



ALONG THE WAY

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Celebrating our Different Gifts

By Donna Dillard, SVPC Inclusion Coordinator

We are reminded in Romans 12:6 that God has given us all different gifts, all for a special purpose. Each of us experiences challenges as well as strengths, and each can be used to glorify God. The adults and children in the SVPC LOGOS Program recently experienced this through a **DisAbility Awareness Night**. The evening highlighted some personal stories, as well as some hands-on learning experiences.

It was a joy to watch the children embracing the opportunities to learn how it might feel to be in someone else's shoes or chair, and to hear their compassion and empathy expressed. They experienced rotations in which they tried using a

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us...."
—Romans 12:6, NIV



wheelchair; a sight-seeing glasses to experience reading as if you have dyslexia and other vision challenges. It was a time to ask questions and share in a safe space open for wondering and learning. Two short videos were presented that helped



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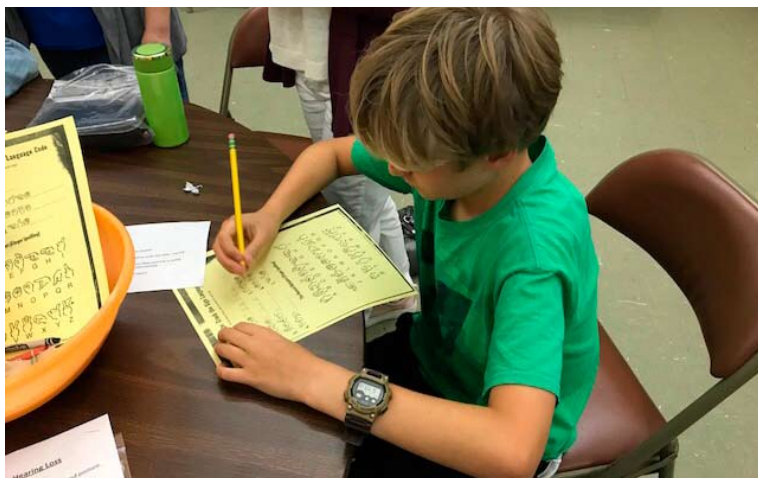
all of us to understand how to interact more appropriately with someone who seems different than us. Let's just say, we learned a lot!

One sacred moment was when one of our LOGOS students raised his hand and said, "I just want to give a shout out to my brother who has cerebral palsy. He is one of the nicest people I know."

I feel blessed to be a part of this community that values ALL people and to be a part of supporting a

ministry of inclusion and respect for each other's differences. So many in this church community give of their time to be buddies for some of our kids with special needs and even more give financially to make this ministry possible. What a gift this church is to the special needs community! 🍀

🖱️ To join our LOGOS family in viewing the videos we watched, visit: bit.ly/MackenziesVoice and bit.ly/WhatAPlay.



*"Accept one another then,
just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God."
—Romans 15:7, NIV)*

Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, March 12 for the April edition. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to newsletter@svpc.us, and, if possible, include a photo with your article.



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The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim

*Dear Sunnyvale
Presbyterian Family,*

I recently shared with you the idea that our stories are an essential foundation for our faith. And I have been grateful for the ways that you all have begun to share your stories with me.

I also know that many of you joined together to celebrate **Ann Coleman's** life, and her entry into the Church triumphant. Leading up to that day many of you shared stories about Ann, about **Rev. Dr. Bruce Coleman**, and the profound impact they both had through their service at SVPC. All of this has deepened my gratitude—that you have allowed me a place in a long line of blessed servants, that we have all inherited a rich treasure of faithfulness, that we get to

continue to bear Christ's good news through our ministries and wonderful community.

The stories of those gone before us are indeed a solid foundation for our faith at SVPC. I will leave you with just one more example of this. Here are a few words that Dr. Coleman wrote for the newsletter in 1975 that still ring true today:

“In a time of tremendous power for destruction in war, in a time of great shortages in many places for healthy living, in a time

when some rather substantial persons have apparently been unworthy of our trust; where do we look for that which gives life a foundation, a place upon which to build? ...To a Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever... Let's try trusting Him for 40 days and 40 nights...and then as long as life lasts!”

Wishing you a blessed Lent,



*Where do we look for that which gives life a foundation,
a place upon which to build?*

To a Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

March Calendar

A quick look at what's happening at SVPC this month...

March

- 2 Taizé service, 7 PM, Room 750
- 3–4 25-Hour Famine CARAVAN fundraiser
- 4 Christian Virtue Discipleship Class, week #4,
11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
Lenten Community Potluck Dinner #2, 6:15 PM,
Fellowship Hall
Food drive for those in our community served by
Sunnyvale Community Services
VBS registration opens
- 7 Parent Support Group Coffee, 9:30–11 AM, Room 750
Just Among Moms (JAM), 9:30–11:30 AM,
Room 702
LOGOS Open House, 4:45 PM, Trinity Court
- 8 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, Marie Callender's in Sunnyvale
- 9 Taizé service, 7 PM, Room 750
- 9–11 Women's Retreat, Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
Moment with Children
Glory Choir (3rd–6th) sings
Christian Virtue Discipleship Class, week #5, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
Lenten Community Potluck Dinner #3, 6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 12 Deadline for April newsletter articles
- 16 Taizé service, 7 PM, Room 750
- 17–18 Cycling Overnight Ride, Half Moon Bay
- 18 Annual Congregational Meeting
Lenten Community Potluck Dinner #4, 6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 20 Session meets
- 21 Just Among Moms (JAM), 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702
Last day of LOGOS
- 23 Taizé service, 7 PM, Room 750

Where is that?

Coleman Room
(Bldg 700)
Fellowship Hall
(Bldg 300)
Fireside Room
(Bldg 200)
Gym, Phoenix Center
(Bldg 700)
Sanctuary (Bldg 100)
Soulé Hall (Room 501,
Bldg 500)
Youth Room, Phoenix
Center (Bldg 700)



- 25 Palm Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing
Moment with Children
All choirs sing
Last Lenten Community Dinner (not a potluck), 6:15 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 29 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- 30 Good Friday Service, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- 31 Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 PM, Trinity Court

Looking Ahead


- April 1—Easter Sunday
- April 8—Chili Cook-Off CARAVAN fundraiser, 11:30 AM–1 PM, Gym
- April 9—Make Meaning Before Money Lecture & Discussion, light supper at 7 PM,
lecture from 7:30–9 PM, Fellowship Hall
- April 12—Race, Racism and Privilege: Are You Living in a *Woke* World?, 10:30 AM–noon,
Fellowship Hall
- April 29—One Service Sunday, Spring Choir Concert
- June 18–22—Vacation Bible School

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Rooted in Christ...

Sunnyvale Presbyterian offers everyone an opportunity to connect with the church community.

Dig Down Deep, Discovering Jesus!— Vacation Bible School Summer Program

June 18–22, 9:30 AM to noon,

For 4 years old (by 9/1/18) through entering 4th grade.

We invite older students *who attend our church* to be youth counselors.

In this year's program, children will “dig” learning about events in Jesus' life through stories, songs, crafts, music and worship. Children will learn how the lessons Jesus taught still apply to their lives today. In addition, your child will have an opportunity to be part of a fellowship of loving and caring people committed to the Christian education of our children.

Registration opens on March 5 online at www.svpc.us/vbs. The cost for the week will be \$80 per child. This fee is waived for full-time teachers/leaders.

Sign up early to get your preferred teaching or full-time volunteer spot by contacting **Carol Heath** at carol@svpc.us.



LOGOS Open House

March 7, 4:45 PM, Trinity Court

Are you interested in learning more about LOGOS, our Wednesday evening program for first through fifth grade students? Join us for an Open House and informational meeting. We will meet in the courtyard, take a tour of the Chimes choir and Bible Study classes, and then learn about the fun activities that LOGOS offers. Please RSVP to logos@svpc.us so we know to expect you. Feel free to invite friends who might be interested in this wonderful program.

*New for the 2018–2019
year—LOGOS will be
open to 1st graders!*

Special Needs Ministry Buddies

Do you have a desire to work with a person with special needs? Have you or a youth in your family considered being a buddy to someone in our Special Needs Ministry, but worry that you lack the training? A buddy provides assistance, support and friendship to a specific child on a weekly or bi-monthly basis during the 10 AM worship service. Specific training will be provided. We need caring, patient, teachable individuals committed to building a relationship with their buddy as they learn about Jesus. Contact **Donna Dillard**, Inclusion Coordinator, for more information at donna@svpc.us.

Palm Sunday

All Children's Choirs will be singing at the 10 AM service on Palm Sunday, March 25. At the 10 AM and 5 PM service, children take part in the palm processional, offering their One Great Hour of Sharing banks. Keep collecting those coins and plan to bring your fish bank to return it on Palm Sunday.



Easter Egg Hunt

March 31, 10:30–11:30 AM, Trinity Court

Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt! Come join us for treats, games, a bounce house, a photo booth and of course, the egg hunt. There will be two egg hunts to accommodate different age groups. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbors, co-workers, friends and grandchildren and introduce them to our great community. If you would like to help with this event, please contact **Carol Heath** at carol@svpc.us.



Easter Egg Hunt

Interested in connecting...

with other young adults at SVPC? For news and events, contact **Sarah Hawthorne** at YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com.

Make Meaning Before Money

Monday, April 9, 7:30–9 PM, Fellowship Hall

Where and why we create value for others (innovation) and how we imagine God to be involved in our meaning-making (theology) and value-making (economics) should become increasingly important to Christians in the Silicon Valley. Luke's Gospel challenges our propensity to make value without meaning (Luke 19:1–27), and the good soil Jesus refers to in His parable (Matthew 13:3–14) challenges the way our consumer society increasingly compartmentalizes value.

Lanny Vincent will present a short lecture based on his essay in *A Primer on Innovation Theology: Responding to Change in the Company of God* (2017), followed by an interview with **Barry Vickrey** and questions from those present.

For thirty-five years **Lanny Vincent** has been facilitating invention and foresight with Fortune 500 companies seeking to innovate. Formerly a Presbyterian pastor in the South and Midwest, Lanny continues to make sense of change and innovation with the inspired guidance of the biblical canon, even from his garage in the San Francisco Bay Area. **Barry Vickrey** is the lead elder for the Discipleship ministry area at SVPC and a retired law school dean and professor.

Come at 7 for a light supper (salads and sandwiches).



Lanny Vincent



Lenten Taizé Services

Fridays through March 23, 7 PM, Room 750 (upstairs in Phoenix Center)

Lent offers an opportunity for reflection and spiritual renewal. Join us weekly for a 30-minute Taizé style service to worship in prayer, song and silence and to prepare for the coming light of Easter. Young people are especially welcome to take this time to rest in the presence of God.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Palm Sunday, March 25

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) received during the season of Lent from February 14–April 1 helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world.

➡ For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing, go to specialofferings.pcusa.org.





Spice Dinner

Thursday, March 8, 6 PM, Marie Callender's, Sunnyvale

SVPC's 50s+ Singles Group, Spice, will enjoy a no-host dinner. Join us for a pleasant meal with the group. This is a wonderful way to make new friends and enjoy an evening out. For more information please contact **Melanie Prolo** at 408-394-9311 or melanieprolo@gmail.com.

Lenten Community Dinners continue

Sundays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

On March 4, 11 and 18 following the 5 PM service please join us for a potluck dinner, and bring a favorite dish to share. On March 25 a simple dinner will be provided. Come and enjoy fellowship as we continue to share meals together during our journey through Lent.

 www.svpc.us/dinnersLent



Announcing CARAVAN 2018 to Tucson, AZ

Trip participants will be working with [BorderLinks](#) to learn about the lives of immigrants and to gain a better understanding of immigration. This trip is open to 8th graders through high school seniors. Sign up by texting CLUE CARAVAN to 51400, or sign up online at www.svpc.us/caravan.

Help Us Get to CARAVAN

Due to the costs of CARAVAN 2018, the youth will be holding two fundraisers: a **25-Hour Famine** from March 3–4 and a **Chili Cook-Off** on April 8. During the 25-Hour Famine, our students will fast, do local service projects, worship and pray, and have fun! Help us reach our fundraising goal by supporting our students in this event—donate at bit.ly/SupportFamine2018. Thank you for helping our students!

Youth Ministry

See the *latest* middle and high school calendars at www.svpc.us/youth

CLUE—High School Events

Small Groups

Mondays, 7–8:45 PM
Contact youth@svpc.us
for locations

CLUE High School

Wednesdays, 7–8:45 PM,
Phoenix Center

Want the latest information about CLUE?

Text: CLUE to 51400
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Parents—Stay current on CLUE events/trips

Monthly email: Send an
email to youth@svpc.us
Text: CLUE HSPARENT
to 51400

FLASH—Middle School Events

Small Groups

Mondays, 7–8:45 PM
Contact youth@svpc.us for
locations

FLASH Middle School

Wednesdays, 6–7:45 PM,
Phoenix Center

Want the latest information about FLASH?

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Follow Instagram:
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Parents—Stay current on FLASH events/trips

Monthly email: Send an
email to youth@svpc.us
Text: FLASH JHPARENT
to 51400



CARAVAN
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Reaching Out In Love.

Christ commands us to love one another as He loves us. Here's how.

Race, Racism and Privilege: Are You Living in a *Woke* World?

Thursday, April 12, 10:30 AM–noon, Fellowship Hall

Consider these questions: What is race? Who is a racist? What is white privilege? Guest speaker **Rev. Irene Pak Lee**, Associate Pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church in San Jose, will speak as a Korean-American and a pastor, sharing ideas from the “DisGrace” conference she attended at Montreat Conference Center.

Judi Pogue will begin with a thought-provoking introduction from SVPC's year-long study of the book *Is Everyone Really Equal?* Participants discussed the book and its relevance, which raised their awareness of issues previously unrecognized.

This program is sponsored by SVPC's Presbyterian Women (PW)—all are welcome to attend. Come and consider this timely issue.



Financial Update through January

We have two months left in our fiscal year and here's how we are doing:

\$1,575K	Income
- \$1,511K	Expenses
\$ 64K	Surplus

Both contributions and expenses continue to be close to the budget resulting in a \$64K surplus, but spending in both February and March are expected to be higher than income, so it is likely we will end the year with a deficit. Keeping your giving current and making additional gifts will enable our church to end the year with a surplus. We continue to be grateful for your stewardship to this church community. Thank you!

GOD'S MISSION
OUR GIFTS

Maximizing Your Gifts

Here are some more ways you can maximize your donations to SVPC:

AmazonSmile—Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to SVPC if you list the church as your charity. Go to smile.amazon.com. It's that simple!



Benevity and YourCause—These are employer matching plans. SVPC is a registered charity with them. See if your employer participates.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

For recovery: **Dale Bracey; Bill Gross; Pat Tsai**

Continuing Prayers: **Nancy Norris; Mildred Prasad; Lori Reiner; Bobby Rupp; Jim Traina**

For Cancer Treatment: **Michael Yocum**

For the loss of loved ones: **John Ahn's** mother (**Grace Ahn**); **Cathey Edwards'** father (**Donald Long**); **Pat Innes'** husband (**Walt Innes**); **Lois Sharp's** mother (**Nellie Thomson**); **Gloria Wu's** mother; the family of **Don Harlan**; the family of **Mim Root**; the family of **Marilyn Burke**

Celebration of Births...

Austin Rayne Flook to parents **Amy Johnson** and **Darby Flook** and siblings **Zoe** and **Owen**; **Chloe Harper Page** to parents **Carson** and **Vanessa Page** and new grandparents **Lynn** and **Larry Page**; **Ada Harriett D'Angelo** to parents **Anna** and **Ben D'Angelo**, big brother **Hugo** and grandparents **Ginna** and **Jim Traina**.

Celebration of Marriage...

Paula White and **Jim Oliver** were married in Colorado on February 13.

Thank You...

I wish to thank my church family for your thoughtful cards, encouraging phone calls and messages, and comforting visits after my recent hip surgery. I believe your care and concern contributed to my speedy recovery. Blessings to you all

—**Pat Tsai** 



SVPC Cyclists Group

By Richard Steffen

Whether you're new to biking or a long-time cyclist, SVPC's cycling group is for you. We have day rides throughout the year on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Some rides are shorter and over flat terrain—these work well for anyone including our young riders; other rides are longer and challenge the most athletic cyclists. Our adventures usually include a food stop and lots of fun and fellowship.

Three times per year we offer “Bike Overnight” rides on weekends. We ride to a Bay Area destination on Saturday, spend the night in a motel, and then ride back on Sunday. Along the way we have fun by stopping for refreshments, sharing a group dinner and breakfast at our destination, and relishing the joy of being together. Our first 2018 Bike Overnight destination is Half Moon Bay, March 17–18.

Information about all rides and activities is sent out via a Yahoo Message Group. All of us look forward to meeting you and having many wonderful adventures in 2018.

➡ To join the Yahoo Message Group or to ask questions about the group, please send an email to biking@svpc.us.

Music School Registration

Music School registration is open for current classes, private lessons, and upcoming camps including Rock Academy Workshop (March 17, August 4). Our Summer Session includes classes and camps for ages 4 and up, and include our Spotlight Theater production of “High School Musical Jr.” for grades 7–12. For more information stop by our office in Room 401, email music_school@svpc.us, or call 408-739-9248.

 themusicschool.org





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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25—7:50 AM, 10 AM‡, 5 PM‡

Holy Week begins with the remembrance of Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the crowds waved palm branches.


Maundy Thursday, March 29—7:30 PM*

At this service we remember the Last Supper, the Passover meal shared between Jesus and His disciples in the upper room.

Good Friday, March 30—7:30 PM*

A somber service in which we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross and what it means to be bereft of hope.

Easter Sunday (Family Worship), April 1—6:30 AM, 9 AM†, 11 AM†, 5 PM†

A celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 

‡ Child care provided for ages 6 months–2 years. Church School for preschool–5th grade.

* Child care provided for ages 6 months–kindergarten.

† Child care provided for ages 6 months–kindergarten. No Church School.

