
The Weekly RAG

For the United Ministries of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Today is Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday and the service has been planned by our Presbyterian Women fellowship. Our guest preacher is the Rev. Teresa Chavez Saucedo, PhD. She serves as Director of Advanced Pastoral Studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo. She brings a variety of experience to this role, including hospice ministry, community ministry with newcomer Latina/o immigrants in the Mission District of San Francisco, and denominational ministry, as Associate for Racial Justice Advocacy in the mission agency of the PCUSA. She is a member of San Francisco Presbytery and serves as Parish Associate for Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg, CA. She is a resource for Presbyterian Women and we have had fellowship with her in many retreats and conferences.

Happy Birthdays

April

Dayton Leong
Alfred Hall
Christopher Chan
Susan Zavertnik

Tea Time for April/May

The Deacons would like to give special thanks to the following people for taking the time to provide treats for Tea Time for everyone to enjoy.

4/23 Monthly Birthday Cake
4/30 Kathy Tong & Bradford Woo
5/7 Sabbath Sunday

If you're interested in providing treats, please sign up on bulletin board in social hall. If you'd like to make a monetary donation towards tea time, see Dayton Leong.

Homeless Supplies Needed

It's that time of the year when Deacons are replenishing items for the homeless. If you have: white tube socks (not too thick), backpacks, pop up can goods and granola bars, we'll gladly accept them. A large bin will be available at Tea Time for your donation.

Our Theme & Readings

April

23 Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31

30 Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 13-35

Donations for Cameron House Carnival

The Bakery Carnival Committee at Cameron House is requesting monetary donations to purchase dessert items through designated bakeries to compensate for this year's low inventory of baked goods due to Public Health Dept. restrictions. Please write checks payable to Cameron House and note "2017 Bakery Carnival Donation"

Koinonia Retreat

Save the Date for our Koinonia Retreat (formerly Memorial Day Weekend Retreat)!

Come join us at Westminster Woods on [May 26th-29th](#) for a weekend of fun, relaxation and connecting with God, nature, and each other!

This year's theme is "Plugging in to What's Important: Disconnect to Connect" which we will present through a variety of session activities that all can participate in. For questions and information, contact Diane Go (phone 650-992-1678 or email go_diane@yahoo.com)

The final deadline to register is May 7th.

Trouble hearing in Worship?

Some worshippers have trouble being fully engaged in worship because they can't hear everything clearly. If you have trouble hearing, try one of the Telex headsets from the box in the back row. If you're a reader, be sure to speak slowly with enough volume

Donate to Healthy Women, Healthy Families

Presbyterian Women and World Mission co-sponsor the Mother's Day Project to support the Healthy Women Healthy Families (HWHF) program of the PC(USA). This program assists global partners by providing grants to fund education, health services and community development activities in impoverished communities. Your donations will empower women and protect children by supporting vital programs and services such as prenatal care, primary education, food security initiatives and trauma healing.

During teatime, Women's Fellowship will have Mother's Day cards available in exchange for a donation to Healthy Women Healthy Families. Recommended donation: \$3.00 per card or any amount you choose. Every little bit helps! Together we are helping to make a difference in the lives of women and children across the globe.

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Minute for Mission

Small-scale farmers—women and men—feed us all. Their labor keeps us alive. They care for the soil, the seeds, the land and the waters. They make up nearly half of the people on the planet and produce more than 70 percent of the world's food. Your first image may be of someone tilling the land with hand tools, an ox or a small tractor, but they are also farmworkers, pastoralists, small-scale livestock producers, fishers and indigenous producers in every country. They do indeed struggle, and they direly need our prayers and support. We know this from our visits with our partners both in the United States and internationally. If not struggling for survival itself, they are often struggling to continue their "generational occupation"—the job of feeding the world.

From our partners in West Africa, South Asia and Latin America, we learn of the threats and murder of farmers and fisherfolk trying to hold onto their land and fisheries in the face of resource grabs by corporations and foreign states. We pray for their safety and for success in protecting their land and fisheries.

The seeds they have developed over decades, centuries and millennia are also under attack. Giant companies and patenting laws hidden in free trade agreements threaten to strip small-holding farmers of the heirloom and indigenous seeds that allow them to adapt to extreme weather and climate change. Saving seeds also makes farming affordable and can be the difference between prosperity and bankruptcy. We pray for their livelihoods and for the protection of seeds and biodiversity.

More broadly, small-scale producers have been bankrupted and had land bought or taken by industrial operations producing for export into the global marketplace, due to three decades of economic, agricultural and international trade policy that is often written by, and favors, agrifood corporations.