

# Echoes from the Hills

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church • San Jose, California



## COOP'S CORNER

### "From Surviving to Thriving, part II"

We have a GREAT church, with GREAT people, and a GREAT spirit. We want others to know about us, to join in our Christian faith, and in Santa Teresa Hills' outreach to help build God's community. Doing the same things we have done in the past is no longer working. We need to make some changes and improvements.

With this in mind, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Session met to discuss the book "From Surviving to Thriving" which I outlined in my September COOP'S CORNER. Now is my chance to share what we decided to do as a result. The following steps are many of the things we hope to accomplish in the months to come. Some, you will notice, are easy to implement. Others, will take more effort and person power. As a Christian community, we ALL need to be involved.

I promise you that God was with us as we worked together at the session retreat on that Saturday and the monthly session meeting the following Tuesday. I firmly believe that God desires this church to succeed and thrive. And we will, if we all pull together!

Here is some of what your session has committed to and who has volunteered to be in charge:

- *Invite EVERY member to pray for STHPC and its revitalization (I will do this).*
- Deacons reach out to the STHPC community who have not been in worship for a period of time. (Joy and I will work with Kristie and the deacons on this.)
- *Increase visibility by improving the signage. Make sure it says what we want it to say and is not ambiguous ( i.e. that folks don't think we are a Korean church or a preschool); create big bold banners that tell the community who we are; look at the options for replacing our existing sign with one that is more visible and stands out (Bill Simmons, Sharon Simmons and Barb Overholt.)*
- Invite new people to join us by creating postcards that will easily define who we are and what we offer. We can post around the community and give them to friends and even strangers. (Barb will create and I will teach a class around how to give out these cards in a welcoming and non-threatening way.)
- *Improve our web visibility, our Facebook presence, our Yelp reviews, etc. (Bill Simmons and Kate Manley and they need help!)*

- Simplify giving by improving the *Givelify* experience (our mobile giving app.) Also attach *Gifelify* to the website (I will lead class on how to install and get up and running)
- *Create a subcommittee to help members leave the church a “legacy gift” in their will or estate plan (Horace Hines and Dave Robertson)*

How’s that for a start? I hope you are as excited as I am. And that’s just about the outside. Rest assured, that I have lots planned to also build and deepen and engage your relationship with God, your spouse, and your community.

And here’s a much-anticipated part – I have been instructed to keep my sermons to **18 minutes or less!** Something about keeping everyone (or at least most of you) awake and engaged.

The Session can lead, but cannot implement all of these by themselves, nor should they. We are all in this together. I encourage you to get ahold of me or those who are responsible for any of the action items and volunteer to lend us your expertise, time, labor and enthusiasm.

Please don’t be shy. And don’t hesitate to let us know if you see anything else we can improve or try. And please remember to say YES when we ask for your help!

Be blessed, my friends, and I’ll see you on Sunday.

In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Tom*

## CHURCH AND WORLD MINISTRY

**Congratulations to Mike Manley**, our new Church and World Elder. Mike is experienced in several areas of ministry at STHPC, and we thank him for jumping back into a leadership position.

**Presbytery-wise Mission Adventure Saturday, October 28 - 9AM:** We hope you consider joining others from STHPC to prepare and serve a BBQ meal to the downtown homeless at First Presbyterian Church San Jose. Although the formal registration deadline will have passed by the time you’re reading this, there may be more space available to join us. *Please see Mike Manley or any Church and World team member.*

**Peacemaking (and Global Witness) Offering:** It’s not too late to contribute your “treasure” to the annual Peacemaking Offering either by check (write “Peacemaking” in the subscript) or by using the *Givelify* app. Remember that 25% of what we receive will go to the Project Cornerstone in Santa Clara County, educating children and youth in conflict resolution and bullying prevention. The other 75% goes to regional and national Presbyterian USA causes.

**Turkey Tango Luncheon:** Church and World is joining forces with Fellowship for a fun time with an easy to do “service” component. You can bring cleaning items needed by our Mission Partner Immanuel House: **Kleenex tissue, napkins, swifter refills (dry and wet).** See more details on page 6.

*Your departing Church and World Elder, Linda Buckley*

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FORGIVE THE  
INEXCUSABLE,  
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FORGIVEN THE  
INEXCUSABLE  
IN US!”  
- C.S. LEWIS

"This is gonna be great!"



*Dave Robertson.*

Stepping up to the pulpit in Pastor Tom's absence on Sunday, August 27 was lay preacher **Dave Robertson** who continued our Summer Worship Series on the "Wild and Crazy Minor Prophets of the Old Testament." Dave's sermon was entitled "This Is Gonna Be Great!" relating to the prophet Zechariah and included scripture text: Zechariah 4:6-10, 7:8-14, 9:9-10 13:7-9, and Matthew 25:31-40.

Soprano **Cathy Williams** was on hand with her beautiful voice during Offertory.



*Cathy Williams*

## Thank You Ushers

**For August, September, October:** *Barb Overholt, Edith Sona, Marylyn Goode, Chris De La Roca, Dave Robertson, Carol Mello, Cheryl and Paul Elliot, Kate and Emily Manley, Bob Toche, Dottie Simerly, Lynn and Horace Hines.*

## Thank You Worship Leaders

**For August, September, October:** *Dave Robertson, Marylyn Goode, Barb Overholt, Yvonne Miller, DeLynn Coop, Cheryl Elliot, Cathy Williams, Edith Sona.*



## Heavenly Warblers

Interested in joining the choir? It's a great way to get to know one another! We are friendly and welcoming, and invite you to join us **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** All current choir members and first-timers, please arrive about 15 minutes early to pick up your music.

## Worship Calendar of Events

**Veterans Honored • November 12**

**First Sunday of Advent • December 3**  
Guest Minister: Rev. George Minerva

**Second Sunday of Advent • December 10**  
Children's Christmas Pageant

**Third Sunday of Advent • December 17**  
Carols Around the Piano

**Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 24**  
Christmas Eve Services  
7:30 and 11:00 p.m.



## Worship and Music



On September 17, **Brandon Tyler Chau Manley** was baptized into the Christian faith as parents Mike and Kate Manley (far right) and extended family look on. Celebratory cake was enjoyed by all after worship.



### Children Receive Bibles!

**Lucius Cuevas** (left photo) and **Brandon Manley** received their Bibles from Pastor Tom and Elder of Christian Education, Marilyn Morikang on Sunday, September 17.



### What a Duo!

Many thanks to **Mary Jane Judge** and **Harlan Otter** who performed together on the piano for our September 3 service. Harlan also sang "The Lord's Prayer" with Mary Jane accompanying on the piano.



### Annual Session Retreat • October 7



**In a land far, far away from the maddening crowd** is a beautiful home atop a deafeningly quiet hill where Session met for its annual retreat. Snacks and camaraderie abundant, Joy Lee graciously welcomed us to her home for the day. Many thanks from all of us, Joy; what a beautiful setting for a retreat!

## CHILDREN'S ED MINISTRY

STHPC Children and Youth Ministries continue to transform lives through lessons that are designed to care for God's beautiful children. We feed them with the word and teach them how to live their lives with the Bible as the Authority of all that is said. On September 17 Bibles were presented to 2 of our third graders Lucius and Brandon. It was such a beautiful event as we all rejoiced with these 2 amazing boys as they begin their spiritual journey with God.

Below is what the STHPC Sunday school kids studied for the Month of September.

1. Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd - John 10:1-21
2. Jesus tells us about the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37
3. Parable of the Rich fool - Luke 12:13-34
4. Parable of the lost sheep - Luke 15:1-7



### Sunday school Teachers and Helpers

<b>10/22</b>	Marilyn Morikang	<b>11/12</b>	DeLynn Coop & TBD
<b>10/29</b>	Lynn Hines & Claris Ngwa	<b>11/19</b>	Gertrud Walker & Emmanuel Ngwa
<b>11/5</b>	Marilyn Morikang & Yolanda Wu	<b>11/26</b>	Lynn Hines & Claris Ngwa

*Marilyn Morikang, Children's Ed Ministry Elder*

## MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

A New Membership class will meet on Sunday, October 22, 2017! Meet with Pastor Tom in his Office after the service at 11:30 AM. All who are interested are warmly welcome.

Please RSVP to the church office, as a lunch will be served and we need correct attendance for lunch. Your questions and concerns are welcome.

*Sharon Simmons, Membership Ministry Elder*



## ADULT ED MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

*Philippians 4:13*

We can affirm the power that comes to us from God through Christ. Even in our weakness, He can get things done. Amazing things.

Watch for the scripture study sheet each Sunday morning in the bulletin. We can read and study at home, alone or with someone. Also remember that we can use the Upper Room study booklet as well as the Lectionary scriptures as well. God's word is here for you.

### *Words to Unscramble*

DLORW	HETAR	CUMNOINOM
VARHTES	DEBAR	NEWI
TUMUAN	GHANCE	GORTEEHR

### A REVIEW TEST

What are the ten commandments?

1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9
5	10

Check your Bible.

*Carol Miller, Adult Ed Ministry Elder*



# Turkey Tango Lunch November 12 after Worship

Join us for Turkey  
Roll-up Sandwiches  
and Pastor Tom's  
Famous Turkey Quiz!



Please bring a salad/side dish or dessert to share  
Please sign-up so we know how much to purchase, but no  
need to let us know what you're bringing.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: You may also choose to  
bring a household item requested by our  
Presbytery's Refugee House Immanuel House. Choose  
a tear off sheet when you sign up for the lunch.

Sandwiches and drinks  
provided by the Fellowship Ministry Team.



# Homecoming Sunday!

September 10, 2017



**The Best  
Breakfast  
In Town!**



## What I Did This Summer ...

**Dave and Carol Robertson** took a cruise to Norway in June. Breathtaking fjords, stark northern landscapes, the midnight sun, and all the fish you can eat!



**Yvonne and David Miller** spent their summer “staycation” making day trips around the Bay Area. They visited the De Young Museum in San Francisco to relive *The Summer of Love* where they found many of their own memento’s are now articles of history. Another day trip was to San Francisco’s Academy of



Science to see the Pterosaurs exhibit and enjoy the Rain Forest and Butterfly exhibits. After only seeing half of all the exhibits, they exchanged their tickets for an annual pass so they can return to see the Planetarium and the Penguin exhibit.

Off to visit the *UC Santa Cruz Satellite Reef* at the Seymour Marine Discover Museum (<https://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/exhibits/exhibit-hall>). The exhibit is the latest whimsical and fantastical result of hundreds of people crocheting for months with huge quantities of colorful yarn and unfettered imaginations. UC Santa Cruz students, faculty, and staff stitched alongside community members from across Santa Cruz County to raise awareness about ocean health.



Off to see the Surf Museum and another to the Succulent Garden at Moss Landing. No outing is complete without having a meal at West End Tap and Kitchen located in the Swift Street Courtyard.

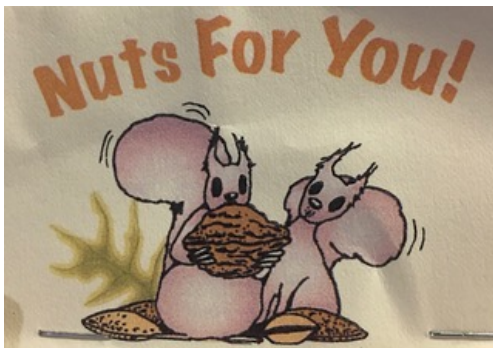
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### The Nuts are Coming, the Nuts are Coming!

PW's annual nut sale begins Nov. 4 with nut packing in the MP Room from 10 AM - noon. All are welcome to come and help!

Nut sales begin Nov. 5 after worship. Many kinds of nuts will be available - pecans, raw almonds, hickory smoked almonds, macadamia nuts, walnuts, pistachios, cashews, and mixed nuts. Prices start at \$8 for a 1 lb. bag.

These make great gifts!





## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Work Party Success! We had plenty of helping hands on September 16<sup>th</sup> to plant ground cover on the back berm - 25 Lantanas were planted with drip irrigation. Please stop by and encourage them to grow.

### What Got Fixed This Month?

- Fluorescent light bulbs and electronic ballasts were replaced in the Office Area
- Exit sign bulbs, backup batteries, and one sign were replaced to comply with a Fire Inspection notice
- A damaged metal handrail by the Fellowship Hall steps was repaired and new stanchion plates welded on both rails.
- The overhead floodlights in the Sanctuary are in process of being replaced with LEDs (more lumens, 1/5 the energy, longer lasting).

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.

*Dave Robertson, Administration Ministry Elder, Buildings and Grounds*

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Carol Winkler, the National PCUSA Moderator of Presbyterian Women came all the way from Kentucky to STHPC on Saturday, October 14. She brought us a message of hope: "Gathering the Caring Community". Besides a lifelong involvement in the Presbyterian Church, Carol is a volunteer reading coach, child advocate, and enjoys quilting and collecting fabric. About 35 women from all over our Presbytery attended this wonderful event.

Our next Presbyterian Women meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 at 10 AM, so please mark your calendars. We have started on our new Presbytery Women's bible study, "Cloud of Witnesses", a study of the book of Hebrews. We still have study guides available for purchase (\$8 each). If you think you may miss a meeting you can still enjoy this wonderful study on your own. In the office, in our PW mail slot, we have put an extra DVD that is available on a short-term check out basis, so you can catch up on this part of the lesson too!

Our annual NUTS sale is coming up soon! The first weekend in November will be our fun Nuts Packing event. This year it will be held in the STHPC Multipurpose room on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - noon. Look for the signup sheet in the courtyard asking for packing volunteers. All church members are welcomed to join in on the fun!

*Cheryl Elliot, Moderator*



# Helping Hands



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

***This month's most requested item is travel sized toiletry items. Always needed items include:*** 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:*** From August 11 – October 16, 63 people were assisted; 46 people received food and 29 people received bus tokens and 2 people received cash.

Food donations totaled 840 lbs. A huge thank you to a friend of the church for 270 lbs. of food! Thank you also for donations from STHPC: 180 lbs., St Julie's: 330 lbs, and Other: 60 lbs.

*The Deacons  
and the Church & World Committee*

## Nursery Attendants

10/22 Nan Brown  
10/29 Ashley Fitzgerald  
11/5 Rebecca Elliot  
11/12 Nan Brown  
11/19 Ashley Fitzgerald  
11/26 Rebecca Elliot



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

	Sept. 2017 Month to Date	Through 9/17 Year to Date
Income	\$26,170	\$231,390
Expense	\$24,739	\$230,322
Net Income	\$1,431	\$1,068

Thank you to everyone who attended our Homecoming Breakfast for the wonderful "leftovers" after worship! Thanks also to the Manly family (celebrating Brandon's baptism), the Morikang family, the Cameroon Choir and Linda Buckley for treats in September and October. The "open" dates below are opportunities to help provide fellowship after our worship services.

### Treat Schedule/Clean-up help needed also

- Oct. 22 open
- Oct. 29 Cheryl Elliot celebrating Halloween
- Nov. 12 Turkey Tango lunch (see pg. 6 for details)
- Nov. 19 Rhona Souter
- All other dates are open!!!



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.





# Reasons to Celebrate!

## Birthdays

Oct. 4	Stefano Sunseri
Oct. 5	Danielle Keathley Samples
Oct. 6	Mosima Sona
Oct. 7	Kristie Reed
Oct. 9	Horace Hines
Oct. 10	Claire Calzia
Oct. 12	Glenda Nolt
Oct. 15	Paul Elliot, Carolyn Calzia, David McFeely
Oct. 16	Jay Hartley
Oct. 22	Scott Calzia
Oct. 23	Debbie Wallace
Nov. 2	Lynn Hines
Nov. 3	Aiden Morikang
Nov. 10	Owen Paterson
Nov. 11	James McArthur
Nov. 13	Rachel Guerrero
Nov. 14	Leonie Toche
Nov. 16	Joshua Lewallen
Nov. 30	David Young

## Anniversaries

Oct. 3	Mary Jane and Pat Judge
Oct. 17	Linda and Stephen Buckley
Oct. 18	Courtney and Chris Mays
Oct. 23	Barb and Michael Overholt
Nov. 3	Alec & Mary Paterson
Nov. 20	Debbie & Woody Wallace

## Go Green!

Please email Lynn Hines at [not57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:not57@sbcglobal.net) to begin receiving your newsletter by email. Your church and your planet thank you!

## 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, Oct. 20 11:30 AM New Member Class  
in Pastor Tom's office
- Oct. 27 - 29 Presbyterywide Faith  
in Action Event  
(see pg. 2 for info)
- Saturday, Nov. 4 10 AM - noon  
at the church PW nut packing -  
all are welcome to help!
- Saturday, Nov. 11 VETERAN'S DAY
- Sunday, Nov. 12 after worship Turkey Tango lunch  
and Pastor Tom's  
famous turkey quiz  
(see pg. 6 for info)



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

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**Adult Sunday School: 9:00 AM (child care available)**

**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: November 20  
for December Newsletter**

**email your information to Lynn Hines at [not57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:not57@sbcglobal.net)**

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### Turkey Tango Lunch

**Sunday, November 12 after worship**

Please sign up at the Activity Table so  
we'll know how many to prepare for!