

THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

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By the shore of Lake Vasona, actor Steve Nelson provides a local "cinematic portrayal of Christ."

Holy Week Services at Stone Church:

*Palm Sunday
Worship Service
9:30 am, March 28*

*Maundy Thursday
Worship Service
with Communion
7 pm, April 1*

*Good Friday
[Sanctuary open for
quiet meditation]
11 am - 4 pm, April 2*

*Easter Sunday
Worship Services
April 4:
6:30 am Sunrise Service
with Communion
9:30 am Worship Service*

*Please note that, during
Holy Week, Communion
will be offered only at
the Maundy Thursday &
Easter Sunrise Services.*

HOLY WEEK, EASTER CELEBRATIONS, AND JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR!

by Ken Henry

Lights! Camera! Action! Jesus?

And thus, we begin the month of April with a flair for the dramatic! On April 1, at 7 pm, Worship attendees will participate in a meditative experience that recalls the events of The Last Supper, leading up to Jesus' death on the cross. In addition, the Stone Chancel Choir will sing selections from *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Dubois.

If you have never attended the Maundy Thursday worship service at Stone Church, I highly recommend it, as a way to prepare yourself for Easter,

as well as for getting in touch with your need for forgiveness and grace.

On April 3, from 9 to 11 am, the Deacons will once again host the Stone Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Talk about drama! For me, there is always something exciting, even uplifting, about unleashing children with baskets in an all-out search for brightly colored eggs in the church backyard. All ages are welcome!

Like the women who went to the empty tomb early in the morning, Easter Sunday arrives at 6:30 am on the church patio. At this sunrise service, we will serve communion, listen to the story of The Road to Emmaus from Luke's Gospel, and greet the rising of the sun with *Alleluia! Christ is risen!* Wear something warm!

Then at 9:30 am, with trumpets sounding, and a sanctuary full of joy,

we will explore the timeless and sometimes troublesome story of The Resurrection (and note that communion will be served only at the sunrise service).

On April 11, the sermon will explore various cinematic portrayals of Christ and how the Jesus of the *silver screen* compares with the Jesus of the Gospels.

Reflecting on such films as *The King of Kings* (1927) and, yes, *Jesus Christ Superstar* (1973), we will be invited to become both a congregation of movie critics and theologians.

Before coming, feel free to check out these films from the library or even watch Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* (2004).

And don't worry - while we won't be watching these movies during the sermon, there will be plenty of popcorn served during coffee fellowship.

Happy Easter!

LET THE CHILDREN COME TO YOU

by Mary Jo Blazek,
Children's Ministry Coordinator

One thing I enjoy doing when I am stuck on what to write myself is to look at what others have written. This is how I came upon the following quote from Garrison Keillor:

"Nothing you do for a child is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted."

This statement really struck me, at a time when I was questioning if what we are doing for our children is enough, correct, or even wanted. One

thing I do know is young people are essential for the future of our church and community. They bring an energy and joy that is hard to beat. They ask questions that many would dare not ask, and have answers we might never have thought of.

As adults, we need to listen – being there is the most important gift we can offer.

We all remember a mentor who helped shape us when we were children. One of mine was Helen Alvarez, the mother of my best friend. What was so amazing about her is she was always available to hear about our fears, provide comfort when we hurt, and listen to our dreams. She didn't have special training or education; she was raised by parents who were migrant workers. She was just kind,

and she cared and I loved her for it.

We have a lot of kind and caring folks here at Stone; however, many think you need a special talent or training to work with children in Church School or VCS. Lessons and Bible passages can be learned – all you need is a genuine heart and caring soul. Jesus, himself, didn't have any experience with children, but he welcomed them into his circle.

... Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." - Luke 18:15-17 ESV

Do you hear the calling?

HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTS CLASS ON "RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN IN A STRESSFUL WORLD"

Dawn Charron Priedum will speak on the topic, "Raising Resilient Children in a Stressful World, on Sunday, June 6.

This is the first in a series of Adult Education Classes to be presented by the Health Ministry Committee during the regular Adult Ed hour after Sunday Worship.

Families are busier today than they ever have been, and with that chaotic pace comes inherent and unavoidable stress. Children today are bombarded with excess and over-scheduled lives.

Are we raising a generation of overworked, overstressed and over-scheduled children? Are you feeling the stress of everyday life, and are you concerned that your children are feeling the same?

How do we raise resilient children in a world in which they are presented with stimulus at every turn?

"Raising Resilient Children in a Stressful World" will provide strategies for managing your family's stress level and techniques to support your

children in learning appropriate and healthy coping skills in order to survive in today's hectic world. You, too, as a parent need fine-tuned stress management skills to be able to successfully guide your children through the rough waters of childhood and into their adult lives.

Our children are over-scheduled and overstressed with the everyday requirements that society has set for them, and they need techniques to manage not only their emotions, but their ability to interact in a healthy manner with peers. Society overstimulates our children with too many options and choices on a daily basis, which leads many of us parents to wonder how to teach our children to make healthy choices.

The purpose of this class is to give you help and support to raise happy, healthy and well-balanced children, no matter what life throws at you.

We hope you will also invite friends and family who might benefit from this class, too. Childcare will be provided for young children.

- Carrie Giorgianni



We give many thanks to Victor Perez, our wonderful Custodian, and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, who recently cleaned the carpets in the Nursery, Church School rooms, hallways, and the Fireside Room.

BILL LYTLE LEADS CLASS ON "THE BIBLE & THE 'TOO MUCH' PROMISED LAND"

Stone Church provides stimulating and varied Adult Education classes every Sunday morning at 11:15 am in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

April 11, 18 & 25: The Bible and the "Too Much" Promised Land Leader: Bill Lytle

Everyone hopes to see a just and peaceful solution to the Israeli/Palestinian problem. How scripture is interpreted and understood has played a determining role in that problem. In a three-week study, we will follow the development of Christian thought and

action regarding the Promised Land, how this related to Jewish concerns for the region, and where things stand today.

May 2: Report on South Bay Sanctuary Covenant Trip to El Salvador

The delegation, including four Stone members, reports on their trip.

May 9 & 30: Faith Journeys at Stone Church

A member of Stone Church shares his/her faith journey with the class.

June 6 & 13: Special presentations by the Health Ministries Committee

Please see the related article on page 2.

June 20 & 27: Social Justice and the Prophets: Micah

This is the second in a series of short classes on the Old Testament prophets and their call for social justice.

Micah proclaimed his prophetic message after the Northern Kingdom had been destroyed and Judah was a vassal state of Assyria (742 - 702 BC).

There are no Adult Education classes on April 4 (Easter Sunday), May 16 (Congregational Meeting), or May 23 (Salads of Summer Luncheon).

- Pat Magee



A group shot of all of the wonderful ladies at the Annual Stone Church Women's Retreat in San Juan Bautista (you will find more pictures on page 7)

STONE'S LIBRARY ADDS BOOKS ON SO MANY DIFFERENT TOPICS: COME AND SEE!

Have you visited the library lately? Stop by any Sunday morning after church (until at least 11) or any weekday when the church office is open.

You'll find attractive books to satisfy many ages and interests.

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

New for our younger members:



The Black Sheep by Stephan Harper (Read-Aloud Har)

Guess How Much I Love You



Love You by Sam McBratney (1st Bks McB)

Optical Tricks by Walter Wick (J 152 Wic)

The Young Astronomer by Sheila Snowden (YA 520 Sno)



Marco Polo by Gian Paolo Ceserani (J 915 Ces)



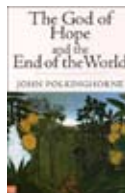
The Letter, the Witch, and the Ring by John Bellairs (YA Bel)

New on our adult side:

The Reluctant Parting: How the New Testament's Jewish Writers Created a Christian Book by Julie Galambush (225.6 Gal)



Distant Fire: Spirituality, Divine Encounter & the Transforming of Life by Martin Bell (242 Bel) (rec. by Madeleine L'Engle)



Living with Hope: A Scientist Looks at Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany and *The God of Hope & the End of the World*, both by John Polkinghorne (291.1 Pol), both given by Pat Magee

In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan (613 Pol), given by Virginia Holtz



In our special sections:

Braided Streams: Esther & a Woman's Way of Growing by Marjory Z. Bankson (Women 222.8 Ban)



Smart Choices: A Woman's Guide to Returning to School by Anne Bianchi (Women 378 Bia)

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom (Spec. Needs 378 Alb), given by Rebecca Kuiken

Jesus, the Bible, & Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church by Jack Rogers (Soc Iss-Sex 241 Rog)



The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch (F Lyn)

Susannah's Garden by Debbie Macomber (F Mac)

Tunnel Vision by Sara Paretsky (Lg Print F Par)



STONE WORKS HOPES MYRIAD OPPORTUNITIES WILL "TOUCH YOUR HEART"

The Stone Works Committee continues to make us mindful of the needs of others, here and throughout the world.

Find the Opportunity that "Touches Your Heart"

It seems as though there's someone always asking for something – especially at church, and especially for money. This may be true, and there are those times you may choose not to participate. It may be an activity you don't feel strongly about, or you just don't have anything extra to give – be it money, time, or things. And it's okay. Let me repeat that – it's perfectly okay.

What Stone Works wants to provide are many opportunities, so you can find something that touches your heart. And if Stone Works still hasn't found the right project for you, tell us what you would like and if you are willing to get the project off the ground. Let us each live out what it means to be Christian. We can make a difference.

And just as a reminder, here are all of the current, ongoing opportunities for service here at Stone Church and in our community:

- ◆ donate needed items for our refugee family
- ◆ join a fundraising walk/run (see the CROP Walk article, page 8)
- ◆ lend your voice to a social injustice campaign
- ◆ help provide a meal for the women and children of Commercial Street Inn on the third Saturday of each month



- ◆ go on a mission trip (there are five currently planned)
- ◆ contribute financially to a mission trip
- ◆ help during Coffee Fellowship
- ◆ contribute to and purchase books at the Men's Group Book Sale (see the related article, page 5)
- ◆ donate gently worn clothing to the clothing barrel
- ◆ contribute items for *Survival Sacks*
- ◆ donate your travel toiletries
- ◆ bring in your recyclable cans and bottles for the Heifer Fund
- ◆ save your quarters for the Heifer Fund quarter tube
- ◆ donate your used cell phones and chargers for victims of domestic violence
- ◆ bring your non-perishable foods on Communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month)
- ◆ contribute to the four special collections: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peace-making Offering, and Christmas Joy Offering
- ◆ and of course, contribute to special collections for disaster relief.

There's more – much more – but you get the idea. Anyone in Stone Works will be glad to answer your questions, direct you to the Donation Station, or even help you find the kitchen! - *Maureen Ryan*

Solidarity with Salvadorans - Event Honoring Archbishop Romero

International attention was focused on El Salvador, as people for justice and solidarity gathered March 24 in the South Bay and in San Salvador to remember the courageous ministry of Archbishop Oscar Romero, which resulted in his

being gunned down, in 1980, while he was saying Mass.

A large delegation of our South Bay Sanctuary Covenant were in El Salvador this past week to join in commemorating Romero's legacy. The delegation included 13 students from Stanford and other schools, two Stanford faculty members, and 11 adults who have previously been on South Bay Sanctuary delegations.



Stone Church's participants in the delegation were Emily Nissen, Katie Henry, Dale Bracey, and Chris Nilson (pictured at left, on last year's trip).

An event is planned at which you can hear what they discovered, through commemorations of Romero in the capital and through interviews with political, religious, and social movement leaders, including their visit with environmental activists in Cabañas and staying with campesino farmers in the south.

The program includes a delicious Salvadoran dinner and crafts for sale. Here are the logistics for the event:

Romero Alive in His People on the 30th Anniversary of His Martyrdom

- ◆ Sunday, May 2, 4 pm
- ◆ First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper Street
- ◆ Suggested donation: \$20/adult and \$15/student for program and dinner (but no one will be turned away for lack of funds)
- ◆ Call 650-494-8340 (SBSC) to RSVP
- *Dale Bracey*

STONE CHURCH CONTINUES ITS GENEROUS GIVING

Fred Groppuso and Maureen Ryan report that you continue to give generously. The past months' totals include:

- ◆ **Communion Sunday Food Donations for Sacred Heart, March 7:** 9 bags of food that weighed 74.5 pounds
- ◆ **Recycling and Quarter Tower Donations for Heifer in January and February:** \$45.75

RECEIVE OR GIVE HELP WITH SAN JOSÉ HOUSING

The City of San José Housing Department provides programs, services, resources and referrals to assist lower- and moderate-income residents in San José. Among the services offered are: Foreclosure Help, Home Repairs, Rental Rights and Referrals, Fair Housing, Homeless Prevention and Assistance and First-time Homebuyer programs.

If you are interested in volunteering, there are opportunities to work in the

City's Foreclosure Help Center, to help in homeless shelters, and to adopt one of the four rooms at the Haven House, which provides temporary housing for those who have lost everything in a fire or natural disaster.

For more information, contact the Housing Department (408-535-3860, www.sjhousing.org).

Thanks to Pat Plant, San José Presbytery, for this information.

In your Easter Bonnet ... chicks, bunnies, colored eggs ... yes, Spring has arrived!

In spite of the foregoing frivolities, we have the holy season of Easter for which to give thanks.

Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project will help provide funding

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

for malaria prevention and treatment,

obstetrical care, cancer screening, and family health education for women and children in Africa. Cards



will be available April 18 and 25 and May 2. While there is no set amount for each card, a donation of ten dollars is suggested.

We thank the Stone Works Committee, chaired by Maureen Ryan, for their support of our coupons for local schools. This month we are targeting Pepperidge

Farms products for coupons. Don't forget about the S.M.A.R.T. cards that provide one per cent of your total bill to our sponsored schools. Dorothy Stevens and Maureen have more information.

The Synodwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women (Synod of the Pacific) will be held April 16 - 18 in South San Francisco at the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel, 280 South Airport Blvd. The theme is *River of Life: Journeys into Hope*. Registration is due by April 1, but if miss that and still wish to attend, please contact Claudia Hamm; there may be accommodation for latecomers. This is a great opportunity to meet women from our sister presbyteries.

Mark your calendars for the PW in the Presbytery's *Spiritual Nurture Retreat* on May 1 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Aptos, starting at 9:30 am. This church is in a beautiful setting for reflection and prayer.

PW Schedule for April:

Emerald Circle, 9:30 am, April 1, Diana Lim's home

Amethyst Circle, 1 pm, April 7, Church Library

Coordinating Team, 9:30 am, April 8, Social Hall

Sapphire Circle, 7:30 pm, April 12, Sue Evans' home

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, April 13, Taiwan Restaurant

Fair Trade Sales, 10:30 am, April 18, Social Hall

Book Group II, 2:30 pm, April 19, Alice Thorn's home, reading *Down the Nile* by Rosemary Mahoney

Bible Study, 9:30 am, April 22, Church Library with Rev. Marge Palmer

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4pm, April 22, Fireside Room

Book Group I, 1 pm, April 26, Liz Shandera's home, reading *Homer & Langley* by E. L. Doctorow

Focus Group, 9:30 am, April 28, Liz Shandera's home

- Catherine Amos

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

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

Semi-annual Men's Group Book Sale, Sunday, April 25

Join us after worship on Sunday, April 25, for the Men's Group Book Sale, benefiting various youth and adult mission projects.



You will find many treasures, including best sellers and classics, as well as some very esoteric selections.

The books sell for just \$1 for paperbacks and \$2 for hardcovers.

Your donations for the sale are greatly appreciated - look for a large box marked Men's Book Sale in the Social Hall.

- Bill Ribble

Men's Book Group - April Meeting and Book Selection

The Men's Book Group will meet Monday, April 19, beginning at 7:30 pm. Rod Thorn is the host.

The book for discussion is *Beyond the Hundreth Meridian*, by Wallace Stegner. From a review:

"This classic work is a penetrating and insightful study of the public career of Maj. John Wesley Powell, from the beginning of the Powell Survey, which most famously had Powell and his men descend the Colorado River for the first time by anyone, to Powell's eventual ouster from the Geological Survey.

Stegner does a magnificent job of detailing both the myriad accomplishments by Powell, in his remarkable career as public servant, and the philosophy and ideas that undergirded his work.

Most readers at the end will conclude that the history of the United States might have proceeded differently had his profound insights into the nature of the American West been heeded." - David McCreath



Leland Wong supervises a "beehive" of workers on a recent Men's Worktrip to Westminster Woods. Gabriel Faber, Art Holtz, Bill Lakatos, Bill Ribble, Rod Thorn, and Gary Weiss were all part of this hardworking group (you will find more pictures on page 7).

LINCOLN HOUSE ON NATIVE GARDEN TOUR

For the second year in a row, the Lincoln House Native Garden will be part of the *Going Native Garden Tour 2010*, on Sunday, April 18, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Last year, we got a lot of visitors and rave reviews!

Fliers are available at the church, and you can get more information and register at the tour's website (www.GoingNativeGardenTour.org).

The tour gives you free admission to a variety of native gardens located all over the Santa Clara Valley. Some feature talks; others have plants for sale. Visit as many as you like, for ideas, photos, or inspiration.

Please note that parking will be limited on the side and in front of Lincoln House that day.

Hope to see you at the Native Garden tour on the 18th!



If you would like to help with the garden tour, please contact Hilleguus Faber.

HANDICAPPED PARKING WILL BE ENFORCED

Please be advised that the two handicapped parking spots in the driveway beside the Sanctuary, marked with both a blue emblem on the pavement and a standing sign, are fully enforceable by the police. Only those cars displaying a state-issued handicapped parking placard or license plate may use these spots. The City of San José has informed the church that the police will ticket any violations in these parking spaces on any day of the week, and at any time of the day, not just during Sunday morning services.

Also note that the blue handicapped emblems previously painted on the pavement at several other locations on church property have been removed; a DMV-issued handicapped placard or license is *not* required for the use of those spaces.

However, due to the limited number of parking spaces at Stone Church, some of those non-handicapped spaces will be designated as *Reserved*. This restriction will be enforced only by the church, not by the City of San José, and the restriction will be applicable only on Sunday mornings and other busy times. If you have accessibility issues, but do not have a DMV-issued handicapped placard or license plate, you may obtain a *Stone Church Reserved Parking Placard*, which will allow you to park in a *Reserved* space at any time. (Of course, if you have a DMV-issued handicapped placard, you may use any of these spaces at any time.)

To receive a *Stone Church Reserved Parking Placard*, contact the church office or Lynn Stutz.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR "STONE STEWARDS"

Do you know someone who is a good steward of Stone Church? Stewardship means much more than just giving a monetary pledge – it also includes giving of our time.

The Stewardship Committee is seeking nominations of people to be recognized as *Stone Stewards*, those unsung – and too frequently unknown – heroes who quietly volunteer so generously to help others, to keep the church running, or just to make life at Stone Church

better in some substantial way.

Nominees must be unpaid volunteers and need not be members.

The Stewardship Committee will choose one *Stone Steward* to be honored approximately every other month.

Send your nominations to Guy Lohman. And if you would like to do more to help foster stewardship at Stone Church, contact Guy or Michele Chandler.

- Guy M. Lohman

SESSION DISCUSSES NEW MEMBER CLASSES AND CE; APPROVES FUNDRAISER

In his pastor's report, at the regular Session meeting on March 16, Ken Henry spoke about the challenges of reaching potential new members, especially establishing a process for bringing them into membership. With today's busy schedules, many folks find it hard to commit to a specific set of classes; Ken will thus hold *drop-in* classes on May 16, 23, and 30. New members will tentatively be received during Worship on June 6.

It was reported that participants in the Hazard, Kentucky, Mission Worktrip still need to raise \$1,718.15. Session approved a *Gourmet-to-Go* box meals fundraiser for the trip (see the article on page 8).

Joan Peckham presented examples of information cards for Stephen Ministry, which Session authorized to be placed in the Sanctuary pews.

A new document codifying fiscal responsibilities and procedures for committee chairs was passed. Auditors require that vouchers be properly filled out before our treasurer can make payments.

October 17 was approved as the date for Stewardship's *Consecration Sunday*.

Donald Foster, chair of Worship Committee, noted that because Easter falls on the first Sunday of April, Communion would usually be served. But because of logistical difficulties, Communion will *not* be served at the Wor-

ship service at 9:30 am. Communion *will* be served at the Sunrise service and at the Maundy Thursday service.

The GA loan has been paid off, and loan papers have been distributed to members of the congregation participating in the *in house* loan program.

Session extensively discussed the serious funding shortages of the Christian Education program; CE volunteers have been significantly underwriting programs out of their own pockets.

P&A is developing a procedure, to include signature by a corporation officer (President or Secretary), for any contracts that commit the church to payments.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session

More Photos of the Wonderful Women's Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, March 19-21



More Photos of the Men' Mission Team at Westminster Woods, March 19-21 (a few from Oct. 2009)



LOGOS OF COFFEE & CARING

Do you recognize these logos? Each is part of the transformation taking place for Stone's coffee lovers.

Fair Trade Certified [FTC] supports farmers by providing a fair price with a guaranteed minimum, protecting them from price fluctuations. "... Fair trade leads to better roads, better health and better lives for farmers not just in Nicaragua, but around the world," says Rosario Castellon, former Director of PRODECOOP.

Equal Exchange [EE] is the largest FTC organization in North America. This employee-owned company creates a new approach to trade, with informed

consumers, fair trade relationships and cooperative principles. Their products come from small-scale farmer cooperatives in Latin America, Africa and Asia. EE's *Interfaith Program* provides educational resources and products for congregations.

Presbyterian Coffee Project [PCP] recognizes PCUSA as an *Interfaith Program* partner (as of 2001) under the *Enough for Everyone* program. Over 2,200 church groups have joined, and this number keeps growing.

Stone's PW began their association with PCP and EE in 2002, with just 12 packages of Café Salvador coffee and 12

packages of Colombian decaffeinated coffee. Today, choices includes French Roast whole bean coffee, three teas, two cocoas, and five chocolate bars.

In 2007, Presbyterians purchased 78 tons of fairly traded products. For every pound, EE donated 15 cents to the *Presbyterian Small Farmer Fund* – a total of \$23,500. These funds, administered by the *Presbyterian Hunger Program*, assist small farmer projects, such as tree planting, land restoration, and crop rotation.

As people of faith and consumers, we must commit ourselves to work for economic justice and a life that brings dignity and hope to the *least of these*. May the light of Christ guide us on our journey for fair trade.

- Diana Lim



"GOURMET-TO-GO" MEALS SUPPORT MISSION TRIP

This summer, eight members of Stone Church - Hilleguus Faber, Donald Foster, Ken Henry, Judi Kaiser, Matthew Schroeder, Karen Scott, Don Skipwith, and Kate Wheatley - will go to Hazard, Kentucky, on a mission trip coordinated by the Hazard Presbyterian Church and the Housing Development Alliance of Kentucky.

The week will begin with Ken preaching at the local church on Sunday; then during the week, Stone volunteers will work on local projects in the area, such as construction, painting, and yard work.

To support this effort, the Session has authorized a *Gourmet-to-Go* fundraiser to offset the costs that the Stone volunteers will incur.

Through Martha Duke, Chef Instructor, we have arranged with the Art Institute of California to prepare gourmet box meals, which will be ordered in advance and picked up



between 5 and 7:30 pm on Friday, April 23. You may take your box meal home or stay to eat with others in the Social Hall.

The volunteers have also received financial support from the San José Presbytery Mission Fund, the Stone Church Golf Tournament and the Stone Church Men's Dinner.

Look for a table in the Social Hall, during Coffee Fellowship, at which to order your *Gourmet-to-Go* dinner, to show your support for this loving mission opportunity. - Donald Foster

CROP WALK BRINGS AWARENESS TO HUNGER

Every year, Stone Church has an amazing presence at our local CROP Hunger Walk, held annually in the



beautiful Rose Garden of San José. We are hoping that this year will be no exception - won't you join us on a leisurely walk through one of the most scenic neighborhoods in the

area - to take a stand against hunger locally and all over the world?

This year's walk takes place Sunday, April 25, starting at 1:30 pm, with one- and five-mile options, at Hoover Middle School, 1635 Park Avenue, San José. Last year, the Bay Area Walk raised a little over \$55,000. Let's see if we can do even better this year.

Look for the sign-up table in the Social Hall during Coffee Fellowship, or contact Emily Meacham or Lizanne Oliver.

CALLING ALL COOKIE MONSTERS!

It's that time of year again ... the garden needs planting, the attic and garage are a mess, your mind is tuned to summer vacation plans ... but there is relief in sight!

On Sunday mornings, you can forget about all of your chores - and munch away on High School Youth Group cookies and doughnuts!

Yes, that's right, it's time for the annual fundraiser for the Youth Mission Worktrip, coming up June 6-11. Our High School Youth will be in the kitchen baking for all the *Cookie Monsters* milling around the

Social Hall - what could be better than homemade doughnuts and cookies after Worship?

And as you enjoy your treats, talk to our youth about the mission worktrip, as you reach for your pocketbook to help cover the cost of this very worthwhile endeavor.

See you in the Social Hall on May 2, 9, and 16. We appreciate all of our *Cookie Monsters* and your love of mission. - Kate Wheatley



DEACONS PLAN "SPRING FLING"

Stone Church Deacons are planning a special event for seniors and other interested church members on April 18, at 2 pm, in the Social Hall.

While enjoying a light afternoon snack, guests will watch members of History San José's *Portraits of the Past* model vintage fashions and share information about San José's history.

Please join us for this special event. Invitations will be sent out soon; transportation will be provided. - Claire Ribble

FAMILY PASTA NIGHT

Family Pasta Night is planned for Saturday, April 17, from 5 to 8 pm, in the Social Hall. Our wonderful member chefs, Debbie and Walter Roach, will be cooking up some very tasty sauces.

Look for the sign-up table in the Social Hall during Coffee Fellowship, or contact Cathy Marshall or Emily Meacham.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Save these dates - more information will be forthcoming in *The Stone News*, as well as in the online *Weekly Update*:

- ◆ **Salads of Summer Potluck, Sunday, May 23, 11 am to 1 pm**
- ◆ **Family Camping Trip to Big Basin, August 13 - 15**

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