

THE COMMUNIQUE

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Greetings SCUMC family and friends!

It's been a great joy to be a part of this faith community the last four year. Your love and service to our Lord Jesus Christ mean a lot to me. As we begin the great year of 2018, I would like to ask you a bold question.

How will people remember you?

What are you leaving behind that proves you were definitely here on earth? Sometimes, we get so involved in keeping up with the bills, the kids, the job, and our families, we fail to keep the big picture in mind—our legacy.

Simon sits on the beach with his boat, washing his nets, tending to his livelihood. He is probably tired after being out all night and having caught no fish. He just wants to finish his job so he can get home, sit on his lazy boy, drink a bottle of beer, watch ESPN, update his Facebook status, and get ready to go out the next night.

After Jesus teaches the people on the shore, he asks Simon to go fishing again. Simon is reluctant at first. How would you feel if you, as a professional, were told by a stranger, obviously not a fisherman and maybe even noticeably not from this area, how and where to fish? Perhaps it is the message that Jesus delivers that gives Simon the small ray of hope that maybe there are fish to be caught. He has only two things to do: go out a little further and to let down his nets.

We know the end of the story. Simon catches so many fish that he has to call for his partners to come and help bring them all in so the nets don't break and the boat doesn't sink. Simon is so overwhelmed, he recognizes the power in Jesus and his own

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LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Join us for a potluck style lunch on
Saturday, Feb. 10th at 12:00 to 1:00
Everyone is invited.

**A chance to get to know friends.
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN**

Contact info: ivath629@gmail.com

Family Storytime!

Fun and learning for families with little ones!

Spring Session Begins:

**Tuesday,
February 13th, 2018
11am-12:30pm**

Join Us Every Tuesday and Thursday

for fun, Interactive
Songs, Stories,
learning activities, crafts, and
snacks!

Registration is Free,
and begins at our first meeting--
So come on Time Mommies and
Daddies,
Grandma's and Grandpa's!

Volunteers are appreciated too!

Questions?

Call Julia: 408-375-8554

...sinfulness. The assurance follows that from this day forward, Simon and his partners will fish for people.

Simon and his partners leave their boats, their nets, and even their fish to follow Jesus, believing in Jesus and his mission, knowing that they will continue to it somehow. Not even understanding what they are getting themselves into, they follow.

We are invited to be a part of that story. This is not just an invitation to be a missionary in a foreign country. This is a message to change our mind-set; we are called to something more, something bigger than ourselves. We don't need to move to another continent. Jesus wants to use us where we are. He wants us to want to be a part of God's plan.

We may answer in the church, but more likely, our years will be seen through the eyes of a crying child, or a sick neighbor, or a lonely college student, or an alcoholic who wants another chance. Through the people God put in our path, we are reminded of the work still to be done.

Keep in mind that the gospel message is for everyone. The Messiah who spoke to Simon Peter and convicted him of his sin may seem too far away, but you are near. Through you people can experience forgiveness. Your life can show them the fruits of repentance and faith.

So what is your legacy? I pray that it will be more than a great portfolio and a healthy insurance plan to be given to your heirs. I pray it will be your faith and your hope as you reach out to others where you are, offering what you have in the name of Jesus Christ. "The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy." –Kalu Kalu

Blessings,

Pastor Vathanak Heang

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting date: 1/16/18

- With the recommendation from SPRC, the church council approves to hire Sekyeong Seong as a pianist/organist effective on the first Sunday of February.
- Faith Covenant Group reported that the broken sanctuary door is being fixed.



SAVE THE DATE!

You're Invited To Our Annual
All you can eat
CRABFEED

(Includes a hearty assortment of side dishes, clam chowder, salad, garlic bread, and desserts!)

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

5:00pm

Santa Clara United Methodist Church
1700 Lincoln St @ Warburton
Santa Clara Ca 95050

Tickets on sale NOW!

Call Maria Brillante:

408-829-6491

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 14, 2018
Where and When? From 12:30-2:30 in Inman Hall

Topic: UMW 101

Our next United Methodist Women meeting will take place on Wednesday February 14 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm in Inman Hall. Bring your own lunch and we will provide dessert and drinks. Our program will be a review of the basics of the United Methodist Women organization, covering its purpose, vision and major priorities for 2018. The meeting is open to all women, so even if you have never attended a UMW meeting before but are curious as to what UMW is all about, please come join us!

FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES

Discovery: Let's start this year by discovering who we are.

Feb 4th: What's most important?

Feb 11th: Now What?

John: The Gospel of Light and Life

Feb 18th: God Moved Into Your Neighborhood

Feb 25th: 'Twas Blind, But Now I See

Prayers of Healing and Support for the following people:



Linda Eserini
 Jack Schenaker
 Cora Oliver
 Angelita Barbadillo
 Donna West
 Carrie Reece
 Cynthia Rovnaghi

Let us pray: Lord, I believe in the healing power. Please reach down and surround my friends with supernatural peace and strength and give them the faith and trust in you. Amen.



2/11 Brad Borjeson
 2/12 Joelina Verducci
 2/13 Estela DeGuzman
 2/16 Delois Reynolds
 2/21 Greg Burroughs
 2/27 Selena Len



2/12 Terry & Elissa Flora
 2/25 Tony & Joelina Verducci
 2/26 Alen & Darlene Tuscano

May you enjoy the Lord's sweet presence on your birthday and anniversary and be blessed with a year full of love, joy, peace and hope.

CHANGE DRIVE

You know all of that change you have hanging around, jingling in your pockets and coin purses?



Well, you can bring it to church to fill the jar to help refurbish the Children's Playground! FCG is looking to replace the worn rubber fill under the equipment and make it a safer place for our children to play. We are joining with Bethel to make this important improvement.

So, bring your change, your loose ones, five, tens and twenties and let's make this happen! Thanks.

February Calendar

1	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
4	9:55am	Sunday Worship
8	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
10	12-1pm	Lunch With Friends
13	11-12:30	Family Storytime
13	5:30	Dinner is served at JW House
14	6-7pm	Ash Wednesday Service
15	11-12:30	Family Storytime
15	10-noon	Hearts and Hands
15	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
18	9:55am	Sunday Worship
20	11-12:30	Family Storytime
21	6-7pm	Bible Study
22	11-12:30	Family Storytime
22	11-2pm	Hearts and Hands
22	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
25	9:55am	Sunday Worship
27	11-12:30	Family Storytime
28	6-7pm	Bible Study

February Communique

Please submit the March Communique article to santaclaraumc@yahoo.com by 2/25/2018

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