

Echoes from the Hills

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church • San Jose, California



COOP'S CORNER

I am sitting at my desk and the internet isn't working and neither is the printer . . . So ... I figured this was as good a time as any to write **COOP'S CORNER!**

As everyone has heard by now, my days here at Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church are numbered. I assure you though that I will be vigilant till the end.

Your session is also going to be busy preparing for the next steps necessary to bring the best pastor to STHPC.

The first step is to create a "mission study." A mission study is designed to see where you all are and where you may want to go. It may include things like a questionnaire, face-to-face meetings, and research on the community. It should find out what tasks you think are important for the next pastor, characteristics of this church, evaluate your strengths and weaknesses as a church, and even survey your personal theological beliefs.

Once that is finished (hopefully in the next three or four months), the next step is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) whose job it will be to find the very best candidates that are available to serve as your next installed pastor. This committee will include a wide range of members – old and young, long time members of the church and new members, black and white, and represent a variety of ministries. The PNC is elected by you, the congregation.

When their work is done – they present a candidate to you the congregation and you then vote yes or no. If yes - you have your new pastor!

That is a VERY ABBREVIATED explanation of what is going to happen.

During this time, once I have left, a "transitional" pastor will be appointed by the session (with presbytery concurrence), who, as the name suggests, bridges the time between my leaving and the new permanent pastor arrives. Their job is to provide pastoral leadership during the congregation's search for their next pastor.

This pastor has been specifically trained to do this kind of ministry. And they are good at helping a congregation to work through any issues left over from the previous pastor (in other words, clean up any mess I left). The aim is to have a transitional pastor on board as soon as I leave.

Later, the installed pastor then can come in with a clean slate and can hit the ground running.

I am confident that your session can and will do everything in its power to make this as smooth a transition as possible. This church is special, and I mean that in the most positive of ways.

I know that there will be much sadness on both your and my parts as we move forward, but I also know that the best years of this congregation lie ahead of you.

God bless each of you and I will see you on Sunday, right??? Right!!!

Pastor Tom

CHURCH AND WORLD MINISTRY

Faith in Action

SMUM Backpacks - July

We want to thank everyone who brought school supplies or donated funds for their purchase. On July 23 Cathy Warrick was able to deliver the 24 completed backpacks for 3rd-5th graders to Santa Maria Urban Ministry. A great job by everyone!

Sew/Crochet/Knit - August

Sewing, knitting and crocheting for your favorite charity was the theme of the August gathering at Caryl Brown's home. Caryl provided kits for quilts for Project Linus and others brought their own yarn projects as we gathered together to provide help and have fun. Thanks Caryl!



Kairos Prison Ministry - September 16

Once again, Pastor Tom is participating in a "Kairos" weekend Prison Ministry at Salinas Valley State Prison, September 20th through 23rd. It is a ministry that serves up to 42 inmates and teaches them about the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.

One way you can assist is by helping color place mats for the various meals. These place mats can be very encouraging to the men. We also will have "hand" cutouts that you can color.

We will have a "coloring" time after church on Sunday, September 16th. Please stay and help us - and enjoy some snacks! No talent required.

Feed My Starving Children - October 20

One of the most popular service projects we do is to pack instant meals for an organization called "Feed My Starving Children" that provides nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.

We will have approximately 20 slots and hope to get the Saturday morning shift on October 20th, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

We have lots and lots of fun and it is something the whole family can participate in. Look for the sign up list on the activities table!

Light the Night/October 27

STHPC is forming Team Miyah to raise money and walk to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with the Light the Night Walk. There are many ways you can help with this important mission: 1. sign-up to walk with Team Miyah and get donations, 2. donate to Team Miyah, 3. purchase a Team Miyah T-shirt. For the T-shirt either sign-up at the Activity Table or see Kate Manley. Watch the Sunday bulletins and announcements for more details.

Team Miyah's Light the Night page
[Welcome to Team Miyah's Fundraising Page](#)

The Church and World Ministry Team

Summer Worship Series • 2018

“Questions I always wanted to ask God.”



Elder Dave Robertson

June 24

Yes, God Loves You! • John 11

“Where is God when life falls apart?”

In Pastor Tom’s absence, Pastor Isabella Nyakundi from the Vessel of Honor ministry blessed us at the pulpit with her sermon “Where is God when life falls apart?” Her emotionally powerful and energy-charged words were inspirational to everyone in attendance. “Amen!” Dave Robertson led the congregation in all aspects of worship with his good humor and Hugh McDevitt led us in Hymns We Love

to Sing. We were fortunate to have Earnest Little from San José State University at the piano while Tiffany Shi was on vacation. Cathy Warrick



Elder Cathy Warrick

presented Moment for Mission relating to July’s Faith-In-Action project: stuffing school supplies into backpacks for Santa Maria Urban Ministry.

July 1

“Dear God,

What are you going to do with those who don’t believe in Jesus Christ?”

Tom back in town to try and answer this perplexing question. It is written that *“For God so loved the world, ...”* (John 3-16) and, therefore, those who do not believe will still find redemption, and heaven shall be open to them.

We installed elders and deacons, and ordained an elder, and look forward to their dedication and unwavering efforts in serving our church family, our community, and most important of all, Jesus Christ.

It was wonderful having Pastor



Pastor Isabella Nyakundi



Thank you to those responding to the call to be leaders of our church.

L-R: Elder Cathy Williams (newly ordained), Elder Horace Hines, Elder Paul Elliot, Elder Edith (Mojoko) Sona, Deacon Yvonne Miller, and Deacon Joy Lee.

Worship and Music (Cont.)



Pastor Isabella

July 8

Matthew 6-1 • “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own.”

Matthew 6-11 • “Give us today our daily bread.”

Psalm 118

On July 8 we welcomed Rev. Isabella Nyakundi back to the pulpit and she provided some illumination on how to set boundaries on the outside influences we hear each day which fuel our worries and fears. Matthew 6-11, Matthew 6-1, and Psalm 118 were our scriptures for the day’s encouragement. God continues to tell us not to worry about what we have no control over and give it to Him. Pastor Isabella encouraged us to write down what consumes us to worry about, pray about it, and let it go giving it to God. Refuse to give in to fear and worry and live in the moment. Let go and let God manifest his will!

We welcomed pianist Tiffany Shi back from her vacation, and Deacon Cheryl Elliot led us in Hymns We Love to Sing and the responsive Choral Lord’s Prayer. Elder Horace Hines aptly led us in worship. Thank you everyone for an inspirational service.



Elder Horace Hines



Deacon Cheryl Elliot

July 15

“A Tale of Two Cities” • Mark 6:1-13

While Pastor Tom was away, Rev. George Minerva graced our pulpit on Sunday, July 15 teaching us why Jesus makes us uncomfortable at times and that we don’t always recognize God’s “economy of graces.” Maybe He wants to take us to the next “village.” Elder Dave Robertson led us in all aspects of our worship and Elder Cathy Williams led us in the Choral Lord’s Prayer. Rev. Minerva’s Charge and Benediction was from *Ephesians*

3:19-21– “... and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”



Elder Dave Robertson



Rev. George Minerva

Worship and Music (Cont.)

July 22

"The Old Testament"

2 Kings 22:8, 23:1-3

He's b-a-a-ck! Pastor Tom returned from vacation and, throughout his sermon on the old testament, the congregation had the opportunity to follow along and answer ten burning questions.

A summer choir was organized and sang for our Offertory; Yvonne Miller, although installed on July 1 as a Deacon, was ordained on Sunday, July 22; DeLynn Coop presented Moment for Mission and it was nice to have Harlan Otter back with us as a worship leader.



With Choir Director Hugh McDevitt at the helm, a Summer Choir performed a simple but beautiful piece for our Offertory.

Back Row: Pastor Tom, Harlan Otter, Vern Tegger, Dave Robertson, Jerry McMinn. **Front Row:** Marylyn Goode, Caryl Brown, Debbie McDevitt, Joy Lee, and Cathy Williams.



Yvonne Miller (center) is surrounded by her church family of Deacons and Elders as she is ordained a Deacon on Sunday, July 22.



Moment for Mission

Would you like a front row seat to a miracle?

DeLynn Coop invited us to walk with her to show Christ to 42 female inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin through an international ministry called Kairos. About 40 Christian women throughout California will gather to show God's love and forgiveness and to start the development of a Christian community within the prison walls through a structured program that includes talks, meditations, chapel visits, music and a lot of listening and love.

"I'm always amazed by the transformation that can be made in the span of 3-1/2 days of a Kairos weekend. I've seen women go from feeling isolated and withdrawn to being open and accessible in that short period of time."

"Is God calling you to show love and mercy to those impacted by incarceration?"

If you are, there is a place for you. All of you can pray for us, all of you can make posters or prayer strips to show God's love, and you women can join us as we go into the prison on October 5, 6, 7 and 8," said DeLynn.

Worship and Music (Cont.)

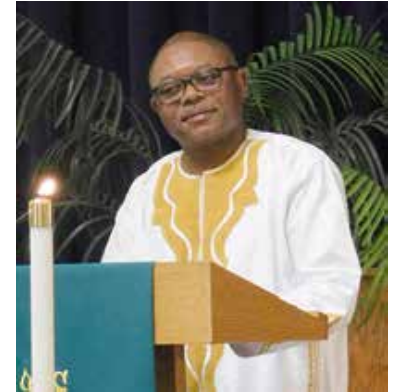


August 5

"Why So Many Translations?"

Isaiah 43:1-3, 18-19

Armed with a quiz on Bible translations, the congregation was given a few moments to cast their vote on the multiple choice questionnaire before the sermon. Also on hand, was an extensive listing of translations on a Bible Translator Chart – everything you ever wanted to know and more.



Elder Bob Toche

We celebrated Constance Ebanda's receipt of her PhD in Nursing with our Cameroon brothers and sisters as Elder Bob Toche led us in all aspects of our worship service. Our Offertory was a happy time of singing and dancing Cameroon style! A festive array of delicacies was offered for our fellowship time after worship and puff-puffs were definitely on the menu! Thank you to Caryl Brown who invited us to join her for a day of sewing, knitting and/or crocheting for our favorite community projects in our Moment for Mission.



Caryl Brown



Congratulations, again, Constance!

Fabulous Find!



Earnest Little • pianist

Choir Director Hugh McDevitt secured a most talented and amiable pianist from San José State University for our June 24 and July 1 services. We were so blessed to have had **Earnest Little** play for us and his talents were so appreciated. The week of July 4, Earnest traveled to Mexico to introduce children to the piano. What a wonderful ministry! Thank you Earnest.

Worship and Music (Cont.)

It takes a village ...

Please join me in thanking those who offer their time and talent in leading our church family in quality worship each week. If you are interested in being a liturgist or an usher, please contact Barb Overholt.

Thank you to our USHERS in July and August:

Cathy Williams, Dave Robertson, Laurie Boggs, Jerry and Carol Miller, Cheryl and Paul Elliot, Sharon Simmons, Barb Overholt, Horace and Lynn Hines, Chris De La Roca, our Cameroon brothers and sisters.

Thank you to our LITURGISTS in July and August:

Yvonne Miller, Dave Robertson, Harlan Otter, Marylyn Goode, Bob Toche.

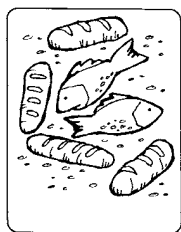
Thank you to our COMMUNION SERVERS in July and August:

Marylyn Goode, Barb Overholt, Yvonne Miller, Cathy Williams, Rebecca Elliot. Thank you to Cheryl Elliot for preparing our communion elements for August 5.



Your Heavenly Warblers

Your choir will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 9. We'd love for you to consider joining this wonderfully diverse and friendly group of individuals. It's a great way to get to know one another! Please contact Choir Director Hugh McDevitt for rehearsal times and dates.



NEEDED: Monthly Communion Preparation

The Worship and Music Ministry is looking for an individual to purchase communion bread and juice and prepare them each month. Please see Barb Overholt, elder of Worship and Music, for details. No prior experience is necessary.

Tiffany Shi BIG Hit with Artists and Patrons



STHPC's very talented pianist Tiffany Shi was on hand to provide a wonderful array of festive tunes for the Opening Reception of the Campbell Artists' Guild's 20th Annual Art Show at Triton Museum of Art's Community Gallery on Saturday, August 4. Our gratitude and appreciation is also extended to Pastor Kim of the Young Nak Church who graciously allowed the Guild to borrow one of its electronic keyboards and all that went with it for an afternoon of musical delights. Pastor Kim was kind enough to deliver the musical equipment to the gallery and set everything up for Tiffany. Tiffany and Pastor Kim: you made a great many people very happy that day. Thank you and blessings to you both.

*Barb Overholt • Annual Art Show Chair
Campbell Artists' Guild*



Annual Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 9, 2017

Breakfast 9:00 AM

Worship 10:00 AM

*Sign up at the Activity Table to bring one of
the following (to serve 8 - 10):*

*Egg Puff (recipe provided -
or other breakfast casserole of your choice)*

Fruit

Muffins/bread

*Juice, coffee, and place
settings provided*



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MINISTRY

CHURCH WORK PARTY INVITATION

WHEN: Saturday, September 15, 9 – Noon

WHERE: Inside and outside

WHO: You

WHAT: We have a broad list of cleaning projects and fix-it projects for you to choose from. Possible projects:

1. Kitchen faucet that only sprays
2. Install new threshold in Nursery bathroom
3. Add sprinkler heads to the side bed by the front driveway (where the rosemary is dying)
4. Pull rocks out of courtyard center area, determine plan for fountain (permanent support, electrical)
5. Assemble new cabinets to expand Food Pantry.
6. Cleaning tasks (per Marylyn)
7. Trim front fir trees up for better church visibility
8. Plants on Back Berm and/or the new fence around the preschool portable.
9. De-clutter Kristie's office



If there's one that speaks to you, let Dave Robertson know and bring the necessary tools and supplies.

Dave Robertson, Buildings & Grounds Elder

ADULT ED MINISTRY

Fall, we will all fall. . . some will only scrape a knee, some will break a leg or hip, some may disappoint, others may might conceive of ungodly acts, some may throw their hands up or jump onto a pile of multi-colored leaves.

Fall . . . into your Father's arms. God is waiting for each of us to come to Him, prayerfully, broken, or however we are. Fall is a good time to reassess our connection with God.

However things are going in our lives, God reminds us to look to Him. Look at the leaves change - we too can change. Listen to the wind blow - feel the spirit of God on the move in our lives. Taste the fruits of the field - God is alive all around us.

Feel the warmth of summer fading before winter sneaks in. Smell the autumn blooms.

The wonders of autumn are wonders of God. If you can hear Him, see Him, or feel Him - smile and share your joy with those around you, So fall into God's arms this autumn.

God is calling us to be closer to Him through events of our lives.

The Sunday morning bulletin Bible Study insert continues to allow for study at home. Look into the Bible and let the scriptures help you discover ways God is calling you. Watch for opportunities to grow in faith - do, pray, share, sing, read, help, celebrate.

Read Psalm 32, A song of Praise.

1. List the "good" things in your life.
2. How have you shared your faith today?
3. What can you do today to bless others?
4. List your joys and concerns and pray.
5. Do you believe we can we overcome the evils around us?

We will all struggle with good and evil all of our lives. Only God can help.

Trust in the Lord and show His love to others... and jump into a pile of leaves... this Fall.

Fall into the arms of our Lord. He loves you.

Carol Miller, Adult Ed Elder

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome back from the Summer! I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the outside and experience the world around us – a world designed by God. As you know the Bible is a very big book, which can be very overwhelming for adults. So imagine how it will look to kids. At Sunday School we try to ensure that Kids learn that the Bible is NOT scary. We continue to reiterate that within these books of the Bible and the many pages are verses of strength, comfort, and wisdom. Every Sunday we encourage kids to find and read verses in the Bible because using their Bible is the best way to help children begin to see their Bibles as lifelong friends.

Marilyn Morikang, Children's Ed Elder



Sunday School kids giving back during Sunday School. They washed the tables in the courtyard.

Fall Sunday School Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Lead Teacher</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
9/2/2018	Lesson #12: Cell Phone God Likes Us to Phone Home Every Day	Marilyn Morikang	Yolanda Wu
9/9/2018	Lesson #13: Scissors God Cuts our Lives Back so that a More Beautiful Live Bloom	Cheryl Elliot	TBD
9/16/2018	Lesson#14: Goldfish Deep-Sea Fish on Earth Become Gulls in Heaven	Marilyn Morikang	Alfred Morikang
9/23/2018	Lesson #15: Paper Clips Like God, Paper Clips Hold Things Together	Marilyn Morikang	Rebecca Elliot
9/30/2018	Lesson #16: Chicken Bones God Makes Good Things out of Garbage	Kate Manley	Emily Manley
10/7/2018	Lesson #17: Picture Book Books aren't Useful...Unless You Read Them!	Marilyn Morikang	Yolanda Wu
10/14/2018	Lesson#18: Egg God Makes Us Strong	Cheryl Elliot	Rebecca Elliot
10/21/2018	Lesson #20: Paper Shredder When Jesus Comes Back	DeLynn Coop	Alfred Morikang
10/28/2018	Halloween Lesson: White Bedsheet Why There's No Such Thing as Ghosts	Lynn Hines	Emily Manley

In Memorium

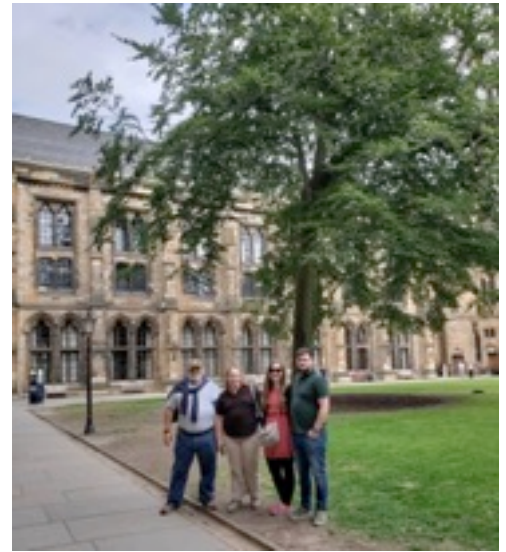
Two of Santa Teresa Hill's members passed away during the summer. Carolyn Tulloch, a long time member (with her husband Stuart) passed away July 7 at the age of 86. Her family requested no service. Jim Glancy, also 86, passed away on June 12. His service was at STHPC on July 28. Our prayers are with both of their families and friends.

What I did this Summer ...

Paul and Cheryl Elliot drove through Scotland and England (on the "wrong" side of the road, of course!) to visit a niece in Glasgow, Scotland and the Port Eliot Festival near Cornwall, England. In less than 2 weeks, they visited the University of Glasgow, Edinburg Castle and museums. Then, on the way to Cornwall they drove through the Lake District where Beatrice Potter's house is and visited the fishing



village of St. Ives. At the Port Eliot Festival they experienced English weather, took cooking classes, stood in the woods after the rain and partook of great food and beer. On the way back to London, they unexpectedly passed by Stonehenge. Upon arriving in London, they took a tour of Windsor Castle and attended the Evensong Service at St. George Chapel. They sat in the same set of choir pews where The Royal Family sat during Harry and Meghan's wedding! They even ate haggis – and discovered that it's actually OK.



Nan and Hersh Brown went on a Jazzdagen Cruise in Alaska for seven days, accompanied by Nan's Sister-in-Law, sister and her husband (not pictured). Highlights were six hours of Live Jazz each day, an amazing glacier and while the sun did set - it didn't get dark.



L-R: Barbara Weaver, Nan Brown, and Ellen Weaver Wunder

Thank you to the Elliots and Karin McMinn who brought treats to celebrate anniversaries, Rhona Souter who was celebrating her birthday, Beatrice Toche, Barb Overholt, Caryl Brown, Marilyn Morikang to celebrate Alma's birthday and the Cameroon Community celebrating Constance Ebanda's Ph.D. for treats in July and August. The "open" dates below are opportunities to help provide fellowship after our worship services.

Treat Schedule/Clean-up help needed also

Sept. 2 open
Sept. 9 HOMECOMING SUNDAY
Sept. 16 Barry & Angela Pumphrey



All other dates in September and October 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.



**Saturday,
October 27,
2018
5:00 PM at
Avaya Stadium**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night Walk funds treatments that are saving the lives of patients today. LLS is making cures happen by providing patient support services, advocating for lifesaving treatments and pioneering the most promising cancer research anywhere.

This year STHPC is forming Team Miyah to raise money in support of LLS's mission and to honor Miyah Ngwa. We will walk to raise funds for LLS and gather together to celebrate, honor and remember those touched by cancer.

You can help in many ways:

- sign-up to walk with Team Miyah and get donations
- donate to Team Miyah
- purchase a Team Miyah T-shirt.

For this either sign-up at the Activity Table or see Kate Manley.

**More information
and sign-ups soon**

Since 1949, LLS has invested more than **\$1 billion** to advance cancer therapies and save lives.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY® | **LIGHT THE NIGHT**

Notes from the Choir Loft

Hi everyone! Welcome to the first edition of "Notes from the Choir Loft." My hope is to keep you informed about what is going on with the STHPC Chancel Choir and encourage your involvement in the worship and music ministry at the church. We are excited to start a new choir year! I feel blessed to be starting my second year as director of a wonderful and talented group of singers. We are also extremely fortunate to have Tiffany Shi as our accompanist, and Cathy Williams and Taylor Dunye as section leaders.

So what do we do? Not many churches have the luxury of two adult choirs providing music for Sunday worship. Our marvelous Cameroon Choir sings the second Sunday of every month and the Chancel Choir sings on the other Sundays. The Chancel Choir starts rehearsals in late August and sings through the middle of June. The choir serves multiple functions. We help lead and encourage the congregation in our worship of God. We support each other through fellowship and prayer in our joys and concerns. We learn together about singing different styles of music, about the meaning of the words we sing, and about how to be better musicians. We also extend our musical reach, as we did last year singing a joint introit on Palm Sunday with the Cameroon Choir, and joining with our friends at Trinity Presbyterian Church to sing together in both churches.

What would make our ministry better? You! We always have room in the choir for more singers. We are a friendly and welcoming group. Even if you have never sung in a choir before, we can teach you! If you would like to give us a try, please talk to me or just drop by one of our Thursday rehearsals—7:30 PM until 9 PM in the sanctuary. You might also consider a short-term commitment for singing at Christmas. We will start Advent and Christmas music in October.

That's it for this month. Next month, I'll write about how we select music for Sunday worship. If you would like to talk to me about our ministry, have questions about specific music, or just want to chat, catch me in the courtyard after worship on Sunday morning or send me an email at hdmcddevitt@sbcglobal.net I'd love to get to know you better.

Hugh McDivitt, Choir Director

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A new bible study, entitled, "God's Promise: I am with you", will begin our year. Our first meeting will be on Saturday, September 15 from 10 AM - noon in the Multipurpose Room/Kitchen. This study will take us on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated his promise of his presence. God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophet, from the judges to the kings, before, during and after the exile, into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age. If you think you would like to take part in this study, either with us at our monthly PW meetings or on your own, please let Cheryl know, so she can order the bible study guides.

If you have been wanting to join us but the 3rd Tuesday evenings and/or 3rd Saturday mornings don't work, let Cheryl Elliot know when you might be available as we would like to have more participation. We can consider changing our meeting time, if we could find a time that would work for more of you. Feel free to email Cheryl with your response at celliot4270@sbcglobal.net.

At our September meeting we will also preview this year's upcoming San Jose PWP events. I will bring the snacks. We have some money in our PW account that we want to use to help the church. One idea that came up was to replace the chairs in the MultiPurpose room where we meet. We will look at the cost to do so and vote on this matter at our September meeting. Any other thoughts on uses for these PW funds are welcome.

Our October Meeting is set to be third Tuesday evening, October 16 at 7 PM unless we decide to change our meeting time (we will discuss this more at our September meeting).

Cheryl Elliot, Moderator



Helping Hands



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

Currently the pantry needs toiletry items, white rice, dry pinto beans, corn, cans of chicken noodle soup

Other frequently 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 June 8 and Aug. 8 32 people were assisted; 25 people received food and 21 people received bus tokens. Kristie was able to honor requests for 1 gift cards 2 people received cash.

Food donations totaled 65 lbs. Thank you for donations from STHPC: 2 lbs., and Other: 40 lbs.

*The Deacons
and the Church & World Committee*

SESSION NOTES

A special session meeting was called on August 21 to discuss the process of calling our new pastor and to start the initial steps. These first steps include developing a Mission Study, calling an Interim Pastor, and developing a new budget. The Mission Study will describe who we are as a congregation, what we believe and what directions God is guiding us. Session started by forming a Church Mission Study Committee with the goal of developing a draft Study by mid-January. There will be lots of congregational input over the next six months to discern what God wants us to be. This will serve as input to the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee). Session formed an Interim Pastor Committee to identify a transition pastor by December if possible. We moved the Stewardship Campaign up to this Fall so that we know what our finances will be during the calling process.

Session also approved the purchase of new hymnals and accompanist editions. We have received sufficient in donations To cover the costs. Thank you to all who donated! At the joint Deacon/Session meeting, we approved spending up to \$12,000 to replace the broken Sunday School air conditioner.

Horace Hines, Visibility Elder

Nursery Attendants

9/2 Yolanda Wu
9/9 TBD
9/16 Alfred Morikang
9/23 Rebecca Elliot
9/30 Emily Manley
10/7 Yolanda Wu
10/14 Alfred Morikang
10/21 Rebecca Elliot
10/28 Emily Manley



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.



Income and Expenses

	July 2018 Month to Date	Through 7/18 Year to Date
Income	\$30,054	\$180,898
Expense	\$26,097	\$176,751
Net Income	\$3,957	\$4,147



Reasons to Celebrate!

Birthdays

Sept. 9 *Brandon Manley, Cathy Warrick*
 Hersh Brown
 Sept. 12 *Mary Paterson*
 Sept. 13 *June McCullough*
 Sept. 17 *Rebecca Elliot*
 Rick Needham
 Sept. 21 *Claire McFeely*
 Sept. 28 *Geoffrey Elliot*
 Oct. 4 *Stefano Sunseri*
 Oct. 5 *Danielle Keathley Samples*
 Oct. 6 *Mosima Sona*
 Oct. 7 *Kristie Reed*
 Oct. 9 *Horace Hines*
 Oct. 12 *Glenda Nolt*
 Oct. 15 *Paul Elliot*
 David McFeely
 Oct. 16 *Jay Hartley*
 Oct. 23 *Debbie Wallace*

Anniversaries

Sept. 1 *Dave and Carol Robertson*
 Sept. 17 *Rick and Laura Needham*
 Oct. 3 *Mary Jane and Pat Judge*
 Oct. 17 *Linda and Stephen Buckley*
 Oct. 23 *Barb and Michael Overholt*



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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
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
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 Saturday:	Men's Fellowship meets at 8:30 AM in the Multipurpose room.
Last Sunday:	Breakfast at Aqui Restaurant (Blossom Hill & Snell) following worship (around 11:30ish)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 9 potluck breakfast worship	Homecoming Sunday 9 AM 10 AM (for more info see pg. 8)
Sat. Sept. 15 9 AM - noon	Church Workday (for more info see pg. 9)
Sat. Sept. 15 10 AM - noon	PW Fall kickoff (for more info see pg. 13)
Sun. Sept. 16 after worship	Faith in Action Kairos Prison Ministry
Sun. Oct. 7	World Communion Sunday
Sat., Oct 20 10:30 - 12:30 (tentative)	Faith in Action Feed My Starving Children
Sat. Oct. 27 5 PM Avaya Stadium (for more info on the Faith in Action activities see see pg. 2)	Faith in Action Light the Night w/ Team Miyah

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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

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**Annual
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**Sunday, September 9, 2018
Breakfast 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM
(see pg 5 for details)**