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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, January 28, 2018

We welcome to the pulpit today our own Tad Hopp.

## Happy Birthdays

### January

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

## 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 for this issue:

- . A book review that will spark your interest on life in North Korea
- . A day with the DINKS and SINKS
- . A year in review by Pastor Ronnie Kaan
- . A baptism

We miss Pastor Kimberly who is on sabbatical and will return in February. She does not have an article in this issue.

. You can read the newsletter at:

<http://www.pccsf.org/documents/201802PCCNewsletter.pdf>

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

## Tea Time for January/February

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.

1/28 Belinda Hum  
2/4 Sabbath Sunday  
2/11 Jean Chin & Richard Jann  
2/18 Birthday Cake  
2/25 Kathy Tong & Brad Woo

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.

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## Our Theme & Readings

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### January/February

- 28 Deuteronomy 18: 15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13  
Mark 1: 21-28
- 4 Isaiah 40: 21-31  
Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
Mark 1: 29-39

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As our Valentine's Day gift for each of ten (10) SafeHouse residents, we will gather on Sunday, February 11, to put together the bags. This year we decided on something easier: to purchase \$10 Target Gift Cards and Valentine Candies. The cards will enable the residents to make their own personal-item needs. And thanks to Nancy Chee and Marie Chin for making bracelets (red beads, of course!) to include. *Just purchase \$10 Target Gift Cards and/or Valentine Candies and bring on Sunday, February 11.* Thanks for your participation. The residents very much appreciate being remembered on Valentine's Day. Contact Mildred ([mildredhal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mildredhal@sbcglobal.net)) if you have questions.

## Minute for Mission

Presbyterians met in Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, in November to consider the future of Presbyterian Border Region Outreach (PBRO). The relationship between the Mexico and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denominations ended, major financial support had been dwindling for years, and communications between the six border ministry sites had become slack. On the surface, it was remarkable that so many still active in the border ministry were determined to travel as much as a thousand miles to meet on behalf of an organization that appeared to be in its final days. What happens in the border region affects millions of lives every day. For more than three decades, Mexican and North American Presbyterians have confronted the challenges of bi-national ministry, sharing love, demonstrating compassion, working for justice and giving hope. PBRO has been a relevant presence faithfully living the gospel while striving to reduce poverty and violence and building community in the border region.

The 18 participants represented border ministry sites and regional presbyteries from Mexico and the U.S. Some arrived with the benefit of many years' experience, while others, new to border region work, brought fresh ideas and new en-

ergy. Whether working in small groups or plenary sessions, the challenges of language and cultural differences melted away in the environment of mutuality.

Since 1984, the direct result of the work is reflected in the 40 new churches planted across northern Mexico and the countless connections facilitated between people of both countries to walk together in the face of the often-horrific challenges of migration, poverty, violence and substance abuse.

Looking ahead, the group set a simple course designed to bridge the past and the future. Recognizing the importance of working together, the participants committed to maintaining unity, building strong channels of communication, active listening and to meeting regularly to share worries, successes and hopes. A new board was elected to manage the necessary business of the organization. Despite the current state of relations between the two denominations, the administrative challenges and the loss of funding, faith in the importance and the wonder of the work on the border is alive and well.

When business was completed, the group met one final time under the migrant cross that hangs on the Mexico side of the U.S.'s border fence, joined hands and shared concluding thoughts of unity, commitment, compassion, trepidation and faith.