
The Weekly RAG

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

Sunday, October 8, 2017

We welcome to the pulpit today Deb McGuire. Deb McGuire is Parish Associate at St. John's Presbyterian Church here in San Francisco. She has been a pastor since 2001, having graduated from McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Her first call was to a small church just outside Chicago. Her second call has been to be the best aunt she can possibly be to her now 15 year old nephew who lives in Oakland. You'll have to ask him how she is doing. Deb has been a flute player for more than 40 years, playing in orchestras and freelancing in Chicago and the bay area. She loves her family, her flute, her cat Bella, and detective novels. And ice cream.

Happy Birthdays

October

Whitney Lauren Chan
Timothy Riki Go
Tad Hopp
Linda Lee
Bryce James Linden
Carl Jew
Jacqueline Lim
Kimberly Ann Tom
Benson Toy
Harriet Hall
Doreen Der-McLeod
Ian Jacob Chan
Jonathan SooHoo
Aleisha Grace Lew
Keith Choy

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

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet Monday, Oct 16 and begin the Horizons Bible Study: Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews. If you have the study guide read Lesson One. Read Hebrews, the first 4 chapters, or Hebrews 1:1-4, 26-27, 4: 14 - 5:10.

Join us as we eat and meet - all are welcome! Dinner will be at Cameron House - 6:30PM. RSVP to Mary Wong Leong at mwongleong@gmail.com. If you have questions, ask Mildred at mildredhal@sbcglobal.net.

Light the Night

Light the Night, a ministry of Cameron House, is open to the public every 3rd Sunday at 2pm at Cameron House.

-10/15

-11/19

- 12/24

We are also looking for clean socks, beanies, mittens or monetary donations for snacks as well.

To donate or sign up or for more info, contact: lightthenightCH@gmail.com for more info.

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief program, enlists volunteer groups to package nutritious dehydrated meals of rice, soy, vegetables and 23 vitamins and minerals. These meals are shipped overseas to countries of need. Two years ago our packaged meals went to Afghanistan. This year PCC will join with Calvary Presbyterian Church, Christ United Presbyterian Church (CUPC), Old First Presbyterian Church and St. John Presbyterian Church on Saturday October 14, 2017 to package 10,152 meals. Each meal will cost 29 cents and will require each of the five churches

to provide \$590.00 to cover the cost of supplies. Additionally each church will provide 10 volunteers so that 50 persons can pack 10,152 meals in 2 hours. We'll start packing meals at 10 AM on October 14, 2017 at St. John Presbyterian Church located at Lake and Arguello Streets. Volunteers must sign a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement Form to participate. If you want to volunteer for the Oct. 14, 2017 Rise Against Hunger event, please get a form from Cindy Joe.

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 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.

Tea Time for October

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.

10/8 Pam Jang & Keith Jew

10/15 Belinda & Ed Hum

10/22 Mary & Dayton Leong

10/29 Eunice & Gilbert Lee

If you're interested in providing treats, please sign up with Mary Wong Leong. 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.

Our Theme & Readings

October

8 Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

15 Exodus 32: 1-14

Isaiah 25: 1-9

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

Minute for Mission

Like millions of people around the world, Presbyterian elder Bill Campbell was moved by the heartbreaking image of a drowned Syrian boy whose body washed up on a Turkish beach in 2015. Three-year-old Aylan Kurdi was among thousands of Syrians who drowned while trying to escape the violence gripping their country. "There must be a way I can do something," Campbell told himself. As chair of the mission committee at Old First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, Campbell got his congregation involved by working with a local refugee resettlement agency to collect and assemble "welcome kits" that newly arrived refugee families find in their new homes when they first open the door. The kits include household goods such as flatware, dishes, cooking utensils, lamps, cleaning supplies, toiletries and linens. It took two cars to haul one kit, and the congregation assembled and delivered seven of them. But Campbell hoped the wider church could multiply the efforts of congregations like his. He and like-minded members of other churches asked San Francisco Presbytery to match congregations' contributions to support resettlement of refugees in the San Francisco Bay Area. The presbytery agreed to match up to \$10,000 from its peacemaking fund. The matching funds were available thanks to gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which most congregations are receiving today. The offering benefits the peace

and reconciliation ministries of congregations, mid councils and the national church. In just four months, the goal was surpassed. More than \$20,000 was given to help impoverished, war-battered families in the Bay Area find safety, welcome and a new life. Across our country, compassionate Presbyterians have refused to stand by idly while the world faces the largest refugee crisis since World War II.