



## Mike Stone Resigns

Director of Religious Education and Programs Mike Stone has submitted his resignation effective January 31 in order to embark on a new career – he will be teaching mathematics at Christian School. Among other considerations, the move will allow his son Danny to enroll in that school.

“I have enjoyed working with Mike, and I will miss him,” said Senior Pastor Bruce Larson. “Mike has enriched the church so much in the short time he has been here. All who have worked with him are sorry to see him leave.

“I look forward to the church working together to build on the good energy and ideas he has shared with us as we seek to grow and develop our programs and mission.”

The Personnel Committee is developing plans to fill Mike’s role both in the short term and on a more permanent basis. Watch the *Chimes* for more information. ♦

## Lenten Opportunities

Lent is coming, and with it opportunities for worship, fellowship, study, and reflection.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

This year, it’s Election Day and Lander Hall is a polling place. Wait till next year’s pancake bash!

### **Ash Wednesday**

On Wednesday, February 6, the annual Partnership Ash Wednesday service rotates to University City UCC, 2877 Governor Drive, beginning with refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

### **Lenten Series**

Beginning on Thursday, February 14, and continuing every Thursday until March 13, you are invited to “Supper, Song, and Study.” From 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., we will gather at the back of the sanctuary for a simple supper of vegetarian soup and bread, followed by singing a Lenten hymn. Then we will discuss *Love Set Free: Meditations for the Passion According to St. John* by Martin L. Smith.

This thoughtful and readable book will take us through the Gospel of John’s passion narrative – not just the portion dealing specifically with Holy Week, but the chapters leading up to it that place it in context. The book will also provide focus for our own reflection and sharing.

Though attending the entire series would be the most rewarding, if you can’t make them all, that’s okay. Come when you can. Please sign up in Lander Hall or through the church office to get your copy of the book, which is free of charge. Also, please sign up to bring soup and/or bread. And then come and enjoy fellowship and reflection together! ♦

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## Pastor's Ponderings

In my sermon last Sunday, I started what I hope will become an annual tradition. I preached on the state of this congregation. Every year, I think it's important to step back, take a look at what's been happening, and frame it all in a wider perspective. And lots has been happening. Consider this:

- Improvements to the facilities continue at a steady pace – a new furnace for the sanctuary; new flooring and appliances for the kitchen; and we're just about to begin the renovation of the front entrance and courtyard, all made possible by the capital campaign.
- The capital campaign has surpassed the million dollar mark, an amazing feat considering that it all began during an interim period.
- In the stewardship campaign for 2008, fifteen people pledged who had never pledged before. Of those who were previous pledgers, over 50% increased their pledge. And total pledges amounted to over \$17,000 more than last year's total.
- During the last month of last year, over \$8,000 was given to the church. December is always a big month, what with taxes and all, but this \$8,000 was much higher than the usual December amount.
- A record number of church folk participated in helping with the Copley YMCA Christmas Party.
- The church's communication media have been greatly improved. The *Chimes* has a new look that makes it more informative and inspirational, and the web site has been totally redesigned, making it much more user friendly.
- Programs, such as the Senior Lunches, Memorial Day breakfast and lunch, and Halloween Party, continue strongly.
- New programs, such as the lectionary Bible study, "Hush in the Middle of the Rush," and the men's breakfast, have been warmly received.
- Participation in "Project Facelift" more than quadrupled.
- A series of cottage meetings for the purpose of pastor and parish getting better acquainted were well attended.
- Through a hard but decisive congregational process, the church invited the Boy Scouts to continue using our facilities as long as they didn't discriminate against gay men and boys.
- New ushers and communion servers – including, perhaps for the first time ever, the youth – have enriched our worship services, as have our inspiring choir and soloists.
- Our ministry with children and youth experienced a wildly successful Vacation Bible School, and our vibrant preschool and active church school continue.
- Twelve new members joined the church, with at least four more joining next Sunday.
- We've entered into a new relationship with the Apostolic Church, a church that is more than just using our facilities but also contributing substantially to our life as a congregation.

Now, that's a list of fifteen items. And that's just some of the highlights! There's lots, lots more that we could name. In naming these things, I want us to hear them as a great chorus of affirmation. We need to remember and affirm this. Shout it from the housetops! By the mercies of God, we have done some great things!

But we've only just begun. God is calling us to do even greater things. And I have every confidence



## Moderators' Moment

We want to begin by acknowledging the hard work and dedication of your church Council. As a new Council we have been meeting monthly since June 2007 making important decisions, including the creation of the proposed 2008 church budget. Due to the hard work of each committee chair in establishing a realistic budget for their committee work and the strong financial leadership of Dale Clegg, we were able to present a proposed 2008 budget for the January 27<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting.

We continue to experience the selfless efforts of your church leadership and committee members that keep this church operating and moving forward. It is through their time invested so generously that we as a congregation benefit.

We wanted to let you know that Penny Ward, Council secretary, is sending copies of our approved meeting minutes to Debbie for posting in Lander Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Council and the decisions made, please take the opportunity to review the information provided.

In one of our earlier meetings we discussed the concern regarding the donations of "physical goods" to the Church. Due to the limitation on space a policy was created to provide those interested in donating. The current policy is to not accept "physical goods" until a plea goes out requesting items. Debbie Walloch has a copy of the written policy if you would like to see it.

Finally, we want to gratefully acknowledge the work that is being undertaken by Pastor Raúl and his Apostolic Church. They have stepped up to provide electrical work in several areas of the church, have cleaned the carpets in the Sanctuary, have stripped and waxed the floor in Lander Hall, and starting in February will provide custodial and landscaping service to the church, saving us thousands of dollars each year. We will plan an event soon so that both of our congregations can get to know one another.

Peace and grace,  
Susan and Damon Curtin-Schamu  
Co-Moderators ♦

## Congregational Meeting

The January 27 congregational meeting featured the approval of a budget for 2008; the approval of a proposal to make the Personnel Committee a standing committee of the church; the announcement that work on the next major phase of renovation would begin the next day, on January 28; and the announcement of Mike Stone's resignation (see page 1).

### **Budget**

Treasurer Dale Clegg masterfully presented the budget, which represented the culmination of much hard work by Dale and by Dick Wayman, by all the church committees, and by Council. In brief, while the budget forecasts a deficit for 2008, the projected deficit is planned to be significantly less than in most recent years.

A highlight included the generous contributions being volunteered by the members of Apostolic Church #6, which uses the KCC facilities. They will be providing custodial, landscaping, electrical, maintenance, and other services valued at over \$8,000 annually, in addition to contributing to the utility bill. Thank you, Apostolic Church #6!

The 2008 budget was approved unanimously, with hearty thanks to all who had worked so hard on it.

### **Personnel Committee**

Changes in by-laws always bring out the sharp pencils in a group, and this year was no exception. After lively discussion, the congregation voted to change the status of the Personnel Committee from ad hoc to a standing committee of the church, with a seat on the church Council.

Chairperson Amy Winn will continue in that role. In addition, continuing attention will be paid to the church by-laws, to ensure that they set forth a coherent and appropriate set of rules for church governance.

### **Building Renovation**

Building Committee chair Damon Curtin-Schamu announced that on January 28 contractors would begin work on the renovation of the church entrance, exterior, and patio. Provisions are in place to ensure continued access to church facilities throughout the construction process. ♦

## February 24 Festivities

February 24 will be a big day at KCC: at 3:00 p.m. we will host the semi-annual meeting of the Southern Association of the UCC's Southern California-Nevada Conference; and at 3:30 an Association-wide worship service will celebrate the ordination of our own Alexis Solomon. A reception will follow.

Please plan to be there, and to bring hors d'oeuvres or other finger food to share at the reception. If you would like to volunteer to help welcome our guests, please let Mike Trempe, Events Committee chair, know at 619-283-3543. ♦

## What Do You Think?

Many thanks to all of you who responded to my inquiry in the January 15 *Chimes*. If you have an opinion and want to share it, it's not too late!

What do you like about the *Chimes*? What do you dislike? What does the *Chimes* do that you wish it wouldn't? What do you wish it were doing that it doesn't? What parts do you particularly enjoy, or always read? Send me a note via the church or by email (klarson26@cox.net). I'd like to hear from you!

Katherine Larson  
*Chimes* Editor ♦

## Upcoming UCC Events

### Annual Conference Meeting

First Congregational UCC in Glendale will host the June 20-21 annual gathering of the whole Southern California-Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ, featuring workshops, worship, meetings, and more. This year's theme, "God is still weaving," is inspired by Ephesians 4:15-16, knitting the whole body of Christ together in love.

### National Youth Event

All UCC youth are invited to the every-four-years gathering, on July 24-28 in Knoxville, Tennessee, to celebrate their faith through worship, workshops, recreation and fellowship.

More information about both these events (and others) is at [www.scncucc.org](http://www.scncucc.org). ♦

## All-Church Breakfast

On Sunday, February 3, at 9:15 a.m., join the festivities between the services, as people from the 8:30 service and people from the 10:00 a.m. service mingle and munch and make merry.

With the installation of functioning kitchen equipment, the Events Committee is interested in your thoughts about how these monthly breakfasts can flourish and grow. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts – including your willingness to help – please join Katherine Larson at the February 3 breakfast and we can plan as we eat. ♦

## "Souper" Bowl Of Caring February 3

On Sunday, February 3, KCC's youth will greet worshipers leaving the 8:30 and the 10:00 services with large soup pots. They are participating in the annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring, and the soup pots will be there to fill with money.

All funds received will go to support Uptown Community Services as they work to feed hungry members of our San Diego community. Please support our youth in this generous work! ♦

## Acolyte Training Feb. 10

On February 10, during Sunday School, acolyte training will be offered to all interested children (preschool through fifth grade). The kids will be walked through the candle-lighting process and then given plenty of chance to practice. Plan to come! ♦

## Lectionary Readings

Members of the church have asked that the *Chimes* publish the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary which Bruce will use as the backbone of each Sunday's service. So here they are. Bruce will pick two from this list each Sunday.

- February 3: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
- February 10: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 □
- February 17: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9 □ ♦

## Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers:

Dee Dee Barbeau  
Cheri Choy  
Noriko Cook  
Marie Cooper  
Kit Crane  
Arlene Elkins  
Karen Friedman  
Joyce Gilchrist  
Bob Guerra  
Ellen Hall  
Cindy and Gary Hogan  
Mark Hoops  
Zosimo Jadloc  
Clint Key  
Bertha Lander  
Don Martin  
Nicolas Nelson  
Joan Reilly  
Celia Reyes and her daughter Alpha  
Millard Stanforth  
Dave Torrance



To get a name added to this list, please contact the church office (619-284-1129 or [debbiewalloch@kcc.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:debbiewalloch@kcc.sdcoxmail.com)) or the *Chimes* (619-501-1187 or [klarson26@cox.net](mailto:klarson26@cox.net)). Also, please let us know when it's time for the name to be removed from the list. ♦



## February Birthdays

8 Beth Guepin  
9 Susan Gutierrez  
11 Debra Dupree, Jackie Trischman  
13 Laura Gutierrez  
16 Alicia Chaffee, Drew Naismith, Mary Ann Schroeder  
21 Arlene Elkins  
23 Mary Gutierrez, Francesca McWay, Doris Sims  
24 Carol Ceriani  
27 Brynna Hall  
28 Wayne Bowlby, Carolyn Davis

If other birthdays should be listed, please let us know at 619-501-1187 or [klarson26@cox.net](mailto:klarson26@cox.net). ♦

## Calling All Women!

If you are a woman between 18 and 108, we'd love for you to be part of the Secret Sisters. "Secret Sisters" is a group of women who minister to each other through various projects and fellowship throughout the year – all are invited. It is a great way to meet new friends and develop a Christian support group within our church community.

Information sheets are in the church office. We look forward to seeing you at our first get-together on March 11. If you would like to know more about this fun group, please contact Cathy Stephenson at 619-583-6559. ♦

## Calling All Men!

At 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, the men of KCC will enjoy home-cooked food and great fellowship. Rumor has it that Bruce Larson might inaugurate the church's fine new kitchen equipment by making his famous buttermilk pancakes.

Please let Bruce ([bruce@kcc.sdcoxmail.com](mailto:bruce@kcc.sdcoxmail.com) or 619-284-1129) know that you are coming, so there will be pancakes for you! ♦

## Senior Luncheon Feb. 14

KCC's senior citizens will feel love in their lives as they enjoy a Valentine-themed Senior Lunch at noon on Thursday, February 14.

The usual delicious food will be provided, and you can be sure that John Tarbox and the KCC choristers have a memorable program in store. All our seniors are welcome! ♦

## Voting At KCC Feb. 5

On Tuesday, February 5, from 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., KCC will be host to voters in California's primary election. If you need to use church facilities that day, please be prepared to accommodate this valuable public service. ♦

## Let's Share Ideas For Bricks!

Baffled by what to put on the brick that you are contributing to KCC? Dick and Joan Wayman suggest that we pool our ideas. Send your favorites to the *Chimes* – short Bible verses, pithy sayings, etc. – and we'll publish a list. Dick and Joan offer some possibilities (shortened to fit onto a brick, maybe with room for a name) to get us started: "God is my strength & salvation. Ex 15:2" "God: refuge, strength, ever-present help. Ps 46:1" "One Lord, one faith, one God. Ep 4:5." What are your ideas? ♦

## Thanks To These Donors To KCC's Capital Campaign:

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Burgess, Margaret	KCC's Preschool Parents	Vancott, Nancy
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Christison, Susan	KCC's Senior High Youth	Vik, Mary
Clark, Florence	KCC's Young Adult Group – the "Oldtimers"	Vreeland, Helen
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Davis, Pauline	Loomis, Debbie and John	Wells, Leslie and Tom Wheeler
Davis, Carolyn and Stephen	Loop, Earline	Wender, Jacqueline and Paul
In Memory of Lilah DeVries	Lowe, Robert	Winn, Amy and Kevin
Diener, Mary	Marcoux, Alice	Winter, Zoa
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Downing, Margaret and Rex	McCarthy, Bonnie and Brendan	
Ehlers, Bill and Sue	McClain, Cindi and Mick	
	McClure, Lucretia	

The list keeps growing, but there's still room for **your** name! ♦

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MEN: MEN'S BREAKFAST**

PLACE: KCC KITCHEN AND CONFERENCE ROOM  
WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 8:00 A.M.

**FELLOWSHIP: ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST**

PLACE: KCC LANDER HALL  
WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9:15 A.M.

**GENEROSITY: SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

PLACE: KCC  
WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, AFTER BOTH SERVICES

**WORSHIP: ASH WEDNESDAY**

PLACE: UNIVERSITY CITY UCC, 2877 GOVERNOR DRIVE  
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:30 P.M.

**LEARNING: ACOLYTE TRAINING**

PLACE: KCC  
WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

**FELLOWSHIP: SENIOR LUNCH**

PLACE: KCC LANDER HALL  
WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, NOON

**LENT: "SUPPER, SONG, AND STUDY?"**

PLACE: KCC SANCTUARY  
WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 5:30 P.M.

**MEETING: EVENTS COMMITTEE**

PLACE: KCC CONFERENCE ROOM  
WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 9:15 A.M.

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