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Our Mission: Why are we here?

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley. Matthew 28:19, 20

February Birthdays

1 st	Mary Wong
1 st	Aaron Robichaud
3^{rd}	Bea Sturtevant
5 th	Steve Victorson
5 th	Steve Erling
6 th	Billie McPherson
6^{th}	Erik Meyer

Doris Smith

Birthdays

8 th	Gary Baits - Costa Rica Missionary
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9 th	Bernice Schauble
11 th	Lois Lovelace
15 th	Ayla Fung
16 th	Barbara Chicks
17 th	Royce Agustin
20 th	Lloyd Darknell
22 nd	Michael Depew
22 nd	Gary White
23 rd	Virginia Gehman
28 th	Geri Frescas

Anniversaries

14 th	Jon & Jennifer Hammar
14 th	Steve & Patti Victorson
20 th	Richard & Pat Graham

The Celebrate

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

February 2011



SCFBC Student Ministries

Snow Camp is Coming!





What's the best part about winter camps at Hume Lake? WINTER!

First of all, there's snow. Lots of snow. If it doesn't fall, then we make it! With seven snowblowers our tube-run and snowboard hill is always ready to go, and our groomer helps us shape the snow into jumps, turns and wicked-fast straightaways! Second, there's an ice-rink on which we play the best winter-game every invented: Broom Hockey! You can also rent skates and practice your triple lutz. Don't forget about The Screamer, the O.K. Chalet, El Diablo (our mechanical bull), and Hume'N'Beans—the best coffee shop for miles! Seriously, if you haven't seen Hume Lake during the winter you're missing out! Just think giant trees covered in snow and you'll start to get the picture. All our winter camps include solid biblical teaching and dynamic musical worship.

Junior High: Feb. 4-6 High School: Feb. 25-27

Check out our website for more information on what we are up to!

www.scfbc.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

31 - Diaconate Annual Reports due to Dave

FEBRUARY

- **2** 10am White Cross Lobby Virginia N. 266-1734
- 4-6 Element Jr. Hi Winter Retreat Erik 241-7635
- **5** 8:30am February Diaconate Meeting Library
- 5 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19/20
- **6** 9am Back to Basics #4- Room 19/20
- **6** 12Noon Life Group Leaders Meeting Rm 19/20
- 6 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- **8** 1pm Bethell Circle Ellen 730-1150
- 9 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Gladys 243-6828
- 10 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry Room 19/20
- 12 8:30am Men's Breakfast FH Adam 230-6828
- 13 12Noon Quarterly Family Gathering FH
- **16 -** 2pm Game Day Lobby Barbara C. 739-2935
- 16 6pm -CityTeam Outreach Jonathan 813-2505
- 20 No AWANA
- 21 Presidents Day Holiday Office Closed
- 21 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting
- **22 -** *March Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- **24 -** 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch Betty 244-5949
- 25-27 Reflect HS Winter Retreat Erik 241-7635
- **27** 12:00 ABW Outing SC Camellia -

Ellen 730-1150

Upcoming events

MARCH

Mission Emphasis: America for Christ Offering

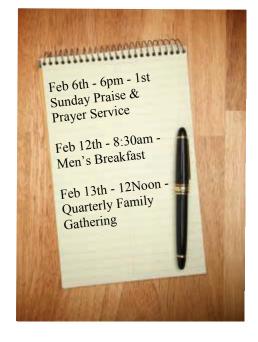
- 2 10am White Cross Lobby Virginia N. 266-1734
- **4** World Day of Prayer
- **5** ABW Spring Meeting in Selma
- **5** 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry Room 19/20
- **6-** 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg Rom 19/
- 6 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 1:00pm Bethell Circle Vera M.246-4497
- 9 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Parlor
- **10** -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry Room 19/20
- 13 12noon SPEED way Staff Mtg–FH
- **13** 2pm The Awakening Mission City Coffee House Jonathan 813-2505
- 16 2pm Game Day–Lobby–Barbara C. 739-2935
- 16 6pm CityTeam Outreach Jonathan 813-2505
- **18-20** Men's Retreat- Redwood Christian Park Adam 230-6848
- 19 12Noon Scholarship Lunch Barbara 739-2935
- 21 -7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting Library
- **22** April Celebrate articles due to Dave

MARCH (con't.)

- **24** 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch Betty 244-5949
- **27** AWANA Store #2

APRIL

- 2 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Room 19/20
- 2 8:30am April Diaconate Meeting :Library
- 3 12Noon Life Group Leaders Meeting-Rm 19/20
- 3 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service Sanctuary
- 6 10am White Cross Lobby Virginia N. 266-1734
- 7 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Room 19/20
- 9 8:30 Men's Breakfast FH Adam 230-6848
- 9 10–4pm Pre-Easter All Church Work Day Mike 691-1441
- 10 12 Noon -SPEEDway Staff Mtg-FH
- 12 12:30pm Bethell Circle Barbara C 739-2935
- 13-14 10-6pm Rummage Sale setup FH Maxine
- 13 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Parlor
- **15-16** 8:30am Rummage Sale–FH–Maxine 241-7567
- **16** 9am-12Noon -Family Hiking Party Jon Hammar
- 17 Palm Sunday Service Children sing
- **18** 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting Library
- **20 -** 2pm Game Day–Lobby–Barbara Chicks–739-2935
- **20** 6pm -CityTeam Outreach Jonathan 813-2505
- 22 -Good Friday "Journey To The Cross" Sanctuary
- **23** 10–3pm Easter Prep Kitchen Adam 230-6848
- **24** 9am Easter Sunday Breakfast FH
- 24 -No AWANA
- **26** *May Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- **28 -** 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch Betty 244-5949
- **29-30** 30 Hour Famine Event –FH
- **30** 8:30am May Diaconate Meeting Library.



Brothers In Christ Outreach

The Men's Ministry had another successful at Sunnyvale Community Services on January 20, 2011. Our crew of twelve Men from Santa Clara First Baptist and seven men from Crosswalk Community Church packed 800 bags of food in less than two hours. That's getting it done in the name of The Lord! Santa Clara Community Services provided lunch and a good time was had by everyone. The men of SCFBC involved were Adam Burdick, Michael Depew, Chuck Chicks, John Pusateri, Greg Robbins, Chris McLenegan, Tim McLenegan, Ken Liesten, Rudy DuBord, Joel Robinson, Christian Reyes and Ken Harrell. It has been decided that we will run an Outreach once a month for SCS for the remained of the year. Join us for Men's Breakfast on February 12th at 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to participate in any way, please call Adam Burdick at 230-6848.

Property Corner

Volunteers

The Property Department is very grateful to everyone who gives of their time and talents that often go unnoticed. Thank You Very Much! The Property Department will be announcing a "Volunteer Appreciation Day" soon, so please check back for more details.

Bethlehem Storage Building

The new building is almost complete. Door trim has been installed around the new doors for the stucco installation. The electrical portion of the job has been completed. Stucco work has begun. After the stucco work is completed we will be painting the building and installing the new roof gutters and downspouts.

I would like extend a great big "THANKS" to everyone who has either given a donation or volunteered their time to help complete this project.

Fellowship Hall

A new timer-switch was installed to help control the on/off functions for the kitchen stove exhaust fan by Lloyd Darknell..

Christian Ed Wing (Rooms 1-8) Doors

The Property Department. is looking into installing automatic door closures to help prevent the exterior doors from accidently closing on very windy days.

Reminder

Please make sure that when you leave a building, classroom, etc. that all the doors are locked, windows closed and all lights and air/heat turned off. Thanks for helping keep our utility expenses to a minimum.

General

Please contact Dave Wilson in the church office or me should you see something that needs to be fixed or is in need of repair!

Church Work Days

Please check back for the upcoming dates for All Church Work Days!

Property Deacon News

If you enjoy working with people and have a gift/passion of fixing things.... please contact me about becoming the next Property Deacon. This is my last year at this position, and I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested!

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike Depew, Property Deacon

Thank You!

In celebration of our 10 years at Santa Clara First Baptist, the church family gave Jon and I a most wonderful and generous gift. We received a 4-day cruise to Mexico aboard the Sapphire Princess, December 18-22. It was amazing! I have always wanted to go on a cruise, but it was something we weren't able to spend the money on for ourselves. The cruise was spectacular enough, but added to that was our knowledge that the experience was a gift of love from all of you. Thank you!

Our room on the ship had a balcony, and so we enjoyed a beautiful view through the entire trip. In fact, we slept with the balcony door open so we could fall asleep to the sound of the ocean. One morning we woke up and saw dolphins jumping out of the water right in front of us! That was especially cool. We even had a champagne breakfast for two served to us right there on our balcony.

We took in as much fun as we could while on our trip. One of our favorite on-board stops was the all-you-caneat ice cream counter. When we told our kids about it, they were very jealous and insisted on coming with us next time. We went dancing, saw shows, attended an art auction, slept late, and ate so much I think I'm still full. At our stops in Santa Barbara and Ensenada we enjoyed shopping, sight-seeing, wine tasting, and local food. Most of all we enjoyed being together, being away, and not having anything more pressing to worry about then getting back to the ship on time. We didn't realize how much we needed this break until we had it.

Thank you not only for this generous gift of love, but also for your support and help over the past 10 years. It's been wonderful to share our lives and our family with you all.



Mission to Schools and Students Update

Last month, the planning team for the Mission to Schools and Students decided to start our first project. We asked volunteers to come into my 2nd grade classroom at Scott Lane Elementary School to help with an after school program called SOAR.

So far, 7 generous volunteers have committed to coming for one hour each week after school to help. Each day, these volunteers work with students by playing educational games that help them develop stronger reading skills. The kids are excited each day to work with the volunteers, and these helpers also enjoy this time.

As the teacher, it has been a HUGE help having other adults in the classroom. Their help has encouraged me and allowed me to focus my time on improving the quality of the program. The success of this first project has encouraged the planning team to continue finding more opportunities to support schools and families. The team will keep you informed on future projects where you can be involved. If you would like to join the after school SOAR team, please don't hesitate to contact me. We would love to have you on board.

Kimberly Barnett (805) 698-0064 kbarnett124@gmail.com



Peggy Shalloe and Susi Reaves work with the children during the after-school SOAR program.

Scott Lane SOAR Program Volunteer Time Opportunities

Monday, 2:30-3:30 Tuesday, 2:30-3:30 Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 Thursday, 2:30-3:30 As the woman sits there, covered in stings and wounds, the captain gets right to work administering first aid, and staunching the flow of blood. Later, as she limps around the deck, she still hurts, but she's so happy to be alive that she can bear it. She still can't get over the lengths the captain went to in order to rescue her. She has never felt so utterly and completely loved.

As the woman rests on the deck, safe and secure, she wishes she could repay the captain to whom she owes everything. She studies other survivors around her on the ship. Some are gathered in tight groups, laughing and enjoying each other's company. Some are blithely playing shuffleboard. Still others are stretched out on chaise lounge chairs, blissfully snoozing in the sunshine.

As the woman stands there, she hears a faint cry. She glances around, uncertain where it came from. Moving toward the rail, the cries get louder and are joined by other cries. When she reaches the rail, she gapes in horror at the surface of the ocean around her.

All around the ship, struggling people bob in the waves. A few fellow passengers also stand at the rail. A woman next to her shakes her head sadly and with a deep, regretful sigh, walks away to visit the buffet. A man on her other side yawns and glances longingly at the lounge chairs.

"There's really nothing we can do," he says, patting the woman's shoulder before he quickly slinks away.

Standing there, the woman's own experience comes flooding back. She shudders as she recalls the feeling of being in that water—the stings, the anger, the struggle and fear, and the hopelessness. When she thinks of all the captain did, her shoulders straighten, and her hands tighten on the rail.

"Man overboard!" the woman shouts. Leaning as far over the edge as she can, she desperately tries to get through to any people she can.

"Please! Just stop struggling and let the captain save you!" she yells. She becomes hoarse with her efforts, and tries to get other passengers on the deck to come and help. But they ignore her, so she turns back to the ocean, and keeps trying. How could she possibly turn away and take a nap when the captain who saved her is out there now trying to save others?

The woman watches in despair as some people never stop fighting the captain. She sees that others do hear her, but they just shake their fists at her in response. She weeps as she watches men and women slip silently beneath the waves.

But the woman also notices that some listen desperately to her instructions. They turn to the captain who's there trying to help them. When she sees one struggle end, and the captain's powerful strokes back to the ship, she's overwhelmed with joy! She jumps and cheers in elation. But not for long—she knows that many, many others are still out there drowning—their lives are at stake. The captain needs her help to rescue them, and he is counting on her.

So if this cruise ship is the kingdom of God, where are you in this parable? Are you still struggling in the water, desperate for rescue? Are you napping in the sun on deck, or chatting with friends in the buffet line? Or are you at the rail, urgently trying to help the captain reach the people desperately in need of help?

As we move forward in 2011, we at Santa Clara First Baptist Church want to leave the buffet line and open our eyes to the needs of the people all around us. We want to wake up individually and as a church family and focus on what God has done for us, and how we should respond.

Please, take a few quiet moments to reflect on what your life would be like without the hope of God's rescue. Then ask Him, "Here I am Lord; what would you have me do?"

The Parable of the Cruise Ship by Jenny Gregg

The kingdom of God is like a wonderful cruise ship, and God is its captain. The cruise ship is a place to be with God—spending time with him, relaxing, being active or being quiet—endless ways to enjoy his company.

A certain woman stands on the ship. All around her stretches a vast ocean. From the deck of the ship, it looks beautiful. The sea beckons her with its deep blue and cool wetness. She even glimpses hints of the wonders below the surface like dolphins frolicking and majestic whales breaching. So, instead of sticking with the one who created her, she climbs the rail and leaps off the ship.

Now God created the ocean too, with all of its marvels and mysteries. To a person alone in the water however, the view changes drastically—she is now at risk of becoming shark bait, or being stung by jelly fish or of drowning. The appealing parts of the ocean are still present, but the woman is too busy just trying to keep her head above the water.

"How can the captain let this happen to me?" she thinks angrily. "If he were really kind and loving, I wouldn't be drowning, and the sharks would not be circling around me!"

Meanwhile, back on the ship, what is the captain doing?

Is he oblivious to her suffering?

Is he playing shuffleboard?

Is he sternly watching her, while shaking his head and muttering, "What an idiot!"?

Is he proclaiming piously, "She got what she deserved! If you jump off a ship into the ocean, you're going to drown!"?

No, the captain frantically sounds the alarm—"Man overboard!"

The woman, busy shaking her fist at the ship and blaming the captain for her plight, doesn't notice at first that the captain has thrown her a rope. Then she splashes and flails, trying to reach the rope, but she is too weak to hold on. Even when she thinks she has it in her grasp, it slips from her fingers.

The captain knows that the woman is not likely to be saved by the rope, but he knows she needs to try. He loves her, and he will not give up!

So he risks everything to save her—he strips off his uniform jacket and hat, and dives into the waves. He, too, now contends with sharks and other dangers, but he purposefully and fearlessly swims to the woman. Just as she's going down for the third time, the captain comes to her side to save her.

The woman's first reaction is to push the captain away. She's still angry and resentful of the captain for her miserable situation. Then she feels so stupid and ashamed for jumping off the ship. She resolves to rescue herself, return to the ship on her own, and then be with the captain—ignoring the fact that he's treading water beside her.

The captain, however, does not give up easily. He shouts at her to take his hand and even slaps her face to try to get her attention. Ultimately however, the captain cannot save someone who chooses not to be rescued. And some point, the captain will have to get back on the ship with or without the woman.

Finally, the woman realizes what the captain wants from her. Gasping to him that she is sorry for being a fool, she stops struggling. Immediately the captain pulls her into his arms and swims back to the ship.

Back aboard the ship, the woman worries how to face the captain now that he has saved her from certain death. She soon discovers though, that the kind of captain willing to personally dive into the sea in order to save her is unlikely to hold a grudge. In fact, to her utter amazement, he and all those around them cheer and celebrate. The captain throws his arms around her in the biggest bear hug ever!

Christ & Science Class Begins New Series

The Christ and Science adult Sunday school class will begin a new study series on Sunday, February 20 at 9:00 AM in the church library. The subject will be "In Search of Reality."

Modern science works by deducing the invisible laws behind the visible things that we can see and measure, rather than just describing what we see. If you, or someone you know, have doubts about whether it is possible to believe the message of the Bible in the light of the scientific discoveries that have changed our lives so much, this is a class you will enjoy.

Science and Christianity are in complete agreement. However, new discoveries sometimes require changes in how we interpret the Bible, in how we understand nature, and in how we understand the relationship between mankind and God. This class will discuss various ways in which these changes can be viewed. Some of the views put forth for discussion will be controversial, but represent views held by some Christians, although not necessarily by members of this church or its staff. These topics are intended as a starting point for lively discussion and debate.

It is likely that there will be disagreements among class members. However, we can increase our understanding of the truth only when we are honest with God and each other about our personal beliefs. As a group, we can come closer to the truth, for "prophets are subject to prophets."

The class will be using a manuscript of a book that Bob Smithson has been preparing for the last several years. It describes the beginnings of modern science, how the scientific way of viewing the world came directly from Christian theology, and how the two work together today. For more information on this class, please contact Bob Smithson at (408) 257-3689.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer Requests for...

- Marlene Goldman to have comfort, peace and complete healing of her broken wrists.
- **Jim and Sylvia Wilson** as they deal with Jim's recurring cancer and treatment options. Pray for Jim's physical strength, appetite and emotional well being..
- Bert Wendel as he receives care in Mountain View. Pray also for peace for his wife, Evelyn.
- Rod, the son of Mike & Doris Smith, for healing of his eye sight.
- Those currently dealing with cancer: **Dottie Haas, Jean Rund** and Tina Mulford's nieces, **Carolyn and Llana.**

Praise Reports...

- Jim and Lois Lovelace are now relocated into assisted living at Pacific Gardens in Santa Clara.
- Virginia Newcomb's health is returning and she is now able to drive.
- Holly Franco's health is steadily improving.
- Bethlehem storage building donations continue to be given.

Renovation Prayer Requests

- That we will each seek to answer the question, "What does Jesus want me to do for the renovation?"
- That SCFBC will be a united and stronger church through this experience and that our hearts will also be renovated.

Missions at SCFBC

Missions are not always overseas, performed by missionaries, to cultures which are not predominantly Christian. Missions are all around us. Many of them have become large, non-profits (Habitat for Humanity). Others are of limited duration, typically in response to crises (Hurricanes Katrina & Ike). In the past, SCFBC has supported both Habitat for Humanity and the recovery efforts from the hurricanes.

There are also many, smaller, more localized impact missions – EHC cold weather shelter, outreach to City Team Ministries Rescue Shelter, Redwood Glen volunteer workdays, outreach to SF homeless with coats/blankets/sleeping bags, and even Bethlehem. Our missions to New Hope Baptist Church in Costa Rica, Refugio orphanage/school work trips to Mexico, and VBS Missions at Iglesia Rayo de Luz in Mexico are more distant examples of specific, localized efforts.

Localized, specific efforts have the wonderful advantage that they put "a face" on our giving of time and assets. We get to know them, they get to know us, and both are enriched and nourished by the act of giving and working together.

Most of the localized efforts are coordinated by Life Groups. They always can use volunteers. A list of "localized, specific" efforts with their points of contact follows:

Outreach at City Team Ministries

Mexico work trips (Refugio)

Redwood Glen workday

VBS in Ensenada

New Hope in Costa Rica SF homeless outreach Jonathan Fung-monthly

Jerry Cintas (once/twice per year, next trip-May 12th)

Men's Group, Adam Burdick (June 4th)

Tim McLenegan & Fion Cheng (one week in June)

Lisa Robinson (one week this summer)

Impact/Jerry Cintas (November)

There are many other opportunities locally where volunteers or entire Life Groups can help. Examples include the outreach to schools and families (in the starting stages), many local food distribution points and food banks, and EHC shelters; all are always in need of volunteers. Check with Shannon McMaken or Larry Van Groningen for recommendations on where to start. It's also possible that your heart may move you to help in an area not even mentioned (e.g. prisons, rehab, battered women). There are more ideas and needs than there are people in SCFBC. We aim to be a church that serves and it needs to start here and now, not far away and by writing a check. Put a face on your assistance and let the Lord shine through you. SCFBC will continue to support our Baptist missionaries around the world through our offerings; but serving others requires some doing. If you feel lead to help out in any way contact Jim Garvey, Missions Deacon at 223-0534.

Rummage Sale

Friday, April 15th, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, April 16th, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Rummage Sale to benefit the Mexico Mission Teams and the Women's Mission Projects (ABW) is coming up soon. Please start saving clean, usable items (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay) to benefit these special ministries. Because we do not have storage space, items cannot be brought to the Fellowship Hall until Sunday, April 10th. Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations and let them know tax receipts are available. Many volunteers will be needed for the set up days on Wednesday and Thursday plus the days of the sale, so please save these days on your calendar. Contact Maxine Darknell 241-7567 for more information.

Room Needed

Do you have a spare guest room in your home that is not being used? A member of our church family is in need of a room to rent. She is a college student and also works full time. Please contact Mary Wong at 278-1996 or at Mary@scfbc.org.

Library Corner and Book Nook

Thank you

Thank you to Peggy Shalloe and others who have recently donated books and DVDs for use in the Library. It is through donations like these that keep our Library information fresh and useful. If you have a few hours to help with Library projects, it would be appreciated. There are always on-going projects of processing the material into the Library, data entry for the list of books available, shelving the books and of course, last but not least, dusting the stacks. Please contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 or email her at Jerri123@aol.com or jerri@scfbc.org if you feel lead to assist with this ministry.

Library hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 5:30pm during regular office hours. Ask the Office Personnel to unlock the Library for you and secure it when you are done.

Book Nook

Please check out the Lobby Book Nook in the Sanctuary Lobby. The books and DVDs are refreshed with current sermon themes and lifeApps class topics. Thank you for returning borrowed books and movies in a timely manner to the Library or to the red bin in the Lobby.

Jerri's Reviews—Three of the many new DVDs in our collection.

<u>Soldier Love Story</u> (2009) - A Faith and Family Film about courage, love, and the power of family. A class-room assignment to write a soldier a letter starts a series of pen pal letters between a boy and a soldier and proves that when life is shared and we give to others, obstacles can be overcome.

<u>Chonda Pierce - Staying Alive...Laughing</u> (2007) In this second DVD of this Christian comedian in our Library, Chonda dances her way through topics from the empty nest to group therapy. You will see a glimpse of Bill Gaither and Russ Taff drop in for a surprise visit. She looks at life and talks about her Christian walk including her struggles.

<u>Rust</u> (2010) - A shining story of rediscovering faith. In the midst of a midlife crisis of faith, James finds hope where he least expects it—his hometown Rust is an uplifting drama about faith, family, and the powerful ties that bind a community together.

If you have a favorite book, author or DVD from the SCFBC Library that would like to review, please email Jerri Cooper at jerri123@aol.com or jerri@scfbc.org and your reviews will be shared in a future edition of the Celebrate.

Library Mission Outreach for the school in Ensenada, Mexico

Thank you for your continued prayers for the start-up for the Ensenada Orphanage School at the Ranch. God willing, our May Mission work team will be able to take more Pre-school and First Grade Spanish-English books and more paper, craft and school supplies for the participants of the school. Please pray for the school's outreach to those who need it, that education will bless the students and their community.

How can the Library serve you better? Let us know!

The Library Committee

Jerri Cooper, Trudy Kroll, Barbara McLenegan, Shannon McMaken and Bev Walz