
The Weekly RAG

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

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Today is Race Relations Sunday. We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow.

Happy Birthdays

January

Sabrina Shin
Clinton Huey
1Sharlene Hall
Jerrick Woo
May Ho
Rene Fong
Jean Chin
Richard Jann
Alisa Ho
Irene Ng
Laurene Chan

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet Monday, January 15, at the church from 6:30 to 9PM. It's our work night to plan the worship service for Celebrate the Gifts of Women, and this year's theme is "Women Called to Lead with Love." We will review and choose scripture, litany, prayers and hymns for this service. If you plan to come for dinner at 6:30PM, please RSVP to Mildred at mildredhal@sbcglobal.net.

News from Mission & Evangelism

The Mission & Evangelism Committee will be participating as a group at the Women's March, on Saturday, January 20. We will meet at 1:30 in front of Max's Cafe at Opera Plaza (Van Ness and Golden Gate) and then walk over to Civic Center to join the March. All are welcome to join us. Don't forget your posters and signs!

Celebration of Life Service

There will be a celebration of Life service for George Yee on January 20th at 11 AM here at PCC. The service will be officiated by Rev. Harry Chuck.

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. 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 January

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.

1/14 Birthday Cake
1/21 Clinton Huey
1/28 ?

If you're interested in providing treats, please sign up with Mary Wong Leong or on the bulletin board in the Fellowship 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.

Our Theme & Readings

January

14 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
John 1: 43-51

21 Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
Psalm 62: 5-12
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31
Mark 1: 14-20

PRAYERS FOR...

Comfort, Healing & Recovery

Reverend Paul Cheng (health)

Tim Chuck

Carol Chinn-Morales

Hilda Aladeen (health)

Ruth Leong (health)

Garrick Kaan (health)

Those Whose Loved Ones Have Passed

On

Pastor Kimberly - Sister, Christie

Family of Jean Low

Family of Gordie Jeong - Mother, Audrey

Family of Jeanne Quock - Mother

Family of Scott Barlow - Mother

Family of George Yee

Travelers/Those Away/Traveling Mercies

College Students

Others

Central Subway Station Project

Covenant Church

Domestic Violence Victims

PCC Nominating Committee

PCC Cantonese Congregation

PCC Mandarin Congregation

SF Ellis Act Eviction Tenants

Please email Tad Hopp at tad.hopp@pccsf.org if you would like to have someone added or removed from the prayer requests.

Minute for Mission

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a little church with a big heart. It recently applied to be and was recognized as a Hunger Action Congregation by the Presbyterian Hunger Program. One of its hunger advocacy programs, titled Imagine No Hunger, approaches the hunger issue in a unique way — by fasting. Church members pledge to fast one meal each week and to contribute \$5 to a fund affiliated with the program. Since 2009, Westminster has donated more than \$56,000 to local, national and international food-related projects as a result of Imagine No Hunger.

In July 2009, the Rev. Chester Topple preached a sermon to the Westminster congregation about hunger based on a 2008 General Assembly challenge. As an act of “worship and humility” he challenged his congregation to skip one meal a week and to give the money that would have been spent on that meal to an organization helping to relieve hunger. For a congregation of approximately 80, \$5 a week for two years until the next General Assembly totaled more than \$40,000.

Topple’s sermon was the genesis for Imagine No Hunger. For the past eight years, on each fourth Sunday, Westminster has held Agape Fasts following worship where participants share a simple meal of soup and bread and donate to the fund. A speaker interprets one of the projects supported by the program, or speaks about a timely issue related to the overall hunger problem. Half the program’s proceeds support feeding or root cause development work within the Santa Fe area and contiguous U.S., and the other 50 percent supports hunger-related projects outside the U.S. In Santa Fe, the organization Feeding Santa Fe and the Headwaters Food Security project located in the remote mountain village of Mora, New Mexico, are two examples of food development programs that Imagine No Hunger supports. The Cuba Feeding Program and the PC(USA) Hunger Program also receive yearly donations.

“Westminster’s hunger ministry and faithful actions help relieve hunger locally and, by sending funds to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, address the root causes underlying hunger through the impact our grantee partners are making around the United States and internationally to transform unjust systems and build positive alternatives,” said Rebecca Barnes, coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Barbara Medina, a Westminster member, credits the John Lennon song “Imagine” for the project’s name and acknowledged the Westminster congregation for eight years of dedication and commitment to the cause.

“It only happened because of our congregation’s impressive generosity,” said Medina, acknowledging the small congregation’s large contribution. “We also fill quart-size Ziploc bags with food and personal care items which our members keep in their cars to give to homeless persons they encounter while driving.”

The Presbyterian Hunger Program announced the Hunger Action Congregation covenant in early 2017 to acknowledge and invigorate churches for the work they do to end hunger. The covenant calls on congregations to work in at least one of six areas:

- Hunger alleviation
- Development assistance
- Hunger education
- Lifestyle integrity
- Corporate and public policy witness
- Worship