

EnlightenUp! Summer 2008

Christians discussing their work and their passion.

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church,
1550 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa, 542-0205

May 18 Jeff Johnson We Need More Churches?

Jeff is Pastor of the Cove—a new church. He leads a panel of fellow church planters: Andy Springer (Church of the Oaks), Paul Ortlinghaus (Soma Church Community), Bret Avlakeotes (Spring Hills) and Dan Boyd (Hope Chapel). They will tell us why Sonoma County needs more churches, and explain the barriers to evangelism in this postmodern community.

June 1 Jack Swearingen Why I Do These Things?

Now retired from a career in engineering, Jack is extremely involved in community activism. He will provide his understanding of the biblical foundations for community service and share how he discovered this calling.

June 15 Patricia Sanborn Becoming an Interesting Older Person

How can I become the most interesting older person I have ever met? Pat is Director of Older Adult Ministry at First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa. This talk will offer emotional, psychological, and spiritual tools to understand our wisdom and expand our appreciation of intuition.

June 29 Nick Sensley The Call to Public Authority

Nick is Lieutenant in the Santa Rosa Police Department and a twenty-year veteran of police service. He will discuss how law enforcement allows him “to serve the world as an ambassador voicing God’s appeal to the world.”

July 20 Thomas Ackerman Global Warming & Christian Responses

Tom Ackerman will briefly summarize current scientific evidence for global warming, and discuss several different responses that can be identified in the Christian evangelical community. Ackerman is Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and Director of the Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean at the University of Washington.

July 27 John Vitko Homeland Security & the Priesthood

John is a physicist who recently retired from Sandia National Laboratories. For the last five years of that career he was “on loan” to the Department of Homeland Security, where he headed the Chemical and Biological Defense Division. Now that John is retired, he will soon “follow his passion” and enter St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. “People think science and faith are opposing beliefs,” John says. “Science tells us how things happened, but it doesn’t explain why.”

Aug 10 Jason Nutt Developing the Pathway to a Livable Community

Jason is a Traffic Engineer and Deputy Director-Traffic in the City of Santa Rosa. He will share how his faith guides him in seeking to create a “livable community,” as well as the issues confronting traffic engineers who pursue that goal.

Aug 17 Karen Shaw Habits of the Muslim Heart

Karen will share from her doctoral research about the emotional side of Islam among Sunni women: attitudes, felt needs and desires, prejudices, and religious-emotional triggers. She lives in Lebanon.

Sept 7 Arlene Taylor Use Your Brain for Success!

An increased understanding of the brain can help you to be more realistic in relating to the brains of others and in developing strategies for relating to your own brain more effectively. Arlene Taylor is founder and president of Realizations Inc, a non-profit corporation that promotes brain function research.