



# ALONG THE WAY

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## Changing Roles at SVPC

By Carol Heath & Emily Cramer



### Carol

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church has been my worshipping community for the past 20-plus years. During that time, there has been a longing for people in this community to connect in meaningful ways. I was one of those people. Small groups are a passion of mine and so in my “down time” in

Children’s Ministry, I helped folks form small groups. I used to say, “serving in Children’s Ministry is my dream job, but if I could have my second dream job it would be serving this community as a small group catalyst.” My dreams have come true! I am so grateful to now be serving as your Director of Community Life. I began by getting a pictorial directory off the ground. Dine with Nine is happening in September to help people meet up and learn more about the church. A faith formation group for young adults called 20/30 Connect launches this month. And coming soon, look for information on Connect Groups—a place for people to connect with

God and connect with each other. I am grateful to Emily for stepping into my shoes so that I was able to move into this new role!



### Emily

For my part, I’m honored to carry on Carol’s legacy in my temporary role as Interim

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Director of Children's Ministry. This fall will be full of old favorites. Our campus will overflow with costumed neighbors when the SVPC congregation opens their trunks for our annual Trunk or Treat event. Children and parents will snuggle up under the stars at our regular Fall Movie Night. The season will also bring new flavors, like an Open House to welcome PELC families to Children's Ministry in a low-stakes environment. Church School will add some wonderful relational aspects to our great BLAST curriculum that will foster stronger connections between the children and mentors in our programs. Perhaps the most exciting launch, though, will be of a visionary team to search for SVPC's next Director of Children's Ministry. We are excited to dream new dreams and find a leader to guide us into a new era of ministry with children. 🌱

## Getting to Know the Personnel Ministry Team

The Personnel Ministry Team is charged with ensuring that appropriate plans, policies, and structures are in place for the fair and compassionate management of the church staff, including SVPC Outreach Groups (the Music School and PELC).

In order to establish just and fair compensation for all employees, the team conducts tri-annual salary studies on a rotating basis for pastors, program staff, and support staff. It also acts as a resource in situations of employee conflict as requested by supervisors and/or staff and as a resource to search committees.

In addition, staff and members of the congregation may bring concerns they have regarding personnel matters to one of the current members of the team—**Bill Coleman, Richard Collins, Lydia Coolidge, Rona Layton, Judi Pogue**, and **Scott VanSickle**.



## 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 email to [info@svpc.us](mailto:info@svpc.us) with your request.

# The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim

*LORD, you are my God. I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, planned long ago, faithful and sure.* —Isaiah 25:1 (CEB)

## **Dear Sunnyvale Presbyterian Family,**

Just the other day I was reminded by someone that it has now been two years since our partnership in ministry began! I am grateful for the ways that you have welcomed my family and me in. I have also been amazed at your generous giving of time and finances. I've marveled at the ways that you have taken on tasks big and small—community conversations, gun buybacks, choir concerts with local high schools, cooking food for potluck dinners, praying for one another, and gathering for prayer vigils to mourn and seek God's leading after tragedy.

While there are so many good things to point to about the last two years, I know that there has been a lot of change that has been

challenging and that has felt like loss. Even now, we wish **GINNA TRAINA** every blessing and much happiness as she moves into retirement, but we grieve that we will no longer be her daily partners in local ministry. And many of us will just have returned from the fellowship and fun of our final All-Church Camp at Redwood Glen, uncertain of what that ministry will look like as we move into the future. All these transitions are hard for me, so I know that I can't imagine how difficult they must feel for many of you who have called this place home for so much longer.

Even as we all work together to follow the Spirit into the fresh and vital ministries to which God is now calling us, I know that our work and relationships must be grounded in

appreciation and love for all the good and faithful work that has come before. These are ministries that you all have established, nurtured, and stewarded for so long. We will be hearing more about these things through stories we'll be telling in worship and through media pieces that **Kris Sheridan**, our marketing manager, will be helping curate.

But I know that there are so many stories like these—some that only you know! So, I hope you will take time to tell them to me, and to one another. If you have a story about an important ministry of SVPC that helped to transform your life (or the life of the world around you), I hope you'll come and tell me, and maybe even be open to the invitation to tell that story to our whole community.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. 🌱

In gratitude,

*Hardy*

# September Calendar

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

August 30–September 1 All-Church Camp in Redwood Glen

## September

- 1 All-Ages Worship services at 7:50 and 10 AM (no 5 PM service today)
- 2 Church office closed for Labor Day
- 3 Choir of Bells rehearsals resume, 7 PM, Sanctuary
- 4 JAM (Just Among Moms), 9:30 AM, Room 702
- 8 Food drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services  
Café Justo coffee available for purchase ([www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.org))  
Sunday Morning Bible Study, 8:55–9:45 AM, Room 304  
Church School resumes  
Church School Choir resumes  
*The Four Loves* Discipleship Class #1, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
- 9 The Music School fall classes begin  
Mandatory Parent Meeting for LOGOS, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall  
Deadline for October newsletter articles  
(send to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us))
- 10 Parent Support Group Coffee, 9:30 AM, Room 750
- 12 Spice Dinner, 6 PM, Country Gourmet, Sunnyvale
- 13 Ugo Sforza Organ Recital, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
- 15 Sunday Morning Bible Study, 8:55–9:45 AM,  
Room 304  
Start Together Sunday at 10 AM and 5 PM  
Congregational Meeting, 11 AM, Sanctuary  
*The Four Loves* Discipleship Class #2, 11:30 AM,  
Soulé Hall
- 17 Knit for Kids meeting, 12:30–2 PM, Room 702
- 18 JAM (Just Among Moms), 9:30 AM, Room 702

### *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)

E-mail—[info@svpc.us](mailto:info@svpc.us)

Facebook—[facebook.com/SunnyvalePres](https://facebook.com/SunnyvalePres)



## 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>.



## Go Green!

Consider joining the hundreds of individuals and families that 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.

- 19 20/30 Connect Kick-Off Dinner, 6 PM, Dan & Addie's home
- 22 Sunday Morning Bible Study, 8:55–9:45 AM, Room 304  
20th Anniversary Celebration for Andy Aron, 10 AM service  
SAGE Luncheon, 11:20 AM, Fellowship Hall  
*The Four Loves* Discipleship Class #3, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
- 25 LOGOS starts, 5 PM
- 29 Peace & Global Witness Offering  
Sunday Morning Bible Study, 8:55–9:45 AM, Room 304  
*The Four Loves* Discipleship Class #4, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall

## October

- 6 New Member Class, 11:30 AM–2:30 PM, Coleman Room
- 13 Community Picnic, 11:30 AM–2 PM, Las Palmas Park, Sunnyvale 

# Rooted in Christ...

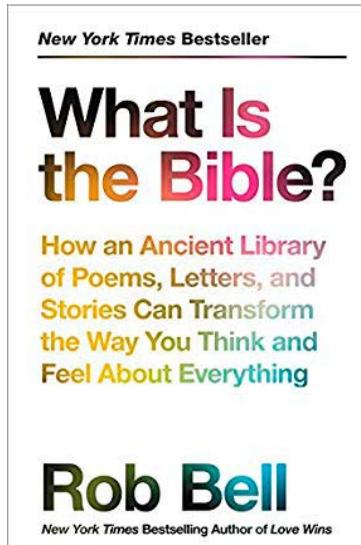
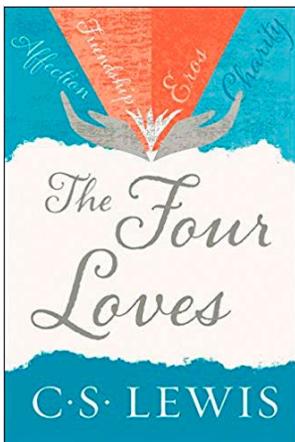
Sunnyvale Presbyterian offers everyone an opportunity to connect with the church community.

## Fall Discipleship Classes

*The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis

Begins September 8,  
11:30 AM, Soulé Hall

For four Sundays we will listen to an audio recording of Lewis explaining each concept of love: affection, friendship, eros, and charity. The class will be taught by **Rev. David Bowman**, a retired UCC minister and member of the Discipleship team. Rev. Bowman holds a Ph.D in theological ethics from Glasgow University in Scotland. He was a pastor for 40 years and has taught college-level classes on C.S. Lewis.



*What is the Bible?*

**Rob Bell**

Begins October 20, 11:30 AM,  
Soulé Hall

This class, taught by **Dr. William Prior**, will examine Bell's approach to biblical interpretation and explore how it deals with many traditional problems that arise when reading the Bible. Dr. Prior, a member of the Discipleship team, is an emeritus professor of philosophy at Santa Clara University.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

*Sundays, 8:55 AM, Room 304*

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will continue this fall. Each week, the class studies the lectionary passage selected for the sermon. Standard questions are used to allow all to participate in a discussion of insights and implications of the Scripture. 🌿





## Celebrating Andy Aron— 20 Years as SVPC Choir Director

Sunday, September 22, 10 AM service

Andy’s 20-year anniversary at SVPC is coming up soon, and we’re planning several celebrations to honor and thank him for all those years of directing SVPC’s Chancel Choir. The choir will be honoring him at a BBQ in August, and our worship team is planning to have the congregation honor him in the 10 AM service on September 22.

## Financial Update

Gloria Bordeaux-Pacholec, Comptroller

| April through July 31 | Actual        |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Income                | \$608K        |
| Expenses              | <u>\$605K</u> |
| Surplus/(Deficit)     | \$ 3K         |

July pledge income was ahead of our budgeted amount by \$7.5K, while the general offering was \$4K behind budget. Our YTD income is \$71K ahead of budget. Expenses are lower than budgeted YTD. We need to note, however, that tuition payments coming in for VBS and CARAVAN as credits last month are offset by expenses in July. Also, July was a three-payroll month, and although budgeted for, this always raises the expenses for the month. We continue to be grateful for the congregation’s generosity!

**GOD’S MISSION**  
**OUR GIFTS**

## Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline is Monday, September 9 for the October 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. 



## New Member Class

Sunday, October 6,  
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.

**Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski** will be teaching a one-session class. Also required for membership is a meeting with session. 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, contact **Shannon Birdsong** at [childcare@svpc.us](mailto:childcare@svpc.us) by September 29.

## DINE WITH NINE



Get to know someone NEW over a delicious dinner and find out how to get plugged into the SVPC community. Whether you're looking for a small group or ways to make a difference in the wider community, this is a great way to connect.

*Who* Everyone from newcomers to long-time members

*Where* Dinners hosted in the homes of SVPC folks

*What* Hosts provide main dish; guests bring a side

*When* Choose a date that works for you:  
Sept. 7, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21

*Sign up*  [bit.ly/DineWithNine2019](http://bit.ly/DineWithNine2019)



## Shirley Chamberlain— 50 Years a Newsletter Volunteer!

Passion and selflessness: That combination of qualities makes a fitting description for one of SVPC's dedicated newsletter volunteers. Every month **Shirley** puts together a team that collates and addresses the printed church newsletter. She started volunteering in September 1969 when the church newsletter was weekly, and address labels were printed using metal plates. "It's been rewarding," says Shirley. "I've met great staff and made some great friendships. I don't know what I'd do without it, it keeps me young." Since 2002 Shirley has been helping bag the groceries collected each month for Turning the Tables on Hunger, and twice a month accompanies the Convalescent Hospital Ministry team on their visits. Shirley's husband **Con** invited Shirley to the Sunnyvale Church, where they were married February 15, 1964 by **Rev. Wallace**. They joined the choir that year too.



## Join the Choir of Bells and Make a Joyful Noise!

**Choir of Bells** rehearsals resume **September 3**

Have an ear for music? Have an interest in playing (or learning to play) hand bells? If so, join the Choir of Bells for their fall season and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Choir of Bells will be ringing at the 10 AM service on the fourth Sunday of September and the second Sunday of each month after that. The Choir of Bells will also play on Christmas Eve.

Practices are Tuesdays from 7–9 PM in the sanctuary (often with chocolate breaks halfway through). All levels of experience welcome; initial rehearsals will cover introductory material. For information contact **Gretchen Rauch** ([grauch@me.com](mailto:grauch@me.com)) or **Jeff Reilly** ([jreillyhome@gmail.com](mailto:jreillyhome@gmail.com)).

## Knit for Kids

SVPC's Sweater Dedication Sunday this fall will soon be here. It is time to put the finishing touches on any in-progress sweater so that it can be included in the display of sweaters in Trinity Court.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for the date that sweaters should be turned in to **Marilyn Kunz** or the church office, and for the date of Sweater Dedication Sunday.

Our next Knit for Kids meeting will be September 17 in the Coleman Room (702) from 12:30–2 PM. 🍃

## Children's Church School Kicks Off September 8

It's almost time for a new year of Church School to start. We will kick off on September 8 with tables set up in Trinity Court before and after the 10 AM and 5 PM worship services for parents to register online. All parents of infants through 5th graders are asked to register their children or, if returning, to ensure their information is correct.

We are grateful for the teachers and volunteers that will be sharing their talents, knowledge and love of God with the children this year. Thanks for partnering with us as we start another great year of Children's Ministry!

🖱 Register your children for Church School here:  
[bit.ly/SVPCregistration](https://bit.ly/SVPCregistration)

## Just Among Moms (JAM)

**1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 9:30–11:30 AM,  
Room 702**

JAM, Just Among Moms,\* is a place for moms to join together in a space to be real and honest about the joys and challenges of life. We meet together for a hot brunch, relevant topics presented by speakers or other format, and an occasional craft or community outreach project—with an intention to have time to focus on YOU! If your children are not in school during this time, we offer child care (for a small fee) by Safe Church-trained staff for the duration of the meeting.

For more information visit the church website, [svpc.us/jam](https://svpc.us/jam), or email [jam@svpc.us](mailto:jam@svpc.us).

*\*Please note this is a group for moms of ALL ages with kids of ALL ages, not just moms with young kids!*

## LOGOS—All ages are welcome to be a part of this midweek program Wednesdays, September 25, 2019–March 25, 2020

LOGOS is a great way to be an intergenerational community. We need lots of help from many in our church community to be table parents, kitchen prep cooks, clean-up team and more! Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday evenings to make a difference in the faith formation of our 1st through 5th grade children? Contact [logos@svpc.us](mailto:logos@svpc.us) for more information on how you can join us. 🌱



## 20/30 Connect Kick-Off Dinner

Thursday, September 19,  
6 PM, Dan and Addie's home



Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking to connect with others? Join us on Thursday, September 19 at 6 PM for a kick-off dinner at Addie and Dan's place! [20/30 Connect](#) will create space for shared stories and faith discussions. Whether you identify as single, partnered, LGBTQIA+ or straight, all are welcome! To RSVP for dinner or more information contact **Drew Crow-Bray** at [dcrowbray@gmail.com](mailto:dcrowbray@gmail.com).

## SVPC's Favorite Hymns for 2019

What are our congregation's favorite hymns? During July we collected nearly 200 hymn-votes. From those, we sang the top favorites during our August hymn sings and 10 AM worship services. Here are the voting results:

- 1st *Be Thou My Vision*  
(13 votes, and our winner for the 3rd year in a row!)
- 2nd *How Great Thou Art*
- 3rd *Blessed Assurance*
- 4th (three-way tie) *Be Still, My Soul*  
*O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
- 5th *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
- 6th (five-way tie) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
*My Song is Love Unknown*

Thanks for voting, and for sharing some of your reasons for choosing those hymns—a parent's favorite hymn, a favorite song from childhood, a great way to start the day, a song to sing while driving alone, "we need more beauty in our lives," etc. If your favorite hymn didn't make it into this list, take heart—we'll be weaving other favorite hymns into 10 AM worship throughout the year. Come sing together in worship! 🍃



# Reaching Out In Love.

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

## Spice Dinner

Thursday, September 12,  
6 PM, Country Gourmet,  
Sunnyvale



SVPC's 50+ Singles Group, Spice, will enjoy a no-host dinner in September.

Come join us and enjoy a wonderful meal with the group. Both men and women are invited. This is a great way to make new friends and enjoy an evening out. For more information or to RSVP, contact **Kathy Ebhardt** (408-249-7842 or [kathy.ebhardt@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.ebhardt@gmail.com)).



## Presbyterian Women (PW)

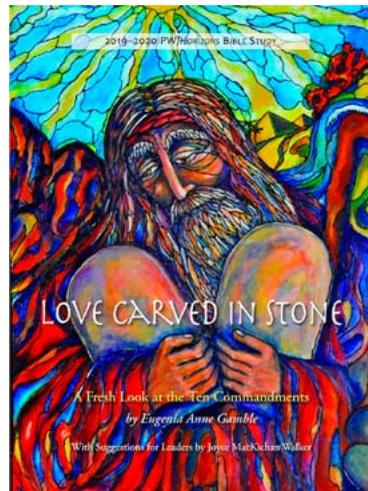
Women of Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church are invited to consider visiting a Presbyterian Women's Circle in September as we embark on our new study, *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Ann Gamble. Circles are small groups of women who meet monthly to nurture their faith through fellowship, mission, and prayer. Three SVPC circles 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 the last meets after church on Sundays at church.

Contact **Marian Devine** (408-306-9389 or [smplydivin@aol.com](mailto:smplydivin@aol.com)) or **Lucy Janjigian**

(201-294-0939 or [edlujig@mac.com](mailto:edlujig@mac.com)) for more information. You are welcome to visit as many circles as fit your schedule. On September 8 and 15 we will have a table in Trinity Court with information. 🌱



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# Connecting Community: Church Picnic 2019

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 11:30 AM–2 PM, Las Palmas Park, Sunnyvale

Jennifer Britton, 2019 Director

Join in on the fun as SVPC, PELC and the Music School return for the annual community picnic! Enjoy a good old-fashioned BBQ meal of pulled pork, hot dogs, veggie and gluten-free options, fruit salad and coleslaw. Keeping in our wonderful dessert tradition, please bring one of your favorites to share! We'll provide plates, napkins and cups and are asking you to bring your own eating utensils/silverware. A suggested donation of \$5 per individual and \$10 for families will help offset the cost of the picnic. To meet the demand for food we are asking for RSVPs in advance (see below). Look for us as well in Trinity Court several Sundays in September and the first Sunday in October.

We are looking forward to fun for all ages from preschool and below (special activities to be provided by PELC) to wonderful choral entertainment by Music School students and jazz music in the afternoon as well as our classic bounce houses, face painting, snow cones and cotton candy. Field games take on a new spin this year as we will set up free-standing Cornhole games, ladder toss, “Kan” frisbee and volleyball!

The picnic is helped so much by volunteers who help to staff the various activities, crafts, set up, tear down and more. Consider working one brief shift to help things run smoothly by following the link below or heading to our main page (svpc.us), finding the Sign Up Genius icon and looking for the photo of the hamburger where you can click on “Day of Picnic Volunteers.” Remember to BYOPB—bring your own picnic blanket, we can't provide chairs for everyone.



- Picnic RSVP: [bit.ly/SVPCpicnicRSVP](https://bit.ly/SVPCpicnicRSVP)
- Volunteer shifts: [bit.ly/SVPCpicnicvolunteers](https://bit.ly/SVPCpicnicvolunteers)

## Music School Registration is Open

Music School classes start September 9, and registration is open now. Check the complete class schedule on [themusicschool.org](http://themusicschool.org) or in our office in Room 402. We've added new classes and sessions:

For little ones:

- *Musical Play* for age 1–2 with an adult
- *Musical Treats* for ages 2–3
- *Music Box* for ages 3–4
- *Pathways & Young Musicians* for preschool–kinder

For teens and adults:

- *Strum Class: Guitar & Ukulele* for age 12+
- *Group Piano for Adults* for age 16+
- *Voice Class for Adults* for age 18+
- *Music Theory* for 8th grade–adults

We are pleased to offer our new Bobbi Rupp Memorial Senior Scholarship to students age 65+. We are extremely grateful to **Bobbi** for her continued support towards music students of all ages.

## Ugo Sforza in Recital

Friday, September 13,  
7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Ugo Sforza**, an accomplished Italian organist and composer, will return to the Bay Area for an organ recital. Mr. Sforza's program will include Bach's masterful *Passacaglia and Fugue (BWV 582)*; variations by Austrian composer J.F. Doppelbauer; several colorful pieces by Italian composers Puccini and Bossi; and César Franck's majestic *Chorale no. 1 in E Major*. There is no admission charge; a donation to Ugo will be received at the door. Invite your friends and family to enjoy this evening of organ music, and meet Ugo afterward at an informal reception in Fellowship Hall. For more information on Ugo Sforza and his music, visit his website: [ugosforza.jimdo.com](http://ugosforza.jimdo.com)



# Youth

Join us every Sunday in the front right-side pews at any worship service.

## FLASH (middle school)

September 4, 11, 18, 25 from 6–7:45 PM—All 6th–8th grade students are invited to join FLASH for dinner at 6 PM on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall, followed by fun theme nights in the Youth Room.

## CLUE (high school)

September 4, 11, 18, 25 from 7–8:45 PM—All 9th–12th grade students are invited to join CLUE, Wednesdays in the Youth Room for worship, music and theological topics.

## **Other September happenings:**

- 6–7 TMNT Retreat
- 15 Advisor training, 6:30–8:30 PM
- 23 Open Gym and Small Groups resume, Monday nights at 7 PM. Sign-ups for the small group series available soon on our [website](#).

During September students will dive into Social Justice Training, God @ the Movies, Thrift Shop Formal, and The Theology of Pacifism featuring Fortnite and more.

The best way to know about youth activities is to sign up for the weekly electronic youth newsletter. Look for “[Join Email Lists](#)” on the bottom of any SVPC web page.

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## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers...**

*For Recovery:* **Jackie Mattison**

*Continued Prayers:* **Mildred Prasad**

*In Hospice:* **Art Janecki; Canuto Ramirez**

*For the loss of loved ones:* **Jackie and Homer Fletcher’s son and Debbie Haughey’s brother (Randy Fletcher); Luan Nguyen’s brother (The Nguyen); Ralph Robinson’s son (David Robinson)** 🌿





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## Peace and Global Witness Offering

Judi Pogue, Member Mission & Service Ministry

*“Now may the Lord of peace...give you peace at all times in all ways.” —2 Thessalonians 3:16*



Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church participates in two PC(USA) special offerings. On September 29, we will recognize that our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth by receiving the Peace and Global Witness Offering. 50% of this offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe, and the Presbytery of San Jose receives 25% to support peacemaking.

The Mission and Service Ministry has chosen to send the church's 25% of the offering to Annunciation House ([annunciationhouse.org](http://annunciationhouse.org)), which oversees a network of Temporary Hospitality Centers. Their motto is “Not One Refugee to the Street.”

A letter with more details about Annunciation House's work will be mailed to the congregation on September 10. 