
The Weekly RAG

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent.

Memorial Service for David Hall

Today at 2 pm.

International Rescue Committee

On Monday, March 19, in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 6:30pm with dinner, we invite you to come and hear about the International Rescue Committee in Northern California (IRC). Karen Ferguson is the Executive Director and will speak about the work they do to resettle refugees with their services and programs.

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship, we encourage your attendance. Please respond for dinner to Mildred (mildredhal@sbcglobal.net) by Saturday, March 16. Otherwise, come at 7:30pm for the program.

Online Giving

Scan this to give on-line



Happy Birthdays March

Jeffrey Go
Joshua Hee
Marie Chin
Kathy Lee
Naomi Chun
Ryan Kam
Ruth Wu
Addison Kam
Claudia Sun
Neal Fong
Allison Lew
Caitlin Gong

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. Please RSVP for dinner to Amy Feng.

Tea Time for March

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.

3/4 Sabbath Sunday

3/11 Naomi Chun

3/18 Birthday Cake

3/25 Doreen & Bruce Der-McLeod

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.

Regional Gathering of the Presbytery

Please join us March 7 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. Lasagna, salad, bread and hot drinks will be provided. To fill out the dinner menu, please bring food to share as you are able. Otherwise, please contribute \$5 at the door toward Sturge's expenses in hosting us. This will be a time to sing together, pray together, and have fellowship time. All are welcome. We will end by 8:30 PM.

Minute for Mission

Five years ago, many Egyptians came to the U.S. during the time of the Arab Spring and Muslim Brotherhood rule. They harbored a desire to worship in the language of their heart, Arabic, which they describe as “the language of heaven.”

Hearing this, the Rev. Adel Malek, who is from Egypt but has lived in the U.S. for more than 30 years, helped begin the Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship near Los Angeles.

Now this former engineer turned theology teacher and pastor is helping them reach out to those who are different than them — including Muslims — to avoid repeating the discrimination they felt back home.

“It’s much easier to discriminate [against] others if you have been discriminated [against] by them. You are just paying back, taking revenge,” Malek said. “But did Jesus do that? I think not.”

One of the Arabic Fellowship leaders, Nader Hanna, has taken that message to heart. He was recently invited by Sufi Muslim friends to come to their mosque to speak about Jesus. Hanna said that while none of them showed any interest in following Jesus, he loved being with them.

“My message is please, reach out to your Muslim neighbors,” he said. “Now more than ever they need American friends who will understand and know them for who they are.”

Malek says “going the extra mile to know other people” is very important and that he will continue to encourage Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship to “build bridges” with those who have different beliefs than them.

Pointing out that Jesus was accused of eating and drinking with others who were not like him, he says, “I’m doing what my master did.”

Lectionary Readings

March

4 Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

11 Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21