cooking allowed), a non-alcoholic beverage, and a blanket/chair. \$10/ticket for non members. Wine by the bottle and glass for sale. Bring a jacket, the mountains can get chilly.

Sign-up at the Activity Table so we'll know to expect you!
<http://www.savannahchanelle.com/santa-cruz-mountain-wineries/>





Churches in the 15th century used to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as *Risus Paschalis* or 'God's Joke'; the 'Easter Laugh'--- in other words, Easter was seen as God having the last laugh over death and evil. As a part of the service, the priests would deliberately include stories and jokes in their sermons. After the service, people would gather to play practical jokes or tell funny stories.

It may come as no surprise that the observance of this holiday was officially outlawed by Pope Clement X in the 17th century because it was seen as too frivolous - heaven forbid that we should enjoy worship!

We disagree, so HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY lives!

Pastor Tom

WANTED

Handymen and Handywomen Needed: Can you clean? Plant? Change light bulbs? Fix plumbing, electrical, do minor wood/building repairs? Buildings and Grounds needs extra hands to help with fixin' stuff at the church. Please let Dave Robertson know if you can help out in any way. Special this month: 10% off your pledge if you sign up (sorry, just kidding).

Dave Robertson, Buildings and Grounds Ministry Elder



Thank you to the Cameroon Community for the fabulous Mother's Day Celebration! Also thanks to the Fellowship Committee for treats in May and the BBQ for Joe in June. Thank you Manley Family for making coffee every Sunday - where would we be without you? Or all the clean-up helpers? The "open" dates below are opportunities to help provide fellowship after our worship services.



Treat Schedule/Clean-up help needed also

July 9 Valentine Engo

All other dates are open!!!

July 16 Mary Azah

Amount for a "normal" Sunday is approximately ONE of the following: 8 dozen cookies, OR - 4 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thanks to all the women who helped make our 'Celebrate Women' Special worship service on May 28 a success. I got some positive feedback on what my message, ('Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart'), was trying to portray.

Our annual potluck and 'birthday' gift exchange was held June 20. Our attendance was small but the salads were mighty! We wrapped up our 'Who is Jesus?' PW Bible Study and we voted to give \$25 towards PW's Birthday Offering. This offering will go towards three projects: 1.) The First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative in Cuba, 2.) The family Justice Center Safe Haven for Domestic Violence in South Carolina, and 3.) The Navajo Water Project in New Mexico. Please note that PW will be taking a short break for the summer.

The 2017/2018 PW Bible Study, entitled "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" is now available. Melissa Bane Sevier, the author of this study, 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, that we will start in the Fall. I will be placing an order soon for about 15 bible study guides and 2 of the DVD's (one to 'loan' out in case you miss coming to the PW meeting). If you want a study guide, please let me know so I can insure you have a copy by September. If you subscribe to PW's Horizon magazine, you should have received your bible study guide already. Starting in the Fall, Horizon magazine will feature supplemental study material for the PW Bible Study which we will incorporate into our PW meetings.

Cheryl Elliot, Moderator



Helping Hands



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

Needed Now: Vienna sausages and toiletry items.

Always 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 May 6 and June 27, 32 people were assisted; 21 people received food and 17 people received bus tokens. Kristie was able to honor requests for 8 gift cards and 1 backpack. One person received cash.

Food donations totaled 220 lbs. Thank you for donations from STHPC: 65 lbs., St. Julie's: 115 lbs, and Other: 40 lbs.

*The Deacons
and the Church & World Committee*

SESSION NOTES/VISIBILITY

Session Notes from June:

- 1) New Elders elected for the Class of 2020 and installed 6/25/17: Carol Miller, Injoh Tanwani, Barb Overholt, and Marilyn Morikang
- 2) New Deacons elected for the Class of 2020 and installed 6/25/17: Vicky O'Hara and Cheryl Elliot

Visibility Update:

- 1) 2 new flag banners have been received and will be put up soon.
- 2) 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

7/9 Nan Brown
7/16 Alfred Morikang
7/23 Ashley Fitzgerald
7/30 Rebecca Elliot
8/6 Rebecca Elliot
8/13 Nan Brown
8/20 Alfred Morikang
8/27 Ashley Fitzgerald



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.

Marilyn Morikang, Children's Ed Elder



Income and Expenses

	May 2017 Month to Date	Through 5/17 Year to Date
Income	\$24,121	\$134,200
Expense	\$25,122	\$133,010
Net Income	-\$1,001	\$1,190



Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

July 9	Rogan Souter
July 16	Miyah Ngwa
July 21	Harlan Otter
July 23	Rhona Souter
July 26	Dick Clouss
August 2	Jim Wright
August 3	Sherry Burch
August 8	Dave Robertson, Jane McMinn, Cynthia Greene
August 12	Steve DeJarnett
August 20	Kyle Calzia
August 24	Zoe Walker, Chris Mays
August 25	Catherine Needham, Ruby Webb
August 27	Alma Morikang
August 31	Austin Keathley, Brittany Tambe

Anniversaries

July 4	Walt & Iris Fox
July 8	Paul & Cheryl Elliot
July 20	Jerry & Jane McMinn
July 25	Joe Buttle & Cathy Warrick
July 27	Steve & Robin DeJarnett
Aug 2	Bill & Sharon Simmons
Aug 6	Mona & Keith Johnson
Aug 13	Mike & Kate Manley
Aug 21	Scott & Carolyn Calzia
Aug 24	Ross & Libby Souter

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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 (suspended for the summer)
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 (suspended for summer)
Third Saturday:	Presbyterian Women at STHPC at 10:00 AM - every other month (suspended for summer)
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

- through Sept. 3 Summer Sermon Series "The Wild and Crazy Minor Prophets of the Old Testament?" continues
- July 17 - 21 Vacation Bible School sign up now - to help or attend!
- Saturday, Aug. 19 Savannah-Channelle Winery (see pg 7 for details)
- Sunday, Sept. 10 Homecoming Sunday
9:00 AM Potluck breakfast
10:00 AM Worship



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

www.sthpc.org

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**

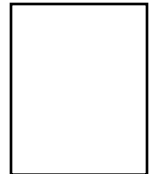
Church Bulletin deadline: Thursday 9:00 AM

Church Historian: Barb Overholt

**Church Newsletter deadline: August 15
for September Newsletter
email your information to Lynn Hines at not57@sbcglobal.net**

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