
The Weekly RAG

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

Sunday, November 5, 2017

We welcome to the pulpit today Tad Hopp. We will also be recognizing the saints in our lives that have passed as today is All Saints Sunday.

PCC Annual Congregational Meeting

Today, PCC will have its annual Tri-Lingual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will begin at 11:30 after a shortened worship service. We will elect officers and approve the terms of call for all 3 worshipping communities. Please make plans to attend.

Communion will be served on November 12th.

Happy Birthdays

November

Shane Dale Linden

Caleb Badillo

Eunice Bejar-Lee

Lorna Wong

Terry Chan

Calvin Chinn

Katherine Maya Lim Chan

Norma Chan

Norman Fong

Jeanne Quock

Mary Wong Leong

Marcus Wong

Harry Chuck

JoJo Woo

David Lee

Jessica Leong

Gilbert Lee

Jeanee Quan Linden

Jeanine Lim

JoAnn Lee

Margaret Tong

Benjamin R. Tong

Light the Night

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

-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.

Good News for the Pews

The latest issue of Good News for the Pews is available on the PCC web site.

The quarterly newsletter is published by the English-speaking worshipping community with information for all in our worship family. If you know someone who is not on our email list and might like to learn more about us, please forward this message to them.

Here are some highlights:

- . Introducing the Adaptive Leadership experience supported by our Presbytery
- . CCU Sports Wrap-Up
- . Cantonese Worshipping Community's Annual Retreat
- . Welcome new members!
- . Rise Against Hunger

You can read the newsletter at:

<http://www.pccsf.org/documents/201711PCCNewsletter.pdf>

If you don't have the link handy, you can always navigate to the What's New page at www.pccsf.org You'll find a link there.

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 November/December

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.

11/5 Annie & Peter Wong
11/12 Sabbath Sunday
11/19 Doug Clark, Luke Lyu & Diane Go
11/26 Birthday Cake & Donor's Treats

12/3 Sabbath Sunday
12/10 Birthday Cake & Donor's Treats
12/17 Sabrina Shin
12/24 Sharing of Holiday Goodies
12/31 Sharing of Holiday Goodies

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

November

- 5 Joshua 3: 7-17
Micah 3: 5-12
1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
Matthew 23: 1-12
- 12 Psalm 78: 1-7
Amos 5: 18-24
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13

Minute for Mission

Aware that educational mission played a key role in their native land's development, members of the Korean Presbyterian Church in Fresno, California, want to strengthen Presbyterian education in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Last year, Korean Presbyterian gave \$80,000 to replace a deteriorating mud-and-thatch school building in Congo. Thanks to this generosity, students at Lusamba Primary School now enjoy a new building constructed with durable materials. The congregation worked with the Presbyterian Community in Congo, which operates the school, Presbyterian World Mission and the Congo Mission Network on the project. People from the surrounding Kalonga Mpoyi village provided most of the labor.

Korean Presbyterian's interest in Congolese education began in 2014, when two of its members, elder Man Jong Yoo and deacon J.R. Lee, visited Congo. When they returned, they talked about the educational needs in Congo and pointed to the role education played in moving South Korea from poverty to prosperity in the 20th century. "In my country, Korea, education was a part of building up the country, and many missionaries helped with that," Man Jong said. While in Congo, he and J.R. detected a great desire for learning, but they saw a dearth of resources. "The children of the Democratic Republic of Congo really want to learn," Man Jong said. "It was the same way in Korea. Everyone in the

family really wanted to study. People in Congo know education is the only way you can get out of poverty.”

Yet Man Jong and J.R. also saw the poverty-related challenges that impede education in Congo. “There were more than 150 students in one classroom,” Man Jong said. “Many were sitting on the floor. There were not enough tables and chairs for all of them.”

Fortunately, Lusamba has moved beyond conditions like these. Today students enjoy desks, chairs, blackboards and classrooms that remain dry on rainy days.

In fall 2015, Daniel Ha, a member of Korean Presbyterian, attended a Congo Mission Network meeting and learned about the network’s efforts to promote education in Congo, including school construction. He then told his congregation about the opportunity to participate in a school construction project. In less than two months, the congregation raised all of the funds necessary to build the school. Four schools have been built through the network’s efforts, but Korean Presbyterian of Fresno is the first congregation to partner with the network to finance an entire school project.

Man Jong said it did not take a vigorous push to get the congregation to respond. “It all just came together,” he said. “Nobody did anything heroic.”

In addition to the school construction project, the congregation provides financial support to mission co-workers John and Gwenda Fletcher, who serve in Congo, Bob and Kristi Rice, and Ruth Brown. Bob, Kristi and Ruth have recently moved from Congo and have been reassigned to new positions in South Sudan and Zimbabwe, respectively.