

*Program*  
by  
**Conley Henderson**

The Academy once again welcomes Dr. Michael Strauss to our lunch meeting. He will be with us on **January 17th** at 11 o'clock in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons. Please note that this is the third Monday instead of our usual second Monday meeting.



Dr. Strauss is a David Ross Boyd Professor of Physics at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. He conducts research in experimental elementary particle physics currently at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, where he studies the fundamental particles and forces in the universe. His most recent research has focused on measuring properties of the Higgs Boson and searching for other Higgs-like particles.

Dr. Strauss earned his B.S. in Physical Science from Biola University and his Ph.D. in elementary particle physics from The University of California, Los Angeles. He did post-doctoral research for the University of Massachusetts at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

He has been a professor at the University of Oklahoma since 1995 and has also performed research at Fermilab near Chicago studying the properties of the quarks and gluons that make up the proton.

Dr. Strauss has received a number of teaching awards including the Associated Students' Outstanding Professor in the College of Arts and

Science and the Regents Award for Superior Teaching. He has spoken about the intersection of science and Christianity at universities, schools, and churches throughout the world.

He is the author of the book *The Creator Revealed: A Physicist Examines the Big Bang and the Bible*, and one of the general editors of Zondervan's *Dictionary of Christianity and Science*.



**ASP WILL MEET ON JANUARY 17**

LUNCHEON January 17, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, January 13, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlinarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlinarley@prodigy.net).

*Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.*



***President's Column***  
**by**  
**Emmalyn German**

Time for 2022 .Time marches on they say. I think now time is in a fast sprint!

I hope you haven't put your Christmas tree away yet. It will only be time to get it out again in a few days!

I don't like to spend very much time standing in the kitchen. So I try to find easy recipes with only a few ingredients.

Here is an example of an easy recipe for banana bread:

Banana Bread .... only 4 ingredients!

1 Yellow Cake Mix

2 eggs

4-5 overripe bananas (mashed)

Pecans

Mix everything together in large bowl.

Fill two medium, greased loaf pans, or one large loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes



I hope you won't miss this month's speaker: Michael Strauss! He will have interesting things to say about time and creation. This would be a great month to invite someone to come to the ASP luncheon.



***Obituaries***  
**by**  
**Marla Mercer Cole**

Kathleen Sodowsky was born to George W. and Lena (Cartwright) O'Hara in Sherman, Texas on January 17, 1919. Kathleen graduated from Sherman high school and then enrolled in Bethany Penial College in the fall of 1936. Just a few weeks later, she met Paul Milford Sodowsky, and they were married September 2, 1938. They had two children: Linda and Paula.



Kathleen served with Paul for 20 years as pastor and wife in Nazarene churches in Texas, Kansas, and Missouri. She enjoyed working with children and making home and hospital calls as part of their ministry. Later, Paul would take a position at Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, and Kathleen as a secretary in the Department of World Missions. She also worked as a secretary in the office of General Superintendents. She obtained her B.A. degree at Avila College in Kansas City. Her last 10 years in Kansas City were spent as private secretary to the Dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary.

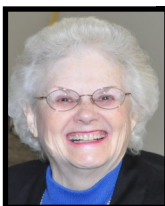
Paul and Kathleen retired in the fall of 1982, moving to Oklahoma City. They traveled to Brazil, spending time with their daughter Linda and her family who were missionaries there. They enjoyed many travels both domestic and abroad, including Europe, China, and an Alaskan cruise.

Kathleen loved people and was very involved with many groups. She was a member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, the Academy of Senior Professionals, and the Association of Retired Ministers and Missionaries. She spent as much time as possible with her grandchildren, and later her great-grandchildren.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Paul Milford Sodowsky, her daughter, Linda Stamps-Dissmore, her sister, Polly and husband, her brother, George O'Hara; and brother-in-law, Cecil Sodowsky.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Anderson and husband Don; seven grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to: The Paul Milford Sodowsky Memorial Pastoral Ministry Scholarship at Southern Nazarene University.



### **Meet Our Members by LaNell Stahl**

Linda Dech, a new member of ASP, was born in Holly, Colorado. In fifth grade, her family moved to Wichita, Kansas. After high school in Wichita, Linda attended Bethany Nazarene College (now SNU), graduating in 1970. While there, she met and married Ronald Dech. They served 33 years in pastoral ministry. They have three daughters and two sons.



The Dechs returned to Bethany after retirement to be near their three children who had stayed in the area after attending SNU. After Ron passed away Linda remained here, enjoying her children and grandchildren.

Linda's teaching career spanned eighteen years -- one year as a special education teacher and seventeen as a first grade teacher. She stated, "I loved teaching first grade because I wanted children to love reading. It's so important for them to have a good foundation." According to Linda, "My hobbies include reading Christian novels, painting, and putting puzzles together. In the past, I have travelled, but I don't do much of that now."

"The most special thing I've done is to reach out to my neighbors during Covid. I asked the Lord, 'What can I do during Covid?' He showed me that I could reach out to my neighbors by giving them little goodie bags and a note to let them know I am praying for them. I also included my email address."

Linda declared, "My goal is to reach out to others and make a difference in my little part of the world."

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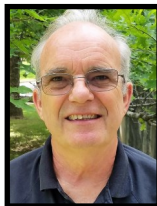
Feb 14, 2022: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service

Mar 14, 2022: Integris Hospice

Apr 11, 2022: Spanish Cove Life Care Retirement Community

May 9, 2022: First Bethany Bank and Trust

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### **SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson**

Our interviewee for the SNU Connections moments in the January luncheon will be Ashly Armstrong, the director of Southern Nazarene University's Student Health Center.



Ashly is herself a graduate of SNU, having graduated with a multidisciplinary degree in which her primary concentrations were business and nursing. She completed her course requirements at Oklahoma State University to be licensed as a Registered Nurse. After getting her R.N. license, she spent 13 years working as a nurse for Integris Health. During part of that time she also worked as a school nurse for Mustang Public Schools.

Last spring, Ashly came to SNU to be the director of the Student Health Center. That center has a walk-in clinic on the bottom floor of the Commons building (directly under the Heritage Room where we meet for our luncheon meetings). It also uses space on the main floor of the Commons for a COVID testing center.

The Student Health Center aims to provide primary care and health education to students (and even to faculty and staff). The Health Center functions as a division of Student Life. Directed by a registered nurse who reports directly to Executive Vice President Mike Redwine, the center has had a higher profile than normal during the COVID-19 pandemic period. The center gets especially busy when students return to campus after having been home for a break and must all submit to a COVID test to be able to remain on campus.







*December Re-Views*  
by  
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**Book Discussion**  
by  
**Barbara Culbertson**

Wind down in the beautiful afterglow of celebrating Christ's birth by joining our January book discussion of *All Creatures Great and Small*, by the "world's most beloved veterinarian," James Herriot.

Note: Our January zoom meeting will be Monday, the 10th at 2 p.m.

Goodreads says,

"In *All Creatures Great and Small*, we meet young Herriot as he . . . discovers . . . the realities of veterinary practice . . . very different from the sterile setting of school . . . Herriot discovers the wondrous variety and never-ending challenges of veterinary practice as his humor, compassion, and love of the animal world shine forth."

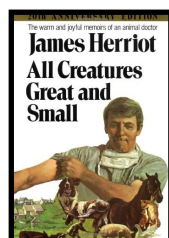
Then, on February 6, we jump into *Lilith*, a novel by author and theologian George MacDonald.

"MacDonald was a Scottish author, poet and Christian minister, . . . a pioneering figure in the field of modern fantasy . . . and the mentor of fellow writer Lewis Carroll. In addition to . . . fairy tales, MacDonald wrote several works of Christian theology" (Wikipedia).

*Lilith* tells

"the story of an orphan and heir to a house in which he has a vision that leads him through a large old mirror into another world. In chronicling the five trips Mr. Vane makes to this other world, this work aims to explore the ultimate mystery of "evil." (metrolibrary.org).

Both these books can be found in various formats through the Metro Library System. Also, *Lilith* is available totally free as a PDF download at <https://www.fulltextarchive.com/pdfs/Lilith.pdf>.



**Music Notes**  
By  
**Renda Brumeloe**

We are the Academy of Senior Professionals. Let's review who we are and why we exist.

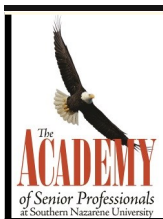
We have a mission, objectives, and goals to reach: (a MOG we might say) all for the support of our great university, SNU. In addition, we enjoy great fellowship and informative teaching while we have forks and spoons in our hands each month, but we are not a dinner club. Great schools of learning meet and perform here. Godly goals are fostered here.

This year we are focused on our School of Music Arts, instrumental, vocal and theater excellence! In a year of a covid recovery, we have experienced an extensive menu of events and performances. However, look at what is coming next semester! Just look at this list! Hats off to our faculty!

**Spring 2022 Schedule**

Ticketed events are marked with \*(asterisks). All others are free. Purchase tickets online at [snu.boottix.com](http://snu.boottix.com)

Sat. Jan 22	Southern Territorial Band Concert, Herrick, 7 pm
Fri. Sat Feb 25 -26	**Spring Musical: Into the Woods. Herrick, 7 pm
Tue. Mar 8	Studio Trumpet Recital, Cantrell, 7 pm
Tue Apr 5	SNU Jazz Band Concert, Herrick, 7 pm
Mon. Apr 11	SNU Vocal Jazz Festival Concert, Herrick, 7:30 pm
Thurs. Apr 21	Percussion Ensemble Concert, Cantrell, 7 pm
Tue. Apr 26	Iconic Media Concert, Herrick., 7 pm
Tues. May 3	SNU Symphonic Band Concert, Herrick, 7 pm



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<https://www.snu.edu/asp>

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**ASP Calendar**

Monday January 17, 2022

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the  
Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the  
Webster Commons.

[10:15 Southern Plaza]

11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the  
Heritage Room of Webster Commons

1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot

1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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