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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, June 3, 2018**

Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

## Happy Birthdays

June

Micah Justin Fong  
Edward Kam  
Scott Barlow  
Nancy Ding  
Daniel Lee  
Carole Chin-Morales  
Tully Chan  
Elijah Wong  
Rachel Karina Wong  
Mari Fong  
Brian Lim  
Bruce Der-McLeod

## CCU Summer Basketball Schedule

Bronze Team - June 12th 9:30 Hope Lutheran Church

Gold Team - June 13th 7:30 San Francisco Chinese Church of the Nazarene

For the full team schedules, please visit the PCC website [www.pccsf.org/ourStory/whatsNew.html](http://www.pccsf.org/ourStory/whatsNew.html)

## Wish List for Shane Linden

Shane Linden just moved into his new place! It's looking pretty good and his parents have helped him get a lot of furniture, though there are still a few things that Shane could use for the place.

- Bed (mattress most important followed by boxspring and frame; any size, preferably full)
- Couch
- Armchairs
- Coffee table
- Floor lamps
- Drinking glasses
- Eating bowls

If you want to contact him directly, send a message to [info@pccsf.org](mailto:info@pccsf.org) and we'll supply his email address and phone.

## Doors Open

Join us on June 23rd for a special musical presentation in our Fellowship Hall. We will be presenting Doors Open, an original musical written by Mark Teagle of Wesley United Methodist Church in San Jose. The show is about coming out, the LGBTQ Christian experience and coming out as an Asian person. There will be a pre-show reception at 6:30 with the show to follow at 7. The show is powerful, provocative and relevant and will be a good alternative to the other festivities happening during Pride weekend. Make plans to join us.

## Tea Time for June/July

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.

6/3 Sabbath Sunday

6/10 Birthday Cake

6/17 Shar & Al Hall

6/24 Ruth Wu & Carole Chinn-Morales

7/1 Sabbath Sunday

7/8 Ed & Peggy Kam

7/15 Birthday Cake

7/22 Jeanine Lim & Greg Chan

7/29 Dayton & Mary Leong

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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## Lectionary Readings

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### June

#### 3

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-20

Deuteronomy 5: 12-15

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Mark 2: 23-3:6

#### 10

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Genesis 3: 8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

### Minute for Mission

The Rev. Dr. Niles Reimer is an unassuming presence in any setting, and that's the way he likes it. For 90-year-old Reimer, a return visit in January to a town in Ethiopia was the chance to see dear friends and make new memories with generations of young Christians. His many contributions include translating the Anywaa Bible, which made it possible for the Anywaa people to read the Scriptures in their own language.

Reimer and his late wife, Ann, served as PC(USA) mission co-workers for more than 40 years, so his visits to the town, Gambella, are deeply personal. His visits honor the relationships he built and his desire to "be in this setting with people who are my friends, sharing times of Bible reading and reflections."

For his 2018 visit to teach pastors and evangelists, Reimer was scheduled to be with his son, Dr. Mark Reimer, as well as Dr. Carroll Loomis, a Presbyterian mission colleague from his service years in Ethiopia, and Dr. Loomis' daughter, Becky.

"Unfortunately, the trip didn't go as planned," Becky Loomis said. "Dad got an upper respiratory infection that progressed into pneumonia and collapsed at the airport in route to Gambella. He ended up in the hospital in Addis Ababa and once he was a bit recovered went back to the U.S."

Reimer's son, Mark, also came down with a flu-like illness that progressed to pneumonia, so he had to return to the U.S. for treatment as well, she said. "Niles Reimer made the trip alone and taught a course for the Gambella ministers — blind and at the age of 90!"

Though he was without his son and the Loomises, Reimer arrived safely in Gambella on Jan. 9.

During his two-week visit, Reimer and synod staff hosted two training sessions, one for pastors and one for evangelists from different Anywaa denominations. In both sessions, Reimer enjoyed discussions and group work, presentations and Bible study.

Some people came from rural villages to see him, after missing him for many years. Known to his Anywaa friends as Okwomcor, Reimer relished reconnecting with the community. "God has been very good to me," he said.