

# Echoes from the Hills

Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church • San Jose, California



## EMANATIONS FROM EVIE

Greetings! I have been called by your Session to serve as the Transitional Pastor here at Santa Teresa Hills during this time when you are searching for your next installed pastor. I have been here at the church for a little over a month now and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you. I look forward to getting to know you and sharing life and faith in the months ahead.

By way of introduction, I was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Napa, California. My father, a Presbyterian pastor, and my mother, church organist moved to Napa to begin a new church development. That church, Covenant Presbyterian Church of Napa, nurtured my faith from the time I was four years old.

I attended college at UC Davis, graduating in 1983. I met my husband, Dave in high school. We married between our junior and senior year of college and set out for new adventures in Louisville, Kentucky. Dave worked as a chemical engineer and I enrolled in seminary at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

After graduating from seminary, Dave and I moved back to the Bay Area, settling in Sunnyvale. Dave began graduate school and I received a call to serve as associate pastor at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. In the ensuing years, we had four daughters, moved back to Louisville where I served a church for nine years and then returned to our same home here in California. Since our return in 2007, I served as pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz until I stepped away from that position last May to focus on some family changes. We had our first two grandchildren born here locally in 2018.

With deep gratitude for the ministry and life you shared with Pastor Tom, we will work together to begin this new chapter in the ministry of Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church. I look forward to hearing your stories of the past and your dreams and hopes for the future. I look forward to praying with you and working with you to begin to consider where God is calling you in ministry in the years ahead.

Please feel free to call, email, text or just stop by and say 'hi'. And thank you for inviting me to be a part of your life and faith journey in this special time in the Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church family.



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# Worship and Music

Barb Overholt • Elder

## Epiphany of the Lord • January 6

“Come Home” was Pastor Tom’s sermon title based on scripture from Psalm 72: 1-7, 11-4 and Matthew 2:1-12 reminding us to make journeys of faith, following the bright light of Jesus.

We were fortunate to secure Earnest Little once again as our musical accompanist and Pastor Tom presented and served communion for the last time with us.



*Pastor Tom  
and Elder Marylyn Goode*



*Earnest Little*



***“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27***

We were blessed and very happy to have the Rev. Joey Lee Executive Presbyterian of the San José Presbytery at our pulpit on January 20 following Pastor Tom’s last Sunday with us. It has been many years since Pastor Joey was at our pulpit and we welcomed him with open arms! His sermon “Becoming the Body of Christ” was based on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and 1 Corinthians 12:20-27 reminding us to be mindful in caring for one another especially those who appear to be weaker and dispensable.

*“... now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13.)*

Choir Director Hugh McDevitt was on hand as our liturgist and conducting the STHPC Chancel Choir in “Let Every Voice and Sing,” and the beautifully moving Anthem “All the Earth Will Sing for Joy.” Our choir may be small at the moment but they sounded like a thunder of 20; they are wonderful!



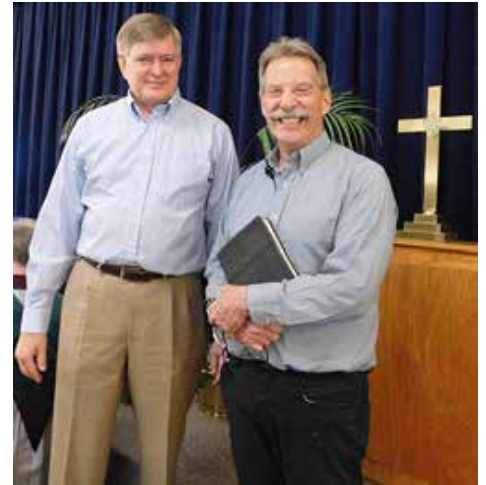
*The Rev. Joey Lee • Executive Presbyterian*

## **"To Die For" • Psalm 63:1-5, Matthew 16:13-20**

We welcomed Rev. George Minerva back to our pulpit on January 27. Pastor George always brings humor to our pulpit while still providing a thought-provoking and educational look into the morning's scripture lessons in which his sermons are based.

*"You are my God." "I have seen you in the sanctuary." Your love is better than life."*

Pastor George referenced King David's time running for his life in the desert. The contemporary phrase "to die for" is obviously for frivolous times but when it comes to your faith, are your choices moving you to something solid? Is there substance to your choices? Are your choices worth dying for? Can you feel the pursuit of God?



*Elder Dave Robertson • Liturgist  
Rev. George Minerva*



### **Welcome Pastor Evie!**

On February 3, we welcomed our Transitional Pastor, The Reverend Evelyn (Evie) Macway, with a beautiful service which focused on her sermon on love "The Greatest Gift" based on 1

Corinthians 13:1-13. We were also blessed to have some members of Pastor Evie's family with us: two of her four daughters, Emily and Katherine, and her husband Dave. Steve DeJarnett was our liturgist and, as Clerk of Session, Steve also presented the "Litany of Welcome for a Transitional Pastor" affirming Pastor Evie.

Following the service, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a welcome reception which, of course, included those yummy "puff-puffs." Please see next page for a photo montage of our festive gathering.

## **JOURNEYING** *to the Cross with Jesus*

### **Week One • March 10**

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Luke 4:1-13 • *"Into the Wilderness"*

### **Week Two • March 17**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Luke 13:31-35  
*"The Journey Will Not Be Thwarted"*

### **Week Three • March 24**

Isaiah 55:1-9 • Luke 13:1-9 • *"Bearing Fruit"*

### **Week Four • March 31**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 • *"Prodigals"*

### **Week Five • April 7**

Isaiah 43:16-21 • John 12:1-8 • *"Heaven Scent"*



# Welcome Reception for Pastor Evie!

Sunday • February 3, 2019





*San José Presbytery met on Saturday, February 2 at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos and some of our Elders and Deacons were on hand to support Pastor Tom and DeLynn as Presbytery presented its Litany of Departure and Dissolution. L-R: Pastor Evie Macway, Elder Paul and Deacon Cheryl Elliot, Elder Lynn Hines, Incoming Presbytery Moderator Pastor Irene Pak Lee, Deacon Joy Lee, Elder Horace Hines, Frank Bernstein, Elder Dave Robertson, Elder Barb Overholt, Elders Bill and Sharon Simmons, Clerk of Session Steve DeJarnett.*

### **Serving in Worship ...**

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

### **Our USHERS in January and February:**

*Mike and Kate Manley, Emily Manley, Laurie Boggs, Jerry and Carol Miller, Merry Leatherbarrow, Barb Overholt, Jay Hartley, Jim and Sally McClure, Barry and Angela Pumphrey.*

### **Our LITURGISTS in January and February:**

*Barb Overholt, Marylyn Goode, Hugh McDevitt, Dave Robertson, Steve DeJarnett, Paul Elliot, Yvonne Miller.*

### **Our COMMUNION SERVERS on January 6 and February 3:**

*Pastor Tom, Lynn Hines, Marylyn Goode, Cathy Warrick, Barb Overholt, Jay Hartley, Mike Manley, Bill Simmons.*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**April 14 • Palm Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. Service

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**April 18 • Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. Service with Communion

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**April 19 • Good Friday**  
7:00 p.m. Service

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**April 21 • Communion Services**  
Easter Sunrise Service • 6:30 a.m.  
Easter Celebration Service • 10:00 a.m.







*On February 10, our Cameroon brothers and sisters had us movin' and groovin' as they presented the Introit "All to Jesus I Surrender," the Offertory "Let Us Rejoice in the Lord Jesus," and the Anthem "When Jesus Calls Me, I Will Answer."*



*The gang's all here! On Sunday, January 13, a bunch of us met at our local Aqui and had a great time together over delicious foodies.*

Thanks to the congregation for the wonderful coffee cakes for Pastor Evie's Welcome Reception, Emily Manley, Laurie Boggs, Lynn Hines, and Marilyn Morikang for treats in February and March. And special thanks to those who helped clean up!

#### *Treat Schedule for March/April*

- 3/17 Cathy Warrick for Joe's 20th birthday :)
- 3/24 open
- 3/31 open
- 4/7 open
- 4/14 Palm Sunday
- 4/21 Easter - Deacons
- 4/28 open

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Fellowship has planned several events to help build a sense of community at STHPC.

On April 6 we are hosting a potluck BBQ at noon following the Faith-in-Action Church Beautification Day. We will provide hamburgers, sausages, buns, condiments and drinks. We are asking people to bring either chips, a salad or cookies. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

Sunday, June 9 we will be having an all church Summer BBQ after worship.

Also coming up this summer will be an outing to a SJ Giants game, music at Savannah-Chanelle Winery in Saratoga, and a Beach Blanket Bingo (and other games for the whole family) evening along with an ice cream social. Dates for these events will be announced at a later date.

*Lynn Hines, Fellowship Elder*

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

It often seems as though stewardship only comes up when we call upon you to make your pledges for the year. Not necessarily, it is an ongoing process. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to make strides in our spiritual growth and our church family growth at STHPC. We pledge because we believe in not just the present, but also the future of this church and what it stands for, and because without us, it would cease to be. The dream, for us to continue to be a place that welcomes all, was reflected in our generous pledges. Thank you so much! We continue to be a church that God wants us to be because we all step up to the plate and donate our time, talent and treasures bountifully.

*Emmanuel Ngwa,  
Stewardship Elder*

*A Membership Exploration class will meet*

***Sunday, March 10, 2019!***

*At 11:30*

*in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Evie.*

*Your questions and concerns are welcome.*

*We would love to share our church with you! Please RSVP to the church office or just come! We look forward to meeting you!*

*Sharon Simmons,  
Membership Elder*

## CHURCH AND WORLD MINISTRY

### Alternative Christmas

Thank you to all who contributed to our annual Alternative Christmas charities. In all we collected \$3,720 from a very generous congregation! This year due to the Camp Fire we sponsored four projects:

- Victims of the Camp Fire - \$790 donated to the North Valley Community Foundation's Camp Fire fund to support the needs of the evacuation centers. They opened their doors to support the people who lost their homes and were fleeing the fire. Once the immediate needs begin to get met and as we move out of a crisis situation, the fund will transition to supporting long-term recovery efforts.
- Cameroon Project - \$1,170 will enable our Cameroon members (from the Anglophone area) to send money to refugees who have fled to Nigeria. They left to get away from the violence and civil unrest between the Anglophone area of the country (Southwest and Northwest) and the Francophone (rest of the country).
- Youth Farm projects - \$950 will be donated through the PCUSA Giving Catalogue to fund a Garden Well, a Dairy Cow, and a Water Filter.
- Immanuel House - \$810 will help provide new bedding and towels for the new residents. Residents take their bedding when they leave for their new home.

### Peacemaking Offering

We received an additional \$137 for the Peacemaking Offering from September which brings to total to \$660. Our 25% is going to the YMCA's Project Cornerstone. Project Cornerstone's vision is to build a web of support around every young person in our community. This web facilitates connections for young people to provide them with consistent support and guidance.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. This offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.

### Faith-in Action

Mark your calendars as we have several Faith-in-Action opportunities coming up!

•**Saturday, March 30** will be another sewing/knitting/crocheting for a cause at Caryl Brown's house. Bring your projects, your yarn and needles and/or your sewing machine. Caryl has flannel for blanket creations or fleece to crochet edging with yarn for blanket donations for Project Linus if you sew. Caryl will have bottled water and finger foods. See Caryl for directions to her house.

•**Saturday, April 6** - Church Beautification Day. See the advertisement included for details.

•**Saturday, May 18** - SMUM Volunteer Day. Ages 12+. We will carpool from the church due to limited parking.

*Paul Elliot, Church & World Elder*

## Faith-in-Action Day



Join the fun!

A variety of small outdoor and indoor projects await you ...

**Plant flowers and shrubs • Trim trees**  
**Small indoor projects**



**Saturday • April 6 • 9–noon**

Followed by a potluck BBQ hosted by the Fellowship Ministry. More information to come!



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## Travels with the Pumphreys



We had a very cold, rainy yet absolutely wonderful trip! We were so happy to see our son and daughter-in-law and enjoyed seeing Italy's sights with them. Seeing the ancient sights and ruins of the Roman civilization was surreal. We will definitely go back.... But next time, in the spring when it's warmer!

*Barry and Angela Pumphrey*

If you're traveling we would like your adventures to be in the newsletter! Please email a few photos and a few lines about where you went to Lynn Hines at [not57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:not57@sbcglobal.net)



## CHILDREN'S ED MINISTRY



*Grace and Gratitude* curriculum has been purchased and will be starting on March 3. We will try it out for the Spring and see how the teachers and kids like it. Also, banks for One Great Hour of Sharing

have been received and will be provided to the kids.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING SCHEDULE

Date	Teacher	Helper/ SS or Nursery
3/10	Cheryl Elliot	Rebecca Elliot
3/17	Claris Ngwa	Alfred Morikang
3/24	Lynn Hines	Rebecca Elliot
3/31	Kate Manley	Emily Manley
4/7	Marilyn Morikang	Alfred Morikang
4/14	Cheryl Elliot	Rebecca Elliot

*Marilyn Morikang, Children's Ed Elder*

## ADULT ED MINISTRY

What is Adult Education?

It is an opportunity to read, discuss, share, ask, listen, ponder....about God.

Take time to read the Bible. What is God's word saying to you?

Discuss your faith with others. Share your story.

Read the Bible daily or use the Upper Room daily devotions.

Ask questions of our pastor. Ask a friend to come with you to church.

Listen to the Sunday sermon. Ponder the ideas and challenges presented.

Come to church on Sunday. Come read and do the Bible Study insert in the bulletin on Sunday.

Come to social events.

Come share your gifts and talents.

Come to Bible study.

Yay! **Love Wins** by Rob Bell is a book study now going on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

*Carol Miller, Adult Ed Elder*



## Notes from the Choir Loft

**“And with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”**

I'm sitting at our dining room table listening to the English choral group “The Sixteen” singing sacred music from the 16<sup>th</sup> century and reflecting on what a joy and privilege it is to make music in the service of God. One of the best parts about being involved in a church choir is the variety of musical styles we get to learn and sing. Our music for the next several weeks reflects the wealth of sacred music at our disposal—multiple centuries of male and female composers from different cultures, fresh texts and tunes, and older texts with contemporary settings.

During Lent, the choir will open the worship service singing a series of chants based on Celtic prayers. Contemporary settings of the “Kyrie” (Lord have mercy) and “Agnus Dei” (Lamb of God) texts, a newly-composed blues setting of “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me,” and the African-American spiritual “Soon-ah Will Be Done” will accompany us in our worship experience through the 40-day Lenten journey. Our music for Holy Week will include a motet by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, an exciting chorus from Joseph Haydn’s oratorio “The Creation” and contemporary settings of 19<sup>th</sup>-century American hymns with a guest trumpeter on Easter Sunday! In addition, the choir will be participating in “Chorus Magnus,” a multi-choir concert on June 3<sup>rd</sup> held at Peninsula Bible Church in Cupertino, featuring an 80-voice choir with singers from six congregations. We will be mixing music from that concert into our worship music for the next few months. I’m excited and exhausted just thinking about all of this wonderful repertoire!

Finally, have you heard about our Chancel Choir “Open Rehearsal and Pi-Day Party?” We’d like to invite you all to attend a choir rehearsal on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. We’ll have some fun, learn some music, and celebrate “Pi Day” with goodies. If you are interested in exploring a short-term stint with the choir for Lent or Holy Week, this would be a great way to get started! Talk to me or anyone in the choir for more details! We’ll have an information table on the patio (weather permitting) on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. See you in worship!

*Hugh McDevitt, STHPC Chancel Choir director*

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**STHPC PW will now be meeting the second Saturday of every month  
from 10 AM - noon, no night meetings.**



We have had two PW meetings since our last newsletter. We completed lessons three, four and five of our PW Bible Study: “God’s Promise: I Am with You”. We learned about God being with us through our discouraging times, when we are seeking God and when we feel powerless. Lesson #5 will be about how God is with us through our trials.

The March meeting will be on Saturday, March 9 at 10 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room/Kitchen. Thanks to Caryl Brown for bring some delicious coffee cake for our February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are considering ideas on where to spend our \$500+ Nuts Fundraising money (one idea was purchasing new tablecloths for our church). So if you have any projects within our church or in our community, please let Cheryl Elliot know. We hope to finalize this within the next few months.

PWP (Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery) will be having their Spring Forum event at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church on March 23 from 9:30 AM to 12 noon. Morning refreshments will be served starting at 9 AM. The Forum is entitled: “God’s Promise...Overcoming Adversity” and will feature a panel of exceptional women sharing their stories. There will be a homeless woman, a Dreamer from SJSU and an artist whose home was in Palestine. We need to RSVP by March 16, so please let Cheryl Elliot know if you want to attend.

*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! **Especially needed now: peanut butter, white rice.**

**Monthly summary:** Between January 4 – March 4, 26 people were assisted; 23 people received food and 10 people received bus tokens. Kristie was able to honor requests for 3 gift cards. One person received cash.

Food donations totaled 285 lbs. Thank you for donations from STHPC: 135 lbs., St. Julie's: 130 lbs, and Other: 20 lbs.

*The Deacons  
and the Church & World Committee*

## SESSION NOTES

•At the regular February 12 meeting, Frank Bernstein from the Committee on Ministry (COM) met with Session to discuss the process for moving to the next step in the search to find a new pastor. The first step, the Mission Study, has been completed. Thank you to the Mission Study Committee! The next step is approval by COM in March. Then the Nominating Committee will nominate a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to be elected at the Annual Congregational meeting Sunday, April 7. Once elected the PNC starts its work to find a new pastor. Frank stated that the work the PNC does is THE MOST IMPORTANT work members of the Congregation do, more important than Session. It is critical that people understand that PNC meetings are a priority – if they are on the PNC they must be able to commit the time.

•Steve DeJarnett was re-elected to a two-year term as Clerk of Session.

•Session approved Evie's pay package that is the same as Tom's as required by Presbytery.

•At a special called Session meeting on February 24, Session approved the Mission Study and authorized Dave Robertson to present it at the March meeting of the Presbytery COM. After their approval we can form a PNC.

Session meetings are typically on the second Tuesday of each month and are open except for limited personnel matters. They start at 6:59.

*Horace Hines, Visibility Elder*

## Nursery Attendants

3/10 Rebecca Elliot  
3/17 Alfred Morikang  
3/24 Rebecca Elliot  
3/31 Emily Manley  
4/7 Yolanda Wu  
4/14 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

	February 2019 Month to Date	Through 2/19 Year to Date
Income	\$24,238	\$48,030
Expense	\$23,533	\$53,238
Net Income	\$705	-\$5,208





## Reasons to Celebrate!

### Birthdays

March 1	Barry Pumphry
March 3	Ruth LeBas
March 5	Nathan McArthur
March 12	Vern Tegger, Caryl Brown
March 16	Bill Simmons, Linda Buckley, Ryan Njinda
March 19	Christopher Needham
March 20	Joe Buttle
March 23	Evie Macway
March 25	Joy Lee
March 26	Alex Paterson
April 6	Gina Cunningham
April 8	Ron Shelton
April 13	Laura Needham
April 14	Keith Johnson

### Anniversaries

March 10	Emmanuel & Claris Ngwa
April 7	Claire and David McFeely
April 10	Cynthia and John Greene

### Go Green!

Want to help the church save paper, ink, trees, and money? Sign-up to receive your copy of Echoes from the Hills by email! 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!

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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  
Second Saturday: Presbyterian Women at STHPC 10 AM - noon  
Third Saturday: Men's Breakfast Fellowship meets at 8:30 AM in the Multipurpose room.  
Last Sunday: Breakfast/lunch at AQUI Restaurant (Blossom Hill & Snell) following worship (around 11:30ish)

## Upcoming Events

**Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 10. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 9.**

Sunday, March 10 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall	Membership Exploration Class
Thurs., March 14 7:30 PM	Open Choir Rehearsal and Pi Day Party (with pie!)
Sun., Apr. 7 after worship	Annual Congregational Meeting
Sun., April 14 10 AM	Palm Sunday regular worship
Thurs., April 18 7 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 19 7 PM	Good Friday Service
Sun., April 21 6:30 AM 10 AM	EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service Traditional Worship

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

**Worship: 10:00 AM**

**Sunday School PreK - 12 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  
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**Church Bulletin deadline: Thursday 9:00 AM**

**Church Historian: Barb Overholt**

**Church Newsletter deadline: April 24  
for May Newsletter**

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followed by a BBQ lunch**

