
The Weekly RAG

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

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Today is Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday.
We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Charie Reid.

Happy Birthdays

May

Kimberly Elliot
Adam Lam
Desi Ng
Mildred Hall
David Chan
Justin Wong
Heidi Wong
Pamela Jang
Stuart Go
Lianne Leong
Pauline Hee

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 joyous celebration of the commissioning of Israel Hao
- . Clerk of Session Membership report for year-end 2017
- . Our adaptive leadership team has embarked on a journey
- . You can read the newsletter at:
<http://www.pccsf.org/documents/201805PCCNewsletter.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.

Regional Presbytery Gathering

Our next gathering of the Western Region of the Presbytery will be held on Wednesday, May 30th at Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church in SF. The gathering will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Living Water World Missions

Mission and Evangelism organized a mission team to install a clean water system in Guatemala with Living Water World Missions (LLWWM) in 2015. We had a wonderful experience working with the project leaders and the people of San Marcos, Guatemala. This year LLWWM seeks to raise funds to continue their work to provide clean water. Mission and Evangelism asks church members to Celebrate Mother's Day by donating to LLWWM. Set aside the money that you would spend on beverages other than water from May 1st until Mother's Day May 13th, and donate that money to Living Water World Missions. Or make a donation of any amount that God leads you to give in honor of all of our mothers. Please write checks payable to PCC with LLWWM on the memo line. M&E will collect this offering on Sunday May 13, 2018

Cameron House Carnival

This year Cameron House celebrates our 70th Annual Cameron Carnival! As the excitement grows throughout the building in anticipation of the first Saturday in May, it feels a little more special this year reflecting on how thousands of Cameron House youth, volunteers, alumni, supporters, and staff have made this exceptional community event happen for 70 years. We hope you can join in the fun this year!

If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up on the Volunteer Board on Sundays.

We are accepting donations for our Gift Shop/Silent Auction but in limited quantities this year so please keep donations to new or almost new items and please no donations of art or figurines (we always have too much!)

And the Friday Night Club still needs some help putting Carnival together. If you are free today after church, please head up to Cameron House to help them with preparations. Or you can stop by during one of the remaining Friday nights to help then too.

PCC Crafting Day

Calling all crafters and interested bodies! Needing some way to unwind this Memorial Day weekend. Want to serve and play?

Then join us for an afternoon of crafting at PCC Saturday, May 26th from 2:00 to 5:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Activities we plan to have are rubber stamping, card making, origami folding, beading and jewelry making, coloring, ladder yarn necklace making (crocheting), and board games for those who don't craft but want to hang out with us.

We will have snacks during the afternoon.

If you are interested in coming, please RSVP to Diane Go by Sunday, May 20th.

Please also contact Susie Wong if you are interested in helping with Food Pantry as well on the 26th.

Tea Time for April/May

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.

4/29 Gilbert & Eunice Lee

5/6 Sabbath Sunday

5/13 David Chan

5/20 ?

5/27 Jojo & Jerrick 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.

Lectionary Readings

April

29

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8

May

6

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

Minute for Mission

Today marks three years since the first of two powerful earthquakes rocked the country of Nepal, leaving thousands dead or homeless and millions in need of humanitarian assistance. Recently, Luke Asikoye, international associate with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), traveled to the country to assess recovery efforts and talk with survivors.

One of Asikoye's first stops was to review a recovery project in some of Nepal's mountainous regions.

"The people of Nepal are hardworking. They farm on the mountainside, which is very difficult," he said. "The landscape makes it challenging to get water to their crops, forcing them to go down the mountain and transport the water back up." He noted that women often travel long distances to wash clothes.

Asikoye said one of the ways church partners help is by sharing rain harvesting methods,

which are especially helpful during the country's wet season.

"During the monsoon period, it can be impossible to get from place to place," he said. "Sometimes it rains for days. Roads are simple pathways, and the heavy rain can cause mudslides, often blocking the paths, and you could be stuck there for days."

Rice is a major food source for the country, and farmers spend a great deal of time transporting rice to be milled. PDA, through its partners, is sponsoring the purchase of rice mills.

"We don't go there with solutions; our approach is to work from the bottom up," said Asikoye.

"Working in partnership with local government and organizations, we are simply supporting them with agricultural techniques to help them achieve a high yield."

The quake struck just west of the Nepali capital of Kathmandu and caused avalanches around Mount Everest. Forty of the 75 districts in Nepal were affected, some of them severely, government leaders say.

The government estimates a cost of \$9.4 billion to rebuild everything. Officials say only a small fraction of the total number of people left homeless have been able to return to their homes. A majority continue to live in recovery camps and villages.