

THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

SEPTEMBER 2013



Having lots of fun at Stone's Worship and Picnic in the Park!

(for more pictures, see the back of the calendar)



BAKING THE BREAD OF LIFE

by Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

On the first Sunday of each month at Stone Church of Willow Glen, we are invited to eat bread.

A beautiful crusty loaf of homemade bread sits on the communion table, ready to be broken and served to the people of God. But where does this bread come from?

For more than twenty years, Mary Johnson, Parish Nurse and choir member, has been baking bread on Saturday afternoons in order to bring a fresh loaf to worship.

"I think it makes it special," she told me one afternoon sitting in my office. "The fact that someone took flour, water, salt and yeast, and used his or her hands to knead the dough, makes communion significant for me."

Before coming to Stone in 1991, Mary attended a church where she

was impressed that someone took the time to make bread for The Lord's Supper, and because of that experience, she's been providing communion bread for us.

"I can't remember not doing it," Mary told me.

When I asked Mary what communion means to her, she said breaking bread on Sunday mornings helps her connect with Jesus, with the community of faith, and with all the saints who have come before her.

She has made bread for Maundy Thursdays, for a wedding at Stone, and for special times outside of worship. She has been experimenting with gluten-free breads for about a year and a half, and she even has "a sourdough starter in my refrigerator that is over 250 years old."

Mary also makes breadsticks, pizza dough, pasta, gnocchi and French bread stuffed with black olives.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Mary will teach a class in Stone's kitchen on

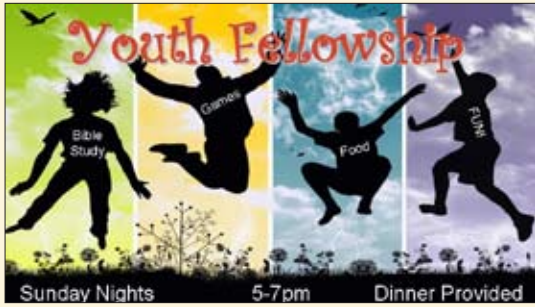


bread making. Then, on Sunday, Sept. 29, following worship, we will serve all worship attendees freshly made bread from Mary's class.

Ah, I can already smell the enticing aroma of bread baking in the Stone Church ovens!

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[For Mary's communion bread recipe, and information about the bread-making class, also see page 8.]



YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF NIGHT!

Sunday, Sept. 15

From 5 to 7 pm

Youth in grades 6-12
are welcome!

Dinner is provided!

Come and let's start the
year off with a bang!

Hope to see you there!

*Regular youth meetings
will be the first and third
Sunday of every month.*

Peace, Rev. Irene Pak

SYLVIA SNYDER IS NEWEST "STONE STEWARD"

Stone Steward awards are given several times a year to members of Stone Church who use their time and talents to benefit the mission of Stone Church. Often, the person selected has served in several capacities to keep the church thriving in order for mission activities to be performed.

Mission Oaks Rehabilitation Center was the setting for the celebration of Sylvia Snyder as a faithful steward at Stone Church. On Aug. 18, Susan Bedolla, Guy Lohman, Jody & Emily Meacham, and David & Ruth McCreath gathered there to present Sylvia with a Stone Steward certificate.

Sylvia has been a Stone Church member for almost 30 years. During that time, she has served as a Deacon, bringing food to people in need. She was keen on helping other single parents by dropping off meals unexpectedly for their families. She continues to provide cookies to the church office staff each Friday.

While raising four children, Sylvia used her talents and skills as a professional photographer to photograph products made by technology companies. She even has her own dark room, which is envied by other photographers.

The Church Directory became more interesting when her "hand-developed" photographs of members were included. She has produced beautiful wedding albums for Stone members. She is *Photographer Emerita* of *The Stone News*, having supplied countless photos for this publication.



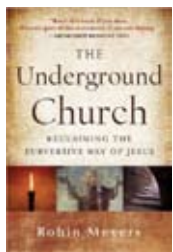
Sylvia has painted every room in the downstairs area under the Sanctuary and in Lincoln House, and she continues to go to all Stone Church workdays.

And note that she is also a risk-taker, having flown in a biplane and ridden on motorcycles, and has won many trophies for her amazing, incredible skill as a bowler.

Congratulations, Sylvia, on a well-deserved honor! - Ruth McCreath

JOIN US IN EXPLORING "THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH" BY ROBIN MEYERS

Few books capture the predicament and passion of "a lover's quarrel with the church" as does *The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus*, by Dr. Robin Meyers, who will present the Henrietta Perdue Lectures at Stone Church, on Nov. 15 and 16.



While Dr. Meyers is a dedicated Christian and a 30-year pastor in the UCC, this book continues his thoughtful discourse on what's wrong, missing, or misunderstood about Christianity and the Church.

To prepare for Dr. Meyers' lectures, a five-week discussion class will be offered from Sept. 22 through Oct 20.

The goal of the class is to hear the arguments and hopes of the book, because in a dynamic and sometimes chaotic culture, the church is often written off as irrelevant, but Jesus and his Gospel are constantly appealing - a paradox filled with promise and worthy of serious, far-ranging discussion.

Walter Hudson will be the facilitator, but others will occasionally lead the discussion.

Each Sunday will cover two chapters, with the first chapter being primary and the second optional:

- ✿ Sept. 22 - Prologue: Empty Sermons, Empty Pews
Chap. 1: Sweet Jesus: Talking His Melancholy Madness
- ✿ Sept. 29 - Chap. 2: The Early Church That Never Was

Chap. 3: Waking Up in Bed with Constantine

- ✿ Oct. 6 - Chap. 4: Onward Christian Soldiers?
- Chap. 5: Faith as Radically Embodied Trust

✿ Oct. 13 - Chap. 6: Renewing the Church Through Shared Mission

- Chap. 7: Leavening the Imperial Loaf
- ✿ Oct. 20 - Chap. 8: Jesus Followers on the No-Fly List
- Chap. 9: The Underground Church on War, Sex, Money, Family, and the Environment

You can purchase the book for \$19 during Coffee Fellowship in September. And for a "fair taste" of the book, contact Walter Hudson to get an electronic copy of the Prologue.

- Pat Magee, Chair, Adult Ed Subcommittee

FALL PROGRAM FOR ADULT STUDY, CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS – SEE WHAT’S COMING!

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. 8: Introduction to Sunday Morning Adult Studies

Plans for adult studies during the school year include:

- ✳ Ed Wendler, Volunteer from Hospice of the Valley (sponsored by Health Ministries)
- ✳ Recovery Café Homeless Ministry (sponsored by StoneWorks)
- ✳ Dr. Robin Meyers, leading a class on Nov. 17, following his Henrietta Perdue lectures

- ✳ Irene Capuchino, Marriage and Family Therapist, on “Problems of Domestic Violence”
- ✳ Dr. Catherine Murphy, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, on “Scriptures Lost and Found”
- ✳ The Lord’s Prayer: a line-by-line study
- ✳ The Bible Contradicts Itself: Genesis and Exodus

Sept. 15: Church School Kickoff, Plans for the Year

Every September, we begin anew the children’s program. Find out about the coming year at our Church School Kick-Off. Join us in the Fireside Room,

from 10:30 to 11 am, for goodies and good news. Everyone is invited, whether you have kids or not. Children are, of course, welcome.

Sept. 22 - Oct. 20: Five-Week Study of “The Underground Church” by Robin Meyers

Dr. Robin Meyers will present the Henrietta Perdue Lectures on Nov. 15 and 16, and on the following Sunday, he will preach and lead the adult study class. In preparation, a five-week class on his book, “The Underground Church” will be offered (for more detail, see article, page 2).

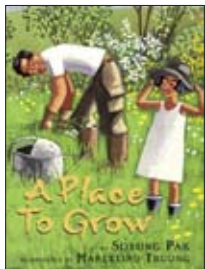
- Pat Magee, Chair, Adult Ed Subcommittee

GET “EXCITING NEW IDEAS” FROM INTRIGUING CHURCH LIBRARY BOOKS!

In the fall, our attention turns to education. Maybe our new books will bring you exciting new ideas! We hope you enjoy both the Children’s Chapel Library and our two rooms in Lincoln House.

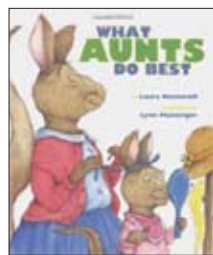
- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

New for our younger members:

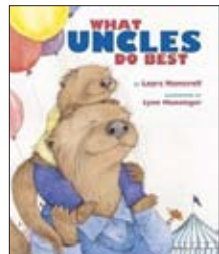


A Place to Grow by Soyung Pak (Read-Aloud J Pak)

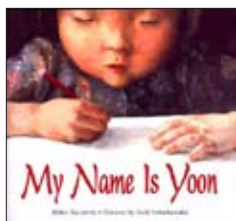
What Aunts Do Best, What Uncles Do Best by Laura



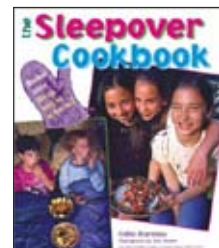
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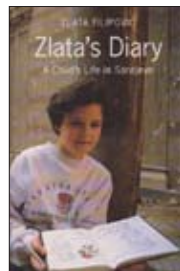
My Name Is Yoon by Helen



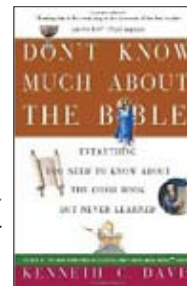
Recorvits (J Rec), given by Rosaleen Zisch



The Sleepover Cookbook by Hallie Warshaw (J 641 War)

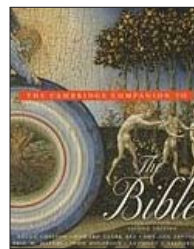


Zlata’s Diary: A Child’s Life in Sarajevo by Zlata Filipovic (YA Biog FILIPOVIC)

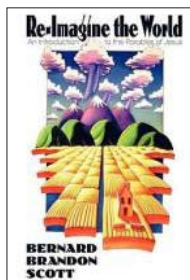


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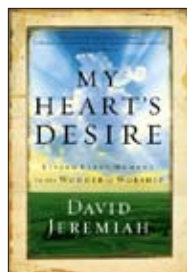
Don’t Know Much About the Bible by Kenneth Davis (220.6 Dav)



The Cambridge Companion to the Bible ed. by Bruce Chilton et al. (220.9 Chi)

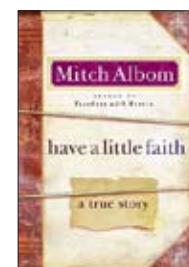
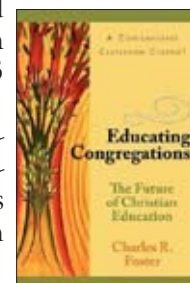


Re-Imagine the World: An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus by Bernard Scott (226.8 Sco), given by Pat Magee



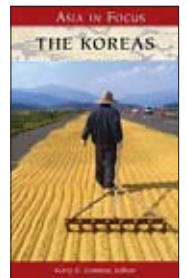
My Heart’s Desire: Living Every Moment in the Wonder of Worship by David Jeremiah (248.3 Jer)

Educating Congregations: The Future of Christian Education by Charles Foster (268 Fos), given by Aimee Moiso



Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom (296.7 Alb)

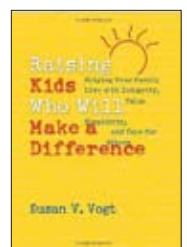
The Koreas: Asia in Focus ed. by Mary Connor (951.9 Con), given by Rosaleen Zisch



Chinatown San Jose, USA by Connie Young Yu (979.4 Yu), given by Dulcie Janzen

In our adult special sections:

Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference by Susan Vogt (Fam-Parenting 649 Vog), given by Glen Casner

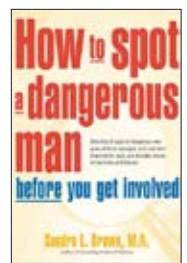


Chopstick Childhood In a Town of Silver Spoons:



Orphaned at Ming Quong, Los Gatos by Nona Mock Wyman (Biog WYMAN), given by Claudia Hamm

How to Spot a Dangerous Man before You Get Involved by Sandra Brown (Women 646.7 Bro), given by Gail Chaid



SESSION CALLS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SEPT. 8 TO APPROVE TERMS OF CALL FOR REV. IRENE PAK



Rev. Irene Pak with Grant Nilson, Samantha Blodgett, Maddie and Aaron McNelis, at the 2013 PCUSA Youth Triennium at Purdue University, July 2013

The Session held its regular meeting on Aug. 20. The main item discussed was the next steps in calling the Rev. Irene Pak as a *full-time called/installed Associate Pastor of Stone Church*.

The Session voted to hold a Congregational Meeting on Sept. 8, for the purpose of asking the congregation to approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Pak.

In order to better understand how this process has unfolded, here is a timeline of Rev. Pak's Ministry at Stone:

- ✦ **Aug. 1, 2012:** Rev. Pak begins a contract with Stone as *Temporary Supply Associate Pastor*, working 1/2 time.
- ✦ **Jan. 1, 2013:** Rev. Pak continues the contract with time increased to 4/5, to end Dec. 31, 2013.
- ✦ **Spring 2013:** Session and church members begin thinking how the church could call Rev. Pak as *full-time called/installed Associate Pastor*.
- ✦ **Early August 2013:** The Budget & Finance Committee evaluates church finances and feels the congregation could afford to make Rev. Pak full-time.
- ✦ **Aug. 10:** Session votes to recommend Terms of Call for Rev. Pak to the San José Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM).
- ✦ **Aug. 12:** The COM meets to vote on the recommendation
- ✦ **Aug. 13:** Erik Khoobyarian, chair of the COM, sends the Revs. Henry and Pak this message: "Tonight the COM enthusiastically voted to recommend that the Presbytery change Irene's status from *Temporary Supply Associate Pastor* to *called/installed Associate Pastor*, consistent with the Terms of Call. This is great news for you both, for your congregation, and for our Presbytery. The vote is pending a congregational vote - so get cracking on that! I will be in touch, but didn't want to delay getting you this news."
- ✦ **Aug. 20:** At its regular meeting, Session votes to announce and call a Congregational Meeting on Sept. 8, 2013, for the purpose of approving the call to Rev. Pak.
- ✦ **Sept. 8:** Stone Church of Willow Glen Congregational Meeting. If members approve a Pastoral Call, it then goes to Presbytery for approval.
- ✦ **Sept. 28:** The Presbytery of San José meets in Salinas, where a 3/4s favorable vote is required for approval.
- ✦ **Jan. 1, 2014:** This is the earliest date Rev. Pak could begin her ministry as *full-time called/installed Associate Pastor of Stone Church*.

- P & A Committee

A MOMENT FOR TAIZÉ



*"Taizé is a calming, personal, moving experience."
- Catherine Ruggeri*

Catherine is also considering joining Stone Church because the Taizé services mean so much to her.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TO HOST INFORMATIONAL MEETING, SEPT. 22

After a short hiatus, Stephen Ministry is resuming its activities this fall.

Stephen Ministers and Leaders spent Aug. 23-24 at a retreat focused on fellowship and renewal, including a presentation by Kathleen O'Brien titled, *Self Care for the Care Giver*.

Stone Church's Stephen Ministry will work closely with First Presbyterian Church of San José this year, both in training classes and cross-referrals for care givers and care receivers.

Stephen Ministry provides trained listeners for people experiencing many of life's crises: grief, separation, illness, loss and more.

Anyone interested in training as a Stephen Minister can attend an informational meeting on Sept. 22, at 11 am, in the Church Library.

For more information, please contact Joan Peckham.

- Judith Mohr

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Tradition! Tradition! (Remember Fiddler on the Roof?) We all probably remember when school started after Labor Day. Let's go back in memory and think of the excitement of new clothes, new pencils, pristine paper, unbroken crayons (so many lovely colors), the smell of new paste, and, of course, a new teacher. We don't have all of that, but we do have a great year with PW to look forward to.

Now is a great time to get involved in PW. Circles and book groups are always welcoming to newcomers. There are several choices for times, so one of them may fit your schedule!

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Fair Trade Sales, Sept. 8

Our diligent fair trade salespeople are at it, as usual.

They are sad to announce that the very popular *Panama* dark chocolate bars will not be available until October.

Check the table to see what else you may like.

Horizons Bible Study Day, Sept. 14

The overview of this year's Bible Study, by the author, at San Francisco Theological Seminary, on Sept. 14, is well worth the trip. You can register online (sfts.edu/news/view_event.asp?ID=316). Lunch is included with your fee. It is more fun, and practical, to carpool, so form a group of your friends. Claudia Hamm recommends leaving about 7:30 am to allow for traffic and to find parking.

Box Tops for Education

Now that we have given coupons to our school for 2012-2013, we need to start on the new school year. Check grocery ads in the newspaper and online, as many stores have specials on items with extra coupons.

Emmaus House Benefit, Oct. 27

We shall have more on the *Emmaus House Benefit* next month. The reports from last year say it was fabulous!

PW Schedule for September

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

Emerald Circle, 9:30 am, Sept. 5, Carolyn Clendenning's home

Fair Trade Sales, 10:30 am, Sept. 8, Social Hall

Sapphire Circle, 7:30 pm, Sept. 9, Sheri Cunningham's home

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Sept. 10, Taiwan Restaurant, 1306 Lincoln Ave.

PWCT, 9:30 am, Sept. 12, Social Hall

Horizons Bible Study Day, Sept. 14, 8:45 am - 3:15 pm, SFTS

Blood Pressure Checks/Turn in Unused Prescriptions, 11 am, Sept. 15, Church Library, with Mary Johnson, Parish Nurse

Book Group II, 3 pm, Sept. 16, Joyce Summers' home, discussing *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

Focus Group, 9:30 am, Sept. 18, June Tablak's home

Book Group I, 1 pm, Sept. 23, Hazel James' home, discussing *No Biking in the House Without a Helmet* by Melissa Greene

Bible Study, 9:30 am, Sept. 26, Church Library, led by Claudia Hamm and Alice Thorn, Lesson 2 of *An Abiding Hope* (2013-2014 *Horizons Bible Study*)

Prayer Shawl Group should contact Janice Goertz for date and time.

Future Dates to Save

PWP Fall Gathering, Oct. 5, 2 - 4 pm, Sunnyvale PC

Emmaus House Benefit, Oct. 27, San Juan Oaks Golf Club

PW Thank Luncheon, Nov. 9, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Social Hall

Gifts of Women Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014
- Catherine Amos

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.

Quarterly Men's Breakfast, Sept. 7

September 7 is the date of the next *Quarterly Men's Breakfast*, to be held in the Social Hall, from 8 am until 9 am. All men are welcome to attend. Join us to enjoy good food and good fellowship.

Men's Book Group, Sept. 16

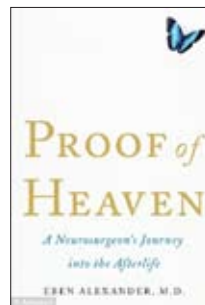
The Men's Book Group will meet on Sept. 16, with Art Holtz as host.

The book for discussion is *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife*, by Dr. Eben Alexander.

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

Two Upcoming Men's Mission Trips to Westminster Woods, Sept. 20-24 and Nov. 1-3

The Men's Mission Team has two upcoming work trips to Westminster Woods planned:



✘ Friday, Sept. 20 to Tuesday, Sept. 24 (home by noon)

✘ Friday, Nov. 1, to Sunday, Nov 3 (also home by noon)

Here are the highlights of these important mission opportunities:

✘ Leaving times are flexible, and Friday night departures can be arranged.

✘ If you can get away only for the weekend, that's fine.

✘ Skills of all levels, including beginners, are welcome.

To sign up, or for questions, please contact Leland Wong.

- David McCreath

PW AUGUST BRUNCH PROVIDED GOOD FOOD, GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD INFORMATION ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Presbyterian Women hosted their annual brunch for members, family and friends on Aug. 17.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal of quiche, fruit salad and muffins. The speaker was Elizabeth (Libby) Sholes, former Director of Public Policy for California Council of Churches and California COC Impact. She has also been active as a lobbyist before the California state legislature.

Libby's talk on "Healthcare: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" provided an overview on eligibility and benefits of the act, which will be effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Libby told about plan costs and government subsidies and explained how to get more information about the act. She provided cards to request a contact from an individual who has been trained in the details of the act. The

website for California is CoveredCA.com. The national website is healthcare.gov. She encourages our ministry to get information out to the greater community.

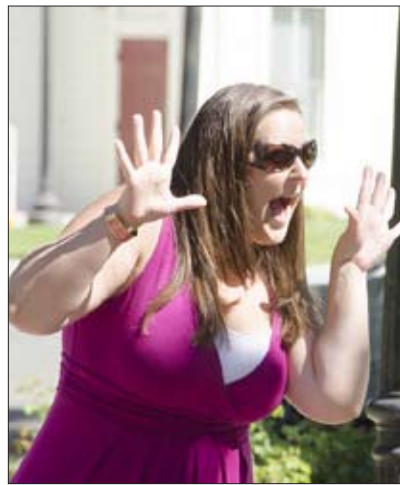
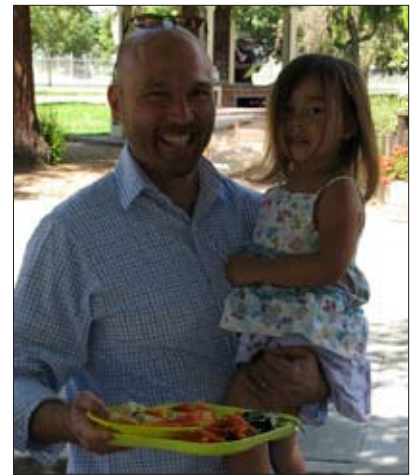
As is our PW annual tradition, we welcomed a representative from Katherine Smith Elementary School, which we support through the collection of Box Top coupons, Campbell soup labels and S.H.A.R.E.S. cards used by shoppers at Lucky's and other grocery stores. Della Smith, who has taught at the school since 1996, introduced Aaron Brengard, Principal, who presented a video about the philosophy and educational goals of the school staff. The school is dedicated to giving all pupils an excellent education, as well as serving other needs of this underprivileged community. They work hard to support increased self-

esteem and educational goals and meet basic needs where possible. The video made clear that the school motto is: "College Bound," and the children love to yell that phrase. There are signs in classrooms, and the children are encouraged to accept this goal for their education and future.

Dorothy Stevens presented a ten-pound bag of coupons, labels and grocery receipts to the school. "Box Tops for Education" have previously been used to buy equipment and to give each class the opportunity to take a field trip at no cost to the family. If you buy products with "Box Tops for Education" on them, please cut them out and bring them to church. You can give them to Dorothy Stevens or place them in the labeled plastic container on the library cart in the Social Hall hallway.

- Joan Peckham





*Stone Church Worship and Picnic in the Park, August 18, 2013
History Park, San José, California, - a Wonderful Tradition!*

You are cordially
invited to an
Organ Recital
featuring
Stephen Boniface,
Organist,
Stone Church of
Willow Glen
Sunday, Sept. 15
2 pm
Stone Church Sanctuary
with Reception Following
in the Social Hall



Our pastors ... Irene and Ken ...
sharing a joyful moment!

Come meet and learn from
Ryan Smith,
PCUSA Representative
to the United Nations.
Monday, Sept. 9
7 - 8:30 pm
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
728 E. Fremont Avenue
Sponsored by Presbytery of San José
Peace and Social Justice Task Force
Dessert, coffee and tea will be served.
For more information, please contact
Pat Plant at the San José
Presbytery Office.

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Wondering why we're doing this?
Well, starting Sept. 15, for four consecutive Sundays, through music,

sermon, and the symbol of bread, we will explore the theme, *Bread of Heaven, Bread of Life.*

We know Jesus broke bread with his followers, and, in The Gospel of John, Jesus said,

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry..."

So, I invite you to come, listen and grow spiritually by learning more about this food that connects us with one another and with God.

I asked Mary if she had any wisdom for novice bread makers.

"Be patient. Don't be discouraged if it doesn't turn out. But most all, follow the recipe exactly." Blessings, Ken

Mary Johnson's Communion Bread Recipe

- 7 cups bread flour (preferably King Arthur), divided 3 c, 3½ c, ½ c
- 2 envelopes Rapid Rise yeast
- 1 T sugar
- 1 T salt
- 2 T olive oil
- 2 ¼ cups warm water (110°)

Mix 3 cups of flour and all other ingredients in a large bowl. When well-mixed, add another 3½ cups flour. Knead on floured surface until dough is smooth and satiny, adding up to ½ cup more flour to achieve this consistency.

Place kneaded dough in a bowl coated with cooking spray, turning to coat all of the dough, cover the bowl, and let rise until doubled, about two hours.

Place dough on floured surface, and divide in half. Using a rolling

pin, roll half of dough into a rectangle, roughly 12x18 inches. Roll this into a loaf, starting with the narrow side, working dough to seal edges. Repeat with second half of dough.

Place loaves on a French bread pan coated with cooking spray. Slash tops with a sharp knife, spray with cooking spray, and cover with a towel. Refrigerate for 2 to 24 hours.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. While oven heats, beat the white of one egg with one tablespoon of water. Brush loaves with egg wash. Bake on middle rack of oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack.

On Sept. 28, at 3 pm, in the Social Hall and Kitchen, Mary will teach a class on bread making (for ages 12 and up). Look for sign-ups soon.

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