

THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

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READY TO RUN TOGETHER

by Irene Pak

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us ... - Hebrews 12:1

I have officially been at Stone Church for a month and a half now, and along with exclamations of gratitude for all of you and the way the Spirit is moving here, the only other thing I can add is that surely, my cup runneth over.

I recently participated in the *Color Me Rad 5K* run. It was a “for fun” run where we were sprayed with color as we ran along the course. It was not my first 5K, but it had been a long time since I

had been running. Anyone who has been on – and struggled along – the health journey knows that the keyword to living a healthy lifestyle is *perseverance*. This past summer, I had definitely fallen off the path of perseverance when it came to my health.

I have been on a health journey for the past four years. Yes, I call it a “health journey” because that’s exactly what it is for me. It’s a road with a lot of ups and downs, gains and losses, joys and grief. Since moving to California, there was a point where I had lost a little over 50 pounds, and I am still thankful to be at a much healthier point now than I was when I first moved here.



Rev. Irene Pak

This past summer, however, with all my crazy transitions and some heartbreak, I literally jumped off the health journey path ...

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COME AND S.I.T. WITH ME

by Ken Henry

Over several years of pastoral ministry, one of the things I have enjoyed most is listening to stories people share with me.

Sometimes, these stories are full of bittersweet memories. Sometimes, with mixed feelings of achievement and longing, an individual recalls earlier days of more freedom and mobility.

I have heard many stories of personal grief and loss, but I’ve also heard stories exhibiting the resilience of the human spirit.

And no doubt, as I’ve listened carefully, most of these stories involve some kind of transition: a sudden loss of income; the death of a child or spouse; the life-changing passage from working full-time to being retired; reaching a milestone birthday;

having to move from one’s home of 20+ years to an independent living community; the loss of memory or a change in health; even having a friend move away – these are just some of the life transitions each of us must face.

So, I asked myself: What if, once a month, people had the opportunity to share their transition stories with each other? What if you could come to a gathering at Stone Church where the only expectation was to listen, share and grow spiritually through a time of transition?

And what if I led such a group?



Rev. Ken Henry and Miriam Rowan

So, I’m inviting all seniors in our congregation and community to come and S.I.T. (*Seniors In Transition*) with me, on the second Wednesday of each month, starting on Oct. 10, from 2 to 3 pm, in the Fireside Room.

My hope is that S.I.T. will become a confidential and caring gathering place for those wishing to share their stories in an environment of acceptance and grace. So, come and S.I.T. with me.

- Blessings, Ken

STONE CHURCH YOUTH GROUP GETS OFF TO A FUN AND FESTIVE START!

The Stone Church Youth Group is off to a great start this year!

Seventeen youth came to our kickoff evening, and we hope many more will be coming to



our gatherings every Friday night, from 7 to 9, at the church.

All youth, from 6th grade through 12th grade, are invited for a structured time of play, fun, worship, prayer and fellowship! If you missed our kick-off, you won't want to miss any more of these festive Friday night gatherings.

This year, we will be going through the stories in the gospel of Luke.

We also have an awesome artist and teacher, Matt Nissen, coming to help express artistically some of the things we will be engaging in every week.

Pastor Irene has outlined four "hopes" for the Stone Church Youth Group this year:

1. We hope you will always feel welcome and safe here.
2. We hope you will learn to love and feel loved by the God who loves you - no matter what



Our fabulous Youth Group on the exciting and memorable Kick-Off Evening!

- and to learn more about this God in Christ.

3. We hope this will be a space of honesty and respect for everyone (even those who annoy you).

4. We hope we will have a lot of fun together!

So if you are, or know someone who is, in 6th through 12th grade, come on out to our Stone Church Youth Group Friday Nights!

Hope to see you there soon!
For questions, please contact Pastor Irene at the Church Office.

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS ARE PRELUDE TO CONSECRATION SUNDAY

*Every good and perfect gift is from above ...
James 1:17*

Perhaps you've already received your phone invitation or RSVPed to an email about the upcoming small group gatherings Stone Church will be having this fall, at which we will receive our pledge cards.

These fun and casual get-togethers, with pastors at members' homes, have been designed to help us focus on our church's many ministries and to appreciate what we value about our experiences as members of this congregation of God's people.

You will especially love the extraordinary video that Julia Lohman and her father Guy have created for these events.

All of this is prelude to our *Consecration Sunday* service - October 21 - when we present our pledge cards for the coming year, and Ken Henry will preach on *All Good Gifts*, based on the memorable passage from James 1:17: *Every good and perfect gift is from above.*

As preparation for this season when we consider our financial commitment to Stone Church and God's work, the Stewardship Committee asks that you do two things:

- ✿ Begin thinking about the importance of pledging, which enables the church staff and congregational committees to make plans for the coming year, and
- ✿ Consider prayerfully what your, or your family's, commitment to this aspect of congregational life will be. - *Jody Meacham*

REV. IRENE PAK: READY TO RUN TOGETHER

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... Perseverance was definitely something I did not have ... and I didn't care. It was very conscious, and unfortunately, I think it was my way of coping with everything that was going on.

That said, I did get back on the right track again and signed myself up for this 5K. Going through training again was painful. When I started, I could barely jog for five minutes without stopping and being completely winded. But I kept at it, bit by bit, and when it came time, I miraculously managed to maintain a jogging pace the entire time.

I am convinced that I *was* able to jog the entire time because I had my wonderful friend Abby running alongside me. I know that these past weeks of eating right again is because my friend Christine and I are checking in regularly. I continue to be motivated because my friend Mark has also decided to get back on the health path, too, and if I feel like it's a struggle, I know I'm not alone.

All of this reminds me that none of us can run with perseverance in anything we choose to do without a great cloud of witnesses - a great community - surrounding us and cheering us on.

I know I am still new, but I am excited to run this race with you, Stone Church. I feel like I already have cheerleaders cheering me on, and I hope you feel that I am also cheering you on in your faith journey.

Let's run with perseverance - because we really do have a wonderful community and a great cloud of witnesses around us here. God is alive and moving here. Thank you for welcoming me into that movement.

*With gratitude,
Rev. Irene Pak*

P.S. I signed up for my *first* 10K in early October!

ADULT STUDY LOOKS AT OUR FOOD SUPPLY, MENTAL ILLNESS, POLITICS

Adult Study classes meet on Sunday after Worship, in the Fireside Room, from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Childcare is available in the Nursery.

Sept. 30: What's in Your Food? with Jean Raby, Health Ministries

Today in the U.S., by the simple act of feeding ourselves, we unknowingly participate in the largest experiment ever conducted on human beings. Genetically engineered foods (GE or GMO) have crept into our food supply. They are untested, unlabeled and potentially unsafe. Come to learn how to identify hidden GE ingredients in your food. Grab a package of food from your shelf, and we'll check it out together. You might find yourself shocked, and then empowered.

Oct. 7: "In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness," sponsored by Health Ministries

Two speakers will share their unique experiences of what it is like to live with mental illness.

This program is part of a community outreach organized by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) here in Santa Clara County.

Oct. 14: November State Propositions - YES or NO? with Carol Lathrop

Carol Lathrop from the League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau, along with Virginia Holtz, will facilitate an hour-long session on the eleven California State Propositions. Come with your questions and learn what yes and no really mean. (See related article, page 6.)

Oct. 28/Nov. 4: Religion and the Presidential Election with Jim Bennett, Professor of Religion, Santa Clara University

Despite the Constitutional prohibition of a religious test for office, religion has long played an important role in Presidential elections and the American Presidency. The 2012 Presidential election marks a new chapter in that story as the major party candidates represent a unique combination of religious affiliations in U.S. electoral history. How have those identities shaped the candidates and the election, and what are the implications for the Presidency of the winning candidate?

Contact Pat Magee, Chair, Adult Study Subcommittee for more information. There is no class on Oct. 21, Consecration Sunday.

BOOKS ABOUT HALLOWEEN, SAINTS, EVEN VAMPIRES (!) IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

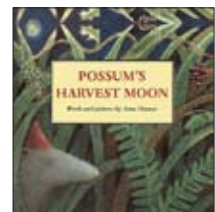
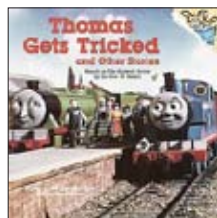
October brings to mind Halloween, All Saints' Day and our religious heritage. Some of our recent additions echo these same themes. We hope you like them.

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator



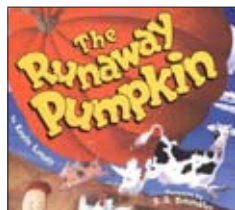
New for our younger members:
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Thomas Gets Tricked by W. Awdrey (1st Bks J Awd)

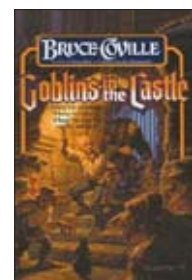


Possum's Harvest Moon by Anne Hunter (1st Bks J Hun)

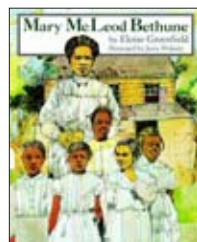
The Runaway Pumpkin by



Kevin Lewis (1st Bks J Lew)

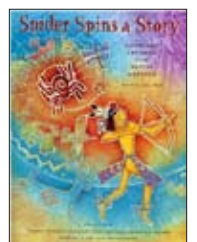


Goblins in the Castle by Bruce Coville (J Cov)



Mary McLeod Bethune by Eloise Greenfield (J-BIOG BETHUNE)

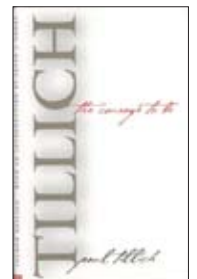
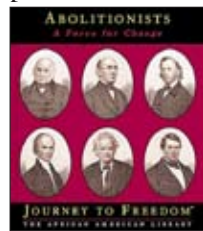
Abolitionists: A Force for Change by Sarah DeCapua (YA 326 DeC)



Spider Spins a Story: 14 Legends from Native

America ed. by Jill Max (YA-TALL 398.2 Max)

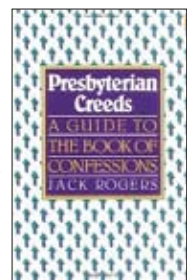
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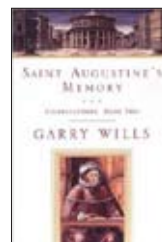
On the adult side:

The Courage to Be by Paul Tillich (179.6 Til), given by Ivan Kolte

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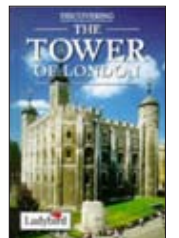


Book of Confessions by Jack Rogers (238 Rog), given by Marge & Bill Palmer



Saint Augustine's Memory by Garry Wills (242 Wil), given by Brad Bauer

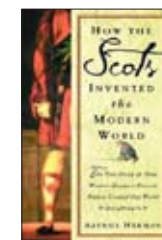
The Tower of London by Peter Hammond (725 Ham)



Heavenly Daze: God's Word Lives by

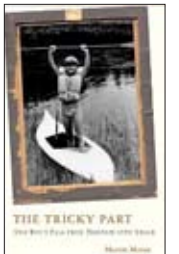
Betsy M. Parks (813 Par), given by Mel Goertz

How the Scots Invented the Modern World by Arthur Herman (941.1 Her)



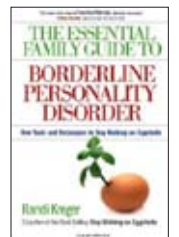
In our adult special sections:

The Tricky Part: One Boy's Fall from Trespass into Grace by Martin Moran (Spec. Needs 362 Mor), given by Mary Alice Collins



Emotional Vampires: Dealing with People Who Drain You Dry by Albert Bernstein (Spec. Needs 616.8 Ber), given by Gail Chaid

The Essential Family Guide to Borderline Personality Disorder by Randi Kreger (Spec. Needs 616.85 Kre), given by Gail Chaid



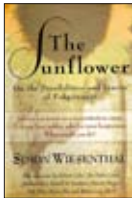
The Men's Ministry of Stone Church includes a mission work team, a book group, and a flying group. For more information about any of these activities, please contact Parish Associate David McCreath.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Book Group, Oct. 15

The Men's Book Group will meet on Oct. 15, beginning at 7:30 pm. Art Holtz will host.

The book for discussion is *The Sunflower* by Simon Wiesenthal. Based on his experiences in a concentration camp, the author explores the possibilities and limits of forgiveness.



Men's Fall Book Sale, Oct. 28

The Men's Ministry Fall Book Sale will be held Oct. 28, in the Social Hall, following morning Worship. This is a good opportunity to discard books read during the summer and find new volumes for fall and winter.



Men's Mission Team Builds Porches/Steps at Western Trailer Park

On Sept. 8, the Men's Mission Team participated in an event that Sacred Heart leader Matt King based on the TV show, *Extreme Makeover*.

As part of 150 volunteers, David McCreath, Rod Thorn, Bill Ribble, Leland Wong, Gary Weiss, and Art Holtz built two sets of porches and steps, which took from 8:30 am to about 5 pm, at the Western Trailer Park, off the Monterey Highway.

And there's more to this event than just helping folks with the *outside* of their homes ... it was also about helping to keep these folks *inside* their homes ... as told by Sacred Heart's Matt King:

"In 2010, I wanted to try an *Extreme Makeover*-type event, and someone suggested a trailer park, because the homes are all in one place, and the residents own their homes (but rent the spaces they sit on). I drove through several parks near Sacred Heart, and it was obvious that people at Western Trailer Park needed a lot of help.

"As I was planning the event, my colleagues on our *Policy and Organizing* team started hearing complaints about the way owners and managers treated tenants. The team used our event as an entrée to organize the park, going door-to-door to talk to residents about their concerns. [Editor's Note: On Sept. 11, 2010, the first "Makeover" was held, and Bill and Leland also helped at that event.]

"Over the last two years, the residents have taken on a lot of leadership and used their *group might* to stand up to the manager and make demands on the owner to provide better plumbing and drainage facilities, provide parking, stop spurious evictions, etc.



David McCreath, Rod Thorn and Bill Ribble on the porch and steps they built for a Western Trailer Park resident (the man in front is a volunteer from Fujitsu, which helped with both funds and volunteers)

It's common at Western Trailer Park and similar facilities for managers and owners to evict a tenant for violating a meaningless rule, then re-sell the unit because most families cannot afford to move the units. You can only imagine the intimidation tactics used, especially against people who may not have all their paperwork in order.

"Our *Policy and Organizing* team has had limited success, but they're still at it, and one of our organizers used this year's *Makeover* event to again go door-to-door with some of the neighborhood leaders."

- Thanks to Bill Ribble for sharing Matt's story.

MISSION BY COMMUNITY, NOT BY COMMITTEE

How's this for a new idea? What if *everyone* at Stone Church were to consider themselves a vital member of the *StoneWorks Mission Team*? And the best part is - no monthly meeting attendance is required!

Ask yourself, "What is my passion? How is God moving me to *pay it forward*? How can I care for someone in the same way God has cared for me?"

Consider the following list of organizations that Stone currently supports in our local and global community, and ask which speaks to your heart. Contact the point person. If there is no one listed, then *become* the point person, and gather others to help. Perhaps you would like to add a new

mission project you care deeply about? Many of you already volunteer, and many more have yet to sign up. Think of how much more we can do if we all work together!

Everyone is invited and challenged and encouraged to become a member of the *StoneWorks Mission Team*! What is God calling you to do?

Here is the current list of mission projects at Stone, with the point persons:

- ♥ Destination Home - Housing 1000:
Rhonda Lakatos
- ♥ Sacred Heart Community Service:
Cathy Marshall
- ♥ InnVision Children's Shopping Trip:
Alice McNelis & Alison van Diggelen
- ♥ Nor Cal Innocence Project: **Fran Cole**

- ♥ Refugee Ministries/Immanuel House:
Barbara Krause
- ♥ United Campus Christian Ministry:
Don Skipwith
- ♥ CROP Walk for Hunger: **Lizanne Oliver & Emily Meacham**
- ♥ Bill Wilson Center Christmas Collection for Children: **Wendy Lord**
- ♥ Joining Hands Ministry, El Salvador, Kristi Van Nostran: **Dale Bracey**
- ♥ Southern Poverty Law Center:
Dhar Blackwood
- ♥ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: [open]

*Not sure where to go from here?
We can help!*

Please contact Maureen Chandler or Don Skipwith.

Columbus Day – many say we shouldn't celebrate this anymore, but for others it is a reminder that we are all immigrants or descendants of immigrants. It is a mistake by the map-maker for Americus Vespucci that gave us the name "America" – it seems that Americus sailed with Columbus on some of his voyages and later did some exploring on his own. Oh, don't forget Halloween (what does candy have to do with it?).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A Word (or so) About Fair Trade

Fair trade is standing with small farmers; assuring small farmers of a fair price for their harvest; assisting small farmers to establish co-operatives; empowering small farmers' co-operatives to build a better future for their families and communities; working for equity in a food system that is dominated by megacorporations and conglomerates; building mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers.

The PCUSA is a partner in the Interfaith Program of Equal Exchange. PW of Stone Church has been an advocate for fair trade products since 2002.



Join us for a taste of justice with every cup of coffee or tea you drink, and with every bite of chocolate you take. Speaking of which, there are two new items to enjoy: Organic Spicy Hot Cocoa Mix and Chocolate Caramel Crunch Bars.

Order Your Christmas Baskets Soon

Sally Magee will be taking orders for her always lovely Christmas baskets from Oct. 14 through Nov. 11.

Emmaus House Given \$230

An update on Emmaus House: our total cash offering was \$230. They also have received two grants that insure they can continue their work for abused women and children for this year.

Prayer Shawl Group Meets Oct. 13

The Prayer Shawl Group donated two shawls in September. They will meet at 3 pm, Oct. 13, at the home of Dana Crow, who is graciously serving tea. Bring your needles and enjoy a fun afternoon!

Coupons: Note School Name Change

Coupons are received all year. If you are using S.H.A.R.E.S. cards, please note that the school we support is now Katherine Smith School, instead of K.R. Smith. This month we're highlighting *Nature Valley* products. Watch for double coupon offers.

- PW Schedule for October**
Amethyst Circle, 1 pm, Oct. 3, Church Library
Emerald Circle, 9:30 am, Oct. 4, Diana Lim's home
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, 2 - 4 pm, Oct. 7, Sunnyvale Pres., Barbara Clark speaks about *Global Exchange to India*
Sapphire Circle, 7:30 pm, Oct. 8, call Margarita Outley evenings for place
Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Oct. 9, Taiwan Restaurant, Lincoln Ave.
PWCT, 9:30 am, Oct. 11, Social Hall
Prayer Shawl Group, 3 pm, Oct. 13, Dana Crow's home
Fair Trade Sales and Christmas Basket Orders, 10:30 am, Oct. 14, Social Hall
Book Group II, 2:30 pm, Oct. 15, Joyce Summer's home, discussing *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff
Focus Group, 9:30 am, Oct. 17, June Tablak's home
Book Group I, 1 pm, Oct. 22, Hazel James' home, discussing *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal
Bible Study with the Rev. Marge Palmer, 9:30 am, Oct. 25, Church Library, Lesson 3, *Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles*
Next Month
Thank Offering Luncheon, Nov. 3 (see article below) - Catherine Amos



REV. GLENDA HOPE TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL PW THANK OFFERING LUNCHEON

Did you know that, in 1888, Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Presbyterian Missionary Society to give one dollar above their usual gift as a "thank offering to our Lord"?

That challenge continues to be met each year by Presbyterian Women across the country.

On Nov. 3, Stone's PW will hold our annual *Thank Offering Luncheon* to celebrate this distinctive giving and to look at the 26 projects that are recipients this year.

Our special guest and speaker will be the Rev. Glenda Hope from San Francisco. Her Network Ministries serve the homeless and run a safe house for women escaping prostitution, called the *Mind/Body Wellness Program*. It is one of the 2012 grant recipients.

Please join us to hear about her inspiring work and enjoy a lunch served by our church youth.

For questions, and to RSVP, please contact Rosaleen Zisch.



We had help from "all ages" to make calls for Stewardship's "Small Group Gatherings," a prelude to Consecration Sunday.

(See the related article on page 2.)

Somehow, we have the feeling that our friend on the left was making far more interesting calls!



WALTER BRUEGGEMANN TO LECTURE ON PRACTICING NEIGHBORHOOD AMID EMPIRE

Dr. Walter Brueggemann, world-renown Old Testament scholar and author, will explore the dominant narrative of power, performance and production in the Old Testament – and in our society – in a series of three lectures, at Stone Church, on Nov. 9 and 10.

Dr. Brueggemann is the latest in a long line of distinguished speakers in Stone’s *Henrietta Perdue Memorial Lecture Series*.

Following are brief synopses of each lecture.

Friday Evening, Nov. 9, Realism amid Ideology: The notion of “being chosen” deceived ancient Israel into thinking it was immune to the vagaries of history and to moral accountability.

The prophetic alternative told the truth about historical reality that could not be covered over by ideology.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 10, 1st Lecture, Grief amid Denial: The ideology of chosenness encouraged denial among the opinion makers in ancient Israel and the way in which the prophets summoned Israel to grieve about its real losses that could no longer be denied.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 10, 2nd Lecture, Hope amid Despair: The prophetic accent on loss was correct: Jerusalem was destroyed, and its leading citizens displaced; there was a general sinking into despair. The prophets countered that despair with hope, which declared the capacity of God to create new futures “out of nothing.”

The cost is \$20 for the Friday lecture, \$20 for the two Saturday lectures, or \$30 for all three. Purchase tickets during Coffee Fellowship on Sundays, or use the form on Stone’s website:

www.stonechurch.org/events/Brueggemann-flier.pdf

CONFUSED ABOUT CA STATE PROPOSITIONS? COME SUNDAY, OCT. 14, FOR “GOVERNMENT FAIR” AND ADULT STUDY

Is it time to “sing a new song”? The psalmist reminds us from time to time to lift up our voices and sing a new song.

Now is the time for Californians to tune-up for the Nov. 6 Statewide General Election. On Sunday, Oct. 14, you will have a chance to do just that.

Plan to stay after Worship for the *California Government Day Fair* to join in courtyard conversations and to get updated material on the 11 California State Propositions to help you make informed decisions on Election Day.

At 11:15 am, Carol Lathrop from the League of Women Voters Speakers Bureau, along with Virginia Holtz, will facilitate an Adult Study session, with the title: *November State Propositions – Yes or No?* - Diana Lim, PW Focus Group

SESSION ASSIGNMENTS

A list of current Session members, with committee assignments and chairs, can be found on the Stone Church website at:

www.stonechurch.org/session.php

SESSION ACTS ON MINIMUM WAGE MEASURE, APPROVES GABRIELA VARGAS

At its regular meeting on Sept. 18, the Session heard from the Rev. Irene Pak that the first fall meeting of the *Stone Church Youth Group* attracted 17. Irene commented on the energy of the group. They will meet each Friday from 7 to 9 pm; the program will include Worship using the Gospel of Luke, as well as games and fun. Matt Nissen is helping with art projects each week.

Maureen Chandler, StoneWorks chair, reported on a request from Sacred Heart Community Service for Stone’s support in their efforts to help pass a San José initiative: Measure D would raise the minimum wage in the city. The Session learned that the PCUSA General Assembly

has spoken out in support of wages adequate for the support of families. The Session acted to have Stone be a source of information on the issue and to let our name be listed among the supporters of the initiative.

Gabriela Vargas was approved as Nursery Supervisor; she has been acting supervisor. Ashley Vivo will continue as assistant.

Roland Neufeld, Stewardship chair, reported that plans for Consecration Sunday on Oct. 21 are progressing. Roland asked for volunteers to host small meetings in their homes. The committee hopes to involve a good portion of church members in these informational gatherings. (See the related article on page 2.)

Fred Oliver, Worship chair, reported on changes the committee has proposed for Stone’s Worship service. There was mixed response in the Session, but Fred asked for patience as the committee continues its work.

Presbyterian Women let Session know that the Rev. Irene Pak will be the speaker for the Women’s Retreat, March 15 to 17, 2013.

Mary-Ann Hudson, Deacon Moderator, thanked everyone for the help that the Deacons received with the recent reception for Rev. Pak. The Deacons have been on overload with a good many members of the church having needs for care.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. IRENE PAK



KEN HENRY TO LEAD STONE'S TRAILWALKERS AT ALUM ROCK PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, BEGINNING AT 8 AM



Stone's Trailwalkers will hike at Alum Rock Park, on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 8 am. The Rev. Ken Henry will lead the hike.

Hikers will meet in the parking lot (parking is free) near the entrance to the park, to catch a pre-arranged shuttle to the terminal point of the Sierra Vista Trail.

Then, they will begin trekking about 9 miles downhill through chaparral, coast live oak woodlands and sycamore riparian habitats.

Views of Mount Hamilton and the valley floor can be seen from this trail.

If you are interested in going on the hike, there will be a brief meeting after church on Oct. 7,

to hear about the Open Space Authority, who purchased and manages the Sierra Vista site. Ken will also speak on what to bring and what to expect. Directional maps will be available.

Please contact Virginia Holtz for shuttle seating to the ridge top if you want to hike, but cannot attend the meeting on Oct. 7.

ANNOUNCING THE 2012 STONE CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT SPEAKER – REV. IRENE PAK!

Women of Stone Church, mark your calendars for March 15 - 17, 2013.



The Rev. Irene Pak will be our retreat speaker!

Watch for a link to an electronic survey in the *Weekly Update* and in your email inbox.

Your ideas can help make this the best retreat ever.

- Rhonda Lakatos

WALTER HUDSON CONTINUES SUNDAY EVENING CLASS

The Sunday evening study of the book, *This Will Be Remembered of Her*, by Megan McKenna, continues through Oct. 28, led by Walter Hudson.

This book is an enthralling and delightful discussion of the power and message of women who live in and live out of the Biblical Word.

Combining memory with the stories associated with women is a potent idea because women are traditionally the ones who do much of the remembering, acting as family storytellers, while their own stories are often forgotten or neglected.

Join Walter at 7 pm, Sunday evenings, in the Fireside Room, for a lively and open-ended discussion.

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