



Linda Hagan

Memorial

Lecture: *Let the Walls Fall Down*

February 11, 2017

Stone Church,

10am-3:30pm

Hosted by Presbyterian

Women of Stone

Church

Featuring the Rev.

Alison J. Harrington,

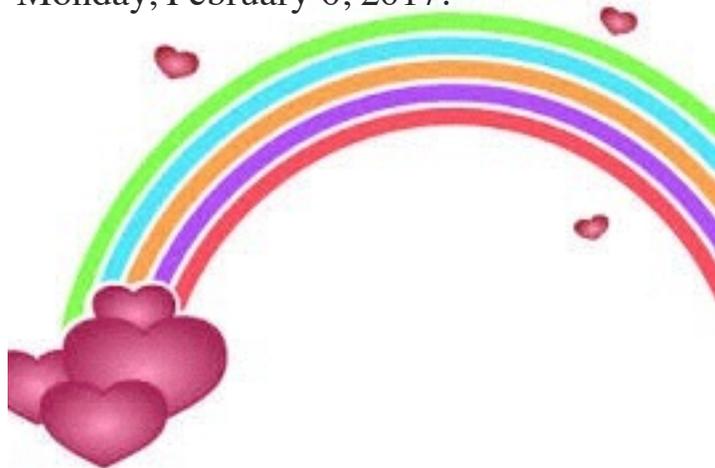
Southside Presbyterian

Church, Tucson, AZ

The Rev. Alison Harrington brings to us her passion for Christ and for Social Justice. She attended the University of California at Berkeley, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies with an emphasis in U.S. Race Relations. A graduate with a Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary, she served at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto and as facility chaplain in the Santa Clara County Jail system. Among her many honors, she was chosen as 2016 Distinguished Alumna from SFTS.

In lieu of tickets for the day, a free will offering will be received that will be divided between The Women's Gathering Place and The Rev. Kate Taber, Mission Co-worker in Israel/Palestine. Linda supported both of these programs working hard for peace and justice issues throughout her life.

To assist in our planning for lunch, kindly make a reservation with Claudia Hamm at 408-356-6665 or jnchamm@gmail.com by Monday, February 6, 2017.





OUR PWP BEGINS 2017...

One of the treasured traditions we have is the Epiphany Tea. This was the 10th year this gathering was held at Stone Church for the Women of San Jose Presbytery. A total of 14 have been held by PWP. The first The Taize service, with Karen Johnson and Laraine Pitcher providing the music, is a wonderful gift to all who attend. This year our theme was "Seeking the Light" and after a yummy apple crumble dessert we moved to the sanctuary for song, scripture, readings, prayer and candles. Despite the rain, we had a beautiful afternoon. Our thanks to chairperson Claudia Hamm.





Want to learn to be an active listener and reach out to others in a distinctively Christian way? On Saturday, March 11, 2017, Stone Church will host a Stephen Ministry introductory Workshop from 9:00am - 1:00 pm. The half-day workshop consists of three sessions designed both to enhanced participants' care giving skills and to help congregations explore ways to expand their caring ministry. Sign-in begins at 8:00am, and refreshments will be served.

One reason we're so excited about helping other congregations learn about Stephen Ministry is that it is making a significant difference in the life of our own congregation. Since we began Stephen Ministry, lay people have gone through 50 hours of training in order to provide quality one-to-one Christian care to hurting people. If you think you might be interested in being a Stephen Minister, attending the workshop is a great way to learn more.

In the first session, Ministering to those experiencing grief, participants learn about the grief process - the stages of grief and how to minister to people in each of those stages. They'll gain the skills and confidence to better care for individuals who are grieving.

The second session provides an introduction to the Stephen Series, a system of lay caring ministry through which congregation leaders can equip members to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in need. Since 1975, more than 12,000 congregations representing more than 170 denominations have implemented the Stephen Series.

The final session of the workshop explains, "How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way." Participants learn what makes Christian caregiving unique and how they can use resources like prayer, blessings, and Scripture in their caring for others.



The cost of the workshop is \$15. per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation. For more information, or to REGISTER TO ATTEND the Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop at Stone Church of Willow Glen (1937 Lincoln Ave. San Jose, CA 95125), please contact Stone Church, 408-269-1593, or Stephen Ministries at 314-428-2600. You can also register online at Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshops

PROGRAM CALENDAR SPRING 2017

Gathering Theme for the Year: “Following the Light”

March 25, 2017 (Saturday)
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
at Sunnyvale Pres.

FORUM Levels of Literacy– “Lighting Up the World”
Social justice issues connected to literacy for children & adults will be covered by a panel of experts. Our Church role & projects will be covered in Breakout sessions. Plus lunch & a book fair

MAY 13, 2017 (Saturday)
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Los Gatos

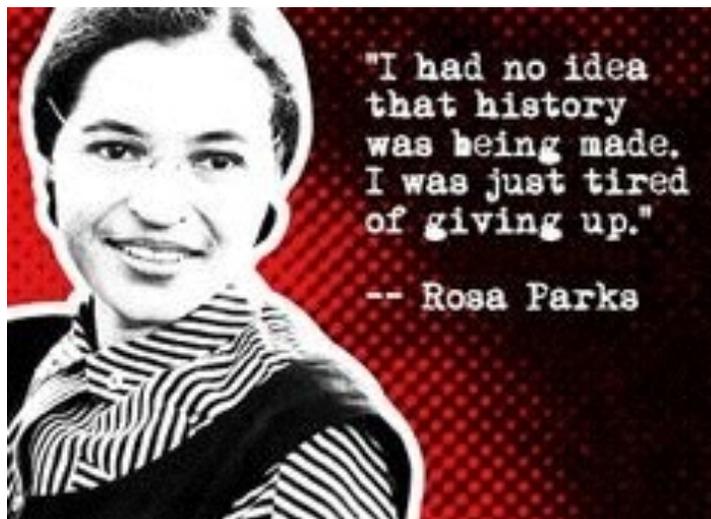
ANNUAL GATHERING—“ Eating Lite”
Awards, Installation and short business meeting. Speaker is Mercury News food columnist Kim Boatman of “Homeplates”. We will try one of her recommended recipes

PWP Coordinating Team meetings 10:00 AM to 12 noon, April 10 (Rika Harris is host).

PWP Planning Retreat: Wed. May 17 from 10:00 - 3:00 PM Place: Stone Church Library

Dates for articles for the *Linkage* are the same dates as the PWP Coordinating Team meetings, with the addition of November 12, 2016.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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HORIZONS MAGAZINE

The fall 2016 issue “Educate a Child-Save theWorld” featured marvelous articles that inspired your PWP Board to have a Forum on Literacy. Alleviating poverty through education is the theme below. What can you do? What can the Church do? Come to the March 25 Forum to learn more



United States

Rev. Janet Wolf, director, Children’s Defense Fund Speaking of the Christian temptation to pray about social issues without taking action, Wolf says, “We put things on God’s list of ‘things to do’ that we have already been given the power and the resources to do in this world.” She adds, “Presbyterians have been pretty persistent in putting flesh on prayers and engaging in some of the hard stuff that is happening in this world.”

Wolf says. “Almost 3,000 high school students drop out, and nearly 4,000 children and youth are arrested each year. Every school day in America more than 16,000 students are suspended in the public schools,”

“Once students are suspended or expelled,” she says, “they are more likely to end up in juvenile court, and then 50 percent more likely to end up in adult prisons—prisons that cost at least three times as much as public education and have never been proven to be effective in reducing recidivism or increasing public safety.”

The “Educate a Child, Transform the World” campaign has international and national facets. The campaign is a joint effort of Presbyterian World Mission and Compassion, Peace and Justice. PC(USA) is joining with partners throughout the US and globally to provide quality education for 1 million children by the year 2020 by:

- Supporting early childhood learning and development opportunities
- Reducing dropout rates
- Growing access to quality primary and secondary education for all children
- Building communities’ capacity to support schools
- Improving the training and resourcing of teachers at all levels
- Making school environments more “girl-friendly”
- Promoting functional literacy programs

Guatemala

Steve Barrett, educational consultant, Centro Ecu mico de Integracion Pastoral (CEIPA) in Guatemala, works with children and youth who are too old to attend public schools and have few other options.

“These are children and youth who are working to support their families, and for that reason they can’t go to school, because it doesn’t fit into their schedules.”

CEIPA provides classes for students, weekdays from 2 to 5:30 p.m., which gives them a chance to work mornings, evenings, and, in many cases, on weekends. As a children’s rights organization,

CEIPA involves the children and youth in youth councils, working alongside city government in many municipalities. Since 2010, more than 4,000 children have participated in the human rights school.

In addition to two schools for elementary students and classes for students in seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, CEIPA also offers vocational workshops.

“At the heart of our educational model is ‘transformative education,’ Barrett says. “We work among the poorest kids in Quetzaltenango, many of whom believe they live in poverty because it is ‘God’s will.’”

CEIPA schools and vocational workshops focus on five major components:

Multiple expressions—Students express themselves not just through writing, but also through drawing, dance, and drama. Through theater, children and youth are able to come together to work through tough problems and look for solutions.

Learning approximations—Some children come to first grade at age 9, 10, or 11 years old, not knowing how to read or write. Learning begins wherever they are developmentally, and may include working through preconceived prejudices about other people.

Contextualized learning—Instead of textbooks, students use newspapers, online content, and anything that occurs within a context of social learning that relates to the reality of the students in Guatemala.

Social learning—Students work in small groups and in pairs to complete assignments.

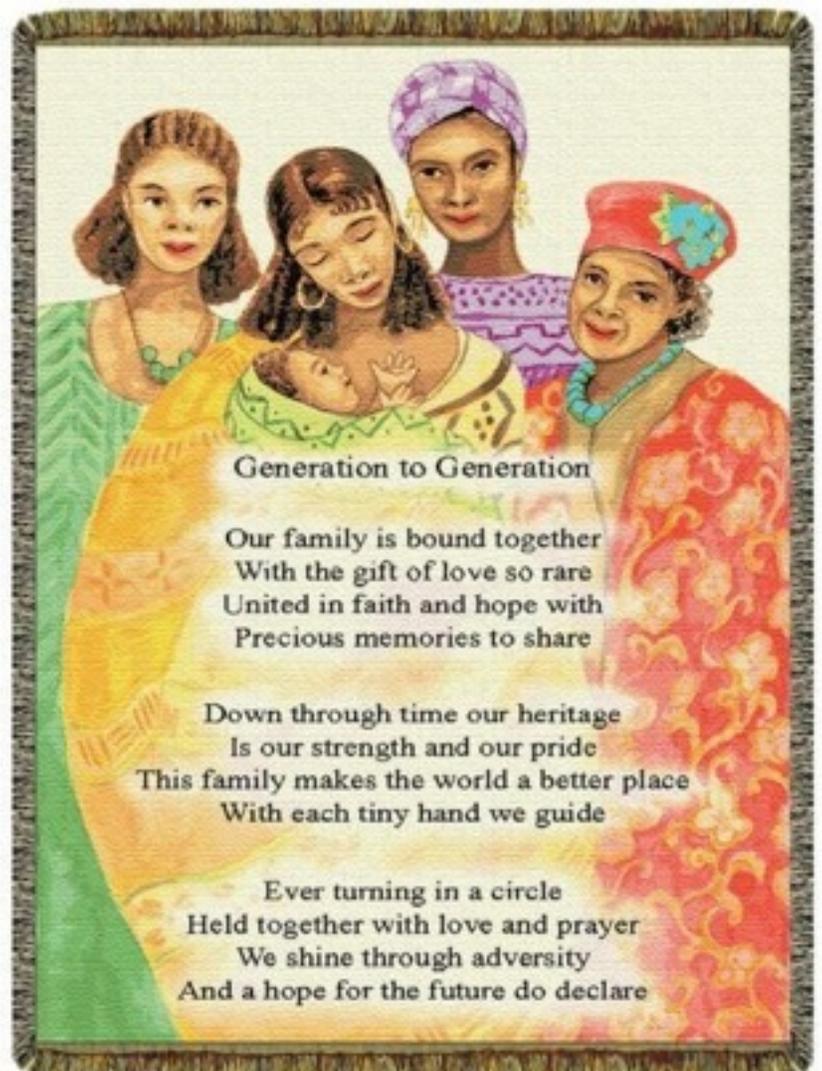
Reading of the world—Students begin with their own personal reality and ask, ‘What can we do about it?’ “We ask the kids to evaluate their learning new learnings, attitudes, values they have modified,” Barrett says.

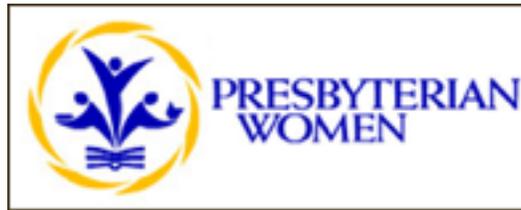
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News from Immanuel House...
In 2016, 22 refugees lived at our Presbyterian transitional home. They have a new WEB site & Manager. Check it out!
Finding affordable housing for their residents is a need. Contact them if you can help. mtswills@gmail.com



January 21, 2016 will be remembered by so many people. The Woman's March happened...
Young, old, men, women, people of all colors are in the pictures from across the country & the world. The signs had many messages & many were hopeful.
My favorite was "LOVE NOT HATE".

ORANGE DAY
25TH OF EACH MONTH !!
Together in Action to stop human trafficking
<http://endviolence.un.org>

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