

THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

OCTOBER 2015



STONE'S
YOUTH
GROUP
KICKOFF
NIGHT WAS
"AWESOME"!

*See page 2 for
more information
about upcoming
youth group events!*

WELCOME SOMEONE NEW

by Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

Then he said, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me, but rather the one who sent me." - Mark 9:37

When I was in the eighth grade, I remember my mother taking me to a youth group across town. Apparently, the Episcopal church we attended didn't have a youth group, so I was becoming Presbyterian. Back then, I wondered what my mother was thinking. Valley Community Presbyterian Church was about seven miles from our home (a long bike ride in later years!). It was a stately brick edifice set in one of the wealthier neighborhoods of Portland. Whereas the Episcopal Church

on Bull Mountain was out on a lonely country road, surrounded by hazelnut trees, Valley Community Presbyterian Church was more metropolitan, surrounded by commuter dwellers and shopping centers. What I remember most about my childhood Episcopal church is the crunch and pop of hazelnuts under my shoes as our family walked across the parking lot. What I remember most about the Presbyterian church is: they had a gym.

Reflecting back on one's childhood and adolescent experiences of church, I believe, is a healthy spiritual exercise. Such memories might even inform our expectations of the church today. Spiritually and emotionally, we may still long for the comfort and intimacy of a church set in pastureland and among rolling green hills. Or maybe, we may long for the high steeple program church set in the city and the suburbs. My point is

that whatever we experienced as children and youth in church never leaves us as we grow into adulthood.

For example, on my first visit, when my mother dropped me off at this strange and foreign place called Valley Community Presbyterian Church, I was overwhelmed. I remember a churning sea of 7th and 8th graders pushing, shouting, and hurling rubber balls at each other. I was a complete outsider. But very soon, the church's astute and charismatic youth leader, Ben, reached out to me through the swarming masses. He shook my hand, and I never forgot it.

A simple act made me feel welcome.

On Sunday mornings at Stone Church of Willow Glen, as new faces and families arrive searching for a place of worship, I want to encourage us to reach out in welcoming all.

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SESSION INVITES DEAF COMMUNITY EXPERT

Stone Church has invited the Rev. Dr. Raymond Meester, pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Neb., to lead a weekend of events Feb. 5-7, 2016, focused on better integrating the deaf and hearing members of our congregation.

The invitation was unanimously approved by Session at its September meeting and is part of a larger effort at Stone to expand our deaf ministry, which includes staffing a table at the annual DeafNation Expo next month in Pleasanton (see page 5).

The February weekend will include a Friday welcome dinner for the Meesters, a Saturday workshop for Elders and Membership & Communications (M&C) Committee, having Rev. Meester preach at Sunday worship, and an adult study class afterward. Funding will come from grants Stone has already received in support of our deaf ministry.

Our pastor, Ken Henry, recommended to the M&C and Personnel & Administration (P&A) committees that the Meesters be invited because of the potential that Heritage's deaf ministry holds as a model for our own.

Meester, who has normal hearing, is the son of deaf parents with four deaf uncles and aunts. While at Princeton Seminary, he worked at the New Jersey School for the Deaf and was awarded an honorary membership in the Junior National Association of the Deaf. He is conversant in American Sign Language and a member of the board of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Heritage Presbyterian hosts meetings of Southeast Nebraska Coalition of the Deaf, the Friends and Families of Deaf Children, and the Lincoln Association of the Deaf.

Session also approved motions to:

- ☒ Host a Red Cross blood drive Saturday, Nov. 21 (Health Ministry)
- ☒ Commission artwork above the door from the narthex to the sanctuary by Jeanette Rapp (Worship)
- ☒ Host the Henrietta Perdue Lectures with Philip Clayton, Nov. 6-7 (CE) (see page 8)
- ☒ Spend up to \$300 advertising for the open position of nursery supervisor (CE and P&A) (see page 7)
- ☒ Publish church policies, bylaws and committee charters without password protection on our website, requesting all committees to review their charters and bring any requested changes to Session for approval; and developing and maintaining backup for all church computer data in the cloud (P&A). - Jody Meacham, Elder

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!



We've had an awesome start to our Youth Group year! Calling all youth, from sixth through twelfth grade, to join us in October!

🎃 **Sunday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7 pm: Pumpkin Carving & Listening to Our Favorite Songs** – Join us as we carve pumpkins and share our favorite tunes. Dinner is provided.

🎃 **Sunday, Oct. 25: Annual Corn Maze Outing** – Be on the lookout for specific announcements, as we will probably be carpooling and leaving earlier, and coming back later.

- Rev. Irene Pak, Associate Pastor

WHY DO PEOPLE SING?

by Nancy Wait Kromm,
Chancel Choir Director

Why do people sing?

This is the title of a book I use in one of my courses at Santa Clara University. In this book, Joseph Jordania, noted musicologist, posits that humans began singing as a way to defend against invaders to their territory. He describes singing as capable of scaring away predators and enemies alike.

New Zealand sports teams use this technique! But this is only one theory about why we sing. Charles Darwin believed that singing evolved because it successfully attracted members of the opposite sex. Think of the heart throbs: Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Judy Garland, Julie Andrews, Justin Bieber ... (well, somebody likes him).

Most anthropologists, peering back through the mists of time, agree that we sang in communication before we developed language. One thing is for sure: singing is important to our species. In recent months, much more research has been done on the reason humans sing, and the current evidence reveals that there is a tremendous social bonding that happens when we sing together.

Synchronized heartbeats are just one of the amazing effects of sing-

ing. Feelings of well-being, working toward a common purpose, sharing insights and thoughts from great minds and great composers ... there are so many benefits to singing.

And at Stone Church, the members of the choir are a very special group of individuals who dedicate their very life breath to Worship. All kinds of musical styles are shared in the choir, and a good dose of hard work and a sense of humor also.

Have you wondered if singing might improve your life? We can definitely assure you that being in the Stone Church choir will improve your life and the way you live it. It will deepen your spiritual awareness and give you a sense of belonging, a sense of visceral strength, and a glimpse of the divine in all of us.

We will be singing rich, important, flowing, upbeat, contemporary, classical, dramatic, subdued, thrilling, introspective, fun music all year. We will present John Rutter's Christmas Fable, "The Reluctant Dragon," in December, so come be an angry villager! We might even be going on a tour to Austria in July, too!

Are you still wondering if you should try the choir? Do you want to find out firsthand why people sing? What are you waiting for? YOLO! (You only live once!) No more excuses!

Take the leap! Sing!

ADULT STUDY FEATURES PRESBYTERY UPDATE, SCOTLAND, AND PEACEMAKING

Adult Study classes are offered on Sundays, at 11:15 am, in the Fireside Room. Childcare is provided.

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

There is no class on Oct. 25 (Consecration Sunday).

Oct. 4: Current Situation in the San José Presbytery, with the Rev. Joey Lee, Executive Presbyter

During the past year, nine churches have left the San José Presbytery (and the PCUSA).

Will more churches be leaving the Presbytery? Are the remaining 34 churches increasing or losing membership?

Is the Presbytery in good financial shape? What is the future for the Presbytery?

Oct. 11: Historical/Genealogical Research in Scotland, with Gail Chaid

People of a land are defined by the land.

Join us for a round-table discussion of Scottish heritage, history, geology, DNA, and genealogy.

Gail Chaid traveled to Scotland from April 17 to May 9, 2015, to learn more about Scottish heritage. Visits included Edinburgh, Perthshire, Inverness, Culloden, Skye, Iona, and Glasgow.

Many of you have been to Scotland; you are welcome to add your insights of Scottish Presbyterian heritage.



Oct. 18: Discussion with Sushma Ramswami

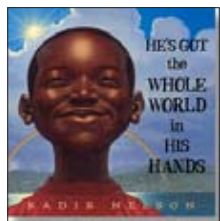
Sushma Ramswami is the communications secretary for the Church of North India. Based in New Delhi, she leads an ecumenical communication network and serves as the denomination's secretary of national issues, organizing rallies, walks, and conferences, such as the *Christian Conference of Asia*. Sushma is among several Christian leaders who will be visiting the US this fall as part of an International Peacemakers visit.

Deaf Bible Study is resuming in Room 1, at 11 am, on Sundays. If you know anyone who would be interested, please share this news with them.

CURL UP WITH A GOOD BOOK ON BUTTERMILK, BONES, OR BIBLE ANIMALS!

So many interesting subjects, so many attractive books! We hope you find some you like!

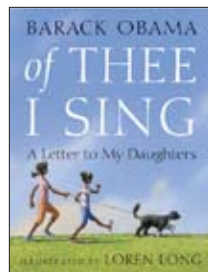
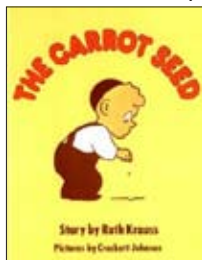
- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator



For our younger ones and parents
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands by

Kadir Nelson (Read-Aloud 231 Nel)

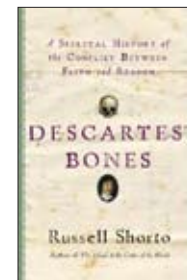
The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss (1st Bks J Kra)



Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters by Barack Obama (Biog J Obama)

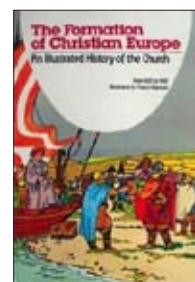
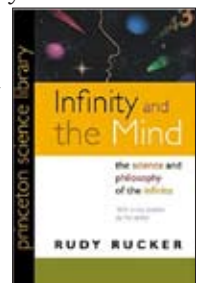


Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families by Carol Wehrheim (ChL-Fam 248 Weh), given by David McCreath



Descartes' Bones: A Skeletal History of the Conflict Between Faith & Reason by Russell Shorto (291.1 Sho)

Infinity and the Mind: The Science and Philosophy of the Infinite by Rudy Rucker (511 Ruc), given by the Whitesel family

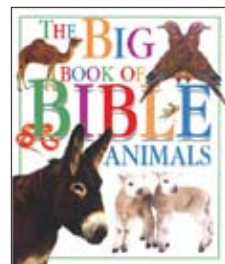


Additions in Lincoln House

The Formation of Christian Europe: An Illustrated History of the Church 600-900 by John Drury (YA 270 Dru)

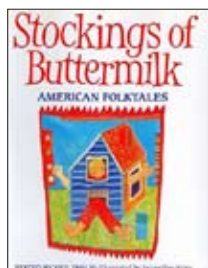


The Hidden Life of Art: Secrets & Symbols in Great Masterpieces by Clare Gibson (704 Gib), given by Caryl Westerberg

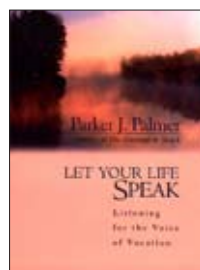


The Big Book of Bible Animals by Jane Yorke (J 220 Yor)

Stockings of Buttermilk: American Folktales ed. by Neil Philip (J 398.2 Phi)

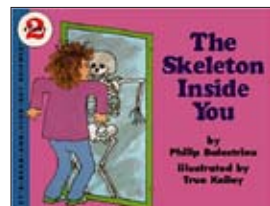
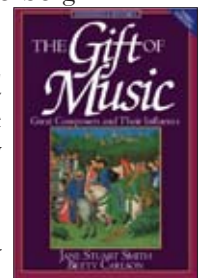


Models of God: Theology for an Ecological, Nuclear Age by Sallie McFague (231.7 McF), given by Pat Magee

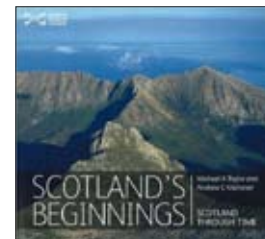


Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation by Parker Palmer (248.4 Pal), given by Charlotte Dickson

The Gift of Music: Great Composers and Their Influence by Jane Stuart Smith & Betty Carlson (781 Smi), given by John Leih



The Skeleton Inside You by Philip Balestrino (J 611 Bal), given by the Roberts-Frohlich family



Scotland's Beginnings - Scotland Through Time by Michael Taylor & Andrew Kitchener (941 Tay), given by Gail Chaid

BEING THANKFUL

A Mission Gathering for the Stone Church Community

“For it is God who is at work in you ... “ Philippians 2:13

Saturday, November 14, 2015

2:30 - 4:30 pm

Have you ever wondered:

Where do we donate our funds? And why? Where do we volunteer?
How do I get involved? What groups need our prayers?

This new Mission Event will give you a chance to see and learn about the work of our Community of Faith.

Let's celebrate together! Everyone is invited!

We'll be serving J. Lohr wine, coffee, tea & juice and hors d'oeuvres.

Sponsored by PW and the Men's Mission & Ministry Group.



Reminder! Come to a “Sew-In Day for Little Dresses for Africa,” on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9:30 am to 1 pm, in the Social Hall. Sign up now at Coffee Fellowship, or for more information, please contact Evelyn Tower.

STONE WORKS TO PARTNER WITH WILLOW GLEN HIGH

Did you know that over 40% of the students at Willow Glen High School (just down the road from Stone Church) are on a free or reduced lunch program? This came as a shock to those of us on Stone Works when we first met with a representative from WGHS in January. Since then, we have helped out by donating essentials for students in need - things like toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, and deodorant. It's a small thing that can make a huge difference for some students. But we can do more.

Our October meeting will be dedicated exclusively to discussing with representatives from WGHS how we can grow our relationship to include more than just providing essentials, perhaps by helping pay for college applications or providing mentoring for students.

In addition to working with Willow Glen High School, we are also continuing our support of LGBTQ causes by supporting the Billy DeFrank Center, as well as planning another occasion for the whole church to get involved in making lunches for Front Door Ministries. Stay tuned to this space for further updates!

- Nicholas Hurley, Stone Works Chair

EVERYONE CAN HELP AT RTSV – EVEN IF YOU JUST PICK UP THE PIZZA!

If you have a heart for helping others right here in your own community, then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

The Stone Church Men's Mission & Ministry is again teaming up with *Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley* to bring volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners.

Now, don't be discouraged, ladies. This is not a “men-only” event, so you are welcome and encouraged to participate!

This fall's project will take place on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8 am to 5 pm, and we will be assisting homeowner Cliff, a 72-year-old retired restaurant worker and Army veteran.

David McCreath, Bill Ribble, and I have already met with Cliff to begin our planning. Cliff is excited and very appreciative and looking forward to the workday.

Skills of all levels are welcome and needed. If you can hold a paintbrush, swing a hammer, maneuver a broom, pick up pizza, or any number of other tasks, there is a job for you! You can come for all or part of the day.

We guarantee you will not only be giving tremendous help to someone else, you will also come away feeling blessed and humbled by the experience. Plus, you will get a pizza lunch and a very cool T-shirt!

Please contact me, Maureen Chandler, with your “Yes, I'd like to help!” response as soon as possible.

BRING LEFTOVER CANDY FOR “TREATS FOR THE TROOPS”

Join us for our first annual *Halloween Treats for the Troops Donation Drive*. Operation Gratitude needs to send care packages to our troops, and your excess Halloween candy can help.

🎃 When: Saturday, Nov. 7, from 3 to 5 pm

🎃 Where: Stone Church Social Hall

What to bring:

🎃 All the Halloween candy your parents don't want you to keep.

🎃 Donations of individually packaged dental hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash, etc.).

We want to keep the smiles on the troops' faces all shiny, bright and healthy!

🎃 Cash donations so we can pay to ship our donations.

🎃 Your best letter-writing and drawing skills. Troops like to receive letters with their care packages.

Please don't buy candy at the half-price sales after Halloween. Just bring what you have left over after trick-or-treating.

If you would like to help out with this great event, please contact Meredith Hurley.



All Stone Church women & teen girls are invited to a party to wish Irene much happiness in her new marriage.

Saturday, Oct. 17

2 to 4 pm

Stone Church Social Hall

Bring "Tips for a Happy Marriage" & "Great Date Night Ideas" to share. There's no need to bring a gift. Irene feels your presence is the best gift, but there are ideas on the Registry tab of their wedding website

(www.theknot.com/us/marion-and-irene).

Donations to the Stone Church Youth Triennium Fund will also be happily received.

Enjoy meeting the mothers of the bride & groom, and share a happy time with women of Stone Church & the beautiful bride.

RSVP during Coffee Fellowship on Oct. 4 & 11.

For more information, please contact Carrie Giorgianni or Rhonda Lakatos.

STONE'S DEAF MINISTRY TO HOST BOOTH AT DEAFNATION EXPO

The Deaf Ministry of Stone Church of Willow Glen is hosting its first deaf booth at DeafNation Expo in Pleasanton, on Oct 10. Fran, Julia, Mike, and I will be hosting the booth and sharing the exciting information about Stone Church of Willow Glen and its Deaf Ministry. We will post pictures and results.

DeafNation Expo is the foremost touring trade show for, by, and about deaf people. DeafNation provides exhibitions, entertainment, and seminars around the US at no charge to the public. The philosophy is that free admission brings a diversity of attendees who can share our culture, needs, language, and information.

- Bill Raby-Brown

Please also see the article about the resuming of Stone's Deaf Bible Study on page 3.

HELP YOUR CHURCH ON WORKDAY

Please join us for a workday at Stone Church, on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 am to 3 pm. Come help out for the whole day or just for a couple of hours – whatever works for your schedule!

The tasks are varied: minor painting projects, maintenance of garden areas, leaf removal from rain gutters, clean up and reorganizing basement rooms, etc.

No training is necessary. We are happy to provide guidance.

We will have coffee for the early arrivals and will serve lunch. Let us know if you can bring an item for lunch.

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, please join us!

- Meredith Wright and Chris Lee

UNCERTAIN TIMES IN EL SALVADOR

Life for Salvadorans is fraught with much worry about an increase in the number of murders and gang violence. Last month, the death toll was the highest since the end of their civil war in 1992. The communities that our South Bay Sanctuary Covenant (SBSC) has been working with in the Bajo Lempa region are experiencing the entry of gangs with the associated violence and killing. In addition, vigilante groups have arisen to counter the gang presence with more violence.

A month ago, a young father from the region who led *Voices on the Border* work with youth was threatened with assassination if he didn't join the gang and arrange to hide their weapons where he worked. He fled for his life and was kidnapped in Mexico, but eventually made it to the US where he was picked up and

jailed in Pennsylvania. SBSC agreed to provide legal representation in his claim for asylum. We raised bond money, and he was granted bail. He was then flown to our area to live with one of our volunteers. So SBSC is now providing a new kind of sanctuary.

Come meet this young father and hear *Voices on the Border* directors Roddy Hughes and José Acosta of El Salvador report on the changes and how this affects our work together. The Stone Church youth and parents who were in El Salvador on a delegation three months ago will also share their experiences.

When: Sunday, Oct. 18, 4-6:30 pm (supper included)

Where: First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, 305 N. California Ave.

- Dale Bracey

WE LISTEN: STEPHEN MINISTRY

A recent *Scientific American Mind* article listed several characteristics of effective listening skills:

Check your assumptions: Cultivate a sense of genuine interest about where the other person is coming from and what he or she might say.

Get curious: Ask open-ended questions that elicit responses about the person's real feelings and bring clarity to his or her concerns.

Suspend judgment: Take in the entire message, no interruptions allowed. Just listen.

And if we add **Confidentiality**, we have some of the most important skills a Stephen Minister learns during extensive training.

If you could benefit from a caring listener as you face common life challenges such as loss, grief, transition, loneliness, or illness, contact Joan Peckham or Judith Mohr to discuss connecting with a Stephen Minister ... *we listen!*

- Judith Mohr

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AT STONE CHURCH

Did you miss our annual August Brunch? If so, you not only missed a wonderful panel discussion featuring three people from ING (Islamic Networks Group) highlighting similarities among religions rather than differences, but you also missed some marvelous food. Be sure to put this event on your calendar next year.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin

One of the annual offerings taken during our monthly Bible Circle meetings is called *The Fellowship of the Least Coin*.

Long ago, some Christian women from Asia and America set out on a journey together. They wanted to ask forgiveness and make friends with women in Pacific countries hurt by war. One of the women was Shanti from India. She thought "What if each time I pray for peace, each woman gives a little money - the least coin of her country - to help someone in need?"

Well, all of these women put their money together and did wonderful things, such as funding education for farmers in various lands, funding safe places for women and children, and teaching women how to run businesses and how to manage money, leading to their freedom and independence.

This is an annual international event that supports women and children around the world. At each meeting, women donate the least coin they have in their possession. These collections are then sent to a central office where decisions are made as to where the funds will be sent.

To learn more, go to the Children's Library at our church and read "Shanti Means Peace," donated by PW to the children of our church with love.

"Being Thankful: A Mission Gathering for the Stone Church Community"

On Nov. 14, PW will sponsor *Being Thankful: A Mission Gathering for the Stone Church Community*.

This event will highlight the mission programs supported by the entire Stone Church Community.

Stone Works and the Men's Mission & Ministry group will join PW for the presentations. Hors d'oeuvres and something to whet your palate will be served (see article, page 4).

Thought for the Day

Being kind is more important than being right.

Save These Dates

Oct. 10: Sew-In Day for Little Dresses for Africa (see article, page 4).

Nov. 14: Being Thankful: A Mission Gathering for the Stone Church Community (see article, page 4).

PW Calendar for October

Emerald Bible Circle, Oct. 1, 9:30 am. Contact Jutta Sargent.

Amethyst Bible Circle, Oct. 7, 1 pm, Church Library. Contact Jan Keifer.

Coordinating Team Meeting, Oct. 8, 9:30 am, Social Hall

Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sales, Coffee Fellowship, Oct. 11

Sapphire Bible Circle, Oct. 12, 7:30 pm, Claudia Hamm's home.

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Oct. 13, Taiwan Restaurant, 1306 Lincoln Ave. Contact Ida Raby.

Book Group II, 2:30 pm, Oct. 19. Contact Claudia Hamm.

Focus Group, 9:30 am, Oct. 21, June Tablak's home.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Oct. 24, 1-3 pm, Linda Hagan's home.

Book Group I, 1 pm, Oct. 26, Hazel James' home. - Sheri Cunningham

MEN'S MISSION & MINISTRY AT STONE CHURCH

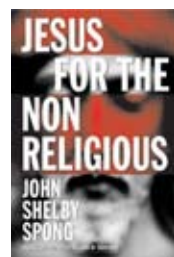
The Men's Mission & Ministry group at Stone Church includes a mission work team, a book group, a flying group, and wine- and beer-making groups.

For more information about any of these activities, please contact the Rev. Dr. David McCreath, Parish Associate.

Men's Book Group to Discuss "Jesus for the Non-Religious"

The Men's Book Group will meet on Monday, Oct. 19, beginning at 7:30 pm. The host is Art Holtz.

The book for discussion is *Jesus for the Non-Religious*, by Bishop John Shelby Spong. All men of the church are welcome to join in the discussion.



Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, Oct. 24

The Men's Mission & Ministry group is co-sponsoring a rebuilding site on Oct. 24 with Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley (RTSV). [See article, page 4.]

Camp Daybreak Worktrip Postponed

Please note that the worktrip to Camp Daybreak has been postponed until Spring 2016.

For more information, please contact Leland Wong.

WELCOME SOMEONE NEW

by Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

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It might be shaking someone's hand or a sidebar conversation in the Social Hall. Tell someone your name and find out his or hers. Invite

a new person over for dinner, or tell a high school friend about the youth group on Sunday nights. Offer to pick someone up at their home and bring him or her to worship. Such simple acts of hospitality can make a huge impact on another person's spiritual journey.

By the way, in 1988, I was ordained at Valley Community Presbyterian

Church. From my teenage years, to heading off to Santa Cruz, to becoming a solo pastor, this loving congregation nurtured me in my faith. I owe them my thanks. They gave me money, drove me to events, taught me to play guitar, and encouraged me to use my gifts for ministry.

And to think: it all began with a handshake.

NURSERY SUPERVISOR NEEDED



The Personnel and Administration Committee is looking for a Nursery Supervisor to be with our babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings.

If you know of a qualified adult who would consider this 12 hour per month paid position, contact Irene Pak or Susan Bedolla.

LUNCHESS PROVIDED FOR FRONT DOOR MINISTRIES



Rosaleen Zisch & two of our youth recently made 180 lunches at Front Door Ministries.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AUGUST BRUNCH

*photos courtesy of
Dan Raby*



HENRIETTA PERDUE LECTURER PHILIP CLAYTON TO SPEAK ON “A NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW WORLD”



Dr. Philip Clayton will be Stone Church's 2015 Henrietta Perdue lecturer, speaking on, "A New Church for a New World: Rethinking Theology and Christian Community from the Ground Up."

Three lectures will be presented: one on Friday evening, Nov. 6, and two on Saturday morning, Nov. 7.

- ✦ Friday Evening Lecture (7:30 to 9 pm): Vibrant Belief: Finding Meaning in an Age of Isolation and Fragmentation.
- ✦ First Saturday Morning Lecture (9 am): Vibrant Community: Radical Hospitality and the Desire to Belong.
- ✦ Second Saturday Morning Lecture (11 am): Vibrant Witness: A Topsy-Turvy God, an Upside-Down Ethics, and an Inside-Out Church.

Tickets for the lectures will available soon: during Coffee Fellowship, in the church office, and on the church website.

Dr. Clayton's interests began with philosophy and the science-religion debate on constructive theology. *The Problem of God in Modern Thought* and a series of accompanying articles explored the fall and rise of theistic metaphysics in the modern era. He led a variety of leadership positions, including the role of Principal Investigator for Science and the Spiritual Quest Program.

A series of events precipitated a change, leading to the Ford Foundation grant, "Rekindling Theological Imagination." Dr. Clayton lectured around the country; organized "Theology after Google;" and launched "Big Tent Christianity" with Brian McLaren and others.

His important book, *Transforming Christian Theology: For Church and Society*, argues that seminaries should help prepare Christian leaders for an unheralded transformation in the church, which has already begun in our culture.

- Pat Magee

STONE CHURCH TRAIL WALKERS PLAN HIKE TO ALMADEN QUICKSILVER COUNTY PARK



Having fun on last month's Sanborn hike - photo courtesy of Tom Mertens

On Oct. 24, the Stone Church Trail Walkers will hike at Almaden Quicksilver County Park. In addition to extensive hiking trails with spectacular natural diversity and expansive views, Almaden Quicksilver Park is a landmark of California history. The park was the site of mining activities for over 135 years and was home to 1,800 miners and their families.

On this hike, we will start at the Wood Road Entrance and hike up Wood Road to the Castillero Trail, where we will make a loop around some of the historic mining era ruins, including the San Cristobal Mine entrance and English Camp. We will then return on Wood Road.

For those who wish to extend our time together and explore the Almaden Quicksilver Mining Museum, the museum is having a Living History Day on Oct. 24 with costumed docents and guides. There is a picnic area and lawn area where we can eat together (bring a sack lunch) prior to touring the museum. A \$2 donation per person is suggested for the museum.

Parking is available at both sites, as are restroom facilities. We will meet at Stone Church at 8:15 am to carpool to the park.

Sign up during Coffee Fellowship on Oct. 11 or 18.

For more information, please contact Alice Bailey.

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