

Santa Cruz Valley 2016 Leadership Reports

Trustees

We have several groups who are sing our building now:

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

Musicians

Casa de los Ninos - family counseling

a new toddlers group

We are hoping that these groups will bring some more families to our campus.

Roof: It needs to be re-coated but the three estimates that we have gotten run between \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. There are a couple of leaks now and Vern Butler's maintenance man came by and fixed a couple of them. The bill was about \$400.00. We will need to keep an eye on the roof if any more leaks show through.

Clean-up days: We have had a few clean-up days this year and all were well attended. We have another one scheduled for October 15 starting at 8:00 am.

Graduation: Debbie Sutton, Vern Butler and Jim Henderson watched the parking lot during SHS graduation on May 19. It was a beautiful night and we had no issues.

Parking lot vendor: Martha Streeter has been in our parking lot for almost a year now and things are going nicely. We get a nice check from her every month. She is starting to sell tacos now too and we agreed to a \$750.00/month rental fee for both trucks.

Debbie Sutton

Children's Ministries

It has been an exciting year in Children's Ministry. We are continuing with the curriculum from last year and it should hold us over until mid-December. At that time, a new curriculum will need to be purchased. Several 3-4 month curriculums are available for \$79-120. The current program was free for a three-month trial and we printed the entire year to conserve the budget.

The Family Fun Nights has been a welcome addition to SCVUMC. For these events, we rent a jumpy castle and put it right in the sanctuary. We have also had special guests and lessons for the kids and parents. Crafts, games, toddler area, movie and snacks have all been a part of the festivities. These events are not covered under the regular budget. For the first event, I went out of pocket \$200 to get it going. For the next event, we hosted a lemonade stand fundraiser and were able to cover the jumpy castle and table covers. In July, the family fun night was converted to a weekend worship event and two guest speakers came in from Albuquerque, NM. Weather was not on our side and monsoons kept several pre-registered guests at home. We carried on, none-the-less and the people that attended, young and old had a positive experience. In October, we will be having another family fun night with the same activities as usual, plus costumes and face painting. I hope to actively involve the kids in inviting their friends to make it the best event yet. Donations were collected in the form of a root beer float stand. I fronted \$60 for the supplies and we earned \$192 before expenses. The jumpy castle runs about \$150 and I always tip \$20 for the extra effort of bringing it to Sahuarita and setting it up indoors.

We will be finishing the year with a Star Wars themed Christmas program that was selected in June as part of a free offer we received from the children's curriculum we have used in the past. Ms. Charlotte Crawford has also offered to help the children make jewelry for gifts and I think they will have a wonderful time working with an expert jewelry maker.

We welcome any member with a special gift or talent to spend time with the kids. We have had the fortune of special guest to discuss holy communion and the Holmstrom's teaching the kids about Africa and allowing us to raise funds that were able to purchase 14 goats. This was an incredible learning experience for the kids. Summer was casual as I was on furlough, but attended to the children with a message each Sunday and crafts for the sermon. Veggie Tale's videos were provided for the smallest.

As always, the kid's best interests are a top concern. Attached is a proposed safe sanctuary policy. One item missing is a matter of members bringing guns in to the church. I have recently become aware that at least two members carry a weapon in to the sanctuary. I do not see a policy in the UMC that discusses this and realize it may be a more personal issue. It is my family's personal preference that we never take our children anywhere that guns are allowed, even to their grandparent's house. I would like this matter to be discussed by the council or the board, whichever is appropriate. It is a top concern to many families and I would like to tell people that their children are truly safe at SCVUMC, at this time I cannot.

Nicole E. Cochran
Director of Children's Ministries/Accounts Manager
Santa Cruz Valley United Methodist Church

Missions

Activity throughout the year:

Worship w/o Walls feed the homeless at the Santa Rita Park in Tucson; we successfully handed out rolls of toilet tissue, lunches, dog food, and toiletry bags on each 5th Sunday. We had a very generous donation of toothbrushes and small tubes of toothpaste from my dentist, Raymond Hubrich of Hubrich Dental. During certain times of the year we handed out blankets, sheets, socks, donated clothing, and sunscreen.

Our church and outside volunteers participated in a large-scale rice/beans packaging event this past December. The food packs were distributed to families in Southern Arizona.

With the help of Pastor Angie, we were able to meet with the Sahuarita Church of Latter Day Saints to discuss projects that both churches can work on together (Just Serve website, SHS jeans, SHS Prom dresses, stocking Cinderella's Closet for SHS families, and the Be Kind Community 5K on SHS property). Attended the Methodist Mission Sunday sponsored by GVCC.

For the past two Spring seasons we have collected and donated prom dresses to the students of Sahuarita High School. This October we will be helping the Sahuarita Educational Enrichment Foundation (SEEF) by collecting donated children's clothing and hosting their annual yard sale at our church site.

Stephanie Dunn

Staff Parish Relations Committee

2015 concluded with our annual review of church employees' salaries, evaluations and goal setting. 2016 has brought us a new bookkeeper and a new youth director. We are doing our best to be a voice for the congregation to our pastor and church employees. We are working on the 2017 annual salaries and 2016 evaluations now.

Kelly Lefforge

Finance Committee

2016 began with a shortfall in the budget. At the end of August our pledged envelopes are 92% of expected year to date income, the unpledged envelopes are 112% of expected YTD, the plate offering is 62% of expected YTD. The pastor issued a special appeal in mid-August and to date we are at 31.5% of the expected additional income from the special appeal. We have additional income from the voting district as they use our facility for area voting and from a food vendor that uses a small area in the parking lot. As we enter the fall and winter months our winter visitors will be returning and our income should increase. We have a "no frills" budget with the largest portion going to our mortgage, staff salaries, and utilities. All departments are within budget.

Sally Rankin

Worship Task Force

Over the past 12 months, the Worship Task Force was focused on selecting, funding, and installing wall wash lighting on the curtains at the back of the stage. This was accomplished earlier this year, and wrapped up the series of improvements that we have made to stage appearance. We will meet again this fall when most or all of the members have returned, and determine if there are other steps that we can take to improve worship at this time. There is a possibility that we will decide to disband if our remaining options are out of our control and influence.

Blake Hilgeman

Youth Ministry

This year, I joined SCVUMC youth group in December. We started with a barbecue at the Kalm's house where I was introduced and met all of the kids. From there I spent the first couple youth group meetings getting to know the kids, figuring out what they wanted from youth group and figuring out how I wanted to run youth group as well. Youth group is usually started with snacks, hanging out, and talking. From there we move into the sanctuary and have a 15-30 minute sermon/discussion. Youth participation has increased a lot since I first began as Director of Youth Ministries. After the sermon we usually play a game as a group or we are free to do whatever as long as we stay in the sanctuary. Kids are usually picked up around 8:00.

One of our special events this year was when the youth group went to the Pima County Fair to see Toby Mac. We also just recently had a pool party at the Kalm's house after a long hiatus during the summer months where we mostly met up at safari or Taco Bell and McDonald's as the church was closed. We have since resumed normal youth group activities.

Pastor of Emerging Ministries

I am grateful to the congregation and the pastor for allowing me to offer volunteer pastoral serves to this particular congregation. Your generosity in welcoming me provides an opportunity for me to act out the call of my ordination in retirement.

On numerous occasions I am invited to preach, often when the pastor is out of town but on occasion when she perceives I have a valuable word for a particular situation. Angie and I have also had the opportunity to preach together from time to time. This is a gift we have developed over many years of shared ministry. I am also invited to participate as a worship leader, often offering the pastoral prayer as well as other roles in the Sunday morning worship service.

I have also offered pastoral ministry to members of the congregation when asked.

The most significant project I have been involved in was the food packing project last Christmas/New Year. On one Sunday morning we packaged over 40,000 meals that were distributed in Pima County.

Thank you for welcoming Ann and I into this community of faith.

Grace and peace,

Billy Still

Music Ministries

The music ministry has maintained a steady course through the summer and is now embarking on developing new music and new approaches to the music we plan for each and every service. We are resuming praise team rehearsals next month. The choir will resume as soon more of our core members, who are winter visitors, return. We will be developing music for Advent and Christmas when the rehearsals resume. Angie has provided us with the themes for Advent and our special music will follow those guidelines. We have been blessed with the help of outside volunteers to help in the music of the services. Bob and Debbie Kruse have most helpful in that regard. They are excellent musicians and faithful followers Christ who have been friends of mine for many years. I have been asked to research and present needs and prices of equipment to replace aging and out of date equipment we currently use. I have been doing research and will continue to do so to that end.

Randy Cochran
Director of Music