
DAYS OF GRACE



I believe it was in the 1970s, but perhaps in the early 80s as well, there was a new revolutionary product on the supermarket shelves; the generic.

One of them had a blue stripe on a white background, another had black writing on a yellow background for the packaging. It said "Green Beans", "Coffee", "Beer". I remember my dad refusing to even entertain the idea of "Blue Stripe Beer". I still don't drink beer, so I can only imagine!

We have now moved on to store brands that are less expensive, but increasingly take over more and more shelf space in your local grocery. They're great for our wallets and, generally speaking, are the equivalent of their name brand counterparts in taste. For myself and my family, sometimes only the brand name will do. The one I am personally most adamant about is Cheerios! It's gotta be that big yellow box! The generic and the name brand both have their place.

So what does that have to do with the RCA? Well, I need your help with some "brand name" content! The photo above is the generic one that comes with the template. BORING! Our content this time is heavy on generic and light on "RCA brand name". So I ask you to send your poems, your photography, your book excerpts, your essays, your reviews (especially of places you have visited). We publish every other month. The deadline is the 15th of the EVEN numbered months. Send it to: nancydaley@ca-nv-rca.org with "DoG" in the subject line. I may not use it immediately, but I will use it! I look forward to your submissions!

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS - Sandy Roberts

A couple months ago I was watching one of the late night shows because I knew Associate Justice Stephen Breyer was retiring and this would be his last interview while he was still on the Supreme Court. I admire him and wanted to hear what he had to say. The host asked several questions and just before the interview was over he asked Justice Breyer what he thought was the most important thing he had learned in his time on the bench.

Justice Breyer thought for a minute and said "We need to listen to each other. If we listen long enough we can find something that we can agree on and start from there." This made me think about Jesus and the woman at the well, or the woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. As they talked to Jesus he listened and he was able to help them. God spoke to Moses and Noah and to many other...they listened.

It is hard in today's world to listen because we are too busy thinking about how we are going to come back and make an argument for what we want. If we stop and really listen we can find a way to get together and make it work instead of being divisive.

The example that Justice Breyer used is feeding the hungry. I am sure Jesus would be listening here. People, even though they are different in many ways have something in common...they all get hungry. People came together and helped feed the hungry in many cities across our nation. Not because they were the same color or had the same belief but because they found something they all had in common and wanted to do something positive for the people who were in need. I think Jesus would be proud of them.



Peace and Joy,

Sandy

BIRTHDAYS!

September

KATHRYN ANDERSON
 VIRGINIA BLACK
 DENISE BOWMAN-WYLIE
 DAWN BOYD
 DAVE BUNJE
 CAROL CARTER
 BOBBIE CORSON
 JANE CORSON
 MARY ANN DE OCERA
 RICHARD EDDE
 SHIRLEY FELLERSEN
 MYRTLE FINDLEY
 CARYL FLOYD
 GEORGE GOLDEN
 BECKY GOODWIN
 JIM HAMMER
 LANA HARKNESS
 BARBARA HENSHAW
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 CHUCK JOHNSTONE
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 JIM KUBIK
 YANG JA KYE
 MELE LOUMOLI
 DOLLY LOVE
 MICHAEL LOVE
 HELEN MANSFIELD
 LORI McLAUGHLIN
 YURI MORITA
 AURA-LILA OCHOA
 CAROLE PATERSON
 KAREN PAULSEN
 NANCY PHARIS-CURIE
 NANCY PHILLIPS
 SHARON PITCHER
 MARLENE PLAIN
 VICTORIA SCHLINTZ
 VIVE SIMON
 STANLEY SIMPSON
 NANCY SIMPSON

CHUNG-MYUNG SONG
 JERRY SUMMERS STEVEN
 THOMPSON
 JUDY TRAVELSTEAD
 TONY UBALDE JR.
 MARK VALE
 LISA VO
 BENTON WHITE
 CECIL WILLIAMS

STAN GARMENT
 LYNN GEORGE
 NANCI GOODYEAR
 TOM GOULD
 FLORENCE GREILICH
 SHIRLEY GUNCKEL
 HOLLY HILLMAN
 TOM HILLMAN
 HEE-SOK KIM
 ALAN KIMBER
 BOB KUYPER
 ELIZABETH ANN KUYPER
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October

DAVID ATKINS
 ANGEL BETANCOURT
 JERRY BRUCE
 MARSHA BRYAN
 DR. TOM BUTLER
 CAROLYN BUTLER
 VIRGIE CABOTAJE
 LOUISE CARTER
 BOB COLLINS
 CORAZON CRUZ
 PAM CUMMINGS
 DENNIS CURIE
 DONNA DECAMP
 RAY DOWDY
 RON DUNN
 STEVEN EATOUGH-SMITH
 NYMPHAS EDWARDS
 JAN EVERHART
 CAROLINA FABILA
 MAY FINAU

Anniversaries!



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September

JERRY & SUE ANGOVE
DAVE & JACKIE BENNETT
DICK & BOBBIE CORSON
NANCY & NORM DALEY
JAN EVERHART & JAN RATLIFF
ALPHA GOTO & PAMELA ODO-GOTO
PHIL HALL & MARJORIE PATZER
LEE & LINDA HAYWARD
BILL & KATE JOHNSON
VINCENT & KERRY MIXIE
DOUG & MARTHA MONROE
MICHAEL SWARTZ & NANCY MC CONNELL
MIKE & CHRIS TURGEON
SAMUEL & SOLINNA VORN
PAUL & BARBARA WEBB
HERB & ROSE WHITE

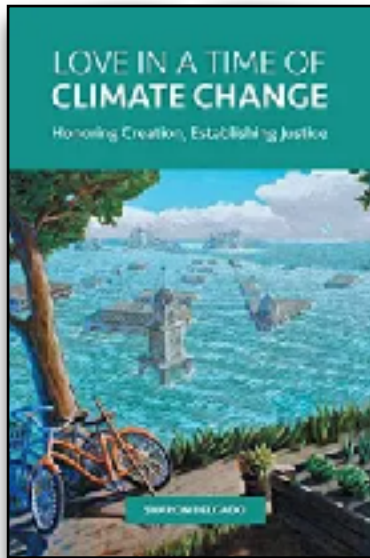
October

JUAN & DEBBIE ARJONA
WARREN DALE & GEORGI LaBERGE
BARBARA HORIKOSHI-FIREBAUGH & JOHN
FIREBAUGH
HEE SOON KWON & HONG KI KIM
DON LEE & TANA McDONALD
HANKYU & YOONHYEH PARK
PATRICIA SPOONER-WALTHER & GARRET
WALTHER
B.J. STILES & STEVEN MC COLLOM
RICHARD STINSON & YURI MORITA
JOHN SUBLETT & NADINE DeWITT
DANTE & OLIVE TANGONAN

Love in a Time of Climate Change

Zoom Discussion Group

Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29
1 pm PST



As the temperature rises, so does our interest and anxiety about climate change. One of our own retired clergy, Sharon Delgado, a long-time environmental activist, has written several books about the intersection between our faith and how we respond to the degradation of nature. This book is rooted in our Wesleyan quadrilateral. In reading it, you'll learn a lot about climate change, but also a lot about Wesley's approach to nature! It's a fascinating intersection of theology and science.

The group will be facilitated by Pam Abbey. To receive the zoom link, or to simply ask a question, please contact her at revdramaqueen@gmail.com

TREASURY UPDATE

You all should have received your per diem check by now. If you have not, please contact Alice Oberg at 661-489-4604 to inquire.

You may have SENT a check. I am quite sure it is in the large pile OF checks I have in my possession. Our bank (Interfaith Credit Union) is located in South Dakota and so our transition has been less than smooth. I spoke with "our person" today (8/30) and I do believe we have submitted all they need to get us the equipment to DEPOSIT. I am keeping all of my fingers crossed that I will be able to make deposits SOON. I have given up on predicting when, precisely. (I would have thought it would have been done already). I apologize for your accounting troubles!

Please remember to let the RCA know when you make those moves. Or when you get a new phone number.

Or when you change your email address. We want to keep in touch! Just email the new details to: nancydaley@ca-nv-rca.org.

THANK YOU!

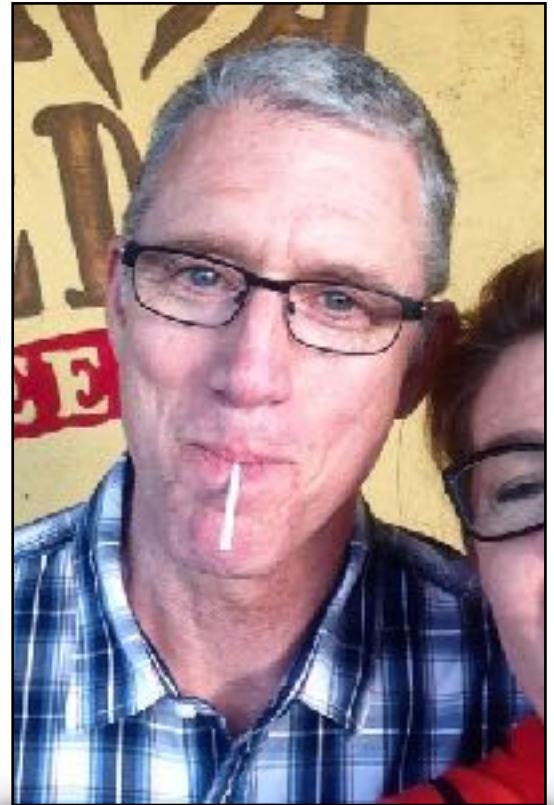


Introducing Dan Sturdivant, Retirement Class of 2022

Interviewer: Alexis Easton

Rev. Dan Sturdivant grew up in Texas, then attended the University of Colorado, Boulder where his lifelong interest in the arts eventually landed him in the BFA theater program. From there he moved to Los Angeles where he attempted to make a living as an actor. He performed in lots of theater, a commercial and a smattering of TV and film roles. Weary of the grind, he decided to pursue a masters in theology and philosophy and moved to the Bay Area to attend PSR. He discovered his interests in such things combined with his experience as an actor outfitted him perfectly for ministry. Worship and theater are not so far apart as one might think. Before long he discovered a still truer love: working with people and churches trying to find their way in a troubling world.

Parish ministry has been Dan's most enduring occupation. His appointments at Asbury, Byron, Grace-San Ramon, San Ramon Valley, and Tice Valley total 24 years in United Methodist ministry. One of many precious memories is the satisfaction and challenge, during his Byron appointment, of building the Kaleidoscope ministry for people living with cancer, a vital ministry which continues today.



Several factors contributed to Dan's decision to enter retirement this year: Tice Valley's closure, recent health challenges, and the opportunity to pursue his longtime passion for writing. One very satisfying aspect of his time at Tice Valley has been developing a process that serves people in the last stages of their lives. Participants recollect and look back over their lives, talking and sharing their recollections, and then reconciling in whatever ways or arenas their discernment indicates is needed. The process is called Generous Listening, and includes the facilitator listening to hear what is true in the heart of the speaker. Working with a spiritual director, Dan began to share the process with seniors at Tice Valley, and in the fall plans to offer a six-session, small-size workshop to explore where this ministry may lead. He is very excited to develop and refine this offering.

We welcome Dan into the retired relationship and celebrate the continuing unfolding of his service to the Holy One and all God's creatures.



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April 18-20, 2023

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June 9-12.2023

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June 9, 2023

>Sheraton Hotel