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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 10, 2018

Today is the Third 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 Sports Schedule

Basketball

Bronze - June 12th 9:30 Hope Lutheran Church  
Gold - June 13th 7:30 San Francisco Chinese Church of the Nazarene, June 15th 7:30 MLK Volleyball

June 14th 7:25 & 9:40 Asawa School for the Arts

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

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to provide snacks or help drive players home after the games. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up with Dave Soohoo during teatime. And of course, it would be great to have you in the audience for one of their games. We also could use some financial support of the CCU sports league to help with costs like jerseys, snacks, equipment, etc. To make a donation, please give checks or cash to Dave Soohoo or mail them to the church care of Dave Soohoo.

## Women's Fellowship

For the Women's Fellowship Monday, June 18th Meeting we welcome Lauren Quock to discuss LGBTQ issues and concerns. We'll look at several issues that are in the current news or facing religious denominations. We may also have questions about the upcoming musical, "Doors Open", and coming out in a church community. Dinner and meeting will be at Cameron House, 6:30pm for dinner and 7:30pm for the discussion. Please RSVP for dinner to Jeanette Huie (our cook for that evening). Hope you can make it!

## 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 have items to share, send a message to [info@pccsf.org](mailto:info@pccsf.org). We'll pass along his contact information.

## 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.

6/10 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**

### **10**

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Genesis 3: 8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

### **17**

1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34

## **Minute for Mission**

Saying Palestinians have a right to demonstrate peacefully and with dignity in their decades-long conflict with Israel, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has joined more than a dozen other Christian denominations and organizations in a joint statement calling for an end to violence in the region.

Earlier this spring, Palestinians began several weeks of planned nonviolent demonstrations in the Gaza Strip near the fence with Israel. In the first two weeks of the protests, more than two dozen people were killed and thousands injured. The demonstrations commemorated the 1948 displacement and dispossession of 750,000 Palestinians.

"More than 1.3 million of Gaza's nearly 2 million people are refugees," the joint statement reads. "The Gaza demonstrations are an assertion of Palestinian rights: the rights of refugees, the right to demonstrate peacefully against injustice, and the right to live in and with dignity, not under closed military confinement or blockade." The statement urges the U.S. government to do more to protect Palestinians and to defend their rights.

"The United States stood by and allowed Israel to carry out these attacks without any public criticism or challenge," the statement says. "Such U.S. complicity is a continuation of the historical policy and active support for Israel's occupation and U.S. disregard for Palestinian rights. This complicity builds resentment and damages U.S. national security. Palestinian refugees have the right to return to their homes, and compensation for loss of property, as laid out by the U.N. General Assembly."

The denominations and organizations represented by the statement say they have worked for justice, peace and equality and will continue to do so.

"We reject the use of violence by individuals, groups or states," the statement says.

The statement includes the following:

- A call for the U.S. to support the rights of refugees, including Palestinians,

- based on international law and conventions.
- A recommendation for the U.S. to resume full funding of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which supports schools, hospitals and other essential services for Palestinian refugees.
  - A call for the international community to insist on an end to the blockade of Gaza, “which has resulted in uninhabitable conditions for the people there, including poverty and lack of sufficient access to clean water, food and medicine.”

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, says the situation between Israel and Palestine is devastating. “It wounds the soul to realize that the highest form of morality based upon faith has been given to the world by the inhabitants of this land, and to witness Palestinians being treated with such brutality and cruelty,” he said. “Palestinians have become strangers in their own land, and Israel is in danger of becoming that which it has stood against since its conception, the oppressor of innocents. Israel must be the land where both people live side by side in peace, cooperation and mutual benefit. But Israel must first stop utilizing overwhelming force as its primary response to any call for Palestinian justice and equality. The violence must end!”

In addition to the PC(USA), other signers include the Alliance of Baptists, American Friends Service Committee, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Mennonite Central Committee U.S., National Council of Churches, Pax Christi International, Pax Christi USA, Reformed Church in America, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church’s General Board of Church and Society and the United Church of Christ.