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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 17, 2017**

We welcome to the pulpit today Bruce Der-McLeod.

## **Happy Birthdays**

### **September**

Alton Chinn  
Alena Wong-Ja  
Ann Hotta  
Robert Joseph Jew  
Kevin Toy  
Lena Ami Chinn

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.

## **Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 1st**

Be part of the work to proclaim the peace of Christ with sisters and brothers around the world! This special offering supports every level

of the Presbyterian Church USA's work for peace and response to injustice in our own neighborhoods and around the globe. For example, these gifts are used to help provide relief, shelter and hope to families who've had to flee their homes because of violence and persecution, and for peace-building ministries, advocacy and education. All loose offering as well as gifts provided in the special offering envelopes on World Communion Sunday, October 1st, will be contributed to the Peace & Global Witness offering. You can also contribute online at [presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global](http://presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global) or text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10.

## **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).

## **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.

## 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.

9/17 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

17 Exodus 14: 19-31

Genesis 50: 14-21

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

24 Exodus 16: 2-15

Jonah 3: 10-4:11

Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16

## Minute for Mission

The Presbyterian Church of Rwanda has created a program for youth to get the training to start small businesses. Unemployment is a particularly big challenge among ages 18–26. Sometimes there are 5,000 applicants for one job.

With the support of World Mission's regional liaison Nancy Collins, and a grant from Presbyterian Women, the Presbyterian Church of Rwanda created a program that is showing strong results called "Best Future from Today."

The church's youth coordinator, Epimu Epimaque Munyankindi, took the initial grant from Presbyterian Women to buy equipment to start a

small recording studio. Presbyterian church choirs can record their own music and sell CDs. Individuals and groups outside the church have also used the studio for a fee, creating an additional revenue stream.

"The PC(USA) knows that with a good idea, you can go even beyond what you expect,"

Munyankindi said. "We are really thankful for them and Presbyterian Women; thanks to them for the funding. It has been like a dream."

Rwanda youth have been able to start 10 separate projects under the "Best Future from Today" project thanks to the Presbyterian Women grant, including a public relations project known as "Sophia" that started last year.

"If we're looking at the issue of sustainability and if a project can continue after initial funding," Collins said, "this one is a really great example of how a project can both continue and expand."