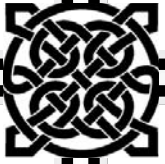


THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA FEBRUARY 2009



The Church School recently had an exciting visit from John the Baptist!

KEN'S STORY: TWO LOVES, TWO CHURCHES

Kenneth Donald Henry was born on January 1, 1961, at 1:20 in the morning. Although he was the first baby born in Deschutes County in Central Oregon that year, his parents received neither washer nor dryer – nor any other appliance prize.



Life, for this little boy, became adventurous and grand. With two older siblings (pictured above), Kenny spent many hours

admiring his sister and brother, as well as being playfully taunted by them.

Along the way, his parents, Bob and Joan, introduced their youngest child to *two loves and two churches*. Ken loved his family, and they loved him, too, but his parents were divided on what constituted a healthy and nurturing spirituality.

In his father's church, some Sundays and family vacations, the practice of reverence was taught on the interconnecting byways of wilderness. Day hikes, backpacking, canoe treks, and fishing for elusive native trout were activities grafted onto Ken's soul.

Of course, blistered ankles, dust, sweat, mosquito bites, and tears were also part and parcel to discovering *The Creator's* presence, but these less-than-enjoyable aspects of Dad's church were also coupled with lessons in solitude, storytelling around the campfire, and the siren song of loons.

On other Sundays, his mother introduced Ken to Jesus, and early on, Jesus was to be found at St. James Episcopal Church on Bull Mountain Road. Sitting in a shadowy, high-ceilinged room on a darkly stained, uncomfortable pew, or ice skating with his favorite Sunday school teacher, he remembers that this church, his mother's church, was for the most part equal to his father's. Here, surrounded by church-going folk, Ken ate flat, tasteless wafers, pasted disciple cut-outs on large sheets of butcher paper, and some Sunday mornings, dressed in a white tunic with other children to sing praises to the God who made us all.

For some mysterious reason, only known to God, what Ken remembers most about this church was the sound of popping hazelnut shells as his mother pulled the family's Rambler station wagon into a graveled parking space. *(continued on page 3)*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES 6:30 AM AND/OR 6:30 PM

Keeping in the spirit of last year's Ash Wednesday, members and friends of Stone are invited to attend a brief service of music, prayer, and the imposition of ashes on this year's Ash Wednesday, February 25.

If you're on your way to work, or if you're generally a morning person anyway, come by the sanctuary for a brief service at 6:30 am, and then join other morning worshipers for a cup of coffee or tea at Elva's Coffee Stop.

Of course, if this seems too early, you can attend an evening service at 6:30 pm, and then stay for choir rehearsal.

Either way, the time for Ash Wednesday at Stone Church should be easily etched on your mind ... just remember 6:30. - Ken Henry

ADULT STUDY LOOKS AT MEMORIALS, THE PSALMS

Join us in the Fireside Room at 11 each Sunday after Worship for our always stimulating and varied Adult Study classes.

Contact Pat Magee, Adult Study Coordinator, if you have any questions.

Feb. 1, 8: Plan Your Own Memorial Service, led by Ken Henry

These two classes focus on the practical side of planning memorials and funerals – more specifically, our own. After a lecture and discussion on appropriate hymns, scripture passages, prayers, and some reflection on the Resurrection, participants will be given a planning sheet, which, after completion, could be kept on file at the church, if so desired. We will also spend some time pooling our experiences of graveside ceremonies and working with mortuaries. Although

this topic may appear on the somber side, Ken promises to keep it light and interesting. Such work on our own memorial service can be a great gift to the loved ones we leave behind.

Feb. 15: Dr. Patrick Miller leads a discussion of his morning sermon.

Feb. 22 - March 22: The Psalms as Christian Prayer

As a follow-up to Dr. Miller's lectures, *The Psalms as Christian Prayer*, in this five-week series we will read and study various types of Psalms, including some favorites and some unfamiliar ones. The Psalms create a kind of dialogue between the human creature and the God who made us and redeemed us. They give voice to our cries of woe and our shouts of joy. They are poetry to be read aloud.

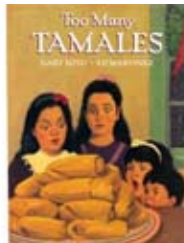
CHURCH LIBRARY HAS SO MANY INTERESTING BOOKS - COME AND BROWSE!

Here are more books, old and new. (We like to consider the old ones *classics*.) They span some of the interests of our church community – from the Holy Land to North America, from Christmas to Jesus' ethics, from fighting the elements to struggling against social systems and psychological problems. We hope they're interesting to you.

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

New books for younger members:

Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto and Ed Martinez (J Sot), given by Rosaleen Zisch



Chains by Frances Mary Hendry (YA Hen) and



The Coldest Winter: Homeless and hungry – fighting for survival by Elizabeth Lutzeier (YA Lut), both from Alison van Diggelen

New to our special sections:

A Serious Way of Wondering: The Ethics of Jesus Imagined by Reynolds Price (Soc Iss 241 Pri)

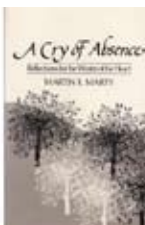
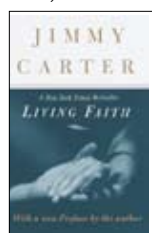


America: What Went Wrong? by Donald Bartlett and James Steele (Soc Iss 338 Bar)



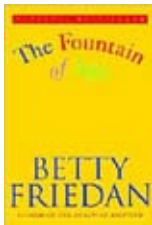
Living Faith by Jimmy Carter (Biog CARTER)

Women Activists: Challenging the Abuse of Power by Anne Witte Garland (BB GARLAND)



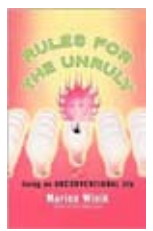
The Fountain of Age by Betty Friedan (Spec Needs A 305.2 Fri)

A Cry of Absence: Reflections for the Winter of the Heart by Martin E. Marty (Spec Needs D 248.4 Mar), given by Betty Moran



Additions to our adult side:

Rules for the Unruly: Living an Unconventional Life by Marion Winik (170.44 Win)



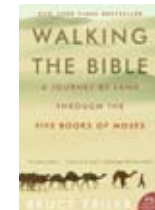
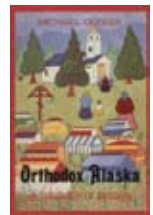
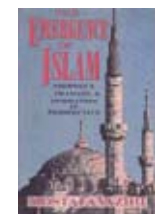
The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan (232.9 Bor) and

Orthodox Alaska: A Theology of Mission by Michael Oleksa (266 Ole), both from Pat and Sally Magee

The Emergence of Islam: Prophecy, Imamate, and Messianism in Perspective by Mostafa Vaziri (297.8 Vaz)

Fragmented Gods: The Poverty and Potential of Religion in Canada by Reginald Bibby (306.6 Bib)

Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the Five Books of Moses by Bruce Feiler (915 Fei)



A FRESH START

by Mary Jo Blazek,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Word of God: it is a life-giving water, which by grace gives the new birth through the Holy Spirit.

This statement was taken from texts of one of the themes for the children's church school lesson this month on the Sacrament of Baptism. The children were able to witness this event, which gave them hands-on experience as well as a deeper connection with the congregation. During our class time, we even had a visit from *John the Baptist*, who told us about the day he baptized Jesus. The children

were excited, especially when the sky opened up and a dove landed on Jesus' shoulder. It is a story of new beginnings, forgiveness and hope.

I am again reminded how lucky I am to be in a congregation that cares and nurtures the very young. This month, I will travel to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators Conference. While there, I hope to connect with other educators to gain spiritual insight, new ideas and supportive relationships.

I want to thank the Session and members of Stone for making this wonderful opportunity available to me. I am glad that each day I have the

ability to experience new beginnings, forgiveness and hope.



"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."
- Jeremiah 29:11

KEN'S STORY: TWO LOVES, TWO CHURCHES

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Growing up, indeed, these were Ken's two loves - the reality of God found on a muddy trail leading to a dizzying overlook or a pounding waterfall, and the God of Jesus Christ located in a community of caring and compassionate people.

So, it should come as no surprise that since Ken was ordained in 1988 as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), many sermons since have been focused on the plight and the aesthetic benefits of wilderness. After all, Ken attends *two churches*.

And although the years have passed swiftly, each Sunday morning, when he steps into the pulpit to deliver a message to his congregation, the now Rev. Ken Henry can still faintly

detect the sound of popping hazelnut shells - harmonizing and joining in a rousing opening hymn sung by saints, both past and present.



Happy New Year! - Ken Henry

CHANCEL CHOIR PLANS VARIETY IN ANTHEMS

by Nancy Wait Kromm,
Director of Music Ministry

The Chancel Choir is working on some wonderful anthems for worship in 2009, among them a setting of *Morning Has Broken* featuring Laraine Pitcher on the flute; several settings of masterworks by Mendelssohn and Haydn, and rousing gospel tunes including *Praise*

His Holy Name. Just before Lent, the choir will launch into full gospel style with *Swingin' with the Saints*, a choral arrangement of several favorite spirituals.

As a special meditative focus this year, our Lenten music will feature varied settings of Psalm 23, *The Lord is my Shepherd*, and other meditative texts. If you would like to join us for these musical activities, please come to rehearsal on Wednesday evenings and enjoy music, learning, and fellowship with us.

YOUNG FAMILY SUMMIT

We need to know: What is your vision of family faith? How do you see Stone Church providing you with spiritual care and growth? How can we nurture and strengthen the faith community at Stone Church and the faith of your family? How do we enhance our vocabulary of faith so we can better communicate to our families and to the broader community?

We invite you to begin addressing some of these questions. Come join Ken and the leaders of Christian Education at Stone Church as we explore faith, community, and the family at our first *Young Family Summit*, on Saturday, February 28, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the Social Hall. Childcare will be provided, and we will conclude our event with a homemade soup and bread meal.

Contact Jonathan Miller if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Beginning in February, Stone Church will sponsor a *Confirmation Class* for youth. The exploring of what it means to be a Christian following the reform tradition of the Presbyterian Church will be studied over a two-month period. The activities include a retreat in April, and the students will have mentors to guide them on this journey.

Signed-up to participate are Jeremy Edwards, Tara Franklin, Madeline Henry, Peter Nelson, Michael Searing, and Katie Stutz. We invite your prayers of support for this wonderful group of faith explorers.

Contact Rosaleen Zisch, *Confirmation Coordinator*, if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2009

You are warmly invited to the annual Stone Church Women's Retreat weekend, March 27-29, in San Juan Bautista. This year, we are honored to have Denise Roy,



celebrated author, psychotherapist and speaker, as our special guest to present *Discovering Our Authentic Selves*.

Come away for a soulful time together as we relax, visit and search for spiritual inspiration. We'll learn to get

in touch with our authentic selves through mindful, compassionate reflection. We'll work in both large group and small circle discussions, as we invite each other to get curious about our self-talk (all those *should's* and *have-to's*) and release our fears and open our minds and hearts to the transformative powers of grace.

You'll have opportunities to hike, read, sing, do scrapbooking and other crafts, practice yoga, meditate and share your talents, although every activity is optional. Make the weekend perfect for you - to reconnect, relax, and rejuvenate.

We'll be at the beautiful and serene St. Francis Retreat Center, a short 40-minute drive from San Jose.

If money is tight, please talk to us about full and partial scholarships.

We both look forward to seeing you there.

Mary-Stone Bowers and
Alison van Diggelen

ZEPHYR EXPERIENCE 2009

The *Zephyr Experience*, an annual week-long intergenerational conference at the Zephyr Point Conference Center on Lake Tahoe, will take place July 5-10 this year.



Hosted in the beautiful Tallac Center with its 59 guest rooms, this event is for families, singles, and couples. Stone Church traditionally has one of the

largest groups at the conference.

Two morning periods (8:45 and 10:30 am) are scheduled for adult classes; afternoons are free; and a short worship service is held in the evening.

Join this stimulating and enriching event, surrounded by the unparalleled splendor of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra. But enroll *now* because attendance is limited. Note that fees have not been raised; they are the same as last year's.

Information and registration forms are available in the church office and at www.zephyrpoint.org.

Adult Classes

Bible

Faith and Despair: Finding Intimacy with God through Complaint - a Survey of the Psalms, Veronica Goines, 1st Period

The Revelation to John, Cornelia Cys Crocker, 2nd Period

Church and Society

Virtues and Issues: A Character-Based Approach to Making Moral Decisions, Lisa Fullam, 1st Period

Interfaith Action: Streams and Stories, Carol Hovis & Chris Highland, 2nd Period

Spirituality

Contemplative Dialogue: Making Room for the Spirit, Finding Creative Common Ground, Sandra Lommason, 1st Period

Writing the Sacred: A Psalm-Inspired Path for Appreciating and Writing Sacred Poetry, Ray McGinnis, 2nd Period

Children's and Youth Programs

Connections: God's Creations (ages 4 - 12), Janice & Mel Goertz, Stone Church

The Life and Times of Jesus (ages 13 - 15), Tom Nolen, Hospital Chaplain, Portland

Spirituality for Generation Y (ages 16+), Jennifer Ludwig, Stone Church.

Older teens attend a 1st period class of their choice, then come together in 2nd period for discussion under Jennifer's leadership.

| Costs (shared room) | Tallac Center | Cabins 32 & 33 |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Adults | \$445 each | \$275 each |
| Youth (10-17) | \$185 each | \$120 each |
| Children (3-9) | \$135 each | \$120 each |

At its regular meeting, January 20 (Inauguration Day), the Session found itself echoing the national experience as it wrestled with the budget, facing the need for cuts. The largest single

SESSION BEAT

reason for the need to cut is an increase in mortgage costs: \$72,000 in 2008 rose to \$108,000 in 2009. The funds from the capital campaign have been largely used by now, so paying off the mortgage must be done in the regular budget. Other increases in church costs are the usual ones in any business: insurance, salaries and social security taxes, for example. There was extensive discussion before a balanced budget was approved for presentation

at the Annual Congregational meeting on January 25.

In other business, the Session voted to recommend to the congregation a 5% raise for the Rev. Ken Henry, to apply to his salary, housing and pension/medical benefits. It also authorized setting up a Health Flexible Spending Account for the pastor for 2009. In an action looking to the future, the Session adopted an Endowment Policy.

The Session learned that the church received a check for \$500 from the Walmart First Tee Unilever Leadership Forum, thanks to Gordon Meacham's involvement with the program. The money will go to a youth program to be decided; Session

members expressed their gratitude to Gordon.

Authorization was given to hang the *Torture is Wrong* banner at times to be decided by the Stone Works committee. Stone Works will also point church members to the web site, www.tortureisamoralissue.org.

The Session gave approval of the relationships with Stone's Parish Associates - Marge Palmer, David McCreath and Dale Bracey - for the coming year, with gratitude for their contributions to the life of the congregation.

The Clerk reported on statistics for 2008; as of December 31 the official membership count for Stone is 351.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session

Lincoln logs! Cherry trees (and pies)! Valentines with hearts! We have much to celebrate during this very short month, so let's get on with it.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

You are all invited to celebrate John Calvin's birthday at our *Scottish Tea* on Sunday, February 15, from 2 to 4 pm in the Social Hall. This is in celebration of the 500th anniversary of his birth. Why *Scottish*? We also remember John Knox, a Scot, who is so important to our church. (It is said he met with Mary, Queen of Scots, whom he impressed, but failed to convert from Roman Catholicism.)



The 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is coming July 11 to 15, in Louisville. Open registration began January 22: the earlier you get yours in, the more likely you will get

the workshops you want. Early registration ends on May 15, after which the fees go up. For forms, see *Horizons* magazine or the official website (www.pcusa.org/pwgathering/). Stone PW and PW in the Presbytery have limited scholarships available. Contact Janice Goertz for Stone, and Claudia Hamm for PWP.

Thanks to all of you, our *Coupons for Schools* program continues to flourish. This month we are asking for Ziploc bags and Campbell's beans labels.

Members from PW Circles and Soul Feast groups were your enthusiastic hostesses during coffee time in January. It is a lovely way to serve and a great opportunity to meet the congregation.

If you have not yet participated in the Apportionment part of PW budget, please be reminded it is now \$10 per year.

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate continue to be sold on the third Sunday of each month.

Here is the February PW Schedule:

Amethyst Circle, 1 pm, Feb. 4, Church Library

Emerald Circle, 9:30 am, Feb. 5, Alice Thorn's home

Sapphire Circle, 7:30 pm, Feb. 9, Dulcie Janzen's home

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Feb. 10, Taiwan Restaurant (call Ida Raby)

Focus Group, 9:30 am, Feb. 17, Liz Shandera's home

Book Group I, 1 pm, Feb. 23, Liz Shandera's home; contact Carolyn Clendenning for book.

Book Group II, 2:30 pm, Feb. 16, Marcia Ludwig's home; *Not a Genuine Black Man* by Brian Copeland

Prayer Shawl Group, 4 pm, Feb. 26, Fireside Room

Bible Study, 9:30 am, Feb. 26, Church Library

Fair Trade Sales, Coffee Time, Feb. 15, Social Hall

Valentine Tea, 2 - 4 pm, Feb. 15, Social Hall - Catherine Amos

NEW SOUL FEAST GROUP

Would you like to join a **Soul Feast** group? A new group will be forming to meet one Monday morning a month (Monday to be decided).

If you are interested, contact Bea Groppuso or Ida Raby.

Stone's Men's Ministry includes exciting and team-building mission worktrips, a very interesting book group, and even flying trips with their own private pilots! For more detail about any of these events, contact Parish Associate David McCreath.

Men's Book Group

The Men's Book Group will meet on February 16, at 7:30 pm. Bob James is the host. The book for discussion is *Basket Case*, by Carl Hiaasen. All men are invited to attend.

Men's Mission Team

The Men's Mission Team is holding their annual fund-raising dinner on Saturday, February 7 - please see page 8 for details.

STONE WORKS: COOL CAMPAIGN, EL SALVADOR DELEGATES

Stone Works continues their *good works* both locally and globally.

Cool Campaign Comes to Stone

Now that we're a *Green Business*, what actions can Stone families take to further reduce our congregational impact on the environment?

To find out in an easy and fun way, Stone Works has partnered with **Acterra**, a local environmental non-profit. They will provide excellent content and follow-up materials for members and friends of Stone through our website. There will also be real-world activities for all ages and special ways for families to connect with the earth.

Beginning with a launch on February 8, and continuing through July, there will be a monthly theme and 5-6 challenges from which to choose. Each month, an email note will provide a link for you to explore with your household. At the end of the month, you'll take a one-minute survey. We will try new ways of walking more lightly on the earth, sharing ideas with each other and reporting back how we're doing.



If you want to be *greener*, but don't know where to start, join this grassroots effort. If you've already cut your energy use, sign up too. This is a great way to encourage others to try the things you're doing, and you may find even more easy ways to save energy and money.

Stop by the *Cool Campaign* table in the Social Hall after worship February 8 and 15 to make a commitment and get your family souvenir. - Rhonda Lakatos

Chris and Katy to El Salvador

Chris Nilsen and Katy Kondo leave for El Salvador on February 7 as part of the South Bay Sanctuary's nine-day delegation. They look forward to being in San Salvador (the capital) for five days before national presidential elections, meeting with diverse groups and learning about ministries with youth gangs. Then, they will spend time in the farming country, staying in the homes of South Bay Sanctuary's partner community.

Invite them to report to you when they return. - Dale Bracey



CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT FOOTHILL COLLEGE

Foothill College has many wonderful events during *Black History Month*. Here are just two examples:

Saturday, Feb. 28, 7 pm, Make a Joyful Noise Gospel Concert, Campus Center Dining Room (#2201), Free Admission

Celebrate with the Foothill College Gospel Choir as you journey through gospel music from its history of Negro spirituals to contemporary melodies. Witness spiritually uplifting performances by Bay Area gospel choirs and much more. A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Campus Center Dining Room.

Quilts of African American History!, throughout February, Mondays through Thursdays from 8 am to 9 pm; Fridays from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Campus Center, Free Admission

The exhibit features Roberta McClinton's handmade masterpieces, which weave the history of African Americans in each strand.

For additional event, driving and parking information, access www.foothill.edu.

Thanks to Michele Chandler for bringing these events to our attention.

"THE PSALMS AS CHRISTIAN PRAYER" HENRIETTA PERDUE LECTURES WITH DR. MILLER

Dr. Patrick Miller, professor emeritus of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, will present the Henrietta Perdue Memorial Lectures, February 13 and 14. His topic is *The Psalms as Christian Prayer*. Dr. Miller will also preach and assist in the baptism of his grandson, Isaac Miller, on Sunday, February 15.

First lecture, Friday evening, Feb. 13: *My God, My God Why Have You Forsaken Me?* - The Lament Psalms and the Cry to God.

Second lecture, Saturday morning, Feb. 14: *Do Not Be Afraid.* - The Gospel and God's Response.

Third lecture, Saturday morning, Feb. 14: *In the Midst of the Congregation I Will Praise You.* - Doxology, Trust, and Obedience.

Cost is \$20 for the Friday night lecture, \$20 for the Saturday lectures, or \$30 for the entire program. You can purchase tickets after worship on Feb. 1 and 8, at

the church office, or at the door on the evening of Feb. 13.

Patrick Miller was Professor of Old Testament Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary from 1984 until 2005. He was Editor of *Theology Today* from 1990 until 2005 and served as Book Editor and Associate Editor of the journal *Interpretation*. He is Old Testament Editor of the commentary series *Interpretation*, Co-editor with David Bartlett of the *Westminster Bible Companion*, and General Editor of the *Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries*.

In 1998, Dr. Miller served as President of the Society of Biblical Literature, having previously been the Society's Secretary-Treasurer.

Among his publications are *Sin and Judgment in the Prophets*, *Interpreting the Psalms*, *They Cried to the Lord: The Form and Theology of Biblical Prayer*, *The Religion of Ancient Israel*, and *The Way of the Lord: Essays in Old Testament Theology*.
- Pat Magee

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS PLANS WORKDAY 2/21

The Buildings & Grounds Committee has almost completed the renovation of Room 1. New storage cupboards for PW and church archives are roomy and beautiful. A new permanent wall has replaced the sliding door. Storage units to be used by other committees have been placed along the new wall, and a wonderful workspace has been created on top of the storage units. All unusable wall boards, hooks, etc., have been removed from the walls, and all unrelated materials and furniture have been stored elsewhere.

We are now ready to *spruce* up the decor to match our new cabinetry - we would like to clean, spackle and paint this room.

To accomplish these tasks, a workday will be held February 21, from 9 am - 3 pm. A light lunch will be served. You can sign up at coffee time on Feb. 1, 8, and 15.

We hope you will join us as we endeavor to make our downstairs functional for church and community group use.

- Judi Kaiser, chair

HEALTH MINISTRY PLANS 2009 PROJECTS

The Health Ministry Committee has begun working on new projects for 2009.

Emergency Workshop

We will be sponsoring an *Emergency Preparedness Workshop* presented by the San Jose Office of Emergency Services. During the two-hour presentation, we will learn about ways to reduce the risks of loss and injury; how to create a family disaster plan; what we should include in our personal and family disaster supplies; and opportunities to become more involved and disaster prepared. This program will be offered during the spring.

Stone Church Cookbook

Health Ministry is also planning a new *Stone Church Cookbook* with scrumptiously healthful recipes from all the great chefs in our congregation. Yes, we will be soliciting your favorite family recipes!

Second Health Fair in October

We have also decided to hold a second Health Fair in October with emphasis on topics different from the first health fair. We would be interested in hearing about topics you would like us to cover.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is currently serving the Stone Church congregation. Trained Stephen Ministers are meeting with care receivers, and training for new Stephen Ministers began at the end of January. We are also beginning supervision/continuing education sessions for current Stephen Ministers.

Stephen Ministers are usually available after church for those who need to talk or who want to request a Stephen Minister. We can be identified by our Stephen Minister name tags.

- Carrie Giorgianni, chair

NEW MEMBER CLASSES STARTING SOON

New Member Classes will be held at Stone Church on February 22, March 1, and March 8.

Want to brush up on your Stone Church trivia? Want to tap into your knowledge of Presbyterian polity? Want to join a thriving, progressive community of faith in Willow Glen?

If you have been attending Stone Church for several years, or feel this time you are ready to become an active member, please consider

attending any or all of these classes.

Each class will be held on Sunday morning at 11 am in the Vanderploeg Library in the Lincoln House. By attending these classes, there is no pressure to become a member, but rather an opportunity to explore what you believe about God, as well as to get to know our pastor on a more personal level. All are welcome.

Please contact the church office (269-1593) for more information.

NANCY WAIT KROMM TO PERFORM

*You are invited to a free concert at Santa Clara University:
Nancy Wait Kromm sings Irish, Scottish, English and Welsh Songs*

Inspired by her tour with the Stone Church choir, Nancy will present a recital of songs from Ireland and Scotland, along with some British songs and settings of Irish, Scottish, and Welsh folksongs by Beethoven.

Joining Nancy will be harpist Karen Thielen, violinist Claudia Bloom, cellist Peter Gelfand, and pianists Melissa Lin and Dan Cromenes, as well as some guest students. Slides of the tour will accompany the performance.

At the end of the recital, Nancy will lead a sing-along of favorite tunes from Ireland. Hope you can be there!

When: Friday, February 13, 2009

Where: SCU Recital Hall, corner of Franklin and Lafayette Streets in Santa Clara

Parking: Street and adjacent lots

Time: 8 pm

Why: Nancy's Annual Faculty Recital at SCU

Admission: Free of charge



The Middle School Retreat had beautiful weather, hula hoops, and yo-yo's!



DON'T MISS EITHER OF THE FABULOUS DINNERS AT STONE CHURCH THIS MONTH!

MEN'S MISSION TEAM FUND-RAISING DINNER

The Men's Mission Team cordially invites you to our Annual Fund-Raising Dinner, on Saturday, Feb. 7, starting at 5 pm, with dinner served at 5:30 pm.

This year, we are offering a delicious Italian meal, featuring crab, premium Badalamente sausage, pasta, garlic bread, and dessert. Our infamous no-host wine bar will again provide reasonably priced wines.

At 7 pm, we will raffle off a variety of items for young and old, culminating in the raffle of two grand prizes: an electric sawzall and an airplane tour of the Bay Area by retired Navy pilot Bill Ribble.

The proceeds from the dinner support the Men's Mission Team's ministry of construction projects at many sites, including Westminster Woods, Zephyr Point Conference Center, and Habitat for

Humanity. Additionally, some of the funds will be donated to the church to improve the audio quality in the Sanctuary, and 10% will be donated to the church for the purpose of paying down the capital loan.

This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to Stone Church!

Dinner Costs:

\$25 per adult

\$13 ages 13 - 17

\$2 ages 8 - 12

Free for under 8

10% discount to families with two or more children

Raffle Ticket Costs:

Raffle tickets - \$1 each

General prizes - 1 raffle ticket

Grand prizes - 3 raffle tickets

Pre-Event Raffle Ticket Costs:

7 for \$5 / 15 for \$10 / 32 for \$20

Event-Day Raffle Ticket Costs:

6 for \$5 / 13 for \$10

Contact Leland Wong or John Lococo for more information.

VALENTINE'S DAY BISTRO FEATURING SANTA CLARA SWING

Stone Church has enjoyed a rich history of Valentine's Day events. This year, M&E is pleased to present the first annual **Valentine's Day Bistro!**

This unique concept will feature Stone Church's professional chefs, Debbie & Walter Roach and Mary Johnson, providing a restaurant-like setting in our own *transformed* Social Hall! You'll have several *menu items* to choose from, wonderful appetizers and side dishes, a glass of excellent wine, and a dessert cart of pastries handmade by pastry chef extraordinaire, Debbie Roach.

Santa Clara Swing, a high school traditional jazz and swing band, which includes Jenny Kromm, will bring live music to the dinner. The band will play both traditional Dixieland band music, as well as big band swing favorites, and is sure to brighten the evening with their energetic show.

We encourage all adults ~ couples and singles alike ~ to come and join in the fun!

Seating will start at 6 pm, Valentine's Day, February 14. Cost will be \$30 per person and is preferably paid at reservation time. (You may also purchase additional wine after your first glass.) Sign-ups will take place in the Social Hall during coffee time, or contact Emily Meacham.

And don't forget the **Pasta Dinner, March 13!**



You are cordially
invited to the
Deacon's Winter Tea,
from 2 to 4 pm,
February 8,
Stone Church Social Hall



The children had lots of fun, including making beautiful gingerbread houses, at the Deacon's Parents Day Out.

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