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The View From Here

By Rev. Hardy H. Kim

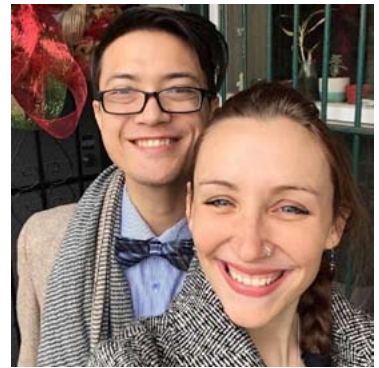
Dear SVPC Family,

During my time with you we have marked many different transitions. We've bid some staff and members farewell and gathered in others; we've tried out new things in worship and our community celebrations; we've opened ourselves up to even more connections with outside groups. I know that not all of this has been easy or comfortable for many of you. What I've seen remaining constant, however, is your care for one another, and especially for the young people in our midst.

We will be welcoming in a new Director of Youth Ministry soon, when she arrives in July. Though this is another in a long line of changes, I believe it's one

that we can wholeheartedly celebrate together—because this change helps confirm our commitment to the spiritual nurture of emerging generations.

So, I asked for some extra space for this newsletter's "View From Here" pastoral note. As our lead elder for Youth Ministry (and member of the Youth Director Search Team) **Keyla Zorzella** puts it, "The members of the Youth Director Search Team are thrilled to be welcoming **Addie Domske** as our new Youth Ministry Director. Addie is a strong and creative leader. Her spiritual gifts, theological formation, and clinical social work training are the perfect combination for a youth director. We praise God for sending



Addie with her husband, Dan

us someone with a deep love and commitment for the young."

I want you all to hear a message from our new Director of Youth Ministry, Addie Domske, so that you can all get to know her better. I join all of our youth ministry leaders in being very excited to welcome her in, and we hope that you'll

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catch that excitement—and a true sense of God’s steadfast love and leading—in this transition as well.

Here’s what Addie has to say to us:



Dear Ones,

Greetings from Chicago’s South Side! I’m honored to say that I will soon be joining the SVPC community as your new Director of Youth Ministry. I write from my home office, with my cat in my lap and one of my turtles swimming merrily as I type. (Just kidding about the turtle; she actually has a very grumpy demeanor.) During the month of July, my cat (Vincent), my two turtles (Madame Tortu and Hona), my bearded dragon (Tina Fey), and my human (**Dan**) and I will get into our Prius and drive from Chicago to California to begin this new

relationship with the SVPC community.

We cannot wait!

Originally from Seattle and Pittsburgh respectively, Dan and I have built a home together with each other in Chicago over the last 7 years. We love our apartment in Bronzeville, a historically Black Chicago neighborhood. We have built up an amazing community of friends and chosen family who support us, laugh with us, and teach us about life. I adore my current church and the young people in it, Dan loves his research at the Adler Planetarium, and Vincent loves one particular window where he can harass squirrels from a distance.

So, why leave this space for a new one? Because we believe that God is doing

a new thing at SVPC. Throughout my interview process, I felt a deep connection between my own skills in ministry and the vision for SVPC’s current and future ministry. I liked you all. I felt energized by you all. It came easily for me to imagine creatively being in community within the SVPC world. In May I visited Sunnyvale and felt supported by you, laughed with you, and learned from your collective wisdom.

So, we cannot wait. To venture into more laughter and learning. To teach each other about community. To make a new thing together.

Until then,
Addie 🌱

July Calendar

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

June 30 CARAVAN participants return

July

- 3 JAM Summer in the Park, 9:30–11:30 AM, Serra Park, Sunnyvale
- 4 Church Office closed
- 7 Summer Church School
Food drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services
Café Justo coffee available for purchase (www.justcoffee.org)
Sunday Morning Bible Study, 8:55–9:45 AM, Room 304
- 8 Deadline for August newsletter articles
- 11 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, Pasta Market
- 14 CARAVAN Sunday
Community Dinner #1, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 21 Summer Church School
Community Dinner #2, 6 PM, Trinity Court
- 17 JAM Summer in the Park, 9:30–11:30 AM,
Serra Park, Sunnyvale
- 28 Summer Church School
Community Dinner #3, 6 PM, Trinity Court



August

- 4 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Community Potluck Dinner #1, 6 PM, Trinity Court
- 11 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Community Potluck Dinner #2, 6 PM, Trinity Court
- 18 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary
Community Potluck Dinner #3, 6 PM, Trinity Court
- 25 Hymn Sing, 9:50 AM, Sanctuary

Looking Ahead

Labor Day Weekend All-Church Camp

September 26 LOGOS begins—register at svpc.us/logos

Where is that room?

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.



News from the Church Library

Looking for audio files, videos, handouts or slides from past Discipleship classes? You can access many via our church library's online catalog. Click on the "Classes" icon to browse the list of classes, or type keywords into the Search box. Click on a class. Its "Summary" tab contains **red** links to web resources and/or describes recordings on DVDs or CDs that are available to borrow from the library. For example, MP3 files are available for **Pastor Hardy's** class about the

Brief Statement of Faith adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1991, and for **Bill Prior's** classes on *Greek and Roman Philosophy, Government, and Religion in the Time of Christ*.

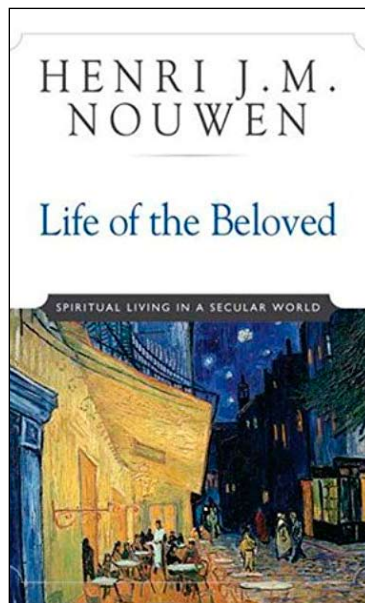
Where is the online catalog? Two ways to get there:

- Near the bottom of SVPC home page, click on the "Church Library" link. Next click on the "Search the Online Catalog" link.
- Bookmark this URL:
<http://opacsvr.svpc.us:81/index.html#menuVisual>

In My Thoughts and On My Shelf/Radio

Karin Hejmanowski

Last month I shared with you about the *Scene On Radio* podcast series I was listening to called *Seeing White*. Since then I've been re-listening to it, this time with my kids. I'm also reading a book with the deacons that I thought I'd tell you about. Together we're reading *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* by Henri Nouwen. In this book, he shares from his heart about the meaning and journey of being and seeing oneself as God's beloved. We're at the beginning of it, but loving it. Perhaps you would like to read it or use it with a friend or it could be perfect to do with a small group.





Your Favorite Hymns

During August, we'll precede the 10 AM worship services with a hymn sing beginning at 9:50 AM. We'd like to feature the favorite hymns of our congregation—our “top 10” or “top 20” for summer 2019. There are two ways to vote for a favorite hymn:

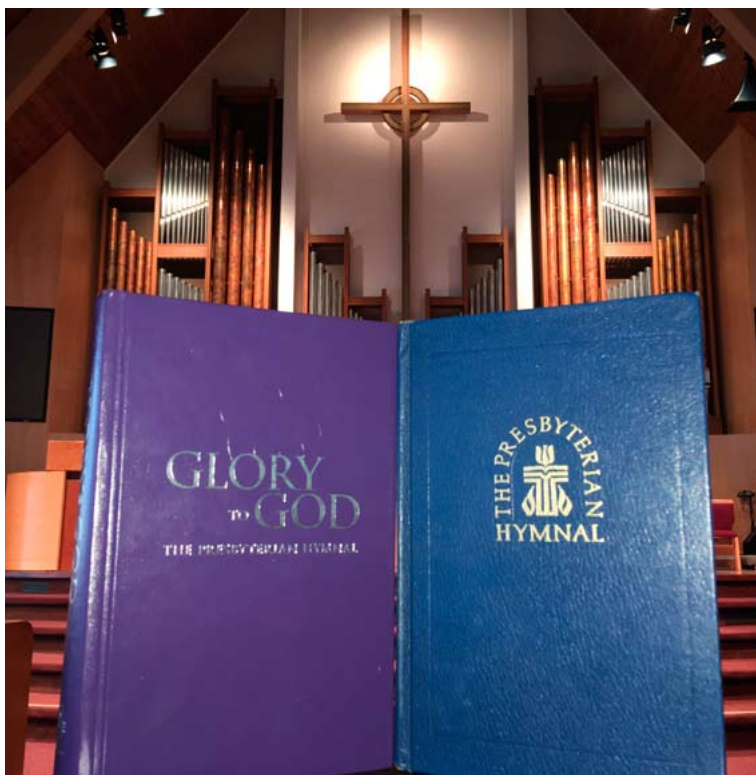
1. Vote online here: svpc.us/favorite_hymns
2. On each Sunday in July, look for a hymn-voting table in Trinity Court after 10 AM worship services. You can browse through hymnals, write down your favorite hymns, and place your hymn-votes in the ballot box.

Our organist **Valerie Sterk** will tally the votes and provide the list of top hymn favorites to the pastors, who lead the August hymn sings. We'll also try to weave your favorite hymns into 10 AM worship services throughout the year.

Plan now to arrive by 9:50 AM on Sundays in August to warm up your souls and singing voices with our favorite hymns. Vote often and sing joyfully!

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline is Monday, July 8 for the August 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. 🌿



Sunnyvale Presbyterian Women

You are invited to consider visiting a Presbyterian Women's Circle (small group) this September as we embark on our new study, *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Ann Gamble. Circles are small groups of women who meet monthly to nurture their faith through fellowship, mission, and prayer. Three circles will focus on Bible study and one circle will study the mission work, history and culture of Central America. Two circles meet in the evenings at church, one meets in the afternoon in women's homes, and another meets after church once a month on Sundays.

Contact **Marian Devine** at 408-306-9389 or smplydivin@aol.com or **Lucy Janjigian** at 201-294-0939 or edlujig@mac.com for more information. You are welcome to visit as many Circles as fit your schedule. On August 18 and September 8 and 15 we will have a table in Trinity Court with information.

SVPC Church App for your Mobile Device

Stay connected with the church community through the SVPC app. Find upcoming church events and add them to your calendar, look up Bible passages, and make donations. The app is a convenient way to donate (in addition to cash, check, bank account, credit, debit or text). To get the SVPC app on your mobile device search for SVPC or Sunnyvale Presbyterian on the Apple App or Google Play stores, or use this link from your phone: <http://sunnyvale.app.link>. 🍏



Youth Events

Join us every Sunday in the front right pews at any of the worship services.

Summer calendars are in kiosks on campus, on the church website and in the weekly e-newsletters. Here are some highlights:

FLASH (middle school)

7/3, 7/10: Food & games in the park, 6–8 PM, Serra Park

7/25: Pool Party, 2:30 PM, youth@svpc.us

7/30: Santa Cruz Boardwalk, 9 AM, youth@svpc.us

CLUE (high school)

7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22: Food & games in the park, 6–8 PM, Serra Park

7/14: CARAVAN Sunday, 7:50 AM, 10 AM, 5 PM

7/31: Pool Party, 2:30 PM, youth@svpc.us

The best way to know about youth activities and to register for events is to sign up for the weekly electronic youth newsletter. Look for “Join Email Lists” on the bottom of any SVPC web page.



Spice Dinner

July 11, 6 PM, Armadillo
Willy's, Sunnyvale



SVPC's 50s+
Singles Group,
Spice, will enjoy
a no-host dinner
on July 11. Join

us for a wonderful meal
with the group—men and
women are invited. This
is a great way to make
new friends and have an
evening out. Contact **Kathy
Ebhardt** at 408-249-7842 or
kathy.ebhardt@gmail.com
for more information.

Financial Update

Through May 31	Actual
Income	\$328K
Expenses	<u>\$277K</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 51K


May pledge income was \$39K higher than budgeted, while the general offering was \$5K below. Several households have sent in their pledge for the whole year during the month of May, bumping up the monthly income. We are grateful for the continuing generosity of our congregation! Expenses for May nearly matched the budget.

GOD'S MISSION OUR GIFTS

We know that some of our church family will be going on vacation this summer. We hope you have a safe and happy time with friends and family. We also want to make sure you have convenient ways to continue your financial support of your church family while you're away.

Please contact **Gloria Bordeaux-Pacholec**, SVPC Comptroller, at gloria@spvc.us or 408-813-6839 if you would like to learn more about setting up automatic payments via bill pay through your bank or an automatic withdrawal (ACH) from your bank account.

Interested in connecting...

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

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If you like to read, you're invited to be part of a small group, that will gather once a month. Each person will share briefly about one book and hear others share about their book of choice. This is a fun way to learn about new books and decide whether you will read them later.

This book club is open to men or women of any age. The group will decide whether to meet during the day or evening.

Let **Miriam Kishi** know if you would like to be part of the “Read to Share” Book Club and what days/times could work for you. Contact her at miriamekishi@gmail.com or 408-246-4664.

On May 16, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church sponsored two tables at the Bill Wilson Center Annual Building Dreams fundraising lunch. The pastors, along with Mission & Service elders and numerous others, were touched by hearing stories of youth and families who have benefited from the work of the Bill Wilson Center—from hearing the story of an abused father and son who were helped to independence to the story of a homeless and abused high schooler who was housed and mentored into becoming an independent and thriving young adult. SVPC has long invested resources and time in partnership with Bill Wilson Center, so let us rejoice with them in their impact in our community as needs continue to rise. 

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Summer Community Dinners

Sundays, July 14–28

You're invited to join us for dinner this summer after our 5 PM worship service on Sundays beginning July 14. It's one of the ways we build community and practice hospitality. We usually eat outside at tables in Trinity Court. The meals may range from food trucks to BBQ to home cooked specialties, and we work hard to include gluten-free and vegan options. There's always a donation basket set out to help cover costs, but never let that stop you from joining us.

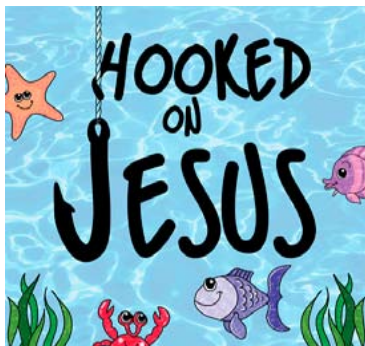
Summer Community *Potluck Dinners*

Sundays, August 4–18

We'll continue to have dinners together on Sundays beginning August 4 after our 5 PM worship service, but we're going to do so with good old fashioned potlucks. Arrive a few minutes before the worship service with a dish to share and there will be 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!



Your support of these dinners is appreciated! Make plans to join us when you're in town these summer Sundays, and consider offering to help set up and/or clean up. Contact Community Dinner Aficionados **Suzanne Ungson** at suzanne@svpc.us or **Carol Heath** at carol@svpc.us.



Vacation Bible School

We were fishing and discovering Jesus!

If you were on campus during the week of June 17 you witnessed a sea of children laughing, singing, and discovering more about Jesus and how Jesus loves each and every one of us, especially the littlest ones. Please pray for the children who attended VBS that God would continue to be a part of their lives as they grow and mature in their faith.

Summer Church School Meeting Locations

Because of the construction in Building 900, summer Church School locations will be changing. Be sure to reference the outside bulletin boards for locations each Sunday. We hope your children can join us for our “trip” to the Philippines and our two Sundays of service for the older children, and a summer filled with Bible stories, crafts, and games for the younger children. Please read our weekly Children’s email newsletter for details.



You’re Invited: Make a Lifelong Impact!

Want to change the world? Want to make an impact that will last a lifetime? The easiest, fastest way to do it is to work with children. The seeds you plant during short hours together on Sundays grow into massive, world-altering forests of faith.

In the month of July we hope to fill all fall volunteer positions for morning and evening Church School. Want to make a difference? Email **Emily Cramer** at emily@svpc.us for morning volunteering or **Carol Tadros** at tadros@svpc.us for evening volunteering. MANY are needed, so we hope MANY will come. 🌱



Reflections on Sunnyvale's Unity Gathering

Elsa Amboy, Mission & Service Elder

On May 29, the City of Sunnyvale partnered with the Islamic Network Groups (ING) for a Unity Gathering to begin our healing in response to the horrific incident in April. The subtitle, Light and Love, evoked the feeling in the room wherein more than 300 people gathered, including many from SVPC, to participate in an interfaith, intercultural conversation about condemning fear and hate in our community. I certainly felt the Spirit of God in that space. Did others feel it too? I wondered what compelled people to be there. Why was I there? How can we continue this conversation at SVPC and in the greater community? Do I know the people around me in the pews each Sunday or those living around me? I think the Unity Gathering was the start of something good. God gave us Jesus—He was light and love in the world. I pray we do our best to do likewise.

If you would like to give to *El Camino Victims*, Sunnyvale Community Services is accepting donations on their website, <https://svcommunityservices.org/donate-how-to-donate/>.

E-mail—info@svpc.us

Facebook—facebook.com/SunnyvalePres

Go Green!

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

For Recovery: **Max Mikles**

Continued Prayers: **Jo-Marie Lawrence; Mildred Prasad**

For Cancer Treatment: **Sue Slavik**

In Hospice: **Bea Finneran; Canuto Ramirez; David Robinson**

For the loss of loved ones: **RoseAnn Battelle's** husband (**Bard Battelle**); **Linda Marsh's** father (**George Abodeely**); the family of **Marge Connell** 🍀



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Brenden Koo—Called to Act with Art

Elsa Amboy, Mission & Service Elder

After the tragic events of the NorCal Fires, especially in Paradise, **Brenden Koo** felt a call to respond. Brenden, recently graduated from Homestead High School, serves as an elder with Youth Ministry. Using his artistic talents, he designed a special image he placed on mugs. He wrote a proposal to Mission & Service to partner with our community and beyond to collect donations for his limited supply. He has a goal to raise about \$1,500 for continued support in the devastated areas from last year even as we



are already beginning to witness our 2019 fire season.

Brenden will have these limited, original design mugs in Trinity Court soon with a suggested donation of \$10 per mug. Cash and checks will be accepted. Checks can be made to SVPC. (On the memo line write “NorCal Fires Mugs.”) 🌱

