



# ALONG THE WAY

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## CARAVAN 2018: From Charity to Solidarity

By Paige Miner, High School Junior

The CARAVAN 2018 trip to Tucson, Arizona kept classic CARAVAN traditions—making friendship bracelets, bonding of students and advisors, and seeing anew God's wonder. But this year's trip also broke new ground with its focus on solidarity versus charity. In charity you are sympathizing for a cause and often providing aid with money or services, where in solidarity the goal is to empathize by actually putting yourself in the position of others and being together with the affected people.

The goal of this CARAVAN was not to send a group of students to provide charity, but rather



for those students to be educated on important and controversial issues and stand in alliance with the communities impacted by an oppressive and unfair immigration system. In Arizona we spent a lot of our time hearing from different organizations that provide aid to immigrants by, for example, putting out water on commonly used desert trails, offering safe housing, and providing access to lawyers

that help immigrants when seeking asylum or simply fighting for basic rights. One of the most powerful experiences of the trip was our visit to the U.S. District Courthouse in Tucson, where our group witnessed the conviction of over 70 newly immigrated people in less than a two-hour period. The people being tried included young men and women, some in wheelchairs,

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some on crutches, and many whose first language was neither English nor Spanish (the only two languages used in the courtroom). This experience, along with the testimonies of several individuals who had immigrated themselves and graciously shared their stories with our group, really brought to light the significance of a flawed U.S. immigration system and how it impacts individuals seeking peace and safety for themselves and their families.

While the focus of CARAVAN was rather a controversial topic, the best part of the annual trip continues to be the relationships formed and strengthened between students, advisors, and God. God's faithfulness and presence during this challenging week was undeniable in the hearts of those in and around our group and in the wonder of the breathtaking desert landscape. The community built and love experienced on CARAVAN each year is truly exceptional and affects the lives of all who participate.

- ➡ 1) CARAVAN 2018 Video: Trip Highlights—  
<http://bit.ly/caravan18video>
- ➡ 2) Read more about the group's experience as they spent an afternoon in the courts observing Operation Streamline—<http://bit.ly/caravan18article>
- ➡ 3) CARAVAN 2018 students chose to act on their experiences by advocating a partnership with Cafe Justo, a grower-owned Coffee Cooperative based in southern Chiapas Mexico, formed to address the poverty and migration from Mexico to the USA—  
<http://www.justcoffee.org>

## Worship Focus

Catch some calm in the middle of your week with the weekly *Worship Focus* email. This email includes a greeting from the preaching pastor, the sermon scripture and some questions for reflection. Begin to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's worship. *Opt-in* by sending an e-mail to [info@svpc.us](mailto:info@svpc.us) with your request.



## Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, August 13 for the September edition. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us), and, if possible, include a photo with your article. 🌿

# The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim & Paul Scholz

*Dear SVPC Family,*

Many of you are by now aware that, in consultation with our Personnel Ministry Team, I made the decision that **Paul Scholz** was not a good fit in his position as Director of Youth Ministry and that it was the right time to end his employment at the church. With thanks for his service, we wish Paul many blessings as he continues to follow God's call.

In the days ahead, I will share more about our plans for keeping our youth ministry strong. In the meantime, I leave you with this final message that Paul asked me to pass along.

Peace,




*To the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Community,  
especially the youth,*

It's been a true pleasure to serve you and be your Director of Youth Ministry. I have incredible memories of great laughter, joy, fun games of Werewolf, worship at Fall Frenzy, conversations over the Bible, and times of tears. I have loved being a part of your stories. One of my great recent memories was Affirmation Night on CARAVAN Arizona. Hearing you all encouraging one another and speaking truth into each other's lives gives me tears even now. Jessica and I are going to miss you all so much.

The book of Hebrews talks about us being "surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses" and "for us to fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1-2). **Jessica** and I are honored to be a part of your cloud of witnesses. But also remember that there are more amazing adult Advisors in the SVPC community that are examples in Christ, friends to talk to, and counselors in time of difficulty.

This is a tough process, as all transitions can be. I am sad that the leadership at SVPC and I are going in different directions, and it seems best that I move forward to what God has for me next. Discerning how God is at work in our lives is difficult, and we must continue to seek it through humility and prayer in a Christ-centered community. It was a difficult decision to not have a goodbye gathering, and my hope is that we all look with fond memories to CARAVAN and CARAVAN Sunday with joy!

God is truly at work in all of you and you all together create the community of God when you are together praying, laughing, and encouraging each other. Hold tight together and look to Jesus! 

—**Paul Scholz** (and Jess too!)

# August Calendar

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

## August

- 5 Food drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services  
Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM  
Family Worship with child-friendly elements  
Summer Community Potluck #1, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 9 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, Country Gourmet in Sunnyvale
- 12 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM  
Family Worship with child-friendly elements  
Summer Community Potluck Dinner #2, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 13 Deadline for September newsletter articles
- 19 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM  
Family Worship with child-friendly elements  
Safe Church Training, 11:30 AM–1 PM, Fireside Room  
Summer Community Potluck Dinner #3, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 21 Session meets
- 25 Walk-n-Roll for Spinal Muscular Atrophy in El Sobrante
- 26 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM  
Family Worship with child-friendly elements  
Summer Community Potluck Dinner #4, 6 PM, Trinity Court, bring a dish to share
- 27 BLAST/iBLAST Teacher/Shepherd Training, 6:30 PM,  
Church School Office/Room 905
- 28 Stars/iStars Teacher Training, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

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## Looking Ahead

Aug 31–Sept 3—All-Church Camp

September 17—Next Community Conversation

September 30—New Member Class

October 14—All-Church Picnic

October 19–20—MobilePack 🍃

### *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)



# Rooted in Christ...

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

## Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer in Children's Ministry!

10. You get to carry the all-important colored folders.
9. You get to know where the super-secret stash of markers, scissors, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, and felt resides.
8. You will get a coveted magnetic nametag.
7. Kids will recognize you out in the community or at church and smother you with admiration.
6. You will finally know what's in the mysterious totes.
5. Access to snacks.
4. You will be privy to amazing techniques that experienced teachers employ for classroom management.
3. You get the codes.
2. You will get an invitation to the exclusive Volunteer Appreciation lunch.

And the number 1 reason for volunteering in Children's Ministry:

1. Blessings and gratitude and LOVE!!

Please contact **Carol Heath** at [carol@svpc.us](mailto:carol@svpc.us) to teach on Sunday mornings, or **Carol Tadros** at [tadros@svpc.us](mailto:tadros@svpc.us) to teach on Sunday evenings. There are MANY spots available!



## Parents—Ready for a Date Night?

Parent's Night Out (PNO) is a Christian cooperative child care program at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. PNO is administered and staffed by participating couples, and overseen by the Director of Family Ministries. The program runs on a 16-week trimester basis. Families are expected to commit to the entire trimester. PNO currently meets Saturday nights from 5:30–8:30 PM.

During the three-hour program, the children enjoy age-appropriate activities, a snack, and a movie. Two couples provide supervision


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each week. Couples work on a rotating, regularly scheduled basis. When it is not your turn to supervise children, you are free to go out and spend time together as a couple. Families of all types and sizes are welcome. Children six months or older are welcome to participate.

Currently we have room on our waiting list. If you would like more information about PNO or would like to be added to our waiting list, please contact **Michelle Schmidt** at [dancingschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:dancingschmidt@yahoo.com). 



## Spaces for Children in Worship

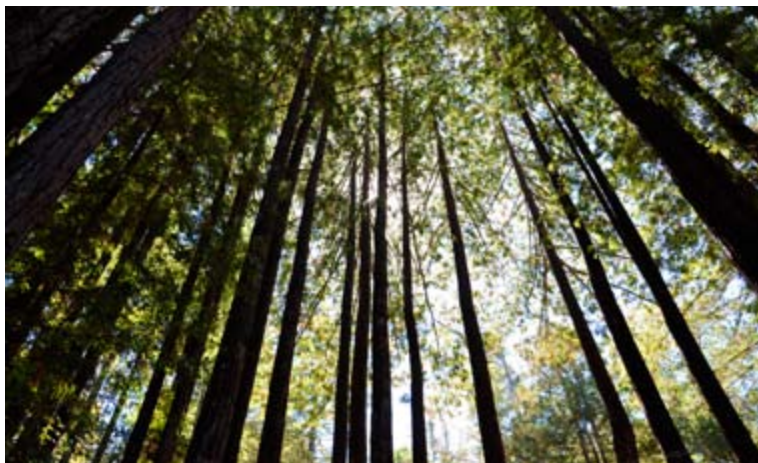
**Carol Heath, Director of Family Ministries**

As you attend worship in August, look around the sanctuary for special areas set up for children to worship. You will see cozy spots to sit, with low tables, cushions, and baskets with books and paper and markers. These spaces, called **Praygrounds**, offer a space where children can see and be engaged, a space that's especially for them.



Research has shown over time that when children who are separated from the worshipping community get to an age to decide for themselves if they want to continue going to church, they often decide not to be part of worship because it hasn't been part of their life. We are all adopted through our baptism into God's family, so we need to worship together. We know children need to move and have some active time and therefore we need to find creative ways of engaging children in worship. These Praygrounds can provide just the kind of space to help with this.

Children's and Worship teams are grateful to our session for seeing this need, and approving the change of having children in worship on a monthly basis. We are excited to welcome our children regularly into all aspects of worship where they will develop a sense of belonging to the church community and develop their identity with the people of God and as a person of God. Welcome the children around you in worship!



## All-Church Camp

**Labor Day Weekend, August 31–September 3**

We're excited that All-Church Camp is *only one month away* at the beautiful Redwood Glen! That means if you haven't registered yet, please be sure to sign up ASAP. You can complete the registration form at [svpc.us/camp](http://svpc.us/camp). Campsites, cabins, and lodge-style accommodations are still available but filling quickly.

We are excited to announce that this year's theme is *Called: Figuring Out What to Be and Do in Pivotal Times*. Listen as speaker **Rocky Supinger** delivers a keynote address to adults and youth, and then discuss how faith plays into vocation with your small group. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact **Sarah** and **Fjord Hawthorne** at [SVPCcamp2018@gmail.com](mailto:SVPCcamp2018@gmail.com). 🌿



# Fiscal Year-End through June 30

April through June	Actual	Budget	Delta
Income	\$461K	\$452K	\$9K
Expenses	<u>\$398K</u>	<u>\$475K</u>	<u>(\$77K)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$63K	(\$24K)	\$87K

Some are already responding to our requests for additional giving as can be seen above in our first quarter results with giving slightly ahead of budget by \$9K. Expenses are well below plan due to open staff positions and timing differences for Vacation Bible School and CARAVAN deposits/expenses.

We hope to perform better than budget on income and expenses so that we end the year with a surplus instead of the current plan of \$188K deficit.

Annual Budget	Projected
Income	\$1,804K
Expenses	<u>\$1,992K</u>
Deficit	(\$ 188K)

Keeping your giving current and making additional gifts will enable our church to remain financially strong. We continue to be grateful for your faithful stewardship. Thank you!



# More Ways to 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. When shopping with Amazon, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) instead of [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). It's that simple!



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



# Reaching Out In Love.

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

## Exercise Meets Different Needs

Whether you enjoy squeezing in one more workout or, as you're getting older, you realize you could benefit from exercise to help your balance, ability to get up and even your memory, **Jackie's** Balance for Living classes could be just right for you.

Come Tuesdays and/or Fridays from 8:30–9:45 AM to the church gym for a good workout emphasizing muscle conditioning with dumbbells, yoga, and Pilates moves. Abdominal and back strengthening, as well as stretches, complete the workout. Jackie also leads a full Pilates class on Thursdays from 10:30–11:45.

The drop-in fee is \$5. For more information, pick up a brochure from a church kiosk. Jackie's goal is "Keeping people functionally fit as they age." Isn't it time for you to exercise? 🌱



## Wealth of Resources

Our church has been a Northern California Ecumenical Media Resource Center (MRC) member for many years. Their resources have been available to anyone at SVPC for small groups, committees, classes for all ages, as well as individuals.

After 55 years the MRC has closed but the same resources and more are available to SVPC folks from the Episcopal Resource Center at St. Thomas Church in Sunnyvale. Items from their catalog can be mailed to you at no charge; just return them to the center or add postage to mail.

Here's the link to the **Episcopal Resource Center** catalog:  
<https://stec.booksys.net/opac/cl/#menuHome>. Their address is 231 Sunset Ave; 408-736-4155.  
Explore this wealth of resources!



## New Member Class

**September 30,  
11:30 AM–2:30 PM,  
Coleman Room**

If you have been attending worship and are interested in the next step, come and explore membership with us. The **Rev. Karin Hejmanowski** will be teaching this one-session class.

Also required for membership is a meeting with session. New members will be received during worship services on Sunday, October 28. If you plan to attend the class, please contact **Jean Ranck** at [jean@svpc.us](mailto:jean@svpc.us) or 408-739-1892. A light lunch will be served. For child care, please contact **Emily Cramer** at [childcare@svpc.us](mailto:childcare@svpc.us) by September 16.

More details online at [svpc.us/member](http://svpc.us/member).

## Save the Date!

### 2018 Silicon Valley MobilePack

**October 19–20**

Mission & Service in partnership with Orchard Valley Christian Church, Resurrection Catholic Church, and Feed My Starving Children (a Christian non-profit) is pleased to sponsor the fourth annual Silicon Valley MobilePack. This year there will be five packing shifts over the two days.

Friday, Oct. 19	Packing Shift 1: 3:30–5:30 PM
	Packing Shift 2: 6–8 PM
Saturday, Oct. 20	Packing Shift 3: 8–10 AM
	Packing Shift 4: 10:30 AM–12:30 PM
	Packing Shift 5: 1:30–3:30 PM

Volunteers will also be needed for set-up, clean-up and hospitality. Last year we packed 202,000 meals. This year our goal is 220,000! Sign-ups (online and in Trinity Court on Sundays) start the third week in August. 🌱





## Spice Dinner

**Thursday, August 9,  
6 PM, Country Gourmet,  
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](mailto:melanieprolo@gmail.com).



## Walk-n-Roll for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

**August 25 in El Sobrante**



**Make today a  
breakthrough.**

**Dick and Pat Wolff** are putting on another charity walk for Cure SMA. Many of you have previously sponsored Team Madison in honor of their granddaughter.

Dick and Pat recently returned from the annual SMA convention and are pleased to report that the new drug approved recently is making a difference! Babies who used to die before their second birthday are now crawling and even walking, which was unheard of before Spinraza. Older children and adults with SMA are seeing added strength which is helping with respiratory issues, speech, and lifting.

For more information, please contact Dick and Pat at <http://fsma.convio.net/goto/Madison2018> or 650-282-5520. Your support is appreciated!





# Summer Picnic in Autumn

**Sunday, October 14, 11 AM–2 PM,  
Las Palmas Park in Sunnyvale**

The 2018 All-Church Picnic will be Summer in Autumn! On October 14, we will be “connecting community” with our congregation, The Music School and the PELC communities at Las Palmas Park.

We have many fun activities planned including a bounce house, volleyball, a music performance by The Music School, Cornhole games, photo booth, face painting, art table, cotton candy, sno-cones and more!

Also new, we have reserved a Mexican taco truck for on-site lunches and the church will be supplementing meal costs; tickets will go on sale in October. (Feel free to bring your own food if you prefer). Potluck desserts will be accepted! Bring your blanket and folding chair for an enjoyable and festive afternoon. 🌿







## Youth Ministry

*FLASH and CLUE summer calendars are available at [www.svpc.us/youth](http://www.svpc.us/youth)*



## CLUE—High School Events

**Want the latest information about CLUE?**

Text: CLUE to 51400

Follow Instagram:

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**Parents—Stay current on CLUE events/trips**

Monthly email: Send an email to [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us)

Text: CLUE HSPARENT to 51400

## FLASH—Middle School Events

**Want the latest information about FLASH?**

Text: FLASH to 51400

Follow Instagram:

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**Parents—Stay current on FLASH events/trips**

Monthly email: Send an email to [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us)

Text: FLASH JHPARENT to 51400

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## Interested in connecting...

with other young adults at SVPC? For news and events, contact **Sarah Hawthorne** at [YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com](mailto:YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com). 🍋

## Go green!

Consider joining the hundreds of individuals and families that now receive their newsletter electronically. The online edition arrives sooner, contains the same articles plus vivid full-color photos and live links, and can be easily shared with family and friends, all while helping reduce our carbon footprint! *Opt-in* by sending an e-mail to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us) with your request.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

*For Cancer Treatment:* **Olivia Lin, Britta Swartz and Michael Yocum**

*In Hospice:* **Mary Elinor Johnson; Canuto Ramirez**

*Continued Prayers:* **Mildred Prasad**

*For the loss of loved ones:* **Pam Holt's** mother (**Elda Marchetti Morgan**); **Lisa McManis'** niece (**Kristn Eliot**) and father (**Carlyle Thorup**); **Rita Tharakan's** father (**Raja Ponniah**); **Irene and George Yang's** mother and the **Rev. Joey Lee's** mother-in-law (**Gloria Yang**); **Susan Watts'** father-in-law; **Val Weirauch's** uncle (**Chuck**); **Fay Wiggins'** brother

## In Celebration...

The birth of **Andrew Jonathan Nuessle** to parents **Tiffany** and **Will Nuessle**, big brother **Isaac** and grandparents **Wilna** and **Chris Derr**.

The birth of **Colton David Peterson** to parents **Alicia** and **Scott Peterson** and grandparents **Dave** and **Dorit Chapman**.

The birth of **Audrey Jane Keegan** to parents **Allison** and **Chris Keegan** and big brother **Collin**. 🌿





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## **Summer *Potluck* Community Dinners**

**Sundays, August 5–26**

Summer dinners on Sundays after the 5 PM worship service continue through August with good old fashioned potlucks. Arrive a few minutes before the worship service with a dish to share (8–10 hearty servings) and look for signs indicating where to store your hot or cold dish during the church service, or come at 6 PM with your dish. We'll provide the plates, utensils and drinks! 🍃

