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[Pastor Heang and his wife Ivana and sons Philo and Shilo are currently on a mission trip and family visit to Cambodia.]

Greetings dear church family,
This month article, I decided to have my wife share her perspective as she is traveling with me. Below is her article:

“Hope everyone is doing well while we are away. We miss each and every one of you, and I can honestly say that I am homesick for a good greasy cheeseburger and our passive-aggressive traffic. The weather has been humid with the occasional rain that makes me fall in love with our Pastor’s country of birth. It can be intolerably hot, but I keep telling myself, it’s a complimentary sauna that you don’t have to spend money for each time. All this perspiration is good for your skin; even the mosquitos love biting you. The culture is absolutely different here, and tourists are treated differently especially if you are of a different color. People are really direct here; they call it like they see it. So far, I have been mistaken for being Vietnamese and Filipina. I have to pretend to speak Cambodian fluently, even when I know my accent and pronunciations are horrible, just so I don’t get charged tourist’s prices. But I do hope my Khmer gets better by the time we fly back home. I enjoy how sweet everyone is when he or she are trying to sell you something, and humor myself when they
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Message from Pastor Julia Borjeson:
**One Bread, One Body:
Communion Sunday! +
Earlybird Coffee time!**

This Sunday, October 1st!
9-9:30am= Early-bird Coffee
Fellowship: Sanctuary
Courtyard
9:30-9:50= Sanctuary Prayer +
Meditation Time with
Instrumental music
9:50= We bring in the light!
Refresh with an Opening Praise
song! + Our Worship Service
begins!
Communion will be served
OUTSIDE (and inside for those
who need)!!
Join us for our 2nd “Revive
+Refresh” Sunday!

We will continue with the life of John Wesley and a mission message from Pastor Heang as we continue Adam Hamilton's Series on REVIVAL!

(Pastor & Ivana Heang message continued)
talk negatively about you assuming you don't speak the language. I am absolutely amazed at how many different languages the tour guides and vendors can speak here. I have much respect for them to be able to master another language that is completely unlike your own, in so many ways. It's abnormal, but I felt like I have brushed up on my Spanish and French while visiting Cambodia's famous ancient structures in the beautiful province of Siem Reap. Every site is absolutely breathtaking, even the working elephants were majestic. Such amazingly beautiful creatures that our God, has created to walk this earth among us humans. These are working animals that are just like our working animals back home. I literally can't believe how many different people make the trek out here to witness and be in awe of these wonderful structures that were amazingly built back in the beginning of the 12th century. Thirty years ago, living in Salt Lake City, Utah, my peers never knew what and where Cambodia was. They just assumed I was Chinese, and nothing else. Now the whole world knows where Cambodia is, and why it is uniquely special in its own way.

My in-laws are awesome people who treat their grandsons like they are little princes' whose feet barely share the burden of walking. They have been spoiling us rotten. Shilo has finally learned to say "mommy", and it only took him 8 months. Philo is picking up on the cultural differences pretty quickly. He enjoys the washrooms here because it's

a shower and toilet in one. You can literally brush your teeth, use the porcelain throne, and shower at the same time. Of all the breathtaking places we have visited, no other place is as grand as his grandparent's house in Phnom Penh. Philo enjoys the multilevel home his grandparents have recently built, and the opportunity to ride with his grandfather on a motorcycle sans helmet.

We hope everyone has been in good health mentally and physically. I ask you all to please keep Shilo in your prayers that he will continue to be seizure free while we are here in Cambodia. We miss you all, and can't wait till we are in each other's presence and good Christian fellowship."



Blessings,
*Pastor Vathanak and
Ivana Heang*

For more information, please check our church website:
www.santaclaraumc.com

All-Church Work Day!**Saturday, October 28th**

9am-12noon

(lunch to follow)

*Let's all do a little,
and it will add up to a lot!*

From Sorting library books, to
washing windows,
pruning tree limbs, to wiping
down our nursery toys...
there are all levels of God's work
to be done!

Come Do Your Part,
then enjoy a fellowship
lunch=win/win!

Questions? call Julia
408-375-8554

Children's Ministry Corner

**Welcome Back Friends,
Parents and Grandparents!!**

Our FALL Session of
Family Storytime!

Back for Fun Fall Adventures

Tues & Thurs 11am – 12:30pm

This Month:

“Under the Sea” the Little
Seahorse Adventure

“The Five Little Pumpkins”
It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie
Brown”

Coming Up:

****Fall Fun Costume
Party:****

Tuesday, October 31st! 11am-1pm
Costume Parade, Games, Prizes,
Special trick or treats for
spooky, *not* scary Fun!

**“It’s ALWAYS a great Day to
learn something new!”**

Join Us For a great time of
learning!

Stories, traditions, songs, crafts,
Friendship,
Kindness, snacks and outside fun!

Come and join the fun!

**Our program is still free as
an outreach to our
Community!**

Questions?
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Helping Hands for Open Arms

We have a need
for some helping hands
for a few of our seniors
who could use
a little help around the house.
Do you have an hour to
wash a few clothes,
do a few dishes, or mop a floor?
A little help could be
a big help to some of our older
church family members!
I'd like to match up
some working hands with
the open arms of those in need...
If you are hearing God calling...
Call me!
I'm taking messages for Him!
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Food Barrel Project

Thank you all again for your generous contributions to the food barrel project. Please continue to make your generous contributions to our food barrel. This month's theme is **CANNED FOOD**. God bless all of you.

Church Yard Sale November 2017

We will have a church yard sale at the Parsonage sometime in November. Stay tuned for details.

Annual Church Charge Conference Sunday November 19

We will have our annual Church Charge Conference on Sunday November 19^h in Inman Hall after the worship service. The presiding elder for the meeting will be our new District Supervisor. He will meet with the SPRC committee prior to the Charge Conference.

In preparation for the Charge Conference, we have several open committee positions. If your heart is leading you to serve our church, please talk to the Pastor.

JW House

On the second Tuesday of every month, SCUMC cooks a dinner entrée, plus salad and dessert, for the people staying at JW House near Kaiser in Santa Clara. Those staying there are families of children who are patients at Kaiser.

Please consider praying to support this outreach, as well as donating some of your time, money, or food to this worthwhile cause. Our next JW House dinner is October 10th. Please see the Pastor if you are interested in helping. Thanks so much.

In Memoriam: Howard Shaw



Howard Shaw, longtime member of Santa Clara UMC and husband of Barbara Shaw, went to be with our Lord on September 6, 2017. Services will be held at Santa Clara UMC on October 21, 2017 at 1:00 am with Pastor Heang presiding.

**Prayers of Healing and Support
for the following people:**

Linda Eserini
 Jack Schenaker
 Christina Barini
 Julia Borjeson
 and her mother
 Cora Oliver and Cynthia
 Rovnaghi
 Angelita Barbadillo
 Donna West
 Maria Brillante
 Carrie Reece
 Barbara Shaw and the Shaw family
 Victims of Hurricane Irma and Maria



Let us pray: Lord, I believe in Your healing power. Please reach down and surround my friends with supernatural peace and strength, and give them the faith to believe that all things are possible through you. Amen.



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| Bertalee Schenaker | 10/1 |
| Linda Eserini | 10/5 |
| Joyce Wilkinson | 10/10 |
| Zoe Gray | 10/15 |
| Florentina Ciriales | 10/16 |
| Larry Olson | 10/23 |
| Vathanak Heang | 10/28 |
| Terry Flora | 10/31 |

Our next cake will be on 10/1 to celebrate all the October birthdays. Please join us in celebrating all the birthdays. If you would like to donate toward the cake, or bring a cake, please see Emma Cruz.



October Calendar

10/1	9:55am	Sunday Worship
10/3	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/5	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
10/5	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/5	11am-2pm	Hearts and Hands
10/8	9:55am	Sunday Worship
10/10	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/10	5:30pm	Dinner is served at JW House
10/12	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/12	11am-2pm	Hearts and Hands
10/12	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
10/15	9:55am	Sunday Worship
10/17	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/19	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/19	11am-2pm	Hearts and Hands
10/19	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
10/21	11 am	Howard Shaw Memorial
10/22	9:55am	Sunday Worship
10/24	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/26	11am-noon	Family Storytime
10/26	11am-2pm	Hearts and Hands
10/26	6:30pm	SONRise Band Rehearsal
10/29	9:55am	Sunday Worship
10/31	11am-1pm	Family Storytime – Fall Fun Costume Party

November Communiqué

Submission deadline for the November Communiqué to Pastor is 10/21/2017