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## SERMONS IN STONES

*And this our life, exempt from public haunt,  
Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,  
Sermons in stones, and good in everything.  
~William Shakespeare, As You Like It*



During my growing up years, my father was a rock hound. Most family vacations included significant time hunting rocks. I can remember searching for Petoskey stones in Michigan, apache tears in Arizona, agates at Lake Superior, and garnets in Colorado. It changed the focus of our vacations. Instead of looking up at the mountains, trees and sky, we were hunched over studying the ground, rock hammer in hand. It was a different look at the world, and as I have aged I am glad for the perspective.

Before my father became a rock hound I didn't realize that the ground on which I walked was full of beauty. I didn't know there were garnets hiding in the rocks beneath my feet. J. D. Salinger wrote that "all we do our whole lives is go from one little piece of Holy Ground to the next." I believe that to be true.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. I invite you during these forty days to live intentionally. How could you walk through Lent in a way that would allow you to be aware of the beauty that surrounds you, even under your feet? As Shakespeare's words allude to: let the trees teach you; read the book written in the stream; hear the sermon preached by the stones.

*~Susan Boyer*

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**FEBRUARY 5**

***Does Your Jesus Get Angry?***

**Susan Boyer**

In the Church of the Brethren we tend to have a Jesus who doesn't get mad. He invites the children to come to him. He calms the storms. He feeds the multitude. We like the Jesus who keeps his emotions in check. What do we do with the angry Jesus? Mark 1:40-45, John 2:13-16

**FEBRUARY 12**

***The New Lord's Prayer***

**Susan Boyer**

Jesus taught his disciples to pray by teaching them what we call the Lord's Prayer. Because of its masculine language we don't use it very often. What are the elements of this prayer of Jesus? How can we hear it anew? Matthew 6:9-13

**FEBRUARY 19**

***Esau***

**Tom Hostetler**

What is the story of Jacob and Esau about? What do we learn about God from a family in conflict? Genesis 27:21-24

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FEBRUARY 26**

***Bethel: The House that Holds Our Dreams***

**Susan Boyer**

Jacob is on the run when he curls up on a piece of dirt to rest, a stone for a pillow. We expect a fitful night filled with dreams of his wrongdoing. But instead he finds the ladder to God. Genesis 28:10-19



## February Calendar

- Feb. 4 Camp La Verne Banquet, 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7 Commission Night, 8:30
- Feb. 8 WABS, 4:00 p.m., Wednesday  
Afternoon Book Study, Library
- Feb. 12 All Church Luncheon
- Feb. 14 Personnel & Board Meeting
- Feb. 15 Fellowship Visitors, 9:00 a.m., Library
- Feb. 18 Winter Camp Begins
- Feb. 20 Office Closed-President's Day Holiday
- Feb. 21 ULV/LVCOB Food Network Dinner, 5:00  
p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 25 Invisible Children Benefit Concert
- Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent  
Lenten Interest Groups Begin  
Deacon Potluck Lunch  
Family Fun & Togetherness, 11:30 a.m.,  
Social Hall
- Feb. 26 Taize Service, 6:00 p.m., East Room
- Feb. 28 Spiritual Cinema Circle, 6:30 p.m.,  
Fireside Room

**Sunday School ~ 9:15 a.m.**  
**Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.**

### December Giving and Attendance Report

#### Giving Report

YTD Giving 2011	\$610,896
YTD Giving 2010	\$583,335
YTD Expenses 2011	\$609,042

#### Average Worship Attendance

December 2011	252
December 2010	272

### Hillcrest Sunday Chapel Services Dean E. Kieffaber Chapel – 4 PM

Located at the west end of Maple Court.  
All are welcome.

- Feb. 5 Willard Ressler
- Feb. 12 Chaplain Tom Hostetler
- Feb. 19 Vern Jahnke
- Feb. 26 Chaplain Tom Hostetler

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Lenten Interest Group Leaders

Wanted

Register your group by February 5<sup>th</sup>!

The first Sunday of Lent is February 26, 2012 and that marks the beginning of Lenten Interest Groups!

In the past, Lenten Interest Groups have formed around themes of environmental and/or social justice concerns, a passion for bird watching, a love of crafting, knitting, writing, cooking, a desire for theological study.....you name it!

Groups meet weekly during the 6 weeks prior to Easter (April 8, 2012) for fellowship, fun, study and relationship building around their common interests.

**Do you have a special hobby you would like to share with others?**

**Is there an area of interest you would like to explore with others?**

Do not hesitate to call **Dawna Welch** for more information or discussion at:

(909) 593-1364

or

[Dawna@lavernecob.org](mailto:Dawna@lavernecob.org)

February 5th is the deadline for registering a group.

People can begin joining groups Sunday, February 12 through Friday, February 24.

Shared Ministries

**February 29, 1:30 p.m.**

**Fireside Room**

The next meeting for the Shared Ministries Group will be Wednesday, February 29, at 1:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. We will be filling assignments for the next few months, so please bring your calendars. Thanks!

Taizé Prayer Service

**February 26, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**East Room**

Taizé is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song and chant, scripture readings, and periods of group silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. Through Taizé, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. Join leaders **Sharyn Webb** and **Lori Dick**.

**FAMILY FUN AND TOGETHERNESS**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month through May

**JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 26**

**Theme: The Season of Lent**

Gather in the Social Hall after worship

for Bring Your Own (BYO) lunch.

Following a meal together we will share in a time of fun activities and participate in a simple ritual that can be carried home.

Families with children of all ages are invited!

Contact **Dawna Welch** at 909-593-1364

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with questions.



## The Ministry of Encouragement

**First Sunday of the Month**

**9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

**Conference Room**

There are nine arts of healthy conversations - trust, acceptance, grace, comfort, appreciation, originality, education, awareness, and joy. Trust is built with equality, strength, and leadership. Acceptance is being available, welcoming, and engaged. Grace is healing, forgiveness, and compassion. Comfort is physical, emotional, and intellectual. Appreciation is maximizing strengths and minimizing weaknesses. Originality is vitality, creativity, and eccentricities. Education is teaching, listening, and learning. Awareness is noticing thoughts, choices, and emotions in ourselves and others. Joy is growing into the extraordinary possibilities of being alive. To learn more about and practice these arts, the ministry of encouragement, lead by **Reba Herder** is available the First Sunday of the month 9:15-10:15 in the conference room.

## Helping Neighbors in Need

Over \$2,300 was raised by the 2011 Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Offerings to be used to assist our neighbors in need. A portion will be used to purchase gift cards for food and transportation to be distributed by the church staff. The rest of the funds will help Inland Valley Hope Partners provide motel vouchers when one or two nights of shelter will help an individual or family through a time of crisis. In addition to these funds, many among our church family have been providing gift cards on their own and dropping them by the office or in the offering plate. These contributions enlarge our ability to help. Thank you to each and every one for your generosity and kindness.



## Young Adult Food Network

**February 21, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

The February "Food Network" for young adults from the University of La Verne, the La Verne Church of the Brethren, as well as other area churches and colleges will gather on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> in the church's Fellowship Hall. **Corlan Harrison** will once again provide a nourishing meal and a warm welcome, along with ULV Chaplain **Zandra Wagoner**, Associate Pastor **Janet Ober**, and a host of volunteers. The purpose of the gathering remains that of building community among those who attend by extending gracious hospitality. If you would like to be part of the February 21 event as a volunteer please contact Corlan. If you have questions, please contact Zandra at [zwagoner@laverne.edu](mailto:zwagoner@laverne.edu) or Janet at [Janet@LaVerneCOB.org](mailto:Janet@LaVerneCOB.org). Dinner is served from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

## Hospitality Greeters

The Hospitality Greeters had their quarterly breakfast on January 22 and constructed a new schedule for the upcoming months. These warm, welcoming folks are ready to greet us at the front and back entrances to our church campus every Sunday morning before Sunday School classes and worship services. We are always glad to have more greeters, so if you would like to be part of this group, please call **Julie Kurtz** at (909) 593-2793.

## Annual Deacon Potluck

**February 26, 11:30 a.m.**

The Deacons will be holding their annual potluck and organizational meeting on Sunday, February 26, following worship. Deacons are invited to bring their own dishes and a food item to share based on the first letter of their last name.

A–F Main Dish  
G–L Dessert  
M–W Salad

Duties of the deacons will be evolving this year. A couple years ago we created Caring Circles for everyone in the congregation. Feedback to the Gifts Discernment Commission has suggested we make another change. A survey went out in November, inviting congregation members to tell us how they would like to utilize a deacon. Information from those surveys has pointed us in a new direction. No longer will everyone be assigned a Caring Circle. Instead, a handful of Caring Circles will be created to include those interested in participating in one. Many people are interested in having a deacon available when they have a need, and many more are interested in hearing from a deacon by card or by phone. Along with the traditional ways deacons serve, such as Love Feast and Communion, we will also discuss how to organize to meet the named needs of our congregation.

## WABS

**February 8, 4:00 p.m.**

### **Church Library**

WABS (aka Wednesday Afternoon Book Study) will meet on Wednesday, February 8, at 4:00 p.m., in the Church Library to discuss the novel, *Mozart's Last Aria*, by Matt Rees. Come join us for interesting perspectives on this mystery that focuses on Mozart's sister, Nannerl, and her search to discover how Mozart died.

## Do You Wanna Dance?

### **Spiritual Cinema Circle**

**February 28, 6:30 p.m.**

### **Fireside Room**

At our Spiritual Cinema Circle you'll see movies you're not liable to run into anywhere else. Independent films that should have been, but usually have not been, distributed to theaters. Join us on Tuesday evening, February 28th, at 6:30, in the Fireside Room. This month's feature is the charming and moving *Do You Wanna Dance?*, in which a young (non-Greek) dance teacher --- down on his luck --- gets hooked up with an irrepressible, kind, hockey-loving, beer-drinking, Greek Orthodox priest in Chicago's Greektown. We won't give the story away, so you'll have to come see for yourself what transpires.

## Report on Year End Council Meeting

The Church Council Meeting was held on Sunday, January 15, 2012, where there was a lot of discussion about the 2012 budget. A motion to amend the budget was approved, which "restores \$8,500 to the 2012 budget (line 33, Missions and Ministry Board), holding it in an escrow account to be reviewed at the end of the second quarter". Council approved the original motion to approve the 2012 budget, as amended. We now have an unbalanced 2012 budget with a short fall of \$8,500. Stewardship and Finance Commission will discuss how best to raise this additional money and bring a recommendation to the Church Board. In related business, the Board has been directed to monitor forward movement of the denomination in the area of inclusion and women in leadership.



Extending Myself to Make the World a Better Place

My confidence was encouraging to the women and girls that I met when I went to help at LVCOB'S youth work camp in Puerto Rico in August 2011. Women are not always respected or looked well upon in their society, but they learned from talking to me and the other high school girls in my workgroup that women can stand strong. I've taken my confidence for granted, and I never considered what would happen if I weren't confident, but I learned that my confidence could be an inspiration to the girls and women I met, and that my words and deeds opened their minds to many possibilities that they might never have considered.

I met one young girl, Arianna, in one of the poorest communities in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was attracted to me because I was the only Asian in our group, but also because of my confidence, which I have gained because of the years I have trained in ballet and in volleyball. At 5'1¾", I am one of the shortest setters on an elite (top 10%) team in my age division in Southern California. Despite my height disadvantage, I was the starting setter on my high school varsity team and was ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation last year as a freshman in set assists. As a setter, I must not only have confidence in myself, but I must boost the confidence of my hitters and passers, through my words and actions. Perhaps this is why Arianna always sought me out – she seemed to soak up the confidence I had in her, and when I left she was a happy, confident little girl.

I was as much inspired by Arianna and the other young girls we worked with as they were inspired by me. For example, we did a project with the girls in photo journalism. The theme was love. I thought they would say what little kids say, "I love my dog," or "I love my mom." Instead, they wanted to take a picture of Mary Bell's house. Mary Bell witnessed the murder of a policeman, and consequently was attacked by the murders who didn't want to be identified. She was stabbed multiple times in her face and body, but somehow survived. She is now disfigured and cannot work. The children wanted a picture with Mary Bell and her house because the poor people in the community worked together to build Mary Bell a simple house for her to live. These children understood what love is better than I could ever imagine.

The work camp to Puerto Rico was meaningful in another way, it helped me realize how fortunate I am to have the opportunities to gain confidence. If circumstances had been different, I too might have grown up in poverty. I was born in a poor, rural area in China, just like Arianna was born in a poor area. My birth parents left me by the road side where they knew I would be found. I was taken to the children's welfare institute. I was adopted when I was five months old and brought to the United States. When I was in Puerto Rico, I could finally imagine what my life might have been like. Would I still have had the confidence that I have now? Will the children I met overcome the obstacles that poverty imposes? Did my confidence in, and love for, Arianna and her friends make a difference? Is it possible they now have big dreams and hope for a better life as women? I hope so. One thing I know for sure – I have been forever changed by the work camp in Puerto Rico. I no longer will take for granted the opportunities that are presented to me; I have been blessed and I want to share those blessings with others.



## Children's Bible Sunday

**April 29**

On **Sunday, April 29**, during worship, the upper elementary grade Sunday school students will be presented with engraved Bibles as a gift from all of us, their Church family. During the service they will have the opportunity to share and read their favorite Bible verse.

We have a long standing history of giving Bibles to our students and feel that reading the Bible provides an excellent opportunity for individual reflection on the beauty and complexity of God's love.

The **NRSV Youth Bible** is reader-friendly with introductions to each book, highlights and information about verses, people, and places of the Bible.

If you know of a student grade, 4<sup>th</sup> and older, who would like to receive a gift Bible and be a part of this service, please contact **Dawna Welch** at (909) 593-1364 or [Dawna@lavernecob.org](mailto:Dawna@lavernecob.org)

## Library News

The Church Library is open on Sunday mornings before Sunday School and worship, and after worship service. Stop by to check out the inspirational and interesting materials that are available. Fiction, non-fiction, reference works, children's books, periodicals, and Spiritual Cinema DVDs are all there for your benefit and pleasure. A great selection of satisfying reading awaits you and your family.

## **IT TAKES A VILLAGE!**

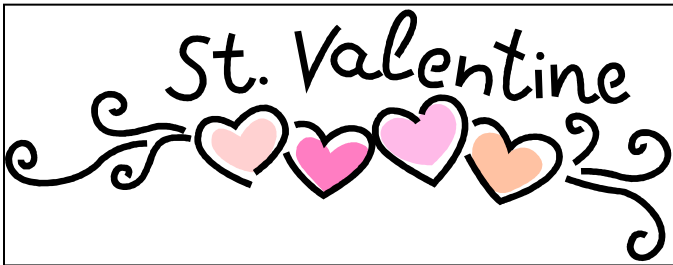


**A SUNDAY MORNING "TOPIC AND DISCUSSION"  
GROUP FOR PARENTS**

**Meeting at 9:15  
in the room across from the library**

Conversations in February will focus on the ways in which we can manifest our "Blue Sky Thinking" in relation to children and family programs, worship, and inviting other families in our collective communities to join us.

**Parents and families with children of all ages are welcome**



Calling Kids to Deliver Valentines

**February 12, 9:30 a.m.**

Our Pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School students have been busily making Valentines to make sure they have enough for all the residents living at Woods Health Care Services at Hillcrest!

Delivering hand-made Valentines full of love is an important event for our young students who view this as an opportunity to share their joy with the residents.

Cupid's Carpool\* will be leaving from the west parking lot at 9:30 am on February 12, 2012.

\*All students not traveling with a parent or guardian need to have a signed permission slip which is available in the church office.

A Study of Islam:

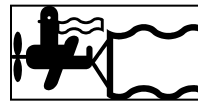
**Its Impact on Politics and International Relations**

**9:15-10:10 a.m.**

During February the Friendship Class will study Islam in its multiple facets and consider how these impact politics and international relations. The focus will be on the two largest groups, the Sunnis and the Shias, but other important denominations with a political impact, such as the Alawites in Syria, will also be discussed. This is the opening chapter of Friendship Class's intention to look at all of the world's major religions and ideological systems.

HeadStart Looking for Readers

The Children's Library Committee runs the volunteer reading program for the HeadStart classes housed in our church facility. Chair Rennie Boardman reports that the classes enjoy this activity very much. Volunteer positions to read are filled for this school year, but several people will not be able to read for this program next year, so we are looking for more readers. It is a joy to read to the pre-schoolers! You might want to consider this as a future volunteer undertaking. Contact **Rennie Boardman** at (909) 593-2660 for more information.



Children's Sunday School

**February, 2012**

Using the Children Learn What They Read series,

Sunday school-aged children (ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will be exploring God's presence in the following stories:

February 5 - *God's Paintbrush* by Sandy Eisenberg

February 12 - *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara Joesse

February 19 - *Peter's Chair* by Ezra Jack Keats

February 26 - *Hope* by Isabell Monk

## Youth Calendar

### **Saturday, February 4**

Camp La Verne Banquet, Youth Servers

### **Saturday, February 18–Monday, February 20**

Winter Camp at Camp La Verne

### **Saturday, February 25**

Invisible Children Benefit Concert



### Register Today:

### Winter Camp at Camp La Verne

**February 18-20, 2012**

There is still time to register for Winter Camp at Camp La Verne, February 18-20, 2012. (Saturday thru Monday during President's Day weekend.) Winter Camp is for all 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth in the Pacific Southwest region, whether or not they attend a Church of the Brethren. Registration forms are online now at [www.camplaverne.org](http://www.camplaverne.org) or in the church office. Cost is \$80 if postmarked after January 21, 2012. Youth who volunteer at the Camp Banquet will received \$25 off that fee (see the article below). For more information, see the Camp website or talk to **Janet Ober** or Camp Directors **Kevin and Erica Schatz**.

### Invisible Children Benefit Concert

**Hold the Date: Saturday, February 25**

### **Fellowship Hall**

The second annual benefit concert for Invisible Children will be held Saturday, February 25, in the Fellowship Hall. The concert will feature local musicians and an informal atmosphere for the purpose of raising money to support an organization that helps liberate and educate former child soldiers in northeast Africa. This concern was first brought to the attention of our youth through the Invisible Children clubs of Bonita and Claremont High Schools last winter. This year's concert is being coordinated by **Tuesday Thornton** of the LVCOB youth group as her Senior Project for Bonita High School. Concert times and a list of bands will be available soon. In the meantime, please mark the date and learn more about Invisible Children by visiting their website: [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com).



### Camp La Verne Banquet

**February 4, 2012**



Youth, grades 6-12, wishing to volunteer at the annual Camp Banquet will receive a partial scholarship toward their registration fees for Winter Camp. The Banquet is set for Saturday night, February 4, in the La Verne Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall. Volunteering is fun and a great way to promote winter and summer camps. To volunteer, contact **Kathy Doramus** at (909) 593-8836, or email to [kathsarahd@earthlink.net](mailto:kathsarahd@earthlink.net). You do not need to be a member of the La Verne Church to volunteer or receive the scholarship. Friends headed to Winter Camp are welcome too!





## Children's Disaster Services Training

**March 24-25**

### **La Verne Church of the Brethren**

"Since 1980 Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of chaos." (CDS brochure) Volunteers use "Kits of Comfort", which can include books, toys, games, stuffed animals, and arts and crafts materials, to help children express whatever emotions they are feeling as a result of the disaster. Because Los Angeles is an area where many different types of disasters can occur, we need a large number of locally trained volunteers. No pre-existing training is necessary, just a desire to be a calming presence to a frightened child. If you feel called to explore the possibility of becoming a trained volunteer, stop by the church office and pick up a brochure, talk to the local coordinator, **Kathy Benson**, at (909) 593-4868, or visit the CDS website at [www.childrendisasterservices.org](http://www.childrendisasterservices.org). Applications for the next training session can be picked up in the church office or completed online. Register today!

## Fellowship Visitors

**February 15, 9:00 a.m.**

### **Church Library**

The next meeting of Fellowship Visitors will be Wednesday, February 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Library. We go out in teams of two, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., on the third Wednesday of each month. In the course of the morning, each team makes 4 to 6 visits to people who are unable to be in worship on Sunday. If you enjoy meeting, sharing with, and listening to people, please let **Julie Kurtz** know, so you can be part of this helpful, kind group of folks. You will be blessed and be a blessing. It's a win-win mission!

## Warm Food for Cold Months

During the month of February, the Service Commission invites you to continue to donate soups, stews, and other hearty and nourishing foods to the Beta Center food pantry. There is also the ongoing need for tuna, peanut butter, and cereal. Your donations may be left in the pink box in the narthex. Thank you!



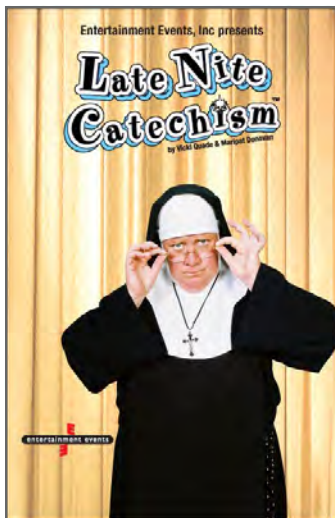


## Church Women United

**February 3, 9:30 a.m.**

### **Social Hall**

The La Verne Church of the Brethren will host the Friday, February 3 meeting of Church Women United of the Foothills, in our Social Hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments, followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. The theme is Faith and the Environment, presented by Chris Williams, editor of *Eleventh Commandment*. Donations for Hope Partners and Crossroads will be taken. If you wish to receive more information, please contact **Millie Davis** at (909) 593-3807. Everyone is invited.



## Cultural Arts Society of La Verne

### **'Til Death Do Us Part - Late Night**

#### **Catechism 3**

**February 11, 7:00 p.m.**

#### **The Meeting House, Hillcrest**

Sister offers up her hilarious lessons on the sacraments of marriage and last rites, including her own wacky version of The Newlywed Game! Classroom participation is a must, so bring your sense of humor. You can get your tickets online at [www.livingathillcrest.org](http://www.livingathillcrest.org) (click on events) or in the Meetinghouse Lobby Monday through Friday from 8-4:30. Cost of tickets is \$35 (General) or \$40 (Preferred).

## Camp La Verne Day

**March 11, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

### **Fellowship Hall**

Greetings from snowy Camp La Verne! Camp managers Peter and Linda invite you to our annual CLV Day at the La Verne Church of the Brethren, Sunday March 11, 2012 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. We will sing camp songs, play camp games, eat a simple dinner, make smores, and watch a video presentation from our 2011 camps. Participants need to be entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, but parents are also encouraged to attend. Come and learn more about what we do at camp! In order to prepare an appropriate amount of food, pre-registration would be welcomed and very helpful. Call **Linda Costello** (909) 524-8581 before March 4<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun!

## Conscientious Projector:

### **Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action**

**February 15, 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Claremont Forum**

#### **566 W. First St., Claremont**

In one of the least known but most important human rights stories today, nearly all 317 Native American reservations in the US face grave environmental threats -- toxic waste, strip mining, oil drilling and nuclear contamination. In the face of such a widespread crisis, can one person make a difference? For the extraordinary subjects of *Homeland*, the answer is yes.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### COMMUNITY EVENT

**Saturday March 31, 10:00 a.m.- noon  
Fellowship Hall**

Feeling a little shaken up by news of all the natural disasters around the world? Worried about what to do if/when we have our own natural disaster here in California? The Service Commission invites you, your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for an Emergency Preparedness community event.

Join us on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall to gain a little peace of mind. You'll have the opportunity to purchase your own Flight Kits, which are long-lasting food items and supplies that you can keep in your home or car for immediate use in an emergency. You will need to bring with you your own bag/container for the kits. We will also supply those of you who purchased Flight Kits last year with replenishment of food supplies to restock your kits. It is recommended that you plan to purchase a Flight Kit for each member of your family and consider additional kits to keep in your vehicles. The church will supply all necessary materials at a cost of \$20 for each new kit and \$10.00 for each replenishment kit.

Reservations and prepayment in advance are required, no later than March 18. Please help us to have all the necessary materials available for the Flight Kits/replenishment kits by completing the RSVP form that will be included in a future bulletin. Additionally, Service Commission members will also be on the church patio after Sunday worship for those who prefer to RSVP in person. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Church Office at (909) 593-1364.

## Widening the Welcome, Deeping the Support:

Faith Communities Responding to Mental Illness

**February 28 & 29**

The next offering of the Interfaith Collaboration on Mental Health is set for the evening of February 28 and the morning of February 29, 2012. The event will feature keynote speaker, Gloria Morrow, a panel of interfaith clergy and medical professionals and workshops on a variety of topics related to mental illness, advocacy, and self-care. More details will be available in the February bulletins and from **Janet Ober**.



## Joy and Suffering in the Body: Turning Toward Each Other

**April 13-14, 2012**

**Bethany Theological Seminary**

Bethany Seminary's Presidential Forum this year looks at the intersection of spirituality and sexuality. Dr. James Forbes, former senior minister of Riverside Church in New York City, is the keynote speaker. David Fuchs, Amy Bentley Lamborn, David Hunter, Ken Stone, and Gayle Gerber Koontz are part of the leadership panel. Mutual Kumquat will perform. The cost of the forum is \$125. You can register online at [www.bethanyseminary.edu](http://www.bethanyseminary.edu)

## La Verne Church of the Brethren 2012 Leadership

### Church Officers:

Moderator: Christine Meek (2013)  
 Moderator Elect: Julia Wheeler (2013)  
 Church Clerk: Joe Cahill (2013)  
 Church Board Chair: Mary Kay Ogden (2012)

### Gifts Discernment Commission:

Moderator Elect: (Chair): Julia Wheeler (2013)  
 Deacon Board Appointee: Joanne Wagoner (2012)  
 Vern Jahnke (2014)  
 Josih Hostetler (2012)  
 Stephanie Davis (2012)  
 Ora Lea Bowers (2013)  
 \*Staff Liaison: Dawna Welch

### Annual Conference Delegates (one-year term):

1. Elizabeth Bache (2012)  
 2. Christine Meek (2012)  
 3. Mike Wolfsen (2012)

### District Conference Delegates (two-year term):

1. Barbara Ober (2011-2012)  
 2. Chuck Cable (2011-2012)  
 1. Deb Jahnke (2012-2013)  
 2. Janice Shaw-Morgan (2012-2013)  
 Alt: Michael Wolfsen (2012-2013)

### Church Board:

Board Chair: Mary Kay Ogden (2012)  
 Moderator (Board vice chair/chair, Personnel): Christine Meek (2013)  
 Moderator Elect (chair, Gifts Discernment): Julia Wheeler (2013)  
 Church Clerk (secretary): Joe Cahill (2013)  
 Christian Education chair: Dena Gilbert (2013)  
 Envisioning chair: Jack Meek (2013)  
 Peace & Justice chair: Zandra Wagoner (2012)  
 Property chair: Michael Wolfsen (2013)  
 Service chair: Maura Rogers (2012)  
 Spiritual Life & Nurture chair: Shirley Boyer (2014)  
 Stewardship & Finance chair: Mike Wolfsen (2012)  
 Pastor: Susan Boyer (ex-officio)  
 Associate Pastor: Janet Ober (ex-officio)  
 Director of Children and Family Ministry: Dawna Welch (ex-officio)  
 Minister to Older Adults: Tom Hostetler (ex-officio)  
 Church Treasurer: Jim Jones (ex-officio)

## COMMISSIONS

### Christian Education:

Chair: Dena Gilbert (2013)  
Linda Dorosh (2012)  
Kathy Davis (2012)  
Tuesday Thornton (2013)  
Kristen McConnell (2014)  
Dianne Saurenman (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Dawna Welch

### Envisioning:

Chair: Jack Meek (2013)  
Laurie Schreiner (2012)  
Jessica Marchant (2012)  
Aaron Colby (2013)  
Juliet Davis (2014)  
Rebecca Reagan (2014)  
Joe Schechter (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Susan Boyer

### Peace & Justice:

Chair: Zandra Wagoner (2012)  
Beth Snowden-Ifft (2012)  
Randy Miller (2012)  
Anne Lilje (2013)  
Joe Lyons (2013)  
Molly Arboleda (2014)  
Bill Himes (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Janet Ober

### Personnel:

Moderator (chair): Christine Meek (2013)  
Board Chair: Mary Kay Ogden (2012)  
Yvonne Davis (2012)  
Eric Bishop (2013)  
Mariza Naylor (2013)  
Curtis Frick (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Susan Boyer

### Property:

Chair: Michael Wolfsen (2013)  
Larry Redman (2012)  
Rodney Clements (2012)  
Paul Wilkinson (2013)  
Craig Bower (2014)  
Tom Evans (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Kathleen Krecklow

### Service:

Chair: Maura Rogers (2012)  
Linda Arnhold (2012)  
Dot Hess (2013)  
Terry Bennett (2013)  
Karen Cahill (2014)  
Karen Wolff (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Janet Ober

### Spiritual Life & Nurture:

Chair: Shirley Boyer (2014)  
Audrey Lamprey (2012)  
Neil Fancher (2012)  
Letha Ressler (2013)  
Ellen Weaver (2013)  
Barbara Ober (2014)  
Sharon Sparks (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Susan Boyer

### Stewardship & Finance:

Chair: Mike Wolfsen (2012)  
Jim Marchant (2012)  
Muir Davis (2012)  
Tim Nelson (2013)  
Jeanette Stone (2013)  
Angie Hostetler (2014)  
\*Staff Liaison: Susan Boyer

## APPOINTEES/ COMMITTEES

**Church Treasurer:** Jim Jones (2014)  
**Intercom Editor:** Stephanie Juillerat (2014)

### Auditing Committee:

Karin Nelson (2012)  
Linda Saddlemire (2014)

**Church Historian:** Marlin Heckman (2012)

### Communications Committee:

Tracy Taylor (2012)  
Randy Miller (2014)  
Erin Kremer (2014)