



# The Grapevine

*"You Are Our Branches"*

*Woodside Village Church celebrates God's love in both worship and music,  
proclaims the Gospel in words and deeds, and reaches out to meet  
the needs of our members, our community and our world."*

## **THIS WEEK'S CHURCH SCHEDULE...**

Sunday -

**FEBRUARY 5** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast hosts - Karl and Vic Fredrick  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service + Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship Ministry

Tuesday - 7 7:30 p.m. Weekly Scripture Study

Wednesday - 8 9:30 a.m. Living Solo  
11 a.m. Weekly Scripture Study

Thursday - 9 7 p.m. Choir

Sunday -12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service + Sunday School  
11 a.m. Service Ministry  
5 p.m. Giving Circle - "Get to Know Us" Wine & Appetizers



## **PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND COMFORT...**

### **Church members:**

**Veva Wheaton**, health issues, **Eric Pedersen**, pain management, **Natalie Friend**, severe back pain, **Kristy Rice**, seizures, **Diane Griffiths**, health issues and **Sally Lemoin**, recovery from fall

### **Friends and Family members:**

**Biff Bafigo** - health issues, friend of Peggy Moore-Kane, **Shelly Thorwaldson** - lung cancer, friend of Kristy Rice, **Don Stravos** - Leukemia, friend of Kristy Rice, and **Scott Michelsen**, - cancer, long-time community member

**\*\*\*Please check the names on the prayer list. After one month they will automatically be removed and if need be, replaced at your request. PM**

~ It is requested that church members **please** advise the church office of any illness, injury, or hospitalization, so that they may be added to the prayer list, and congregational and pastoral care may be arranged. ~

RICK WARREN  
The  
PURPOSE DRIVEN  
*Life*



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*Eat, Sleep, Work, Eat, Sleep, Work, . . .*

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**Why** am I here? **What** is my purpose? These are the most basic questions we face in life. Self-help books suggest that people should look within, at their own desires and dreams, but Rick Warren says the starting place must be with God and his eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God's purposes for putting us on earth.

Using the biblical stories and letting the Bible speak for itself, Warren clearly explains God's **5** purposes for us. We are **Planned** for God's pleasure (experience real worship); **Formed** for God's family (enjoy real fellowship); **Created** to become like Christ (learn real discipleship); **Shaped** for serving God (practice real ministry); **Made** for a mission (live out real evangelism).

During Lent we will be taking a journey through Rick Warren's **The Purpose Driven Life**. Beginning Sunday, February 19th our Sunday worship theme will focus on one of God's purposes for our lives: **Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism** (Reaching out!). On Tuesday evenings, beginning **February 28th**, we will gather as a congregation for a simple supper @ **6:30** and a comprehensive study of the previous Sunday's worship theme.

The weekly small group is the heart of **The Purpose Driven Life**. These lessons harmonize with the Sunday messages and the daily readings. These groups are vital because we best grow spiritually, when we are in community.

February 28th	Worship	<b><u>Tuesday Night Schedule</u></b>
March 6th	Fellowship	6:30 - 7:30 Simple Supper
March 13th	Discipleship	7:30 - 7:45 DVD Chapter Intro
March 20th	Ministry	7:45 - 8:45 Small Group Study
March 28th	Evangelism	

We hope you will join us in this important church wide Lenten journey. **Please sign up in the narthex or the church office** so we can order your individualized material. The cost of **\$15.00** is minimal for what you will experience and includes the cost of a book, a memory verse key ring and tags, and handouts.

See you in Church & in Small Groups!

*Pastor Mike*

## ***MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 8, 2012***

### **Determination of a Quorum:**

*38 attending members were necessary for a quorum. There were 48 members present at the meeting thereby constituting a quorum.*

**Opening Prayer:** *Barry Willbanks lead the Congregation in an opening prayer.*

**Pastor's Message:** *Pastor Mike Harvey*

- The three postcard mailings in 2011 successfully attracted new members. We will be sending out three more mailings this year to the same addresses so that local residents will remain aware of our Church and its activities.*
- Our new website has been successful in stimulating interest in our Church. Many people have seen our website and dropped by the Church to learn more about it.*
- The Sunday Church service has been redesigned. The new service will begin on Sunday, January 15.*
- Pastor Mike will begin a Family Counseling Service during the middle of this year.*
- Jack Riewerts, the 2012 Moderator, is looking for a local charity that our Church can work with.*
- Pastor Mike emphasized that we should not concentrate on growing the Church but on being the Church*

**Approval of Minutes from the last Congregational Meeting 2-27-11:** *The Congregation unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting.*

### **Approval of Council Officer Nominations:**

*The Council Officer nominations are as follows:*

*Moderator: Jack Riewerts*

*Moderator-Elect: To be determined*

*Clerk: Nancy Riewerts*

*Treasurer: Mark Dickey*

*Member-at-Large: Marie Delucchi*

*There were no additional nominations.*

*The Congregation voted unanimously to approve the Council Officer nominations pending the future nomination of the Moderator-Elect.*

### **Administration/Finance Ministry:**

#### **2012 Budget:**

*Sandie Pugh presented the proposed 2012 budget.*

*The 2012 budget is based on receiving 100% of the amount pledged.*

*The amount pledged has decreased from \$148,000 in 2011 to \$116,000 in 2012.*

*The budget contains the following changes in the Staff Salary Section*

*(Section 200) from the 2011 budget - the Personnel Committee has recommended these changes and the Council has approved them:*

- Pastor Mike will receive an additional 2 weeks of vacation in lieu of receiving a raise in pay. This will be a one-time-only change for 2012.*

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- Pastor Dorothy will receive an additional 1 week of vacation in lieu of receiving a raise in pay. This will be a one-time only change for 2012.
  - Linda Patrick, our Office Manager, will receive a \$300 bonus. This bonus be a one-time-only change for 2012.
  - Anne Buelteman, our Church Secretary, will receive a raise in pay to \$16.50/hour. This will be a permanent raise.
  - Nancy Riewerts, our other Church Secretary, will receive in pay \$15.00/hour. This is permanent. The budget as presented showed a total income of \$19,220.00 over expenses. Nevertheless, Sandie stated that we may have to withdraw up to \$70,000 from the Tower Fund to meet 2012 expenses.
  - John Shelton asked how much money would remain in the Tower Fund after we withdrew \$70,000.
  - Sandie said that at this time she didn't know how much money would be left.
  - Barry said that in the future the Council will publish how much money will remain in the Tower Fund if we withdraw \$70,000.
- Bob Mullen said that the budget was confusing if it showed a profit of \$19,000 for 2012 and yet we might somehow have to withdraw \$70,000 from the Tower Fund. Bob suggested that the budget be restructured so that the actual deficit of \$51,000 was shown on the bottom line and the possible \$70,000 withdrawal from the Tower Fund shown beneath it. John Carson agreed. A lively discussion ensued which was resolved by the following motions:
- Motion #1:** The Congregation will approve a withdrawal of up to \$70,000 from the Tower Fund to pay for necessary expenses that are approved by the Finance and Administration Board and by the Council. This motion passed with one abstention and one "no" vote.
  - Motion #2:** The Congregation will approve the proposed 2012 budget if it is restructured to reflect the actual \$51,000 deficit. The possible \$70,000 withdrawal from the Tower Fund should be shown below the bottom line of the budget. This motion passed with one abstention.

### **Endowment Committee Report:**

John Carson presented the Report.

The Endowment Committee is in the final stages of developing a Procedural Manual to enable the Endowment Committee to make transparent decisions about how to disperse funds.

The Committee is identifying all the different endowment funds that have balances in investment accounts.

Once this task is completed, the Church can use the funds following the instructions of the donors.

### **Acknowledgement of Barry Willbanks:**

Jack Riewerts told the Congregation about all the hard work and many tasks Barry had done last year to help our Church. He sincerely thanked Barry. The Congregation applauded Barry to acknowledge their gratitude

### **Closing Prayer:**

Jack led the Congregation in a closing prayer.

Submitted by,  
Penny Bale



## **A reminder message from your Moderator:**

We are still seeking someone to fill the positions of **Moderator-Elect** and **Clerk**. If you would like to get involved please contact me or let's talk after church on Sunday.

Let us continue to move forward as God directs our work in His church.

Your Moderator,  
Jack Riewerts

## The Giving Circle

is one of our vital connections to our wider community.

What exactly do they do?

Find out!

You are invited to attend an informational gathering  
Sunday February 12th at 5:00p.m. in the Guild Hall  
Join us for a glass of wine and some delicious appetizers  
as well as an opportunity to know more about  
The Giving Circle.



**Coming next month...**

*Portola Valley Theatre Conservatory*  
presents

## *Our Town*

**March 1, 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30pm**

**March 4 & 11 at 2:00pm**

**Lane Hall Theater**

**945 Portola Rd. Portola Valley**

**[www.pvtc-ca.org](http://www.pvtc-ca.org) 851-8282 x105**



**And...**

**Special fundraiser at**

**Café Zoe**

**SING OUT FOR LITERACY!**

**Sunday, March 11, 2012**

**Open Mic Event 1:00-3:00PM**

**50% of proceeds received all day benefit Project Read**

**Café Zoe 1929 Menalto Ave. Menlo Park, CA**

**[www.projectreadmenlopark.org](http://www.projectreadmenlopark.org) 650-330-2525**



### **Project Read – Menlo Park**

The Menlo Park Library began its adult literacy program in 1985. Project Read-Menlo Park usually has over **110** learners and **100** volunteer tutors. It has helped more than **2,000** adults learn to read. Participation in Project Read is completely confidential. Learners achieve their personal goals with the help of carefully matched Project Read tutors.

## Serving Our Lord

Date	Deacons
February 5	Mary Soubirus + Ross Soubirus + Chet Yee
February 12	Jack Riewerts + Nancy Riewerts + Chet Yee
February 19	Mark Dickey + Chet Yee + one volunteer
February 22 Ash Wednesday	Chet Yee
February 26	Mary Soubirus + Ross Soubirus + Chet Yee
Readers	
February 5	Charlyne Gaytan
February 12	George Norbeck
February 19	Ravi Thomas
February 26	Spencer Riewerts
Greeters + Oblation Bearers	
February 5	Charlyne Gaytan + Maynard Nonnemacher
February 12	John Burkman + Marie Delucchi
February 19	Julie + Ravi Thomas
February 26	Spencer Riewerts + Jennifer Lindberg
Sunday Breakfast	
February 5	Karl and Vic Fredrick
Communion Assistants	
February 5	Ellen Schillig
February 12	Carolyn Van Cise
February 19	Karlene Harvey
February 26	Jennifer Lindberg
Coffee Hour Volunteers	
	Barbara Tagg overseeing
February 5	Service Board
February 12	TBD
February 19	Service Board
February 26	TBD