

# THE STONE NEWS

STONE CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN, PRESBYTERIAN USA

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## HONORING A MUCH-LOVED LEADER AND FRIEND, MARY ALICE COLLINS

*Many former and current members of Stone's High School Group recently honored Mary Alice Collins at a surprise reunion, where they presented her with a beautiful "memory box," handmade by David Moncrief, filled with notes of gratitude and reminiscences. Mary Alice is retiring as head of the Youth Ministry Community after more than 10 years of loving and caring that really "knew no end." She will be missed very, very much. (For more about this event, please see page 7.)*

## WHAT'S IN YOUR SUITCASE?

by Ken Henry

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
- Matthew 6:19-21

I woke up this morning thinking of a joke a friend told me not long ago. I would venture a guess that this memory was prompted by the number of trips I took to the airport and train station over the holidays. Indeed, we had family to drop off and pick up in both places.

The joke involves a rich man who is on the verge of dying and worrying about his purchasing power in heaven. About to "breathe his last,"

the man begins to wonder about the kind of currency they use in heaven: What do angels trade with? How does one buy a latte? What do heavenly banks keep locked away in their celestial vaults?

After some deliberation, the man decides that heaven must trade in gold bricks. So, he loads up his suitcase with gold, and when the man finally dies, he hauls the suitcase up to heaven with him.

Standing before the pearly gates, St. Peter asks the man, "What have you got in your suitcase?" to which the man replies, "I brought some heavenly currency with me, so I can trade and barter here."

"Open it up," St. Peter demands.

After opening the suitcase, St. Peter gives the man a puzzled look, then says:

"Pavement? You brought pavement?"

As I opened my eyes this morning, I thought over the lessons embedded in this simple joke.

My mind turned to the question of what I would put in my own suitcase. What are those things I would drag to heaven, believing they were so valuable? What do I put in my suitcase here on earth? What could be that important?

### Prayer

*O God, we confess to you that we, too, have suitcases packed with heavy items from our past that we are afraid to leave behind. We may not be on the verge of dying, but on some days, we act like it. We may not wonder about the currency necessary in heaven, but we do find ample time to worry about having enough resources in the here and now to satisfy our needs.*

*How foolish we are. We have somehow come to the conclusion that the back-breaking suitcase we lug up and down stairs is worth its weight in gold. Forgive us for finding security in the baggage we carry, and loosen our grip so that, whether we live or die, we might be free to enjoy the blessings You provide for us each day.*  
Amen

## THE RETURN OF THE STONE CHURCH EPIPHANY PARTY!

by Mary Jo Blazek,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

Years ago, the excited shrieks of children, the laughter of adults, and the joy of everyone were heard at the annual Stone Church Epiphany Party.

This past month, Stone saw the return of this wonderful event.

Together, adults and children enjoyed singing carols led by Della Smith and Janice Goertz. Everyone was mesmerized by an inspiring



puppet show written and performed by the middle school group.

Then, we all enjoyed making theme-related crafts, including origami boxes, Wise Men

banners, star ornaments and wands. One of the most popular crafts was a bagpipe-style horn. The joyful noise

these horns made could be heard many blocks away; apologies to families of multiple children who went

home with several of these loud, but fantastic devices.

To top off the occasion, Claudia Hamm led us in cookie decorating.

It was family fellowship at its best at Stone Church!



## WALTER HUDSON TO LEAD SUNDAY EVENING STUDY, BASED ON MEYERS' BOOK, "SAVING JESUS FROM THE CHURCH"

A ten-week Sunday evening study, based on Robin Meyers' book, *Saving*

*Jesus from the Church*, begins Feb. 7, with Walter Hudson as leader.

While subtitled *How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus*, this is not a "how-to" book.

Instead, Meyers surveys the state of the church and contemporary Christianity - conservative and liberal - and doesn't think much of it is in sync with the message of Jesus. His bottom line analysis: the church has over-emphasized belief, creeds, and worship rather than the action, con-

templation, and justice that would indicate you are following Jesus.

Meyers designs each chapter using the classical *two-way* construction (sample titles: *Jesus the Teacher, Not the Savior; The Cross as Futility, Not Forgiveness*) and argues with a passion and persuasiveness that is engaging and troubling. Meyers is clearly building on the insights of Borg, Crossan, Fox, and other progressives as he prophetically and pastorally weaves a reorientation of being Christian and being Church.

Some typical insights that will engage us include:

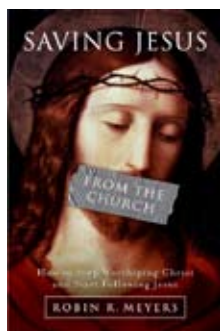
"Before disciples were called Christians, they were a collection of misfits who practiced radical hospitality by eating a sacred meal without a guest list or a bouncer. Now one can be called a Christian just by mouthing

a creed. So how will we reverse this perversion and recognize a disciple in our time?"

"In a world today that is desperate for something real, many megachurches today are like Disney World plus God, while too many mainline churches are serving up bits and pieces of the Great Books Club. One wonders which fiction is most cruel, that all your dreams can come true if you pray the *Prayer of Jabez* or that discipleship is the same thing as enlightenment ... The first question any churchgoer should be asked and expected to answer is: What are you willing to give up to follow Jesus?"

The class meets Sundays, from 7:30 to 9 pm, in the Fireside Room, starting Feb. 7.

- Walter Hudson





# HENRIETTA PERDUE LECTURER, ROBERT RUSSELL, ON "SCIENCE & THEOLOGY IN CREATIVE INTERACTION"

Noted physicist and theologian, Dr. Robert Russell, will be the Henrietta Perdue Memorial Lecturer, the weekend of Feb. 5 - 6, 2010.



Exploring *Science and Theology in Creative Interaction*, he will discuss a variety of issues on the active frontier between modern science and Christian theology, with particular focus on Big Bang cosmology and neo-Darwinian evolutionary biology.

In the Friday evening overview lecture, Dr. Russell will survey five key issues in theology and science. In the two Saturday morning lectures, Dr. Russell will probe the theological implications of cosmology and evolutionary biology in more depth

and detail. What is the significance of Big Bang cosmology for Christian faith? Can the God "who acts" truly act and affect the universe?

Dr. Russell is the Ian G. Barbour Professor of Theology and Science in Residence at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. He is also Founder and Director of the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS). He holds a Ph.D. in physics and advanced degrees in theology and is the author of many books on the relationship and interaction between science and religion.

Tickets are \$15 for Friday evening, \$15 for Saturday morning, or \$20 for the complete program. They are available in the church office and after Worship on Sundays, as well as at the door.

- Pat Magee

## FEBRUARY ADULT STUDY

As follow-up to Dr. Russell's lectures on *Science and Theology in Creative Interaction*, Sunday morning Adult Study classes will explore areas of Modern Science and Christian Theology in Tension on the four Sundays in February:

- ◆ What Does It Mean To Be Human?
- ◆ Genetic Science and the Frontiers of Ethics
- ◆ God and Nature
- ◆ The God of Hope and the End of the Universe.

The classes meet in the Fireside Room from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm on Sundays.

## WAKE UP TO (THE GOSPEL OF) JOHN

The early morning study, *Wake up to (the Gospel of) John*, led by Ken Henry, continues Thursdays through Feb. 11.

The classes start promptly at 6:30 am in the Church Library and run exactly one hour. Coffee is provided; donuts and pastries may show up occasionally. See you there bright and early!

## FIND A WONDERFUL VARIETY OF BOOKS FOR THE NEW YEAR AT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Happy New Year! It's time to get caught up. Here are some of our newer library items that we hope might interest you.  
- Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

### For our younger members:



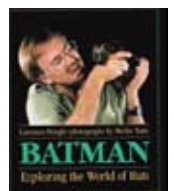
*The Hymn of the Sun* by St. Francis of Assisi (J 245 Fra)

*Dragon Parade* by Steven Chin (J 394.2 Chi)



*Jim's Lion* by Russell Hoban (J Hob), given by Claudia Hamm in honor of her grandchildren

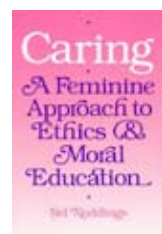
*The Kid's Guide to Social Action: How to Solve the Social Problems You Choose* by Barbara Lewis (YA 361.2 Lew)



*Batman: Exploring the World of Bats* by Laurence Pringle (YA 599.4 Pri)

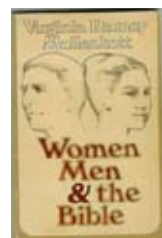
### New on our adult side:

*Dreams: God's Forgotten Language* by John A. Sanford (154.6 San), given by Betty Spicher



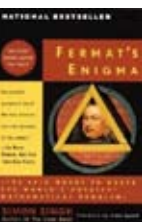
*Caring: A Feminine Approach to Ethics & Moral Education* by Nel Noddings (158.2 Nod)

*John Calvin & the Church: A Prism of Reform* by John Calvin (230 Cal)



*Women, Men & the Bible* by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott (261.8 Mol), given by Rebecca Kuiken

*Fermat's Enigma* by Simon Singh (512 Sin)

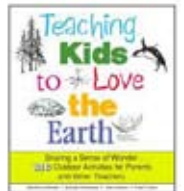


### In our special sections:

"Psalms as Christian Prayer" lectures by Dr. Patrick Miller, Feb. 2009 (DVD 42 A,B)

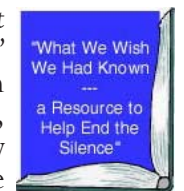
"Holy Rest, Good Work, Godly Play" lectures and sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor, Oct. 2009 (DVD 43 A,B)

*Teaching Kids to Love the Earth* by Marina Herman et al (Ecol 333.7 Her)



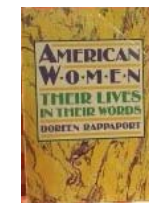
*Low Carbon Diet: A 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds* by David Gershon (Ecol 363.7 Ger), given by Stone Works

*The Blue Book: "What We Wish We Had Known"* by The Presbyterian Church of Mt. Kisco, NY (SocIss-Sexuality 241 Blu), given by Stone Works



*American Women: Their Lives in Their Words* by Doreen Rappaport (Women 305.4 Rap)

*The Complete Stories* by Flannery O'Connor (F O'Co), given by Emily Meacham





# PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO HAITI RELIEF & ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:21*

It is impossible to ignore the starkly urgent need in the eloquent pictures we see of the Jan. 12 Haitian earthquake and its aftermath. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has issued an emergency appeal because there is no access to hospitals, clean water, or food. The Red Cross confirms 50,000 dead, and there are fears the death count will reach 200,000. Survivors are maimed, homeless, traumatized. Funds from *One Great Hour of Sharing* are already helping with the initial response.

There are three ways you can give to the ongoing relief:

- ◆ Mail a check to *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700*

- ◆ Use the secure website:  
[www.pcusa.org/pda/donate/accounts.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/pda/donate/accounts.htm)  
(PDA account number DR000064)
- ◆ Phone (800-872-3283) weekdays from 8 am to 6 pm, EST



There are also ongoing needs here at home and around the globe, so we are again participating in *One Great Hour of Sharing*, started by American Christians to respond to the devastation in Europe and Asia after WWII. This year's theme – *Where is your treasure?* – points to the eternal saving truth that enabled us to respond then with typical American generosity. That saving truth still resonates today: it is not by relying on human structures that we find life's deepest treasure, but by opening ourselves to the abundance of God's love, flowing through us and overflowing beyond us.

On Palm Sunday, Stone will collect our offering for *One Great Hour of Sharing*, to be distributed among three programs: *Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People*

Though our own communities are in dire straits, we must prayerfully consider those coping with even worse circumstances, as we practice being our *brothers' keepers* to help them in their hour of need along a path to sustainable livelihood.

See [www.pcusa.org/oghs/about.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs/about.htm) for updates.  
- Dhar Blackwood

## NOTES FROM THE DUMPSTER DIVER

Fred Groppuso reports the grand totals for 2009 of these important programs:

- ◆ **Food Donations:** 1,213.40 pounds
- ◆ **Money from Recycling:** \$288.00 (\$1,438.23 total, since starting this!)

The first Sunday of 2010 brought in 114.5 pounds of food from *Worship & the Epiphany Party*. *With thanks & love to Fred!*



*Our Own "Dumpster Diver," Fred Groppuso, helps our children to help others.*

Have you sent your Valentines yet? Don't forget Presidents' Day – another day off for those of you still working.

The **Valentine Tea** will be held Feb. 13 in the Social Hall, beginning at 2 pm. Rachel Clark will speak on fabrics and quilts, which sounds like fun (see also page 8). Claudia Hamm will take reservations if you are not already signed up; a \$3 donation is requested. For child care, contact Rhonda Lakatos two weeks in advance.

We continue to support two ongoing mission projects. Recent donations to help our refugee family get settled in their new home (in partnership with the Stone Works Committee) include clothes hangers, ice cube trays, and eight place settings of flatware.

We are also grateful for your product coupons. In addition, S.H.A.R.E. cards are finally here (thank you, Jan Keifer). These can be used when you



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

shop at designated stores. Please see Dorothy Stevens to get a card and for more information. If you have receipts, you can still put them in the box on the library cart. One-and-a-half percent of your total goes to support our school. This month, *Hamburger Helper* and *SpaghettiOs* are the highlighted coupons.

We look forward to *Gifts of Women Sunday* on March 14 – mark your calendars. Mother's Day cards will be available again this year in support of the campaign against malaria.

A donation from our PW has been sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund for Haiti.

A new Soul Feast group is meeting on the second Thursday of the month. If you are interested in forming a new group, contact Janice Goertz.

### PW Schedule for February:

**Amethyst Circle**, 1 pm, Feb. 3, Church Library

**Emerald Circle**, 9:30 am, Feb. 4, Heidi Whitesel's home

**Sapphire Circle**, 7:30 pm, Feb. 8, Ida Raby's home

**Lunch Bunch**, 11:30 am, Feb. 9, Taiwan Restaurant

**Coordinating Team**, 9:30 am, Feb. 11, Social Hall

**Valentine Tea**, 2 pm, Feb. 13, Social Hall

**Book Group II**, 2:30 pm, Feb. 15, Kathy Lloyd's, reading *Home* by Marilynne Robinson

**Fair Trade Sales**, 10:30 am, Feb. 21, Social Hall

**Book Group I**, 1 pm, Feb. 22, Liz Shandera's, reading *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett

**Focus Group**, 9:30 am, Feb. 24, Liz Shandera's

**Bible Study**, 9:30 am, Feb. 25, Church Library with Rev. Marge Palmer

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 4 pm, Feb. 25, Fireside Room

A moment for personal privilege: My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers and cards during my recent illness. The move to my new home is almost complete, and things are beginning to look normal. My new phone number is 278-1801.

- Catherine Amos

The Men's Ministry of Stone Church includes a mission work team, a book group, and a flying group.

**MEN'S MINISTRY** For more information about any of these groups, contact Parish Associate David McCreath.

### Men's Mission Team Plans Worktrip to Westminster Woods



The Men's Mission Team is planning a worktrip to Westminster Woods from March 19 to 21. For more information, or to sign up, contact Leland Wong.

### Men's Book Group Celebrates 10th Anniversary, Selects Books

The first meeting of the Men's Book Group was in January of 2001, which means that they are now starting their 10th year of enjoying great books together.

Their next meeting is Monday, Feb. 15, beginning at 7:30 pm. Art Holtz is host.

The book for discussion is *Why I Am Not A Muslim* by Ibn Warraq.

The book is described on the internet in this way: *Those who practice the Muslim faith have resisted examinations of their religion. They are extremely guarded about their religion; what they consider blasphemous acts by sceptical Muslims and non-Muslims alike has only served to pique the world's curiosity.*

*This critical examination reveals an unflattering picture of the faith and its practitioners. Nevertheless, it is the truth, something that has either been deliberately concealed by modern scholars or buried in obscure journals accessible only to a select few.*

The following books have been selected for future meetings:

**March 15** – *Will the Circle Be Unbroken?: Reflections on Death, Rebirth, and Hunger for a Faith* by Studs Terkel; host, Rod Thorn

**April 19** – *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the West* by Wallace Stegner; host, Gary Weiss

**May 17** – Pick books for the fall; host, Bill Lakatos

All men of the congregation are welcome to attend.

### Semi-annual Men's Group Book Sale, Sunday, April 25

Join us after worship on Sunday, April 25, for the Men's Group Book Sale, benefiting various youth and adult mission projects.

You will find many treasures, including best sellers and classics, as well as some very esoteric selections.

The books sell for just \$1 for paperbacks and \$2 for hardcovers.

Your donations for the sale are greatly appreciated – look for a large box marked *Men's Book Sale* in the Social Hall in March.

- Leland Wong, David McCreath, and Bill Ribble



## DON'T MISS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Each year, Stone Church looks for people, just like you, to serve as Elders and Deacons. Serving gives you the opportunity to grow existing relationships, create new relationships, develop as a leader, and contribute to our church community.

If you feel called to serve, contact Nominating Committee member John Lococo.



## LENTEN TAIZÉ SERVICES:

*An Opportunity for Reflection and Meditation*

Take some special moments for yourself on your Lenten journey this year.

Join us at our weekly Taizé Services, every Tuesday during Lent. Come at 6:30 pm to enjoy quiet music and contemplative time. The service begins at 6:45 and lasts until 7:30. Chants, music, quiet time and prayer offer up a time of renewal, as we anticipate the fullness of the Easter message.

*Taizé Services in Lent: Feb. 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. There is also a service on Feb. 2.*

## WINTER DOLDRUMS?

Are the winter doldrums more apparent this year? Sometimes, amid holiday activities, troubling issues fade to the background, only to intensify during the dreary days before spring.

If you find you need a confidential listening ear, consider a Stephen Minister. Contact a Stephen Leader – Dale Bracey, Jan Keifer, Joan Peckham, Judith Mohr, or Marsha Wadley – to talk about the care we provide.

## SESSION APPROVES BUDGET; THANKS DICK KISTLER FOR 8 YEARS OF SERVICE

At its regular meeting on Jan. 19, the Session approved a budget for the year 2010.

The budget will be emailed to all members for whom the church has email addresses, and paper copies will be available before the congregational meeting on Jan. 31. In the Presbyterian system of government, the Session is fully responsible for the budget, except the congregation votes on the pastor's salary.

The Session also approved a plan for financing the property loan on Lincoln House, to reduce interest rates and to eliminate the requirement that we carry flood insurance at \$4000 a year. (There

is no requirement for flood insurance for our main church building.)

Dick Kistler has been Treasurer of Stone Church for 8 years and is now retiring. The Session thanked him for his great service with a round of enthusiastic applause. Mary Breuleux, who was also present, will be our new Church Treasurer.

There were routine "beginning of the year" actions: authorizing taking the four denominational offerings in 2010 (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Christmas Joy); authorizing serving Communion on the first Sunday of each month and at the Women's Retreat on March 21.

Stone Works chair Maureen Ryan and vice chair Charlotte Pizzo left the meeting early to meet the two sons of our refugee family, who were arriving at the San Francisco airport. Stone's Refugee Project supports this effort.

The Personnel and Administration Committee was asked to form a group to survey church fund-raising activities, seeing if there are too many, or too few, and if more fundraising is needed, the form it should take.

The Session heard from Presbyterian Women and the Deacons on their long list of activities. These are busy groups in the life of the church.

- Alice Thorn, Clerk of Session

## ENROLL NOW FOR ZEPHYR EXPERIENCE 2010 – SOMETHING FOR ALL AGES

The *Zephyr Experience 2010*, from July 4th through 10th, is an annual intergenerational, educational conference for families, couples, and individuals, held at the Zephyr Point Conference Center at Lake Tahoe.

Two morning periods (8:45 and 10:30 am) are scheduled for adult classes; afternoons are free; and a short worship service is held in the evening.

Join in this stimulating and enriching event surrounded by the unparalleled splendor of Lake Tahoe and the Sierra.

Stone Church traditionally has one of the largest groups at the conference.

Attendance is limited, so enroll now for this exciting week.

And note that we are returning to the friendly confines of the Tahoe Center, which has only 43 rooms.

Here are brief descriptions of the adult classes:

- 1) **Bible**
  - ◆ **1st period:** *No Passports Required, No Embassies for Protection: A Study of Acts* – Herman Waetjen
  - ◆ **2nd period:** *Being Saved: The Relation Between Grace, Faith and Healing a Broken World in Galatians and James* – Greg Love
- 2) **Spirituality**
  - ◆ **1st period:** *Experiencing God through Centering Prayer* – Hei Takarabe
  - ◆ **2nd period:** *Writing the Sacred* – Ray McGinnis
- 3) **Ethics**
  - ◆ **1st period:** *Luther and Ignatius: Spirituality and Ethics* – Lisa Fullam
- 4) **Church and Society**
  - ◆ **2nd period:** *Population, Prosperity, and Global Warming* – Pat Magee

Here are brief descriptions of the children's and youth programs:

- ◆ **Connections: God's Creations** – ages 4 - 10: Janice & Mel Goertz, Stone Church
- ◆ **Around the World in a Week** – ages 11 - 13: Tom Nolen, Hospital Chaplain, Portland
- ◆ **Spirituality, Sexuality, Media, Respect & Self** – ages 14 - 17: Ellen Bailey, Senior, UC Berkeley

	Costs (shared room)	Tahoe Center	Cabins 32,33,A,B
Adult		\$485 each	\$310 each
Youth (10-17)		\$210 each	\$170 each
Children (3-9)		\$150 each	\$130 each

Detailed information and registration forms are available in the church office and on the Zephyr Point website ([www.zephyrpoint.org](http://www.zephyrpoint.org)). - Pat Magee



At the annual “caroling to shut-ins” event of Stone’s High School and Middle School Groups, Dec. 20, 2009, a special feature was added - a reunion for the purpose of honoring Mary Alice Collins and her dedicated and loving service to the High School Group.



Honoring  
Mary Alice Collins



Over ten years ago, Mary Alice had a vision of creating a *community* of adults to minister to youth, particularly high school kids. She helped the group to embody her vision and proceeded to positively affect the lives of so many, as testified by the nearly 20 young adults who returned for the reunion. It would take a book to catalog the impact that Mary Alice has had on all the kids and their friends who have been part of this incredible program over the years.



Mary Alice is now retiring, and we will all miss her very much.

Nine kids and five adults (including former youth) attended the annual “snow and ski weekend” of Stone’s High School Group, Jan. 8 - 10.

Three kids and two adults skied at Sierra at Tahoe, while everyone else headed to a snow park for sledding, snow-fort building, and, of course, snowball fights.

Later in the afternoon, the group went to Grover Hot Springs for a soak in the pool created by naturally hot ground water.

Saturday evening was filled with many games, including *double charades* and *bananarama*.

A great time was had by all, youth and adults alike!



High School Snow and Ski Weekend

Many thanks to Lawrence Summers for the photos and to Bill Ribble for the text, for both of these articles.





## WOMEN'S RETREAT FEATURES REV. NIXON

Join us this spring for the annual Stone Church Women's Retreat. We will again spend a restful, revitalizing and inspirational weekend at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, a short and beautiful drive to the south.



We are excited to announce that the Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon, of the Congregational Church of San Mateo, will be our special retreat guest speaker.

Rev. Nixon will speak about the *The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom, A Toltec Wisdom Book* by Don Miguel Ruiz. If you haven't read this book, pick up a copy, and read how the shamanic teacher and healer exposes self-limiting beliefs and presents a simple code for personal conduct. Rev. Nixon will use *The Four Agreements* as the basis for the retreat, taking the concepts further.

Read more about Rev. Nixon at [www.ccsm-ucc.org/staff-nixon.php](http://www.ccsm-ucc.org/staff-nixon.php). Retreat registrations will be mailed soon; for more information, contact Colleen Blackburn.

- Mary-Stone Bowers

## RACHEL D. K. CLARK – ARTIST, TEACHER, AND LECTURER – FEATURED AT PW VALENTINE TEA

Meet Rachel D. K. Clark at the PW Valentine Tea and Fashion Show featuring Rachel's wearable art, on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 2 to 4 pm, in the Social Hall.



Rachel is a contemporary folk artist, teacher and lecturer who comes from a long line of sewers, beginning with her great-grandmother. She

has been creating wearable art for over 30 years. Eclectic fabric mixes, vibrant designs and a keen sense of humor characterize Rachel's work. While her

## ITALIAN DINNER & RAFFLE BENEFITS MISSION TRIPS

Great food and fabulous prizes are here again!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 pm, for a delicious Italian dinner featuring:

- ◆ Dungeness Crab
- ◆ Badalamente Sausage
- ◆ Pasta with Homemade Marinara Sauce
- ◆ Mixed Salad
- ◆ French Bread
- ◆ Dessert



Proceeds from the dinner and raffle benefit Men's Mission Work Team projects at the following locations:

- ◆ Westminster Woods
- ◆ Zephyr Point Conference Center
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Many other local work sites

Price: \$25 for adults; \$15 for 12 - 17; \$5 for 7 - 11; no charge for under 7.

For reservations or more information, contact John Lococo.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Beginning with this issue, *The Stone News* will no longer be mailed (in hard copy) to homes for which we have email addresses.

If you continue to receive a hard copy, but have an email address, would you please share it with us?

And conversely, if you do not receive a hard copy, but have difficulty reading *The Stone News* online, we'll be glad to put you back on the hard copy list - just let us know.

We would like to mention that we are now letting our wonderful production crew move on to bigger and better things, since we no longer have to print, fold and label over 200 copies.

We offer our sincerest gratitude to the Stone News Production Team: **Catherine Amos, Mary Breuleux, Charlotte Dickson, Fred Gardner, Jerry and Jan Keifer, Sylvia Snyder, Dulcie Janzen**, and many others over the years.

- Emily Moak Meacham, Editor

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