



# The Stone News

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### How Firm a Foundation: Building a Foundation for Life Together

Eastertide blessings to you all! I pray that during this season of Resurrection hope, you have been feeling the love of God and the promise of new life that is all around us. I have discovered that this transitional season from rain to sun is my new favorite time of the year. Though I have had to take more Claritin than usual, the promise of a new bloom each day has been bringing me great joy. In the past few weeks, I cannot tell you how many times I have literally stopped to smell the roses and other fragrant beauties. Admittedly, my own backyard is still a work in progress, but my block is lined with rose bushes and irises and each of my days is made brighter when I am greeted by the native plant garden of Lincoln House, which is of course our main topic of the season.

We have embarked on a Capital Campaign to raise \$500,000 over the course of the next three years so that we can fix the foundation of Lincoln House and tithe 10% of all funds raised to yet-to-be determined work in the world. Though this campaign may not feel especially shiny or stimulating, I do think it is an opportunity to live into the fullness of who we are as a community. We are a people committed to living life

together and showing up to create beautiful, hospitable spaces. From coffee hour to receptions after Memorials, from worship to small group book studies, and from shared dinners in homes to dinners with the women of Village House, we are a people dedicated to extending hospitality and living life together.

We all know that in order for any of this to happen, we need loving hosts and welcoming physical spaces, which is why the Capital Campaign we have embarked on is so very important. In so many ways, Lincoln House is the center of our daily movements together. We meet to dream about new projects, to sit and pray with one another in suffering, to welcome and help folks make ends meet, and so much more. The stability of Lincoln House is integral to our ability to be hospitable to friends and strangers alike.

From the experiences of our shared life, then, we are sent into the world to witness to the love and peace of God, which is where the tithe comes in. My hope is that as we engage with this campaign, we will witness to what God is up to in our midst and in the world. We have an opportunity to create hospitable, kingdom-like spaces on our own grounds and out in the world. And I pray that as we discern how best to steward these mission dollars, we will be even more bound to God, to one another, and to whom God is creating us all to be.

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As you consider how you are able to engage with this campaign, I would just like to encourage you to pray. Pray as you discern your pledge, pray even if you can't pledge at this time, pray as we gather to ask questions and make commitments, and pray that as we move through this campaign, we will be faithful to God's will for us in the place and time.

Peace and grace to you, my friends,

~Sammie

## Join our Capital Campaign to repair Lincoln House

by Jody Meacham

Three years and multiple committees after Stone Church began looking at the maintenance needs of our buildings, the Session has authorized a \$500,000 capital campaign to repair Lincoln House and perform a major mission project.

According to Artik Art & Architecture, our consultants in the early stages of this project, the 90-plus-year-old building that houses our church offices and library has foundation damage as the result of drainage problems, tree roots and earthquakes. In addition, some windows need replacing to reduce heating and cooling costs and cosmetic repairs need to be made to some floors and walls.

The Session has also pledged 10% of our fundraising to a separate mission project and will ask for the congregation's input on how that money should be allocated.

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee created earlier this spring, composed of Emily and Jody Meacham, Fred Oliver and Julia Roberts, is directing the pledge drive to fund this work because it is beyond the scope of our annual budget.

The committee began collecting pledges in May from our members, to be fulfilled over a three-year period, and intends to wrap up the campaign June 23.

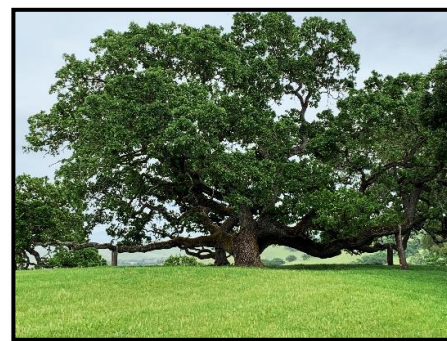
Although we know members' ability to pledge will vary widely, the \$500,000 goal is about the same as our annual budget. That means, based on our average annual pledge of about \$3,200, that an extra \$1,066 per year from each pledger would reach the goal.

Over the next few weeks, the committee is asking you to consider and make your pledge using one of the pledge cards on our website at [www.stonechurch.org/capital-campaign](http://www.stonechurch.org/capital-campaign). You can also find a list of frequently asked questions on the page.



Stone Church Offices (Lincoln House)

Money raised beyond our goal will be allocated to the next two improvement projects prioritized by the Session: making the backyard entry to the Social Hall handicap accessible and landscaping the backyard into a functional and usable space for ourselves and our visitors.



Oak Tree at St. Francis Retreat Center

## Sonnet, to an Ancient Oak

Great Mother Oak, how many centuries  
have come and gone beneath your  
arching shade?  
How many children splashed among  
your leaves,  
how many mothers rested while they  
played?

Just so have I, soul-weary, settled  
down,  
Your gnarled and knobbled trunk  
against my head,  
The sunlight dappling through your  
twisting crown,  
Your prickled leaves a disappointing  
bed,

And mused upon the multitudes  
you've blessed:  
As landmark, shelter, guardian, or  
guide,  
As fire or food, encouragement or  
rest,  
As raptor's turret, rodent's home and  
hide.

And when you fall, by your decay you  
will,  
even as shattered bones, be blessing  
still.

By Julia Roberts

Stone Church Women's Retreat - 2019  
St. Francis Retreat Center,  
San Juan Bautista



## Shopping for Milk...

We run to the market early in the morning to pick up milk for our kid's breakfast. No big deal and no risk. Our neighbor Alfredo did just that on March 8, only to be picked up by ICE agents and transferred to the immigrant detention center in Yuba City three hours from his wife and young daughter. Alfredo is still waiting for his hearing to begin fighting his legal case. We hope that 19 years in the country will help him be released to his family.

Because Alfredo's case is still pending, our Accompaniment Team needs to start planning for the support that will be needed in June, when their vehicle registrations are due, adding \$469. Please consider the gift you could give as we encircle this family with Christ's love and our support.

His wife, Alma, and their 11-year-old daughter are nervous for him and for their future. They have trouble sleeping, and worry about bills and food. How the daughter is doing in school troubles Alma's thoughts during the day. Calls to connect with Alfredo cost \$12 for 20 minutes, but they are crucial for the connection, hope and love each can communicate to the others.

The Stone Church Accompaniment Team and supporters have reduced a bit of the worry and stress for Alfredo and Alma. So far, we have raised donations and given the family \$2000 for April and \$2000 for May to cover their rent, monthly bills, food and telephone calls from Alfredo. We've been able to locate Spanish language therapy at no cost to Alma and one of our experienced teachers has begun tutoring the daughter so she can improve her reading skills.

Thank you to everyone who has made donations to the Go-Fund-Me site <https://bit.ly/stone-church-alma-gofundme> for the family and to the Stone Church Accompaniment Fund that will help this family and other families in the future.

~Rhonda Lakatos



## Scholarship Announcement



Presbyterian Women (PW), as trustees of the Hudspeth Trust, are once again offering a limited number of college scholarships to those continuing

college or entering college in undergraduate programs in the fall. If you are thinking about your college funding, you might consider applying for a PW scholarship. The forms are in the PW box in the church office. The scholarship application needs to be completed and we request a one-page essay about your plans and goals plus a letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative who is connected to Stone Church.

If you have any questions, please contact [Jan Keifer](#). **Deadline is Monday, July 15.** We're looking forward to hearing from you!



Signage at St. Francis Episcopal Church Willow Glen

## May 26: Islamic Networks Group Speaks at Stone

Stone Church will be presenting a speaker from the Islamic Networks Group (ING) on the subject of Muslim women stereotypes and the teachings of the Quran. The event will be held in the sanctuary at **Stone Church from 11:00am to 12:15pm on Sunday, May 26, 2019**, as part of our Adult Education offerings. The contact person is Bob Cole at [famcole@pacbell.net](mailto:famcole@pacbell.net). RSVPs from those who wish to attend would be helpful.

## Liturgical Arts Begins Third Banner in Series

Liturgical Arts continues their master craftsmanship of creating banners for the Six Great Ends of the Church series ("ends" meaning "goals" in this instance). Liturgical Arts Chair, Jeanette Rapp, shared photos of members at a recent meeting:



*Kathleen works on fabric with musical notes, a central role of divine worship at Stone Church*



*Janice and Carol team up to design and complete a new purple background for the Communion Table for the Lenten season in a single 3-hour sewing session!*



*Carol begins laying out the sections of the Communion Table fabric*



*Sue adds braid to frame the Bible, symbol of the preaching of the Word*



*Claudia's hands are shown completing the chalice, the symbol of Communion, one of the two sacraments which will be depicted*



*Barbara adds cord to the "prayer" symbol (our own stained glass window reproduced on fabric!)*



*Sue and Kathleen work on components of the banner*

Please consider joining us! We meet on the second Friday of each month, from 1:30 to 4 PM, in Room 1 downstairs. There are always projects to work on to beautify our sanctuary. Besides the ongoing work of the Six Great Ends of the Church banners, there are special holy day decorations to prepare, with Pentecost, coming up next!



## Calling All Veterans!

As a special feature to our November/December 2019 Stone Church News, we would like to feature the service and sacrifice of the veterans of Stone Church. If you, or your loved ones, would like to share reflections in the Stone News, please email [Stone\\_News@stonechurch.org](mailto:Stone_News@stonechurch.org), with your name, and dates/branch of service, and a member of the Membership & Communications Committee will follow up with you to collect your reflections.



## The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, U.S. House of Representatives, CA-19

**Town Hall Meeting  
Sunday, July 21, 2019, 11am  
Stone Church**



Zoe Lofgren has been a member of the United States House of

Representatives since 1995. She represents the 19th District of California, based in the "Capital of Silicon Valley," San Jose.

After graduating from Stanford, she attended Santa Clara University School of Law, graduating cum laude in 1975. While practicing and teaching immigration law, she was first elected to the San Jose Evergreen Community College Board in 1979. In 1980, she was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors where she served for 14 years. Following Congressman Don Edwards' retirement in 1994 after 32 years in Congress, Zoe was elected to the House of Representatives. She currently serves on the House Judiciary Committee, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, and the Committee on House Administration.

As the Chair of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, and a former immigration attorney and immigration law professor, Lofgren is recognized as an established champion of top-to-bottom immigration reform and a national leader in immigration policy. Lofgren is also known for her work on patent reform, copyright issues, digital rights, and net neutrality. Lofgren also

serves as Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation.

**Stone Church is fortunate to host Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren for a Town Hall meeting on Sunday July 21, at 11 AM.** Stone Church itself lies right within Lofgren's district.

Mark your calendars; then, on meeting day, bring your questions and concerns. The possibilities are exciting!

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be provided at this event.

*~ Rod Thorn, for Stone Works*



*Attendees of 2019 Women's Retreat*

## Stone Church Women's Retreat 2019 "Opened the Eyes of our Hearts"

With inspiring and heartfelt leadership, Susan Martin, LMFT, guided the fifty-three participants of this year's Stone Church Women's Retreat, April 26 - 28, into a time of introspection, with challenging questions about our relationships with others and with God. At the beautiful St. Francis Retreat Center, located in the countryside of San Juan Bautista, we also had time to simply relax and commune with nature.

The topic for the weekend was *To Be Astonished — Opening the Eyes of the*

*Heart*. In Susan's words, the retreat provided "... a time and place set aside to develop our capacity for attentiveness. When our work, families, and other obligations seem to claim most of our attention, we might be living our lives unaware of the friendship being continually offered us. The Spirit, the light of Christ within, waiting to bring us home to our real self in redemptive love — can we dare again to hope, to awaken to astonishment?"

The culmination of Susan's program was a Saturday evening ritual where we "cast off" paper "shackles" labeled with the things that bring us astonishment and those that keep us from realizing our full real selves. At a

beautiful, candle-lit service, with inspiring music from Pam Hood, Stone's Taizé pianist, we considered how the "eyes of our hearts" had been opened.

The retreat

closed with a very special

Worship and Communion Service on Sunday morning, led by the Reverends Sammie Evans and Sharon LeClaire, that featured many "stations" — for offering prayers for countries in distress (using beautiful bulletin cover artwork from Lyn Johnson), for receiving a special personalized blessing, for receiving the Sacrament of Communion, and for lighting candles for our most heartfelt prayer requests.

Among the evaluation sheets returned was a very touching comment: "For a while, I was able to forget about the outside world."

*~Emily Meacham, Women's Retreat chair, 2019*

## Sacred Heart Food Donation

*We've collected 1,067 lbs so far in 2019 and are on track to meet our end-of-year donation total of 2,500 lbs!*

*Every month on Communion Sunday we collect and donate food for Sacred Heart Community Services. Some of the most requested items are **canned veggies** (corn, peas, beans, beets, carrots, etc), **canned soups or chili**, **bags of beans or rice**, **bags of pasta**, and **other non-perishables**. Stores such as the Dollar Tree, Big Lots, and Food Max have a wide variety of these items.*

*(Thank you for avoiding glass jars to avoid breakage in transport.)*



**Upcoming donation Sundays are:**

**June 2**  
**July 7**  
**August 4**

*If you will be away on those dates, simply drop off your items on any Sunday at the bins in the narthex.*

## Healing Prayer Circle



Would you like to be part of an ongoing Healing Prayer Circle at Stone Church where together we

might dare to believe in the power of God to bring healing and wholeness in our lives and in our world? Would you like to sit with others in deep prayer and meditation as we open to the Divine light that is within and around us, consciously focusing that gathered energy and sending it out for healing for ourselves, our loved ones, our world?

In times of physical, emotional, spiritual pain or distress, would you like to have a place you, or people you know, might come and be immersed in this circle of Light and Love where intentions for healing and wholeness would be held for each one?

**The Healing Prayer Circle will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 4:00-5:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome.**

Questions? Please contact Mary Alice Collins.

## Seniors in Transition

This group will meet on Friday, May 24th from 11:00 am -noon in the church library. We will be sharing those things that brought us resurrection life and joy through the different stages of our lives. What gave you life and joy as a child? As a teenager? Before you were married/partnered? During marriage – partnership- children? After retirement? Now? Theologically we will think of the several different "resurrections" we experience throughout our lives. Anyone is welcome! Questions? Contact the Rev. Irene Pak Lee.



## Camp Daybreak 2019

Men's Mission and Ministry recently returned

from a successful service weekend at Camp Daybreak. Attendees were John Lococo, Chad Biscardi, Guy Lohman, Leland Wong, Bill Ribble, Wynn Barnes, and David McCreath. The weekend weather was ideal for working outdoors: cool, cloudy and with a touch of sun.

David and Wynn primed and painted the work benches in the amphitheater. Guy, Chad, Bill, John,

Lee and Bill replaced a sun-worn canvas on a cabin. John also prepared a nice BBQ lunch for all of us. We then proceeded to fix a



portion of the baseball backstop damaged by a falling tree during a rainstorm. A fun work day, good food and camaraderie made for another fun, and tiring work trip!





## Congratulations to Our 2019 Confirmands!



2019 Confirmands

Our most recent class of confirmands began their study sessions in January 2019 and were confirmed on March 24, 2019. This class represents the largest confirmation class in the past 10 years! Participating youth learned about God, Church, faith, and engaging in questions together for 10 sessions. They have been paired with a mentor and will journey together with a decision they will make on their own about whether or not they would like to join the church. **A heartfelt thank you to Rev. Irene Pak Lee and Rosaleen Zisch, for leading our children, and to the following adult mentors: Lizanne Oliver, Carrie Giorgianni, Emily Meacham, Carol Johnson-Fritz, Mary Jo Blazek, Mary-Stone Bowers, Meredith Hurley, Bill Ribble, Bill Lakatos, Derk Johnson, and John Lococo.**



## From the Reading Nook

by Sue Williams, Library Coordinator

There's something new on the library cart near the Social Hall-- a group of outstanding Young Adult books that we think should be seen by folks both younger and older. And there's also something new in the Lincoln House

library—a more attractive setting that's been accomplished by church members with an artistic eye. Stop by and enjoy it!

### New in the Children's Chapel Library:

\* *Keeper of the Doves* by Betsy Byars (J Bya)

\* *When I Was Young: One Family Remembers 300 Years of History* by James Dunbar (J Dun), given by the Barrett family

\* *All Kinds of Strong* by Sharon Baker (J 296.3 Bak)

\* *The Shema in the Mezuzah: Listening to Each Other* by Sandy Sasso (J 296.3 Sas)

\* *Each Little Bird That Sings* by Deborah Wiles (J Spec. Needs Wil)

\* *Jack's Path of Courage* by Doreen Rappoport (J Biog KENNEDY)

\* *Heroes for My Daughter* by Brad Meltzer (J BB Mel), given by Charlotte Dickson

### Additions in Lincoln House:

\* *Restless Spirit: The Life & Work of Dorothea Lange* (YA Biog LANGE)

\* *Seeking the Sacred: Transforming Our View of Ourselves & One Another* by Stephanie Dowrick (204 Dow)

\* *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers: Exploring*

*Christian Faith* by Donald McKim (285 McK), given by Claudia Hamm

\* *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright (Soc. Iss. 322 Alb), given by Jutta Sargent

\* *Calling All Radicals: How Grassroots Organizations Can Help Save Our Democracy* by Gabriel Thompson (Soc. Iss. 361 The)

\* *Forged in Crisis: The Power of Courageous Leadership in Turbulent Times* by Nancy Koehn (re. Shackleton, Lincoln, Fredrick Douglass, Bonhoeffer, Rachel Carson) (BB Koehn)

\* *Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes* by William Bridges (Spec. Needs 306 Bri), given by Stephen Ministry of Stone Church

\* *The Secret of Lost Things* by Sheridan Hay (F Hay), given by Ann Pierce

## Service Sunday - June 9

June 9 is Pentecost and we will be designating it Service Sunday as well. We will be holding several service activities on that Sunday to help those in need in our community. We are working on lining up items such as singing at a local care facility, preparing sack lunches for the homeless, making hygiene kits and flash cards for Sacred Heart, sorting at Willow Glen Cares, and volunteering at Sunday Friends. StoneWorks members will be taking signups after church in the social hall May 19, 26, and June 2 where we will have more details and can answer your questions. Let the spirit of Pentecost guide you to sign up!

~ Phil Curtis

## Session Reports

by Julia Roberts

### Below is a summary of the Session Meeting in April 2019:

- Approved a congregational meeting for May 26 after worship, for the purpose of electing new Deacons and Elders.
- Approved the participation of twelve Stone Church youth in the 2019 Triennium at Purdue University this summer.
- Approved members of the full Capital Campaign Committee, and allocated money from the Capital Campaign fund for outreach activities related to the campaign coming this May.
- Approved, at long last, an updated privacy policy brought forward by P&A. Under this policy, primarily targeted towards the website, Stone Church will not post identifying information alongside photographs of minors. Anyone who wishes to prevent photographs of themselves or their children from being posted on church publications, including the website, should notify the church office.
- Approved a proposal from StoneWorks to use an existing fund, sourced from matching funds from local companies whose employees give to Stone Church, to continue donations to Synod General Mission at the same level as last year.
- Approved the job description for the temporary position of Vacation Church School Co-Director, carrying a \$250 stipend. The intent of this position is to support the Director and document the knowledge and expertise of the Director.

### Committee Reports:

- **Nominating Committee** reports that both slates (Elders and Deacons) are completed, hooray!
- **Presbyterian Women** continues to sponsor outreach and empowerment events throughout the community. PW will continue to sell Mother's Day cards on the next few Sundays to benefit Lifted Spirits. Fair Trade sales are officially closed.
- **StoneWorks** is busily planning a Service Sunday, coming soon, on which multiple opportunities will be provided for members to actively go out in service to the community after worship.
- **Stephen Ministry** reports that four of our Stephen Leaders are involved in a local training opportunity, some teaching classes and some receiving training.
- **Worship** is in the middle of logistics for Holy Week, with lots of moving parts for all the different services.
- **Personnel and Administration** is helping Vivace Youth Chorus by renting them temporary office space in Room 4, downstairs, while they are in transition between spaces. Room 4 is primarily used for storage.



Village House Women's Shelter will be here in September 2019. Kate Wheatley and Maureen Searing will lead this year's team. They will have an informational meeting June 2nd after worship (Room 6 downstairs). Much of the leadership team is already in place; at this meeting they'll look at leadership assignments, fill the few remaining slots on the leadership team, and set additional meeting times; there are still many opportunities to volunteer and support this wonderful Shelter. Questions? Contact Kate Wheatley.

## Breadmaking Class a Flouring Success!



Mary Johnson's most recent French bread-making class was attended by five

aspiring bakers. There was a flurry of flour as multiple mixers prepared the dough which was then allowed to rise. The bakers-in-training then rolled out the dough, filled it with cheese or olives, and shaped it into loaves to take home to bake. All enjoyed hot, tasty bread for dinner!





## Children's Ministry - Summer of Sharing

Christ be with you! This summer you have a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts, talents, and time with the kids of Stone Church. It's our "Summer of Sharing" tradition.

Summer Sunday school is shortened, starting from after the children's sermon until the conclusion of the service, which amounts to roughly 30-40 minutes of classroom time when all age groups meet together. There must be two adults to follow safe church practices.

We welcome you to share any passion you personally have, such as art, music, storytelling, crafts, etc. or a summer curriculum is also available.

It is such a delight to get to know the young members of this congregation! We hope you will consider volunteering, even just for a single Sunday. Curriculum will be available if needed.

Please [contact me](#) for more information!

*Mary Jo Blazek  
Children's Ministry Coordinator*

## Welcome to our New Members!

**Gary Ruschke** was born and lived in New Jersey (Exit 16W) until he moved to California in 2001 to marry Susan, the love of his life. He recently started a job as a Program Manager for Varian Medical Systems in Palo Alto developing Oncology Systems for the fight against cancer. Gary enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities, good wine and hearty bread (not just at communion), and feels called to work for social justice. Gary is a life-long Presbyterian and has been an Elder for many years. In fact, Gary was present at the Presbytery meeting where Rev. Irene Pak Lee was questioned on her statement of personal faith during her ordination process.

**Carter and Michele Edwards** were married in 1988 in Austin, Texas. They have two children: Pearce is 27, married to Kathryn, and in graduate school in Georgia; Annie is 22, and teaching English in middle school in South Korea. Carter and Michele moved to California last July for Carter's third career. He is now working at NVIDIA. Carter enjoys time with family, traveling not for work, science fiction, and strategy games. Michele enjoys time with family, cooking, traveling, and learning new languages – most recently studying Korean.

**Shannon Bayatpur** is originally from Long Beach, but moved to the Bay Area for college and ended up making this area her home. She works as a product manager at a small software company. She and her husband were married almost two years ago and moved to Willow Glen a year later. They love living in this beautiful community, and usually go on a hike during the weekends when the weather is good. Shannon likes to walk to church on Sunday mornings.

She has been going to churches off and on since college, but Stone Church is the first church in which she has felt truly comfortable, and the first church she has joined.

## The LORD is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

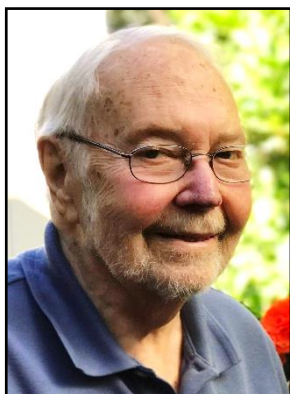
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



*Youth group enjoying pizza and bowling*



## IN MEMORIAM



### The Reverend Charles W. Rawlings

Rev. Rawlings was a distinguished Presbyterian minister whose varied work, spanning seven decades, reflected profound commitment to social justice within the framework of the Gospel. He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on February 10th, 1931 and died in Los Gatos, California on April 15, 2019 at the age of 88. A son of the Ohio River Valley, Reverend Rawlings attended Parkersburg High School and Marietta College and graduated with a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, where his studies with Paul Tillich and Reinhold Niebuhr fueled his life's work. He began his career in Pennsylvania as pastor of Jim Thorpe Church and Leighton Presbyterian Church. A substantial portion of his career, from 1964-1989, was spent in Cleveland, Ohio, where Reverend Rawlings was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement, the Anti-war Movement, and economic justice initiatives in the wake of deindustrialization. He was instrumental in organizing Martin Luther King's visit to Cleveland for the first time and worked with him directly on several occasions (see photo). In Cleveland, he initiated interracial dialogue groups in 1964 and had many connections to other

civil rights leaders, including Bayard Rustin, Andrew Young, and Ralph Abernathy. He was attacked along with Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, who was injured, during the voter registration drive in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; he was a leading figure in the negotiations to end the Hough riots in Cleveland. Reverend Rawlings participated in civil disobedience numerous times in the 1960's and 70s, including during the "move the gym" action on the site of the shootings at Kent State in 1978. Reverend Rawlings worked as the Executive Director of The Office of Religion and Race and in the late eighties became Executive Director of the New Jersey Council of Churches, where he initiated inter-religious dialogue on the Middle East and worked on economic justice issues related to trucking and shipping in Newark. He later had other roles at the National Council of Churches and in time became Director of the Santa Clara County Council of Churches of California in 2009.

Politically engaged to the end, Reverend Rawlings was in the last year of his life teaching a class, Democracy at Risk, working on issues of homelessness and the housing crisis, participating in a green jobs initiative, Smart Yards, and was regularly publishing his blog, Public Liturgies. To learn a bit more about Chuck's passion and work, take a moment to read this article: <http://justiceunbound.org/carousel/lab-or-days-inequality-flood-and-the-roots-of-authoritarianism/>.

Reverend Rawlings is predeceased both by his wife, Joan McMillen Rawlings, and by his daughter Ann Haynes Rawlings. He is survived by his son Edward McMillen Rawlings and his partner, Loras Ronald Ojeda, his daughter Carol Rawlings Miller, his son-in-law, James Milton Miller, his grandson, Jack Rawlings Miller, and nephew, Alan Greer Rawlings.

Though he struggled significantly with declining health in the last months of his life, Reverend Rawlings was especially cheered recently by the arrival of Alexandria Octavio-Cortez and her peers to Congress. Donations in his honor can be made to Smart Yards Education (EIN 82-1012849)

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Rev. Chuck Rawlings in background







**Evelyn Glenna Radunich** died on March 5, 2019, at the age of 99. Evelyn was born on December 10, 1919 in Santa Barbara, CA. She served as a member of the Navy WAVES during WWII, after proudly joining to "help win the war!"

During her service, Evelyn met her husband of 57 years, the late William J. Radunich, who was also serving in the Navy. Following the end of the war, the two were married in

Montecito, CA, on November 24,

1945. The couple moved to San Jose where they ranched for many years before opening a neighborhood restaurant. In addition to her work, her husband, and her three children, Evelyn's life was devoted to her faith and to the service of others. She spent years volunteering at O'Connor Hospital, helped to establish the Senior Center at Stone Presbyterian Church, and actively served the San Jose Auxiliary Thrift Box benefiting Stanford's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. In memory of her beloved daughter, Roxanne, Evelyn hosted an annual Christmas tea, to benefit less fortunate children. Over the years, Bill and Evelyn experienced many adventures all over the world, each of which was detailed in one of Evelyn's



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famous travel letters, which she shared widely. Following her husband's death in 2003, Evelyn began her Sonoma County adventure with a move to Varenna, where she made many lasting friendships and enjoyed another decade of happy times. Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband Bill, and their daughter Roxanne. Evelyn leaves behind son Gary Radunich and wife Alicia, daughter Merrilee Dadaos and husband Jim, grandchildren Kelley Keenan and husband Tom, Doug Radunich, Meg Radunich, Cassidy Dadaos and husband Nick Barron, Pamela Dadaos, Jolie, Isabella, and Spencer Radunich, great

grandchildren Grant and Georgia Ashley, along with dear friends Anka DeRuysscher and Donna Radunich. Evelyn lived every moment with gratitude for the incredible community of friends and family from which she drew so much energy and joy.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rett Syndrome at 4600 Devitt Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246 or

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



**Sylvia Snyder** passed away on January 28, 2019. Sylvia was an independent-minded dynamo, who paved her own path in life. She joined Stone Church in 1984 and from that point forward did not stop volunteering until she was physically unable.

She was an avid baseball fan, and a skilled house painter; at some point she probably had a hand in painting just about every wall of the church. She owned her own photography business and became the Church Photographer, spending many years photographing every new member and event here at Stone.

She was legendary for her cookies, banana bread, homemade bread & butter pickles, and all her homegrown tomatoes. For years, on Fridays, she would bring a plate of homemade cookies into the office for the grateful staff.

Sylvia was a born caretaker, and even when she wasn't serving as a Stone Church Deacon she would make meals for anyone in need.

Please keep her four children (Bill, George, Susan, and Doug) and their families in your thoughts and prayers.





*Livestock in the pasture at San Juan Bautista*



*Youth baptism*



*Youth Baptism*



*Wide open skies at San Juan Bautista*



*Youth Baptism*



*Family Baptism*



*Jeanette is a top finisher in the Los Gatos Great Race! 90 is the new 20!*



*Men's Mission & Ministry Book Sale*



*Deaf Ministry Movie Night*





*Youth Sunday*



*Youth Sunday*



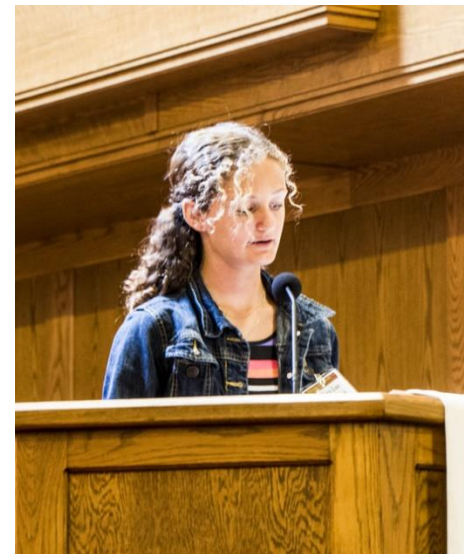
*Youth Sunday*



*Happy choir members*



*Youth Sunday 2019*



*Youth Sunday 2019*



*Communion on Youth Sunday*



*Kids work in the garden*



*Youth Sunday 2019*

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*The Rev. Samantha Lynn Evans, Pastor*  
*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee – Associate Pastor*  
*The Rev. Sharon LeClaire – Stated Supply Pastor*  
*The Rev. Dr. David McCreath – Parish Associate*  
*The Rev. Marge Palmer – Pastor Emerita*  
*Nancy Kromm - Choir Director*  
*Mark Bruce – Organist*  
*Peggy Spool – Children's Choir Director*  
*Jean Raby – Hand Bell Choir Director*  
*Mary Jo Blazek – Church School Administrator*  
*Jennifer Scott-Brand – Office & Facility Manager*  
*Ruthanne Martinez– Treasurer*  
*Liliana Borda - Nursery Supervisor*  
*Victor & Sonia Perez – Custodians*  
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