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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, February 18, 2018

Today is the first Sunday of Lent.

## Happy Birthdays

### February

1 Robert Hee  
inda Choy Young  
Stanley Wong  
Anthony Wong  
Timothy Chuck  
Mei Yee  
Norm Proctor  
Patricia Chan  
Rachel Wong  
Sarabeth Leong  
Ruth Leong  
David Soohoo

## Upcoming ACBA Games

If you want to spend a nice Sunday afternoon cheering on a hard-working, energetic team, come on out to the last couple of Cameron House basketball team games at the Alameda Point Gym! So far, the team is 3 - 2.

- Taisho on Sunday, February 18th at 2:10 PM
- Play-offs the weekend of February 24 - 25, schedule TBD

Questions? Contact Anson Ho <[anson@camer-onhouse.org](mailto:anson@camer-onhouse.org)>.

## Women's Fellowship

On Monday, February 19, WF will meet at Sabrina Gee-Shin's home for a Hot Pot (da been low) dinner and fellowship (6:30PM). We will all participate by bringing the ingredients to cook. If you would like to join us, please RSVP soon to Mildred and she'll forward details and more information for you.

## Installation of Israel Hao Guo

Mark your calendars for March 11th when Israel will be officially installed as the Commissioned Lay Pastor for the Mandarin Worshipping Community. The service will begin at 5 and there will be dinner provided afterwards. Please join the Mandarin community as they celebrate this special occasion.

## Tea Time for 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.

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.

## Lenten Devotions

The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to think about our faith in the context of Death on the Cross, Easter and the Resurrection. Linda Lee has purchased some hard copy Lenten Devotions booklets that come from PCUSA. Ask her if you want one. There are many good on-line Lenten Devotions. Favorites are the devotions from the San Francisco Theological Seminary and from a site geared toward younger adults. To be on the email list for SFTS devotions, go to [sfts.edu](http://sfts.edu) and click on 2018 Lenten Devotions under Upcoming Events. The other website is located at [365.org](http://365.org). You can read it there, download an app for your phone. You can get email reminders

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## Lectionary Readings

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### February

18 Genesis 9: 8-17  
Psalm 25: 1-10  
1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Mark 1: 9-15

25 Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22: 23-31  
Romans 4: 13-25  
Mark 8: 31-38

### Regional Gathering of the Presbytery

Please join us for our next regional gathering of the Presbytery. We will be meeting at Sturge Presbyterian Church in San Mateo. We will begin at 6:30 PM with a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share. This will be a time to sing together, pray together, and have fellowship time. All are welcome. We will end by 8:30 PM.

### 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). 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.

### Minute for Mission

The first Sunday in Lent (February 18, 2018) is designated "Wear your blue t-shirt to church Sunday" as a testament of one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference. King David sang, "You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy..." (Psalm 30:11)  
Thousands of volunteers each year put on a blue t-shirt that says "Out of chaos, Hope." They bear

not only ladders and drywall for rebuilding, but also the love of God. Many disaster survivors who see the love of God evident in the lives of these servants are able to take off their cloak of mourning and begin to find joy. Many congregations have not had an opportunity to 'earn' blue t-shirts through volunteer work team efforts; but you are supporting the ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through your financial gifts, action and prayers. You are standing in the GAP for disaster survivors. Therefore, PDA is urging all congregations to participate in a "Blue-Out." Be creative on February 18 — wear blue clothing, blue hats or blue flowers; pass out blue tissues or blue ink pens for use during the service; or place blue balloons by the entrance. Will you be a part of this joyful manifestation of hope? Share this message on your personal Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media outlets. Help us remind others that gifts to [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) support disaster recovery efforts in the United States and around the world. Please take a photo of your Blue Out creativity! Send it to [pda@pcusa.org](mailto:pda@pcusa.org) so we can share with others. Together let's tell the story of hope out of chaos.