

Spiritual Formation lecture weekend

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He's married to Greta and has two teenage daughters, Anna and Krista. During his time with us, he'll be sharing about the nature of Christian spiritual transformation, a process of soul- and life-change that moves well beyond religious behavior and into trusting intimacy with God in Jesus Christ. His subjects will include: "The Temptation of Moral Formation: Finding Freedom in Christ", "Why We Sin When We Know So Much: Finding Freedom From Stubborn Sins of the Heart", and "Drawing Near

to God When God Seems Far Away: Finding God in Times of Spiritual Dryness."

Our Associate Pastor, Carl Hofmann, has been profoundly impacted by John's material. "I discovered John Coe when I received the journal produced by his Institute for Spiritual Formation. His article on the "Temptation of Moral Formation" was prophetic—it spoke to issues I struggle with in my spiritual life. Issues I see in my congregation. First Pres. Our SF&L committee and the article, discussed it, loved it! Then, on my sabbath, I listened to

all his online lectures and was really moved and challenged. I can't tell you how excited I am to share his material with our congregation!"

Professor Coe will teach most of the day on Saturday and preach at all three services on Sunday morning. Childcare will be provided and the cost will be \$15 per person. After Labor Day, stay tuned for more information and registration opportunities.

If you are interested in sampling some of John Coe's material, go to www.biola.edu/spiritualformation/lecture/.

Numbers, neighbors, and the name of Jesus

The First Pres 2011 Footwash celebration

by Elsi Dodge

First Pres opened the doors to our homeless and marginalized neighbors Saturday, April 16, at the 17th Annual Boulder Footwash, organized by the Lamb's Ministries. The church was filled with activities and people, all celebrating the risen Lord and his love for his lambs.

In Westminster Hall, guests watched *The Jesus Movie*, a two-hour presentation of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, which has been produced in more than 1,000 languages. Coffee and sweet rolls were available along the back of the room.

In the courtyard, Darren Hunstad and some of his Scouts, aided by children of kitchen volunteers and other helpers, decorated and dyed more than 300 Easter eggs. These were given to guests at the meal, both as a sign of the season and a portable snack.

In the Atrium, five volunteers washed and cut hair, not to mention beards



Five volunteer hairstylists washed and cut hair in the Atrium during the 2011 Boulder Footwash.

and mustaches. Teens offered face painting, manicures, letter writing services, and about 100 washcloth bunnies to everyone who came through the room. Volunteers and guests washed one another's feet, modeling Jesus' washing His disciples' feet the night before the Crucifixion. More than 57 guests received jeans, long underwear, socks, personal toiletries, and T-shirts. Nurses from St. Benedict's provided medical advice and care, along with diabetes screening and emergency services.

Tempting odors drifted from the kitchen throughout the morning as about 30 volunteers prepared a multi-course meal. John Mier's family band sang songs and hymns of the season, as well as an inspirational message on Christ's love. Students from local schools and churches decorated about 200 placemats, and 179 guests enjoyed the hot meal at noon in Oerter Hall.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 29

"Witnesses with Gentleness and Respect"

1 Peter 3:13-18
9:00 A.M.

Dr. Gary Stratman
10:30 A.M.

Mr. Will Burger

Sunday, June 5

Communion

1 Peter 4:12-16

"Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ"
9:00 A.M.

Dr. Gary Stratman
10:30 A.M.

Dr. Carl Hofmann

Sunday, June 12

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Celebration Sunday

Mr. Les Magee

Sunday, June 19

II Corinthians 3:4-6;
Romans 15:5

"Welcoming Pastor"
Dr. Gary Stratman

Sunday, June 26

Ephesians 1:2, 2:14-18
"Hello and Goodbye"

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CHANGES

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has voted to change the language of its ordination standards. For more information and your Session's stance on this issue visit www.fpcboulder.org/pcusa-general-assembly-action/.