

# THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

FEBRUARY 2014



The Annual Stone Church "Snow Trip" was missing ... uh ... well, "snow" this year, but obviously none of the fun!

## WALKING THE STATIONS OF THE HEART

by Rev. Ken Henry

Among some Roman Catholics, walking the *Stations of the Cross* during Lent is a spiritual experience that invites sojourners to walk the final week of Jesus' life.



As walkers go from picture to picture and station to station, and as they gaze upon images of Jesus carrying his cross toward Golgotha, each picture becomes a reminder of Christ's suffering and death.

The traditional *Stations of the Cross* will be the inspiration for our worship theme during the season of Lent: *Walking the Stations of the Heart*.

In similar fashion, this journey requires us to reflect upon those times when we have walked with others through difficult and challenging times: times of suffering, times of questioning, times of waiting, and times of uncertainty.

Walking through the healthcare system, these heartfelt stations might have included driving a friend to a doctor's appointment, taking flowers to someone in the hospital, providing a meal for a family in distress, being present through a loved one's diagnosis and treatment, or simply *listening* to a friend or loved one.

Reflecting on the theme, *Walking the Stations of the Heart*, we remember a time when we literally or figuratively walked with another person - through joy and sorrow, sickness and health, plenty and want.

(continued on page 6)

## A YEAR AND A HALF LATER

by Rev. Irene Pak

When I walked into my new office on Aug. 1, 2012, I walked in as a half-time "temporary supply" associate pastor for a "new" church called Stone Church of Willow Glen.

A year and a half later, I am now full-time, and the congregation and San José Presbytery have affirmed my call to this church. A year and a half after sharing in ministry with you, I will become officially *official*.

If you haven't heard, my installation service is Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3 pm, at Stone Church. A year and a half later, I am just as thrilled as I was walking in nervously that first day to be part of this community of faith.

So, just for fun, I thought I would share three things I've learned about you and about me, as we walk in faith together.

(continued on page 6)



**The Presbytery of San José invites  
you to the Installation  
Service of the Rev. Irene Pak**

The Rev. Irene Pak will be installed as Associate Pastor at Stone Church of Willow Glen, Sunday, February 16, 2014, at 3 pm.

All are welcome!

A reception will follow the service.

**PW VALENTINE TEA  
TO FEATURE  
FLORAL DESIGNER,  
NYNA DOLBY**



The Presbyterian Women of Stone Church invite all women of the church to a *Valentine Tea*, featuring Nyna Dolby, on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Stone Church Social Hall.

Nyna began playing with flowers as a child. Coming from a family of avid gardeners and a mother who loved to entertain, the garden's beauty was often brought into the house.

While living in Seattle, Nyna took a course at the Career Floral Design Institute, which gave her an entrance to the Filoli House Flower Arrangers when she moved back to California. She has volunteered as a floral

designer at Filoli ever since. She has represented Filoli at the SF Fine Arts Museums' fundraiser, *Bouquets to Art*, and served as head of the Filoli House Flower Arrangers. Currently, she is serving on Filoli's Executive and Governing Boards.

Nyna also arranges flowers for her church and contracts for providing flowers for weddings and special events. She loves demonstrating her techniques to share the beauty of God's creation with others.

*Please let us know you are coming by contacting Claudia Hamm by Feb. 7. Childcare is available on request by the same date.*

**ENROLL NOW FOR THE ZEPHYR EXPERIENCE, JULY 6 - 11, 2014, LAKE TAHOE**

The *Zephyr Experience* is an annual five-day intergenerational, educational conference for families, couples, and individuals, hosted in the beautiful Tahoe Center of the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center.

Surrounded by the unparalleled splendor of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra, this stimulating and enriching event is scheduled this year for July 6 - 11. Stone Church members traditionally comprise one of the largest groups at the conference.

Two morning periods (8:45 and 10:30 am) are scheduled for adult classes; afternoons are free. Short worship services will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings.

On Tuesday evening, sunset campfire songs at Donaldson Amphitheater will be led by Ken Henry. The annual talent show will be held on Thursday evening. A Communion service at noon on Friday concludes the week.

Here is a description of the classes offered this year:

First Period:

- ✿ **Bible:** *Entering Into and Interacting with the Narrative World of Matthew's Gospel*, with Herman Waetjen, SFTS
- ✿ **Church & Society:** *Christ, the Tea Party & Those Dang Liberals*, with The Rev. Samuel Alexander
- ✿ **Spirituality:** *Talking the Talk: Getting Beyond & Behind Christian Clichés*, with Marilyn McEntyre

Second Period:

- ✿ **Bible:** *Zealot, Mystic, or Messiah: Who is Jesus?* - Greg Love, SFTS
- ✿ **Church & Society:** *Astrotheology: Sharing a Pew with ET*, with Ted Peters & Bob Russell, GTU
- ✿ **Spirituality:** *Opening the Heart*, with the Rev. Dr. Ken Henry, Stone Church

Children's and Youth Programs:

- ✿ **Ages 4 - 9:** *Fun and Adventure in Day Camp*, with the Zephyr Summer Day Camp Team
- ✿ **Ages 10 - 13:** *Hospitality*, with Tom Nolen, Hospital Chaplain
- ✿ **Ages 14 - 17:** *Considering Commercialism and Our Identities*, with Ellen and Brandon Williams, Stone Church

Enroll now for this exciting week at Lake Tahoe. Detailed information and registration forms are available in the Stone Church Office and on the Zephyr website:

[zephyrpoint.org](http://zephyrpoint.org)

The price (which is only \$5 more than last year) for a shared room in the 43-room Tahoe Center is:

- ✿ Adults - \$550
- ✿ Children & Youth (3-17) - \$290
- ✿ Children under 2 - free

- Pat Magee



# WITH MYRIAD, RIVETING CHOICES, LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT ADULT STUDY!

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.

There will be no Adult Study on Feb. 2, because of the Congregational Meeting.

For more information about any of these classes, please contact Pat Magee, Chair, Adult Ed Subcommittee.

## Feb. 9, 16: "Steadfast Hope" – The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace

Peacemakers from every nation are urging an end to Israel's occupation of Palestinian land and its systemic discrimination against Arab citizens of Israel, a bleeding, untreated wound inflicted in 1948. We will look at the story of Palestinians and Israelis who are genuinely striving for a just peace in the land the world calls holy.

Feb. 9: Profits & Press

Feb. 16: Response & Looking Ahead



## Feb. 23: "Refugee Foster Care," with Claire Collins of Catholic Charities

Claire Collins of Catholic Charities will speak about the *Refugee Foster Care* program. This program accepts unaccompanied minors from around the world and resettles them in foster families throughout the Bay Area.



## March 9, 16: "The Human Jesus, Biology, and Compassion," with Chris Hansen, Parish Associate

How does the *God/Man Jesus* fit in with science and the biological world?

This class will explore biological, sociological, and anthropological connections of what it means for God to walk among humans and how it can shape our understanding of caring for others.



## March 23, 30: "Scriptures Lost and Found," with Dr. Catherine Murphy

Dr. Catherine Murphy, Associate Professor in the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries at Santa Clara University, will discuss some major manuscript discoveries and what they tell us about religions past and present.

During the last few centuries, manuscript discoveries have revolutionized our view of early Judaism, early Christianity, and the Bible. From the Dead Sea Scrolls to the Gnostic codices from Nag Hammadi, from the Oxyrhynchus papyri to the great manuscripts from Egyptian desert monasteries, we now have a wealth of new information.

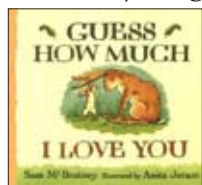
These discoveries challenge our text of the Bible, our notions about Judaism, Christianity's relation to each of these, and our picture of the diversity of early Christianity.

# WITH THEMES OF LOVE, HEARTS, AND MORE, READ SOME CHURCH LIBRARY BOOKS!

Love ... hearts ... beauty ... poems ... renewed spirit. Yes, it's February!

- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

## For our younger members



*Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney (1st Bks McB)



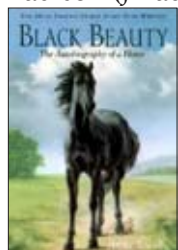
*Snug As a Bug* by Michael Ross (1st Bks Ros)



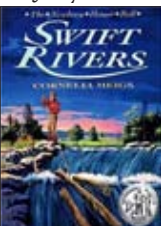
*Love Is ...* by Wendy Halperin (J-Linc. Hs. 227 Hal), given by Charlotte Dickson



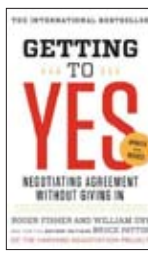
*The Quilt* by Gary Paulsen (J Pau)



*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell (J Sew)

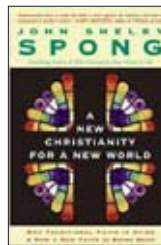


*Swift Rivers* by Cornelia Meigs (YA Mei)

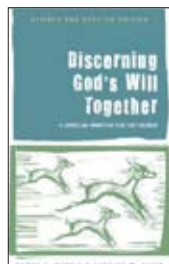


## In our regular adult collection

*Getting to YES: Negotiating Agreement without Giving In* by Roger Fisher & William Ury (158.5 Fis), given by Brad Bauer



*A New Christianity for a New World* by John Shelby Spong (230 Spo)



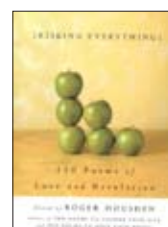
*Discerning God's Will Together: A Spiritual Practice for the Church* by Danny Morris & Charles Olsen (248.4 Mor), given by Bill Ribble



*When the Heart Waits* by Sue Monk Kidd (248.4 Kid), given by Charlotte Dickson

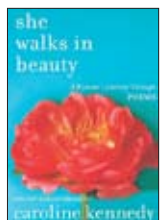


*Religion and Sexism: Images of Women in the Jewish and Christian Traditions* ed. by Rosemary Radford Ruether (261.8 Rue), given by Rebecca Kuiken

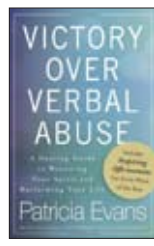


*Risking Everything: 110 Poems of Love and Revelation* ed. by Roger Housden (808.81 Hou)

## New to our special collections

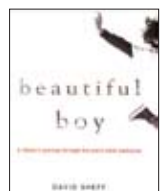


*She Walks in Beauty: A Woman's Journey Through Poems* ed. by Caroline Kennedy (Women 808.81 Ken)



*Victory Over Verbal Abuse: A Healing Guide to Renewing Your Spirit and Reclaiming*

*Your Life* by Patricia Evans (Spec. Needs 362 Eva), given by Gail Chaid



*Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction* by David Sheff (Spec. Needs 362.29 She)



*Comfort My People: A Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness* by PCUSA Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (Spec. Needs 616.8 PCU)

## 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 more information about any of these activities, please contact Parish Associate David McCreath,

### Book Group, Feb. 17

The Men's Book Group will meet Feb. 17, at 7:30 pm. Art Holtz is the host. The book for review is *Killing Jesus*, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. This story, written in a narrative style, suggests factors in Jesus' ministry, trial, and crucifixion not included in Biblical accounts. All men are welcome; if you have not read the book, come for the con-

versation. Other books for spring reading include *Fierce Compassion*, the story of Cameron House founder Donaldina Cameron; *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains*; and *Civilian Warriors* and *Master of War*, both about non-military soldiers contracted by our national government.

### Mission Work Trip, Feb. 28

The Men's Mission Team will work at Westminster Woods from Feb. 28 to March 2. For more information, contact Leland Wong.

### CRAB FEED! March 8

Save the date - March 8 - for the always fabulous Crab Feed!

### Spring Book Sale, April 27

The Men's Book Sale will be held April 27. Bring books to contribute throughout the coming weeks.

## "TAB'S BOOK CORNER" FEATURES LOCAL WORKS

Rev. Ken Henry and Jody Meacham have joined Ed ("Tab") Tablak in an online publishing venture:

[Tabsbookcorner.com](http://Tabsbookcorner.com)

This website features Jody's novel of the South during the Civil Rights Movement, a book of poems and prayers by Ken, and some novellas and short stories by Tab.

We are about to add a book of poetry from fellow parishioners, Bob James and Michael Breuleux, and members of Tab's family.

The downloads are free, but we do suggest a gift to the American Red Cross. We invite your exploration of the site.

If there is favorable response, invitations will be issued to friends in the congregation, who have been seeking a way to have their writings read. - Ed Tablak

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Stone Church Nominating Committee is seeking leaders to serve as Deacons and Elders for the term beginning July 2014.

We invite all members to seriously consider those whom you would like to have serving in leadership at Stone, either through self-nomination or third-party suggestions, with the permission of the person whose name is being submitted.

If the mere mention of becoming a leader is intimidating, perhaps now is the time to step up in faith and offer to serve. Deacon and Elder retreats provide training, reflection, and spiritual growth.

Information on becoming an Elder or Deacon will be available after worship in the Social Hall or by contacting Virginia Holtz, Ida Raby, Glen Casner, Catherine Amos, Fran Cole, June Tablak, Cathy Marlatt, Ruth McCreath, Leland Wong, Kate Wheatley, Steven Graham, Stephen Stock, Susan Bedolla, Ashley Neufeld, or Maureen Ryan.

Prayerfully consider if you are willing to be an Elder or Deacon candidate. - Virginia Holtz

## NURSERY ASSISTANT NEEDED



Do you enjoy working with young children? Providing a valuable service to our church families?

Stone Church is looking for a paid Nursery Assistant to help out in our nursery, for two hours each Sunday morning, with pay of \$14 per hour. Candidates must be eighteen years of age or older. A detailed job description and applications may be picked up in the church office during regular hours.

Stone Church is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any employee or applicant on the basis of age, ethnicity, disability, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any classification protected by federal, state, or local law. - Maureen Searing

## THANK YOU FOR "GIVING TREE" GIFTS

As it does every year, Christmas has come and gone. Off to 2014 we go!

As we speed full force into the new year, I want to take a moment to look back at the "Giving Tree" of 2013. The Adopt-a-Family program that we participate in is run through the Bill Wilson Center and is only one of many wonderful programs that they offer.

This year, we were able to sponsor 24 children! We gave the congregation the option to adopt a "whole child," rather than individual gifts, which, thanks to a few Soulfeast groups, was very successful.

The profiles this year had more "big ticket" items than we've had in the past. Although Wendy Lord and I had concerns about those items, our concerns were eventually squelched by the generosity of our church. I believe we donated six bikes this year!

Thanks also to the men's group for providing vehicles to help transport the gifts. And a big thank-you to everyone who participated and helped bring Christmas joy to those in our local community who really need it. - Ashley Neufeld



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Are we marching forward into spring already when it's only slightly past mid-winter? Whatever the weather seems to dictate, Presbyterian Women are staying on course with our wonderful February activities.

### Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Sales on Feb. 9

Fair Trade Sales of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and chocolate bars will be held on Feb. 9, in the Social Hall, following worship.

Pre-orders can be made by contacting Rhonda Lakatos.

### Join the "Lunch Bunch" at Taiwan Restaurant on Feb. 11

If you are longing for delicious Chinese cuisine and a lunch with great women, join the *Lunch Bunch* at the Taiwan Restaurant, 1306 Lincoln Ave., at 11:30 am, on Feb. 11. For reservations, please contact Ida Raby.

### PW Valentine Tea on Feb. 15

Next in line is our annual Feb. 15th *Valentine Tea* – a special treat for all who love arranging beautiful flowers

– or those who would like to know more. And it wouldn't be complete without cherry pie for dessert – we certainly would not want to forget dear old George Washington. For more information, please see page 2.

### "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" Sunday on Feb. 23

February 23rd brings our exciting *Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday*, featuring women of the church as worship leaders, ushers, and greeters. We are honored to have Sister Marilyn Lacey (recently returned from South Sudan), who will be following our 2013-2014 theme of *Abiding Hope*, as she preaches from our pulpit. Many of us will remember her *Lost Boys of Sudan* refugee efforts heralded by many in our area. For more information, please see the article below.

### Featured Coupons This Month Are ... Any and All!

Our featured coupons for this month are ... any and all coupons!

Just look for *Labels for Education* and *Box Tops for Education*. And here's a



picture for easy reference.

Sometimes these labels are on the tops, sometimes on

the package wrappers, sometimes on the front. Be a "Sherlock Holmes" and

discover for yourself where they might be on the products you purchase.

### Upcoming Event: Spiritual Nurture Retreat on March 1

Whatever your interests, don't forget our Spiritual Nurture Retreat on March 1, at Westhope Presbyterian Church. More information will be forthcoming.

### PW Schedule for February

**Amethyst Circle**, 1 pm, Feb. 5, Church Library

**Emerald Circle**, 9:30 am, Feb. 6, Heidi Whitesel's home

**Fair Trade Sales**, 10:30 am, Feb. 9, Social Hall

**Sapphire Circle**, 7:30 pm, Feb. 10, Jeanette Rapp's home

**Lunch Bunch**, 11:30 am, Feb. 11, Taiwan Restaurant, 1306 Lincoln Ave.

**PWCT**, 9:30 am, Feb. 13, Social Hall

**Book Group II**, 2:30 pm, Feb. 17, Jan Keifer's home, discussing *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P. D. James

**Focus Group**, 9:30 am, Feb. 19, June Tablak's home

**Book Group I**, 1 pm, Feb. 24

**Bible Study**, 9:30 am, Feb. 27, Church Library

**Prayer Shawl Group** should contact Janice Goertz for date and time. More prayer shawls are needed.

- Sheri Cunningham, PW Secretary

## SISTER MARILYN LACEY OF MERCY BEYOND BORDERS TO PREACH ON "CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN" SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 23, we will welcome Sister Marilyn Lacey, R.S.M., to our pulpit as guest preacher for *Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday*.



Sister Marilyn is familiar to many because of her 21 years of service as the Refugee and Immigration

Director for Catholic Charities here in San José. We remember her work with the *Lost Boys of Sudan*,

helping them resettle safely in the United States.

She has also spent time in some of the most war-ravaged places on earth, including the Lao-Thai border, the Sudanese and Somali camps in Kenya, and with internally displaced persons in the Eastern region of Sudan.

In 2008, Sister Marilyn founded a non-profit, *Mercy Beyond Borders*. This organization works to alleviate poverty among displaced women and girls in South Sudan and Haiti.

Specifically, *Mercy Beyond Borders* works to educate women and

girls, to improve maternal and child health, and to support women's micro-enterprise groups. Sister Marilyn travels frequently to South Sudan and Haiti to oversee operations.

There are many facets to Sister Marilyn and *Mercy Beyond Borders*. To learn more, see:

[www.mercybeyondborders.org](http://www.mercybeyondborders.org)

Sister Marilyn has also written a memoir, *This Flowing Toward Me: A Story of God Arriving in Strangers*, which is available in the Stone Church Library.

- Claudia Hamm

## SESSION APPROVES \$530K BUDGET, ALLOCATES ALMOST \$50K SURPLUS

The Session has unanimously approved a \$530,068 budget for the coming year, a 4.5% increase over 2013, based on an increase in pledging and payments actually made by our congregation.

The budget will be presented at a congregational meeting immediately following the Feb. 2 worship service.

While the budget is presented for information only, the congregation must vote on changes to the pastor's terms of call (salary and benefits), which is part of the budget and calls for a 3% raise for the Rev. Dr. Ken Henry. The Rev. Irene Pak's 2014 terms of call were set when she was named our full-time associate pastor last fall.

Elder Mel Goertz – chair of the Budget Review Committee, which develops the annual budget proposal – said Stone received nearly \$20,000 more in 2013 pledge income than was budgeted for last year. That, plus higher than expected income from non-pledge sources and underspending, left a \$46,000 surplus at the end of December.

The Session voted to use that surplus to create a \$22,000 reserve (rainy day) fund and add \$10,000 to Buildings and Grounds' major maintenance fund.

The remainder was spread over funding the American Sign Language interpreter program, pastors'

sabbatical funds, assistance for members traveling to the Peace Making Conference in Israel later this year, sending young members to the 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and seed money for a yet-to-be-officially named task force that will be charged with developing our congregation's "next big idea."

This task force, which is intended to be representative of the makeup of our membership, is in the process of being recruited and will spend much of 2014 developing ideas to focus our congregational emphasis and work for the next five to ten years.

- Jody Meacham, Elder and Chair, Stewardship Committee

## A YEAR AND A HALF LATER

by Rev. Irene Pak

(continued from page 1)

### 1. Stone Church is a progressive, caring community of all sorts of people.

We wear our rainbow flag with pride, we are an earth care congregation and business, we educate ourselves about issues such as torture, human trafficking, and homelessness, and we actively seek ways to promote justice in all areas of our community and the world.

Long-time members and people who walk in our doors for the first time are not always long-time members of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Some are former (or current) Catholics, some grew up Baptist, Lutheran, or Methodist, some have no religious affiliation prior to coming, and some have a Jewish background. But we seem to hold the shared value of inclusion, welcome, and human kindness for all people. It seems to be the heartbeat of this church and it's palpable. No matter how we have come, we are willing to meet each other where we are and walk together from that point.

### 2. We are a majority Caucasian congregation.

I'm noting this because after serving a primarily Asian-American congregation for four years and coming to Stone, it is something I noticed right away. I am sure you *know* this fact, but maybe do not really *notice* it. I want to share this because I think it is something we as a church *should* notice. It is a growing edge

for us as a congregation. God is doing something great in this place, and as much as I know we want to believe this is something that should not matter, for people of color, it still does.

I'm happy to be a person of color as part of the leadership of this church, and even more excited to tell you that I will be the *first* person of color installed as a pastor at Stone. Friends, this is good news for all of us as we continue to seek ways of inclusion and welcome.

### 3. God is doing something amazing in this place.

There's nothing more to say than that. Something is happening and has been happening – Ken and I have conversations about how it feels like God has come to us, and we are free to use the gifts we have been given for ministry in this place. We have ASL interpreters provided in worship, and through that ministry, new members have joined our community. We have angel grants, where you can take an idea to serve the community, here or at large, and put it into action. Members step up to provide meals and visit the sick – and find ways to serve beyond our doors.

I wake up every day thankful to be part of this community and thankful to be one of the pastors here. I hope you, too, feel gratitude for the amazing community this place provides.

I'm looking forward to the journey and thrilled to be sharing it with you.

## WALKING THE STATIONS OF THE HEART

by Rev. Ken Henry

(continued from page 1)

From another perspective, this theme will perhaps help you to recall a time when you, as a parent, had to walk beside your child as he or she faced various challenges in school or learned one of life's many lessons.

What were the *Stations of the Heart* as you watched another transition from childhood to adulthood?

What are the *Stations of the Heart* in terms of growing in your faith in God?

*If you are interested in writing a reflection on the theme, Walking the Stations of the Heart, for our Stone Church Lenten Devotional, please contact Fred Oliver, or look for sign-ups during Coffee Fellowship.*

*Your reflection must be submitted no later than Feb. 18 in the body of an email (not as an attachment) and must be 350 words or fewer.*





Social Gatherings (shown here, the PW Epiphany Tea), Baptisms, Elder Installations ... something is always happening at Stone Church!

## FOR ALL WHO STRUGGLE WITH FAITH – COME JOIN THE “HERETICS CIRCLE”

Somewhere within Stone Church there exists a small group – known as the *Heretics Circle* – that has been meeting for several years. We are looking for a few theologically brave persons to join us.

Although all of us are committed to the search for a Christian meaning for our lives, we each find it a far from simple matter.

We are primarily a discussion group, although we sometimes base our discussions on a book we are reading. Our discussions are entirely candid and are not

inhibited by any tendency to orthodoxy.

Here are our upcoming topics, led by Ken Henry:

✿ Feb. 6: Can I Have an Out-of-the-Box Faith?

✿ Feb. 20: I Want to Believe, But I Have My Doubts

We meet in the Lincoln House, from 7:30 to 9 pm. Starting in March, we will meet the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Please contact Jerry Keifer or Steve Nelson for more information.

## CHRISTIANITY AFTER RELIGION - LECTURES BY DR. DIANA BUTLER BASS

February 21 – 22, 2014  
First Congregational Church  
900 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Sponsored by the Progressive  
Christian Forum of Santa Cruz

Dr. Bass is one of the country's most significant thinkers on matters of cultural and religious transformation. She sets these radical changes in a broader context, offering church leaders a rich and deeper perspective on Renewal in Religion and Christianity in the early 21st century. The cost is \$65 for the weekend. To register, go to:

[www.ticketriver.com/event/7173-christianity-after-religion](http://www.ticketriver.com/event/7173-christianity-after-religion)

## SPECIAL “BANNAN INSTITUTES” ON RELIGION AND SCIENCE OFFERED AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

*Bannan Institutes*, at the Ignatian Center of Santa Clara University, are yearlong thematic programs that span academic, public, and pastoral offerings to engage Santa Clara University and the larger community around issues of contemporary religious, cultural, and theological debate.

Here are two upcoming *Bannan Institutes* that you might find interesting.

### God and Reality: Emergent Scientific, Technological, & Religious Paradigms

While scientific advancements and technological innovations are often characterized as oppositional to religious faith and practice, the reality is more complex. Two lectures will explore emerging dialogs among scientific, technological, and religious frames of knowledge and truth.

Both lectures run from 4 to 5:15 pm, in the St. Clare Room, in the Library and Learning Commons, and are free to the public.

✿ **Feb. 4:** Outsourcing Memory:  
Google, Memory and Forgiveness  
- Noreen Herzfeld (St. John's Univ.)

✿ **Feb. 11:** Why Science Needs God  
- Br. Guy Consolmagno, S. J.  
(Vatican Observatory)

### Science & Seeking: Rethinking the God Question in the Lab, Cosmos, & Classroom

With the many advances in biology and cosmology, the question of the relation of science to theology has become more acute, yet filled with new possibilities for rethinking the God question in the lab, cosmos, and classroom. Is there a third way beyond the polarizations of the current debates? Four sessions will explore this question; the cost is \$25.

✿ **Feb. 28, 6:30 pm:** Session I: Science and Seeking after Darwin

✿ **March 1, 9 am:** Session II: Truth and Goodness in God and Nature

✿ **March 1, 11 am:** Session III: Humans and Animals in Theology and Evolution

✿ **March 1, 1:30 pm:** Session IV: Bridging Cosmology and Theology

For more information, go to:  
[www.scu.edu/ic/bannan/](http://www.scu.edu/ic/bannan/) - Pat Magee

*The Stone Church  
of Willow Glen  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
1937 Lincoln Avenue  
San José, CA 95125-3499  
phone: 408.269.1593*

*stonechurch.org  
Rev. Dr. Ken Henry,  
Pastor  
Rev. Irene Pak,  
Associate Pastor  
Jennifer Scott-Brand,  
Office Manager*

### **The Stone News Staff:**

*June Tablak,  
Editor Emerita  
and Church Mouse  
Sylvia Snyder,  
Photographer Emerita  
Emily Moak Meacham,  
Editor*

### **Assistant Editors:**

*Rhonda Lakatos, Pat Magee,  
Sally Magee, Jody Meacham,  
Fred Oliver, Lizanne Oliver,  
Lynn Peithman Stock  
Additional Photographs:  
Ken Henry, Irene Pak,  
Dan Raby, Maureen Searing,  
Joyce Summers*