

# THE STONE NEWS

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*At the summit of the South Sister*

## HIGHLIGHTS

by Ken Henry

Alas, summer days have passed too swiftly, and fall is upon us. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer: getting outside, visiting family, taking in the sights and sounds of creation, traveling abroad.

My summer highlight was walking up the South Sister in central Oregon with my daughters, Katie and Madeline.

In a way, I sense that our lives are full of such “highlights.” We remember events, trips, and people we met along the way. We remember those who were with us when we set out with high expectations and the relief we felt when we returned home to sleep in our own beds.

When we tell others about the “highlights” of our trip, we might recall a humorous mishap or unexpected change of plans and how we had to adjust to circumstances beyond our control. And now that we’ve returned, safe and sound, we can laugh about it, but in the heat of the moment, we were less certain of the outcome.

“What were the highlights of your vacation?” someone asks us, and armed with digital photographs and stories, we’ll oblige him or her by attempting to recreate what happened. But let me ask another daring question: What were our spiritual “highlights” over the last few months? At what part of our journey did we especially sense God’s presence in our midst?

Of course, even if we all went on the same trip, ate the same food, and saw the same sites, our answers would vary. Indeed, a few of us might answer this question by recalling the sensation we felt at the airy summit of a mountain top, while others might talk about a worship experience or a conversation with an old friend – a friend who said just the right words to nurture our hearts.

Upon returning home from vacation, I spent some meaningful time with Karen and Tom Scott. Tom was a long-standing and joyful member of Stone Church and, after a long-term illness, came to the end of his life on August 11.

In his last days, as family and friends gathered around his bed-

side, we prayed, lit a candle, told Tom how much we loved him, and read scripture.

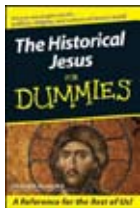
Sitting at his bedside, I read out loud, “I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper ...” (from Psalm 121) It was a sad moment, but also a time to say goodbye. It was a spiritual highlight that I will not forget.

This fall, through the many activities offered at Stone Church, my prayer and hope is that our spirits will be nurtured. It may happen while attending an Old Testament class, hearing a lecture, working with children, worshipping on Sunday morning, or fulfilling the duties of an elder or deacon. It may happen as we seek to serve God in mission or in making music. Let us become aware of God’s presence in our lives and, ultimately, come away from these experiences with “spiritual highlights” to share with one another and to remember.

## ADULT STUDY: HISTORICAL JESUS, OLD TESTAMENT

Fall Adult Study begins Sunday, September 13, at 11:15 am, with two exciting, new classes: *The Historical Jesus* and *Exploring the Old Testament*.

Professor Catherine Murphy of Santa Clara University has written a delightful, easy-to-read book, *The Historical Jesus for Dummies*, a new entry in the *for Dummies* series. We are fortunate to have Ms. Murphy as our speaker for the first class. This five-week class will meet in Room 1 (downstairs).



*Exploring the Old Testament: Part I* will be led by Ken Henry, Barbara Bracey, and our three Parish Associates: Dale Bracey, David McCreath, and Marge Palmer. This 13-week class will meet in the Fireside Room. The resource guide costs \$15 and may be shared by a couple. (At press time, the class limit of 40 participants had been reached, but there is a waiting list.)

- Pat Magee, Adult Ed Coordinator

## WRITER & PREACHER BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR TO BE HENRIETTA PERDUE MEMORIAL LECTURER

The acclaimed writer and preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor, will be Henrietta Perdue Memorial Lecturer on October 23 and 24, speaking on *The Balancing Act: Holy Rest, Good Work, Godly Play*.



According to economist Gordon Dahl, "Most middle class Americans tend to worship their work, work at their play, and play at their worship." If you are one of those Americans, then you know something about the cost of scrambling these three vital ingredients of a balanced life. While the dominant culture is not much help sorting them out, the wisdom traditions of Judaism and Christianity offer practical help. Join Barbara Brown Taylor as she explores the divine mysteries of vocation, Sabbath, and play.

In her critically acclaimed 2007 memoir *Leaving Church*, Taylor wrote about leaving parish ministry to become a teacher, a decision that re-

ranged everything from her wardrobe to her faith. In her stunning follow-up, *An Altar in the World* (from which her lectures are derived), she revealed how she learned to encounter the God who does not live in church. Describing spiritual practices as basic as walking, carrying water, being with other people, and saying blessings, she called conventional distinctions between the sacred and the secular into question.

Barbara Brown Taylor was named one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University in 1996. She became a professor of religion at Piedmont College in 1998 and also teaches spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary. Taylor has traveled the world in pursuit of sacred wisdom, finding most of what she needs in her backyard. She lives on a working farm in rural north Georgia with her husband, Ed.

Tickets are \$20 for Friday evening, \$20 for Saturday morning, or \$30 for the complete program.

- Pat Magee

## STONE CHURCH LIBRARY ADDS GREAT BOOKS FOR EVERY AGE AND INTEREST

We keep adding fascinating books to the library. See what interests you on the book cart in the Social Hall and in the two rooms in Lincoln House.

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

### Recent additions for younger members:

*Sign Language Fun* by Linda Bove (J 419 Bov)

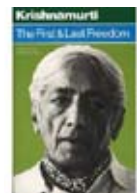
*Dawn to Dusk in the Galapagos* by Rita Golden Gelman (J 591 Gel)

*The Everything Kids' Soccer Book* by Deborah Crisfield (J 762 Cri)

*The Vengeance of the Witch-Finder* and *The Ghost in the Mirror*, both by John Bellairs (YA Bel)

### New on our adult side:

*You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation* by Deborah Tannen (153.6 Tan)



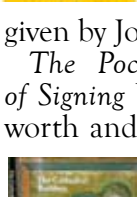
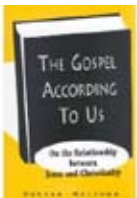
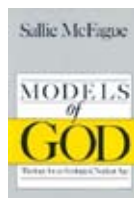
*The First & Last Freedom* by J. Krishnamurti (170.2 Kri)

*Models of God: Theology for an Ecological, Nuclear Age* by Sallie McFague (231.7 McF), given by Rebecca Kuiken

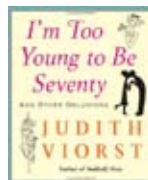
*The Gospel According to Us: On the Relationship between Jesus and Christianity* by Duncan Holcomb, given by John Leih

*The Pocket Dictionary of Signing* by Rod Butterworth and Mickey Flodin (419 But)

*The Cathedral Builders* by Jean Gimpel (726 Gim)



*I'm Too Young to Be Seventy and Other Delusions* by Judith Viorst (811 Vio)



*Holy Clues: The Gospel According to Sherlock Holmes* by Stephen Kendrick (823.8 Ken), rec. by Frederick Buechner

*Image and Spirit in Sacred and Secular Art* by Jane Dillenberger (701 Dil), rec. by Paul Tillich

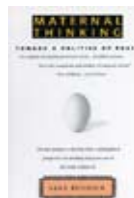
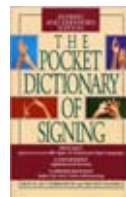
### In our special sections:

*Addiction & Grace* by Gerald May, M.D. (Spec. Needs 261.8 May)

*Intensive Care: Facing the Critical Choices* by Thomas Raffin et al (Spec. Needs 174 Raf)

*Guiding Your Child through Grief* by Mary Ann & James Emswiler (Spec. Needs-D 155.9 Ems), given by Rebecca Kuiken

*Maternal Thinking: Toward a Politics of Peace* by Sara Ruddick (Soc. Iss.-Peace 320 Rud)





## AS WE MOVE FROM SUMMER TO FALL ...

by Mary Jo Blazek,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

This summer, children at Stone Church have been enjoying a video series called *Adventures from the Book of Virtues*. Each week, they watched a video addressing some very important and valued virtues, such as friendship, faith, humility and more. Then, the children were given an opportunity to talk and express their feelings through artful drawings.

Many thanks go to Rosaleen Zisch who organized the activities, along

with all the adult angels who facilitated the lessons each week.

Fall Church School will begin September 13. Children will continue to attend service with their families and then leave for class after the children's sermon.

If you hear a calling to help the children of Stone Church find their spiritual path, contact Mary Jo at the church office to see how you can help. It takes a village!

There is a new book cart dedicated to children's books. Currently, it is available to the children during Church School, in the Fireside Room. Children can check out books to borrow or just to browse during coffee fellowship. Make sure you take a look.



## PLANNED GIVING MADE EASY: A SPECIAL GUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

- I Peter 4:10

You are invited to consider how you can make a difference in Stone Church's vision and mission as it is carried out now, and in succeeding generations.

Planned Giving includes wills and bequests; however, there are many other ways to accomplish your goals and promote your values here at Stone Church.

The Rev. Skip Herbert of the Presbyterian Foundation will join members of Stone Church on September 20 to explain ways young families, mature individuals, and retired folks can include Planned Giving in their lives.

This event will be held in the Fireside Room from 11 am to noon. Child care will be provided. As the only Adult Study class on this date, we invite you to make this a special event in your life.

-Planned Giving & Endowment Committee



## CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOW, MORE THAN EVER

Consecration Sunday is when we, individually and as a congregation, re-affirm our commitment to the mission of Stone Church for the coming year with our pledges of support.

This year, on October 18, the theme for Consecration Sunday is "Now, more than ever." In this year of recession and financial hardship for so many, our gifts are needed *more than ever* by our church family, our community, and our many

missions throughout the world. And now, more than ever, we also need to give to nurture our own spiritual health, to counter the materialism that seems to permeate our culture, and to experience the pure joy of selfless and regular giving to others.

Watch for more details throughout September and October as we approach this important milestone in the life of Stone Church!

- Stewardship Committee

## A GIFT TO STONE CHURCH FROM ALICE BAILEY

The number of people worshipping at Stone Church has increased significantly over the past two years, and the Worship Committee realized more hymnbooks were needed in the sanctuary.

Alice Bailey heard this "call." Alice and her husband Mayo had always enjoyed singing in local chorale groups and with our choir,

so she responded by donating twenty new hymnbooks in Mayo's loving memory. There is a bookplate inside each one describing this gift.

On August 30, look in the pews to see if you can find one of Alice's new hymnbooks - you can even thank her in person!

-Planned Giving & Endowment Committee

# STONE CHURCH ASKED TO HELP TONY MUIRURI BRING HIS FAMILY TO US

*There would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.  
- My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Tony Muiruri, a refugee from Kenya, has been worshiping here at Stone Church for about three years. He is a Presbyterian, and although he has a busy schedule working at Fry's, he comes to church when he can. Now Tony's wife Margaret, college-educated daughter and two teenage sons will receive their visas this fall to come to the United States. The StoneWorks Committee and the Session of Stone Church are asking the congregation if we are willing to help this family - both spiritually and materially - as they embark on this journey.



*Tony's Family*

Not surprisingly, refugee families arrive here with many needs. The primary goal of a sponsoring group is to help a refugee family get off to a good start to become self-sufficient as soon as possible. Partnering with Catholic Charities and our Refugee Advocates for the Presbytery, the most important task for the Stone Church congrega-

tion would be to provide a sense of community and hospitality. More specifically, we would be asked (1) to help the family find housing; (2) to provide furniture and basic household goods; (3) to collect clothing and food; (4) to help register the two teenagers for school; (5) to help the adults find jobs; (6) to assist monetarily with rent; and (7) to help with many other tasks they will find challenging. Although an estimate to help settle a refugee family here is roughly \$9000, our Presbytery is offering a \$4000 grant to assist us with this process.

You will be receiving a letter, if you have not already, with a form to complete to indicate your willingness to help Tony and his family. If you did not get the letter, please contact Maureen Ryan or the church office.

## STONEWORKS LEADS US IN MISSION HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The StoneWorks Committee continues to provide opportunities for mission.

### Peacemaking Offering, October 4, World Communion Sunday

*Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God. - Matthew 5:9*

Peace is the wholeness and well-being that God wills for all creation; but as we look around our world, our state, and our city, we are very aware of strife.



As individuals, we can promote peace: Praying for our enemies is peacemaking, difficult peacemaking. Reaching out to our neighbors, especially those we are not overly fond of, is peacemaking. Renewing our commitment to live as Christians is peacemaking.

Making a contribution to the Peacemaking Offering is peacemaking, too. Fifty-percent of what we contribute is used by General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods. The remaining twenty-five percent we keep at Stone to promote peace in our own area, where we have no lack of opportunity to use it well.

In recent years, Stone's portion of the offering has been used to support our students on El Salvador mission

delegations and to fund a tattoo-removal program for former gang members.

Let us be encouraged to contribute for peace!  
*- Jerry Keifer*

### Environmental Education Oct. 17: Wonders of our Water Works Tour

Haven't you always wondered where water from your sinks, showers and toilets goes before it flows in the bay?

We've reserved 45 spots for a group tour of the San Jose/Santa Clara County Water Pollution Control Plant on Saturday, Oct. 17, 8:45-11 am. The tour is a fascinating look at the largest advanced wastewater treatment facility on the west coast and a critical part of our region's environmental infrastructure. Afterward, we'll visit the nearby Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge, the nation's largest urban wildlife refuge.



*The tour is appropriate for children 10 and up. Sign-up during Coffee Fellowship.*

### Keep Recyclables, Donations Coming

Fred Groppuso received \$58 for recyclables from July 7 to August 14. He hopes you'll keep bringing your recyclables so he can "cash them in." Please also keep bringing clothing, toiletries, etc., and food on Communion Sundays.

**DONATION STATION**

### Help Shape San Jose's Future!

The City of San Jose is creating a blueprint for the city's



future growth and development, *Envision San Jose 2040*, and would like your input on a survey.

Stone member Kim Walesh helped set-up this easy-to-use website:

- 1) Go to [www.wikiplanning.org](http://www.wikiplanning.org)
- 2) Enter your email address
- 3) Use the password 2040

Those completing the survey by October 30 are eligible to win tickets from San Jose's arts, entertainment, and cultural organizations! The goal is to have more than 10,000 participants, diverse in age and background.

Kim would especially like to ask Stone's teens and young adults to complete it. *For questions, contact Kim.*

### Center for Training & Careers (CTC)

The San Jose Center for Training and Careers (CTC) Day Worker Center (partially funded by the City of San Jose) has skilled workers for all household tasks: painting, window repair, fences/gates, lawn maintenance and house & pool cleaning. The worker and you receive many benefits when you use their services.

*For questions, or to hire someone, contact Mary Mendez, Program Manager.*



Happy New Year! What? It's the wrong month? Well, it is the new program year for us, and we trust it will be a happy one. We may miss the vibrant fall foliage colors of the eastern mountains, but we can rejoice in our own end-of-summer happenings.

Dorothy Stevens is again leading our campaign for product labels/coupons to support local school programs. She announces that General Mills has double coupons on specially marked boxes: please look for them. The other good news is that Lucky Supermarkets will again sponsor the



redeeming of receipts for schools. The participating schools (in our case, K. R. Smith and Christopher) will obtain the necessary cards in order for us to qualify.

We again thank all of you who so faithfully save these labels and coupons: our schools are most grateful for the extras they can offer.

The Fair Trade Sales committee has announced that they are out of very dark chocolate bars and decaf tea. For the months of October, November and December, sales will be held on the second Sundays. Orders for Christmas gift baskets will be taken starting September 20.

An introduction to this year's Horizon's Bible Study will be held September 12 at 9:30 am at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. Registration, which includes lunch, is due by September 2. It is suggested that interested women form carpools for this event. For more information, contact Claudia Hamm.

**PW Schedule for September**  
**Amethyst Circle**, 1 pm, Sept. 2, Church Library  
**Emerald Circle**, 9:30 am, Sept. 3, call Rhonda Lakatos for place  
**Lunch Bunch**, 11:30 am, Sept. 8, Taiwan Restaurant  
**Coordinating Team**, 9:30 am, Sept. 10, Social Hall  
**Sapphire Circle**, 7:30 pm, Sept. 14, call Joyce Summers for place  
**Focus Group**, 9:30 am, Sept. 17, Liz Shandera's home  
**Fair Trade Sales**, 10:30 am, Sept. 20, Social Hall  
**Book Group II**, 2:30 pm, Sept. 21, Betty Spicher's, reading *Big Alma* by Bernice Scharlach  
**Bible Study with Rev. Marge Palmer**, 9:30 am, Sept. 24, Library  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 4 pm, Sept. 24, Fireside Room  
**Book Group I**, 1 pm, Sept. 28, Liz Shandera's, reading *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga  
 - Catherine Amos

## ACTIVITIES OF THE MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry of Stone Church includes a mission work team, a book group, and a flying group.

For more information about any of these groups, contact Parish Associate David McCreath.

### Remembering Tom Scott

The Men's Ministry would like to acknowledge the passing of Tom Scott.

He was a faithful, hardworking member of our team, and we will miss him.

### Worktrip to Zephyr Point

The Men's Mission Team will be making a worktrip to Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, September 11-15. (A few are returning on the 14th, if you can't make the whole trip.)

All men are welcome. Contact Leland Wong to sign-up.

### Men's Book Group

The Men's Book Group will meet on September 21, beginning at 7:30 pm.

The book for discussion will be *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why* by Bart D. Ehrman.

Bill Lakatos will be the host. All men of the congregation are welcome.

### Fall Used Book Sale

It is time to exchange the books you've read over the summer with others for the Fall and Winter!

The *Fall Used Book Sale*, sponsored by Men's Ministry, will be held on Sunday, October 11, following morning worship.

Books can be dropped off anytime before October 10 in the large box in the Social Hall.

- David McCreath



## ENJOY A VERY SCENIC HIKE FOR A VERY GOOD CAUSE!

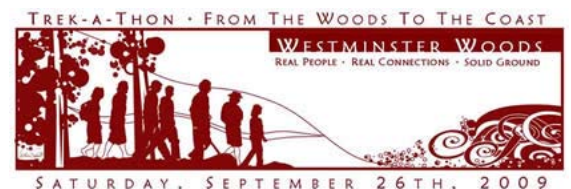


"The hike was beautiful beyond description!"

Leland Wong and Emily Meacham are organizing a Stone Church group to participate in the *Westminster Woods Trek-a-Thon*, a fundraiser for the camp, on Saturday, September 26.

Please contact Leland or Emily if you are interested in participating in this very fun and worthwhile event.

And for more information, check out their website: [www.westminsterwoods.org/Trek-a-Thon.php](http://www.westminsterwoods.org/Trek-a-Thon.php)



## HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATES

The Health Ministry Committee continues to find ways to help you with all of your health concerns.

### Health Ministry Flu Update, Sunday, September 13

During the Worship service, Mary Johnson, Parish Nurse, will give an update on the H1N1 virus and on flu vaccines for this season. We will also have sign-ups for flu shots during coffee fellowship.

### Health Ministry Fair, Saturday, October 3

This year at the Health Ministry Fair, there will be doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and more.

We will repeat the Balance Assessment Clinic, too. More details will follow in Sunday bulletins.

### Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, October 10

The Health Ministry Committee, together with the American Red Cross, will hold a blood drive on Oct. 10. You will be able to sign-up online for appointments from 10 am to 2 pm to donate blood.

- Carrie Giorgianni

## STONE'S NEXT ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM COME AND HELP, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR SKILL LEVEL!

Stone Church members and friends are invited to take a little time from their busy schedules to participate in our next All-Church Workday, on Saturday, September 12, from 9 am to 3 pm.

You don't have to be an experienced carpenter, plumber or electrician to volunteer. But if you do have those skills - wonderful! - we can really use you.

However, if you're like many other Stone folks, you can help with simpler things: wax pews, move furniture, do "spot" painting, dust, re-arrange Church School rooms, and generally "spruce up" the downstairs.

This workday has been designated as a clean-up day for downstairs rooms 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, as we get ready to begin a busy fall schedule in Church School and Adult Study.

Sounds like home doesn't it? - always something to take care

of. The only difference is: it's the Lord's house, and it needs your care and attention, too.



*Working hard at a previous church workday*

It's been my privilege to be on the Buildings & Grounds Committee for 20 of my 31 years as a Presbyterian. Although I'm not a professional in the maintenance or construction trades, I feel useful in many ways while doing small, but important

jobs around the church facility.

Stone's workday volunteers get an early morning coffee pick-up (with goodies), a wonderful lunch prepared by other volunteers, lots of fellowship and fun, and an opportunity to get to know others at Stone Church better.

You can sign-up during coffee fellowship on 8/30 and 9/6.

We can really use you - please take this opportunity to stretch your stewardship by giving your time, food, and talents.

- Judi Kaiser

## SESSION LOOKS AT PLANNING, FACILITIES, MISSION; ELECTS COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Session on August 18 began with a number of organizational items: changing the date of a Session Retreat; electing Presbytery Commissioners (Kate Wheatley and Alice Thorn will attend Presbytery meetings in the coming year); and noting an Elder/Deacon dinner to be held at the home of Walter and Debbie Roach on Tuesday, September 22.

The Session also agreed to a calendar of committee responsibilities for coffee fellowship and to work on coordinating the scheduling of events throughout the year. Finally, Session chairs agreed to meet to work on recruiting new members to committees.

The Session revisited the question of how to configure seating in our sanctuary choir loft to accommodate a larger choir. The current seating needs to address safety concerns. A task force will meet to determine short term and long term answers.

Don Skipwith proposed a possible mission trip to the Appalachia region of Kentucky, under a PCUSA program. After extensive discussion, the Session agreed to get answers to a number of questions raised, in order to make a decision at its September meeting.

The Patio Sale held in July garnered a total of \$8535.13. The Session had authorized that proceeds be divided

as follows: 10% to CE/Middle School youth; 30% to Worship/Taize; 30% to Worship/Choir; and 30% to Buildings and Grounds. That works out to \$853.51 to CE and \$2,560.54 to each of the other groups.

Stone's facilities get a lot of use through the year. Growth in membership is causing a *bursting at the seams*. Case in point: forty people signed up for Sunday morning's Old Testament class, with more on a waiting list. Finding a room big enough to be configured as desired by class leaders has been difficult; the Fireside Room was finally chosen as the best option.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session



## STONE CHURCH MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS SUMMER!

Jeanette Rapp and Lyn Johnson (top right) recently attended the *Antiques Roadshow* event at the San Jose Convention Center.

They ran into Betty and Don D'Angelo (middle right) and Joyce and Bob Rhodes (bottom right). They also saw Karen Scott and former member Linda Appleton (not pictured).

Jeanette said, "I fall into the major category that I read about in the

*Mercury News* on Sunday: most people brought things of \$100 or less value! How deflating!

But I still love my mother's bronze bookends (undoubtedly filled with plaster of Paris) and the 10 volumes of *The Bible Told with 1000 Pictures* (copyright 1909).

Regarding the last item, Jeanette said she was pointedly told, "After all, the Bible has been printed since the 1400s!"



The members of a small group from the Women's Retreat in March 2009 (Alice Bailey, Caryl Westerberg, Jan Keifer, Laraine Pitcher and Carolyn Yates, pictured above) recently had lunch together to share happenings in their lives, to offer support to one another, and to just keep in touch.

They're all looking forward to the next Women's Retreat in 2010, which will be held March 19 through 21, at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in beautiful San Juan Bautista.

Jan reminds all of the ladies, "It isn't too early to mark your calendar for next year!"



Stone Church choir members Don and Betty D'Angelo and Dan and Jean Raby, along with 156 other singers, attended the 20th annual Summer Sing at Zephyr Point Pres. Conference Center, July 30 - Aug. 2.

With the theme, *Sing to the Lord a New Song*, Dan said, "This was truly a spiritual renewal, as it has been for the past ten years."

Next year, a tour of England with a chance to sing in several cathedrals is being planned. Singers and non-singers will be welcome on the tour.

On a side note, Jean attended the *Handbell Conference* also at Zephyr Point, prior to the Sing.

Contact Jean or Dan to learn more about Summer Sing 2010 and the planned European tour.



## STONE CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT COMING IN OCTOBER, AT THE VILLAGES

It's that time of the year again, and the course at The Villages Golf and Country Club is looking great.

The date for this year's annual Stone Church Golf Tournament is Saturday, October 10, with tee times beginning at 1 pm.

Everyone, which means all levels, is welcome to play. We use a *scramble* format where each member of a foursome hits a shot, then the foursome picks the best of the four shots to play from (detailed rules are provided).

There are prizes for several categories of golfers, but the big prizes, donated by our Willow Glen merchants, will be won in the Golf Raffle, open to all, golfers or not.

The proceeds will help fund our church youth and adult mission projects.



Mike Donald and Ed Tablak at last year's tournament

After the tournament, you are invited to stay for a wonderful group dinner (no-host) in the club dining room.

You can invite your family and friends to meet you - non-golfers are more than welcome.

The cost of this event is \$80 for those over 19 and \$75 for 19 and under. This covers a greens fee, powered cart, prize fund and snacks (but does not include dinner).

Look for "Mike Donald and friends" to sign-up and buy raffle tickets during coffee fellowship in September

For questions, contact Mike or Maureen Ryan.

## FUTURE EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED!

All of your church committees are working hard to prepare a wonderful church year! Here are just a few of the upcoming events, reaching out into 2010.

### November 26 - Family Thanksgiving Dinner, Social Hall, all day (dinner - 2 pm)

Once again, the Roach and Smith families will host a huge family Thanksgiving extravaganza. Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact Emily Meacham.



### January 29-31 - Stone Church Family Snow Trip, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe

The annual snow trip will be here before you know it.

For more information contact Ellen Springer.



### March 19-21 - Women's Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista

Every year, Stone Church women and friends gather in this beautiful setting for fellowship and renewal.

For more information, contact Colleen Blackburn.



*A beautiful moment at Lake Tahoe  
from Dan Raby*

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