

# THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

MARCH 2013



## SUNRISE, SUNSET

by Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

*Sunrise, sunset; sunrise, sunset  
Swiftly flow the days  
Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers  
Blossoming even as we gaze*

When Holy Week and Easter roll around, I find myself paying attention to mornings and evenings.

For example, a few weeks ago on Ash Wednesday, I arrived at the church around 6 am. When I stepped out of my car, I noticed the glimmer of morning stars fading into dawn and a damp coolness sticking to my skin. And when I lit some candles within the Sanctuary, and placed them on the communion table, it was as if Jesus had been waiting for me - a quiet rendezvous with The Divine, a mysterious presence welcoming the beginning of Lent.

Yes, the time of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, for me, is a matter of paying more attention to sunrises and sunsets.

Around sunset on Maundy Thursday (7:30 pm, to be precise), for the second year running, we will gather in the Sanctuary to begin a



Sunset at Monterey Bay, New Year's Eve 2012 (photos by Ken Henry)

walking tour through the last week of Jesus' life. We will begin with the story of Jesus seeking a place to share his last supper with friends, then move to the Social Hall where a meal will await us. Then, we will file out onto the patio to reenact Jesus' arrest in the garden and finally return through the front doors of the Sanctuary to recall his bittersweet finale.

On Good Friday, the Sanctuary doors will be open from noon to 3:30 pm. During this sacred time, at the top of each hour, Stephen Boniface, our organist, will offer an organ meditation. This will be followed by a prayer led by one of the clergy at Stone.

On Good Friday, we recall the moment the sky turned black, when human suffering dissolved into death, when there was

no time for lingering sunsets, only darkness.

But sunrise was bound to come!

On March 31, Easter at Stone Church will begin at 6:30 am on the church patio. The faithful will gather to sing songs of praise, renew baptismal vows, listen to the Resurrection Story, and greet the day with shouts of "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" [I've always loved this early morning worship!]

Then at 9:30 am, our celebration of The Resurrection will move indoors.

Thus, in this season of sunrises and sunsets, I encourage us to pay attention - to get up early one morning and watch the sunrise or, conversely, to offer a heartfelt prayer at the close of day.

For Halleluiah! Christ is Risen! God's eternal sunrise of new possibilities is upon us, and like the sun peeking over the horizon, The Light has dawned.

*Sunrise, sunset; sunrise, sunset  
Swiftly fly the years*

*One season following another  
Laden with happiness and tears*



Sunrise at Mineta International Airport, Feb. 2013

## LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2013 AT STONE CHURCH

March 5, 12, 19, 26  
6:45 pm - Lenten Taizé Services

March 24: Passion/Palm Sunday  
9:30 am - Palm Sunday Worship Service  
10:45 am - Easter Egg Hunt

March 28: Maundy Thursday  
7:30 pm - Worship Service  
*A walking tour through the last week  
of Jesus' life.*

March 29: Good Friday  
noon to 3:30 pm - Sanctuary Open  
*At the beginning of each hour, Organ  
Meditation by Stephen Boniface,  
Stone Church Organist, followed by  
Prayer by Stone Church Clergy.*

March 31: Easter Sunday  
6:30 am - Easter Sunrise Service  
9:30 am - Easter Worship Service

**GREAT FOOD AND ITEMS ARE HERE AGAIN!**

### Mark your calendar for the Annual Stone Church Men's Ministry Fundraising Italian Dinner and Auction

This year's event will be March 23,  
with dinner served at 5:30 pm.

The menu features:



Dungeness Crab



Badalamente Sausage



Lasagna

with French Bread, Salad, and Dessert

**Proceeds benefit the outreach of the Men's Ministry Mission Team to:**



Westminster Woods,  
Zephyr Point Conference Center,  
Habitat for Humanity, and  
A variety of local mission projects



**Ticket prices:**

\$30 per adult; \$15 ages 12 - 17; \$5 ages 7 - 11

**No charge for children under 7**

**FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**John Lococo or Fred Oliver**

## DEACON'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY



Attention all parents  
of Church School-age  
children:

The Deacon's Annual  
Easter Egg Hunt will be  
held on Palm Sunday,  
March 24, immediately  
after church.

All Church School-age  
children are invited to participate in the hunt  
for both real and plastic eggs. There will even  
be a few very special gold eggs.

Please bring your own basket, and join us for  
the adventure of the hunt.

*If you have any questions, please  
contact Nancy Weiss, Brad Tips, or  
Peter Nelson.*

## LENTEN SEASON OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER MARCH 5, 12, 19 AND 26



Modern lives do not  
lend themselves to  
taking forty days for  
fasting and prayer.

But participating in a  
brief weekly service of  
meditation is one way  
to be in touch with the  
spirit of this season, to  
"start in the center of ourselves," as Anne Morrow  
Lindbergh suggested.

Stone Church holds its Taizé Services (named  
after a monastic community in France) in the  
Sanctuary on each Tuesday during Lent.

*Services will be held March 5, 12, 19 and  
26. Music begins at 6:30 pm, with the service  
beginning at 6:45 pm.* - Alice Thorn

# ADULT STUDY: CONSUMER PROTECTOR, SUZANA GAL; LENTEN STUDY ON LIFE OF CHRIST

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.

## March 3: Scams, Spams and Lies, with Suzana Gal

In our constantly changing marketplace, consumers often feel overwhelmed with the barrage of offers and incentives made by television, the radio, the internet and in-store ads. Where can one go for information and help?

Health Ministries presents Suzana Gal, Co-Supervisor, Santa Clara

County District Attorney Office, Consumer Protection Unit. She will provide in-depth information on important consumer issues and will explain the specific mediation process used when a consumer chooses to file a formal complaint.

## March 10, 17 & 24: Lenten Study: The Life of Christ According to Matthew's Gospel

In 1964, the Italian film director, Pier Paolo Pasolini, wrote and directed *The Gospel According to Matthew*, which is still considered by critics the finest

movie ever made about Jesus. It is in black-and-white and in Italian with English subtitles; all dialog is from the Gospel of Matthew. A most remarkable movie.

- \* March 10: The birth of Jesus
- \* March 17: The mission of Jesus
- \* March 24: The passion of Jesus

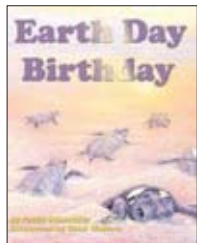
Please contact Pat Magee, Chair, Adult Study Subcommittee, for questions about any of these classes.

**There is no class on March 31 (Easter Sunday).**

# GOOD READING FOR LENT, EARTH DAY AND MORE IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

March brings together Lent and Earth Day, so our thoughts turn to both the spiritual and the mundane. Happy reading!

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator



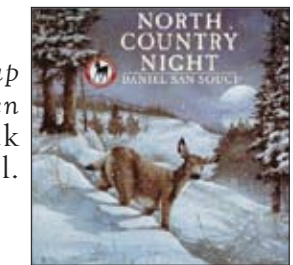
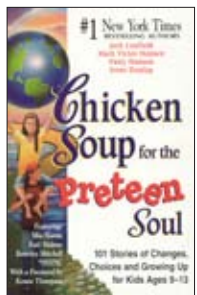
## New for our younger members:

*Earth Day Birthday* by Pattie Schnetzler (1st Bks 782 Sch)

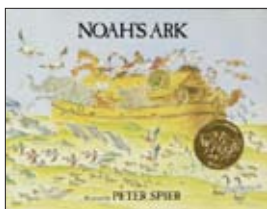
*North Country Night* by Daniel San Souci

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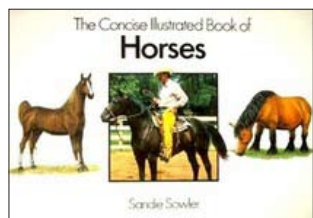
*Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul* by Jack Canfield et al.



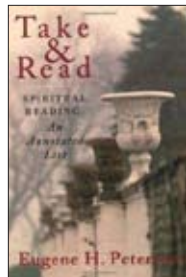
(YA 158.1 Can), given by the Bowers family



*Noah's Ark* by Peter Spier (J 221.2 Spi)



*The Concise Illustrated Book of Horses* by Sandie Sowler (YA 599 Sow)



## On the adult side:

*Take & Read: Spiritual Reading - An Annotated List* by Eugene Peterson (204 Pet), given by Alice Thorn

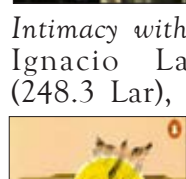
*The Complete Gospels* ed. by Robert Miller (226 Mil) 20

gospels from the first 3 centuries

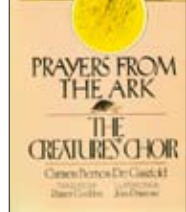


*Pontius Pilate* by Ann Wroe (226 Wro), given by Claudia Hamm

*Sensing Your Hidden Presence: Toward Intimacy with God* by Ignacio Larranaga (248.3 Lar), given by Brad Bauer



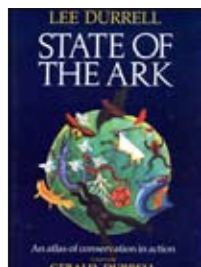
*Prayers from the Ark: The Creatures' Choir* by Carmen Bernos de Gasztoiz (811 Gas), given by Rebecca Kuiken



*State of the Ark: An Atlas of Conservation in Action* by Lee Durrell (Ecol 333 Dur)

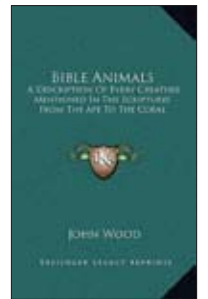
## In our adult special sections:

*State of the Ark: An Atlas of Conservation in Action* by Lee Durrell (Ecol 333 Dur)



*Darwin's Origin of Species: A Biography* by Janet Browne (Ecol 576 Bro)

*Bible Animals* by John Wood (Ecol 590 Woo)

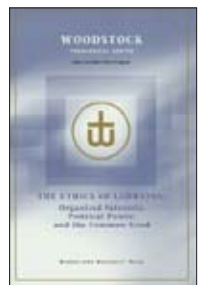


reprint of an 1869 book

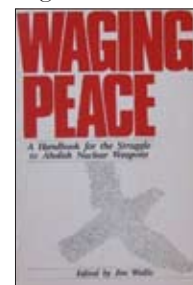
*The Survival Factor* by Mike & Tim Birkhead (Ecol 596 Bir)



*The Ethics of Lobbying: Organized Interests, Political Power, & the*

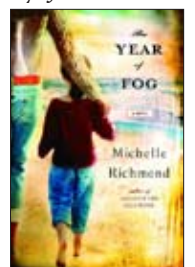


*Common Good* by Woodstock Theological Center (Soc Iss 172 Woo)



*Waging Peace: A Handbook for the Struggle to Abolish Nuclear Weapons* ed. by Jim Wallis (Soc Iss - Peace 261.8 Wal), given by Ivan Kolte

*The Year of Fog* by Michelle Richmond (F Ric), given by Sara Holtzapple



## MEN'S MINISTRY



The Men's Ministry of Stone Church includes a mission work team, a book group, a flying group, and wine- and beer-making groups.

For additional information about any of these activities, please contact Parish Associate David McCreath.

### New "One Day" Work Program with Sacred Heart

The Men's Ministry is starting a new program with Sacred Heart Community Service to assist low income people with health and safety projects around their homes.

These projects will be vetted by Matt King at Sacred Heart, then Stone Church men will purchase materials and perform needed repairs. Projects will typically be no more than one day in length and will be performed on weekends so more men may be able to participate.

If you are interested in helping with these "one day" work projects, send Bill Ribble your email address. As projects arise, Bill will email you, gathering a work team on a project-by-project basis.

### Men's Worktrip to Westminster Woods, March 1 - 3

The next men's worktrip is taking place this weekend, March 1 - 3, at Westminster Woods. For more information on future events, please contact Leland Wong.

### Men Book Group, March 18

The Men's Book Group will meet on Monday evening, March 18, at 7:30 pm. The book for discussion is *American Nations: a history of the eleven rival regional cultures of North America*, by Colin Woodard. Bob James is the host.

All men of the church are welcome to join the discussion.

### Men's Fundraising Italian Dinner and Auction, March 23, 5:30 pm

The Men's Ministry is holding their annual Fundraising Italian Dinner and Auction, on March 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. See page 2 for more information.

### Flying Trips Planned to Castle AFB Museum and Furnace Creek

The Men's Flying Group, led by Bill Ribble, has two trips coming up:

**Three-Day Trip to Furnace Creek, Death Valley, March 17 - 19:** Spring-

time in Death Valley can be quite beautiful with wild flowers blooming all over the place. Bill is planning a trip with his friend Bob Wagner. They plan to do quite a bit of walking, so bring hiking shoes and clothing. There's room for an additional 3 to 5 passengers in two planes.

The cost will be about \$100 each for the airplane ride and \$100 for two nights in a hotel (double occupancy), plus the cost of meals.

**Day Trip to Castle AFB Museum, April 28:** This day trip to the Castle Air Force Base Museum in Atwater, near Merced, lets you walk around some truly historic aircraft, including one of the few surviving B-36 Peacemakers, an SR-71 Blackbird, an F-111 Aardvark, and Bill's personal favorites, an F-4 Phantom II and an F-8 Crusader. You can see pictures at [www.castleairmuseum.org](http://www.castleairmuseum.org).

The cost will be about \$50 each for the airplane ride, a couple of bucks for lunch, and a donation to the museum. The group will leave about 9:30 am and return by 3:30 pm. Two planes are going, and Bill can add additional planes, as necessary.

If you are interested in either or both of these trips, please contact Bill Ribble immediately.

## STONE CHURCH GROUP WORKS AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



In late February, a group from Stone Church, led by David McCreath, worked at the Habitat for Humanity site off Route 9.

The group (pictured above) included Claudia Hamm, Steve Nelson, Jeanette Rapp, Maureen Ryan and Leland Wong,

as well as "supervisor David." Jeanette mentioned that three female freshmen from Stanford University were also part of the work team.

One of the group's main tasks was "wheelbarrowing a zillion loads of gorilla hair mulch, from a mountain of the stuff, to the backyards of four almost finished homes," reported Jeanette. One of the final nicely landscaped yards is shown at right.

David McCreath has been volunteering with Habitat for years, including a stint as the director of the San José area branch.

Photos & story courtesy of Jeanette Rapp



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



*Kites! Kites!  
Kites!*

*Are they out  
of style, or is  
it that we just  
don't have the  
right winds to  
fly them?*

*My memories  
of the sky filled  
with kites – all  
colors, all shapes,  
all sizes – come*

*from both my childhood and my years in  
Bangkok. What are your memories?*

### Spring Gathering of PW of the San José Presbytery, March 10

Let's learn together! Join us for the *Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of San José*, at Los Gatos Presbyterian Church, from 2 to 4 pm, on March 10.

The Rev. Kathleen Eschen-Pipes, of Santa Cruz, and a member of the Presbytery of San José, will open our program. She will speak from her experience as a mother of children with disabilities. She will be joined

by others, some of whom have disabilities, themselves, and they will share their perspectives on inclusion in their respective congregations.

*For more details about this important program, see page 6.*

### Fair Trade Sales, March 10

Fair Trade products are available for sale in the Social Hall, each month on the second Sunday, which is the 10th of this month.

Come see the wide variety of items from which to choose!

### Coupons: Eat More Cereal!

Coupons go a long way to help supplement our schools' enrichment programs. This month we again ask you to look at General Mills cereals: many have double coupons.

### PW Schedule for March

**Amethyst Circle**, 1 pm, March 6, Church Library

**Emerald Circle**, 9:30 am, March 7, Heidi Whitesel's home

**Fair Trade Sales**, 10:30 am, March 10, Social Hall

**Spring Gathering**, 2-4 pm, March 10, Los Gatos Presbyterian Church

**Sapphire Circle**, 7:30 pm, March 11, Ida Raby's home

**Lunch Bunch**, 11:30 am, March 12, Taiwan Restaurant, Lincoln Ave.

**PWCT**, 9:30 am, March 14, Social Hall

**Women's Retreat**, March 15 - 17, St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista

**Book Group II**, 2:30 pm, March 18, Kathie Lloyd's home, discussing *Blue Nights* by Joan Didion

**Focus Group**, 9:30 am, March 20, June Tablak's home

**Book Group I**, 1 pm, March 25, Hazel James' home, discussing *Theodore Boone* by John Grisham

**Bible Study with Rev. Marge Palmer**, 9:30 am, March 28, Church Library, Lesson 7, *Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles*

**Prayer Shawl Group**: please contact Janice Goertz

### Dates to Remember

**April 13**: PWP Spiritual Retreat

**May**: Mother's Day Cards

- Catherine Amos

## PW OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Each year, the Hudspeth Trust administered by Presbyterian Women provides some scholarship assistance for undergraduate college students of Stone Church. The application forms and related materials are located in the church office in the PW box. The deadline for the applications, essays, and recommendations is July 15, 2013.

Throughout the year, PW considers applications from individuals and groups associated with Stone Church seeking funds for training or educational programs, retreats and conferences. Applications for these types of aid are also available in the church office. Submission for consideration may be done at any time during the year.

If you have any questions regarding the application forms or the scholarship process, please contact Jan Keifer, PW Mission Secretary.

*Joyce  
Summers  
and Bill  
Lakatos  
received  
Honorary  
Life  
Memberships in  
Presbyterian  
Women on  
Gifts of  
Women  
Sunday in  
February  
2013.*



## PW IN THE SAN JOSÉ PRESBYTERY WELCOME REV. ESCHEN-PIPES, SPEAKING ON INCLUSION

*Perspectives on the Inclusive Church:  
Imagine what it means to be included*

What does it mean to be included? It is not as simple a question as we might imagine. We may have open minds and open hearts, but we may not always know how to offer the genuine hospitality and welcome we intend. This is especially true for people with disabilities, whose numbers appear to be increasing in our society.

What is necessary for us to know and do to include and show hospitality to children and adults who have disabilities? How do we remove barriers to help people with varied developmental, learning, or physical disabilities feel included and accepted and more easily access the programs and community the church offers?

Not only do we need open hearts and minds, but we need to better understand the challenges people with disabilities experience and learn how they can be more fully included through accommodation.

Let's learn together! Join us for the *Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of San José*, at the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, from 2 to 4 pm, on March 10.

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program. She will speak from her experience as a mother of children with disabilities.

She will be joined by others, some of whom have disabilities themselves, and they will share their perspectives on inclusion in their respective congregations.

Some of the other presenters include Donna Yeager, host of the long-running public access TV show, *On the Move*, which highlights the capabilities and accomplishments of people with disabilities and how they stay "on the move."

Also presenting will be Debbie Lillo from *Joni and Friends Bay Area*. Debbie encourages and helps to equip churches to minister to families touched by disability. Debbie will share a Biblical perspective on disability ministry and will provide resources and practical ways in which churches might respond.

We hope that attendees will bring this information back to their respective congregations to enable them to become more inclusive.

If you would like to attend, please contact Claudia Hamm by March 9.

The Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos is located at 16575 Shannon Road in Los Gatos.

- Claudia Hamm, Jean Raby,  
and Catherine Amos



*Having lots of fun at last year's Rock-A-Thon!*

## YOUTH GROUP TO HOLD ROCK-A-THON, MARCH 22-23

Stone's Youth Group has rescheduled their annual Rock-a-Thon to March 22 - 23.

Last year, at this all-night, enormously fun event, the group raised over \$650, which they donated to Stone's Garden Project, the Humane Society and a Family Shelter.

Why not consider making a pledge this year? At press time, the cause had not been determined, but with this caring group, it will be very worthwhile.

For more information, please contact Rev. Irene Pak in the Church Office.

## SESSION: YEAR-END STATISTICS, YOUTH GROUP REPORT, SIGN LANGUAGE REQUEST

At its regular meeting on Feb. 19, Session was moderated for the first time by Associate Pastor Irene Pak.

Clerk of Session Alice Thorn gave a summary of statistics for the year 2012. Statistical membership at Stone Church remained the same: 346. There were 5 baptisms of children, and 5 deaths; there was a total loss and a total gain of 12 members.

The report asks for racial ethnic numbers, and while there are a few people in those categories, Stone remains a largely Caucasian church. There are slightly more female than male members; Deacons and Session are divided evenly between male and female.

Irene Pak reported that a youth meeting for the Presbytery of San José had over 80 in attendance from a diversity of congregations. She had a major role in organizing the event.

Irene is also continuing to get to know families in the congregation, as well as working with a group of single women finding renewal of faith at Stone.

Ken Henry reported on meeting with Bruce and Ida Raby's son, Bill, who has brought a group of friends to Stone recently. The group wants a progressive church and needs sign language provided. Session acted to allocate seed money for this purpose, and will investigate longer-term funding.

A small group is working with Ken on the technology needed to extend Easter Worship to the Social Hall using the flat screen. Ken wants it to be a Worship experience - not just "watching TV."

The Health Ministries committee is working to provide CPR training to church staff through the Red Cross.

Rhonda Lakatos gave a summary of the work of the Committee on the Self-Development of People - a national group funded by the One Great Hour of Sharing. She is chair of the tri-Presbytery section, which includes San José, San Francisco and Redwoods Presbyteries.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session

## *Photos from the PW Valentine Tea by Dan Raby*



*At the recent PW Valentine Tea, Nona Mock Wyman (above left, seated) spoke about growing up at the Ming Quong Home in Los Gatos.*



## STONE'S TRAIL WALKERS ARE BACK, AT COYOTE!



Back by popular demand, Stone's Trail Walkers' first venue is along the Coyote Creek Trail with

Hellyer Park as our starting point.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 23, starting at 9 am.

Stone's Trail Walkers are now in their third year of exploring the natural beauty of the creeks and trails of Santa Clara County. The walks are open to everyone, and strollers are welcome! These are not intended to be "hard core workouts," but a gentle three-hour outing to get out in the fresh air and enjoy nature. This stretch of Coyote Creek is relatively flat and is paved.

To reach our starting point, take Highway 101 to the Hellyer Avenue exit, staying to the right. Continue on Hellyer Avenue through the intersection to the toll booth (a day pass is \$6). Follow the signs to the Velodrome parking area.

*For more information, please contact Katherine Webb Calhoon.*

## LOOKING AHEAD: STONE FAMILY SNOW TRIP 2014

It's never too far ahead to plan for one of the most talked-about Stone Church events of the year: the annual Stone Family Snow Trip 2014!

We plan to be back at the Zephyr Presbyterian Conference Center and have requested the weekend of Jan. 24 - 26, 2014. We are waiting for our final confirmed dates, but must make a change in our reservation system.

If you are interested in attending the 2014 Snow Trip, we need to know by April 1 and will be asking for an advance deposit by that date. Zephyr's policy is for groups to make a confirmed reservation for a minimum of ten rooms to take advantage of the

conference facilities. In addition, we must provide an advance, non-refundable deposit.

We are asking Stone attendees to help cover this deposit to guarantee our space: \$100 for a single/double room and \$150 for families. If we can meet the obligation of ten rooms, this deposit will be non-refundable after April 1, and we'll have all year

to dream about the snow. If we do not meet the minimum of ten rooms, deposits will be returned, and we will (sadly) have to cancel our request at Zephyr.

*For more information, including making reservations, please contact Katherine Webb Calhoon.*



## STONERWORKS BRINGS FOCUS TO SACRED HEART

March is Sacred Heart Community Service Awareness Month.

Our partnership with Sacred Heart is strong through many Stone Church member volunteer hours, as well as through our donations of food, clothing and other items and financial support.



A huge thank you goes out to all of you who spend many hours at Sacred Heart distributing food and clothing, gleaning groceries and helping in the office. We appreciate your representation of Stone Church and dedication to our neighbors in need.

Thanks also to Cathy Marshall for acting as liaison between Stone Church and Sacred Heart.

In March, we hope others of you will learn something new about Sacred Heart and find a way to become involved.

Here are few things to note:

- ♥ On Sunday, March 10, Matt King, Sacred Heart's Community Involvement Coordinator, will give a *Moment for Mission* and will provide information about volunteer opportunities during Coffee Fellowship.
- ♥ Donations are requested for men's work and casual clothing, baby formula and diapers, and Ensure.
- ♥ StoneWorks will be dispersing a check for \$1,500 to the Sacred Heart General Fund.
- ♥ For more information, check out the Sacred Heart Comm. Service website ([www.sacredheartcs.org](http://www.sacredheartcs.org)).

*-Maureen Chandler, Chair, StoneWorks*

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