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# The Weekly RAG

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

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**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

## Happy Birthdays

### September

Sareen Janna Li  
Cynthia Joe  
Edmund Toy  
Francis Lim  
Liane Chan  
Chris Jeong  
Stasia Ann Liu  
Winchell Quock  
Amanda Huey-Ayer  
Siu Ying Fong  
Frances Ma-Siu Ping Low

Please help stack chairs after worship so that we may be of service to our Cantonese worshipping community.

## Online Giving

Some great news for our congregation. You can now make a gift online to support your church community! Click on the "Give Now" button at the bottom of the PCC home page [www.pccsf.org](http://www.pccsf.org) or go directly to the donate page: <https://www.presbyterianmissionexchange.org/dashboard/make-a-grant?orgId=312d1f8e-74e3-4990-b51d-44decf0d7c44> You select how you would like your gift to be made and which worshipping community you would like it to go toward. You can add a note if you want to dedicate the gift to someone special. For questions about how to give, see Tad Hopp. For questions about your gift, see Dave Soohoo or Winchell Quock.

## Pipit Fund

Gilbert and Eunice's Pipit Fund is collecting new and gently used toys for Philippines Christmas again. Also backpacks and children's books. No battery powered or war toys please. Sinks & Dinks will pack toys Saturday September 30. Thanks.

## Youth Sunday School Class

Starting Sunday, September 17th, Tad Hopp will be teaching another Youth Sunday school class from 12:30 - 1:30 PM. The topic this fall will be "How to Be a True Friend" and uses stories from the Biblical witness to talk about the qualities to look for in a friend and the qualities we need to show our friends. You won't want to miss this class. Let Tad know if you want to participate in this engaging class.

## Support those affected by Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey has devastated the Gulf Coast bringing with it historic rains and flooding all throughout that area. Want to help? Donate now by sending a check to:  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700  
Put in the memo line: Disaster Relief-US  
Hurricane Response, DR000169  
or by visiting [presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY](http://presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY).

## Horizons Bible Study Day

September 23, 2017 from 10 AM to 4 PM at SFTS  
Cloud of Witnesses: The Community in Christ in Hebrews.  
Click on [sfts.edu/horizons](http://sfts.edu/horizons) for more info or to register.  
The Women's Fellowship of PCC is planning to attend so please register individually and then check with others about carpooling.  
Any questions? Please speak to Mildred Hall.

## Women's Retreat

Sign Up Now for WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
RETREAT : "How Well Has Your Faith Aged?"

Come gather with us to reflect on how your faith has evolved as time has gone by. Does faith still enrich your life? What have been the changes and turning points? Share with others to gain insights on where we've been and where we're going. Richard Rohr says there is a spirituality for the first part of life and another for the second part. Is this true for you? Rev Cal Chinn will lead us.

Date: September 30, 2017, 9:30am to 3:30pm

Place: Sequoias, 1400 Geary Blvd, Greeters at the entrance will direct you.

Cost: \$25. Please sign up and give payment to Mary Wong Leong

Meal: Coffee and light snack upon arrival and bento box lunches!

Transportation: Some street parking, Japan Center Garage. Muni convenient.

## Tea Time for September

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.

9/3 Sabbath Sunday

9/10 Pat Chan

9/17 Birthday Cake

9/24 Doreen Der-McLeod

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. We also are in need of volunteers to help clean up after Tea Time. If you are available to help, please stay after Tea Time.

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## Our Theme & Readings

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### September

3 Exodus 3: 1-15  
Jeremiah 15: 15-21  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16: 21-28

10 Exodus 12: 1-14  
Ezekiel 3: 7-11  
Romans 13: 8-14  
Matthew 18: 15-20

### 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

## Minute for Mission

For almost a half century, Larry Low has been helping people and communities to become resilient. Ordained to the ministry in 1973, the retired social worker from Seattle has found purpose working through the [Committee on the Self-Development of People](#).

“I got involved with SDOP at the local level and have been active with the ministry since then,” said Low. “Now that I’m retired, I can travel as needed. It’s been a gratifying experience because I get to see where the dollars go and organizations we’ve helped.”

SDOP works with its ecumenical partners to help small businesses and organizations, both domestic and international, to become self-sustaining, providing opportunities for those living in poverty to support themselves.

“I became interested in working with people who had problems starting their own businesses, whether through lack of funding or expertise,” said Low. “I began working with a local SDOP committee in Seattle and met people who had a desire to pull themselves out of poverty and make it on their own.”

For the past four years, Low has served on the national committee. One of the major milestones in this effort, according to Low, is connecting small business owners with the church.

“SDOP’s national committee receives a number of requests for support from church members or clergy and I think that’s one of the biggest accomplishments that make this program work, giving people an opportunity to get to know the church,” he said. “It truly helps to break down barriers between churches and the community.”

Low says his presbytery has been working for 20 years to connect inner city churches with suburban churches and the success speaks for itself.

“There are people in our city who spent time in prison, who are now roasting and selling coffee to other churches,” he said. “It’s not easy but they are working and are hopeful for the future.”

The Rev. Alonzo Johnson, SDOP coordinator, says Low embodies the meaning of engagement and capacity building.

“Larry’s acumen around social justice and development issues makes him an incredible resource for SDOP’s life and work,” he said. “It is exciting to work directly with Larry as his experience and tactile work inspires all to engage in the important and transformative work of SDOP.”

Low has some advice for churches who may be interested in connecting with SDOP and its work. “Start with one thing and don’t try to do everything at one time. Get a contact and introduce church members and these local businesses in an informal way. I think a lot of churches try to do too much. Concentrate on one thing at a time,” Low said.