
The Weekly RAG

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

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

Happy Birthdays

August

Sarah Chuck
Wayne Eng
Jeanette Huie
Cindy Lee Gong
David Miller
Karen Jin Soohoo
Lindsey Sid Quock
Brian Mark Fong
Lauren Gayle Kam

SRO School Supplies

Thanks to everyone who contributed school supplies to the Mission and Evangelism Committee's SRO School Supplies project. This Sunday, August 12, we will be packing the bags, which will then be distributed to elementary school students living in SROs. We need volunteers to help us! Please join us after teatime this Sunday. We need about 20 volunteers. The process of packing the bags will take about an hour or less. Thank you!

Pride Service

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for our second annual Pride Service at PCC. We will have 88 Keys join us once again to provide some special music for the service. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Scott Clark, chaplain and associate dean of student life at SFTS and also on the board of More Light Presbyterians. The service will be held on August 19th. Hope you are able to join us for what promises to be a very special service.

Personnel Committee Presentation

On Sunday August 26 from 12:30 to 2:00, the English Worshiping Community Personnel Committee will present an overview of the Congregational Feedback Survey. Char sui bao will be served, or you can bring your own lunch.

Rides Needed

Cameron House Friday Night Club Members would appreciate a ride home if you are available to drive. Please contact Anson Ho if you are willing to volunteer.

Save the Date

Women's Fellowship Retreat will be on October 27, 2018. Mark your calendars and make plans to be there.

Tea Time for August

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.

8/12 Birthday Cake & Donor's Treats
8/19 Luke Lyu & Diane Go
8/26 Jeanette Huie

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

August

12

2 Samuel 18: 5-9; 15, 31-33

1 Kings 19: 4-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6: 35, 41-51

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1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

Minute for Mission

A Presbyterian church in Minneapolis is taking steps to help children affected by civil war in South Sudan.

The war began in 2013, two years after South Sudan gained independence. The conflict has displaced more than 5 million people, leading to massive human suffering and widespread famine. As part of its response, the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) passed a comprehensive overture that provides a robust platform for the denomination's Office of Public Witness to advocate for an end to the war.

The Rev. John Yor, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, attended the Assembly as an ecumenical representative. He told those in attendance that educating children and grassroots peacebuilding training are essential to the peace process now and in the future. He said the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan is committed to that important work.

In the midst of war, the church and its partners are ensuring that teachers are being trained, schools are being established in camps for the displaced, traumatized children and teachers are being healed, and communities are being given the skills to support schools. Presbyterian World Mission supports this work by providing programmatic resources and mission co-workers through the [South Sudan Education and Peacebuilding Project \(SSEPP\)](#).

[Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) in Minneapolis has become a key partner in the effort. A mission tithe from the church's 2014 capital campaign provided the foundation for SSEPP with a \$1 million pledge. Half the pledge has already been distributed, and the remaining \$500,000 has been offered in matching gifts. For each dollar given to SSEPP, Westminster will contribute an additional 38 cents.

Westminster's pastor, the Rev. Tim Hart-Andersen, had an opportunity at the Assembly to hear directly from Yor and from Leisa Wagstaff, a Presbyterian World Mission co-worker in South Sudan who accompanies this work. They spoke of the huge difference Westminster's support is making in the lives of children in

South Sudan who would otherwise have no access to education and in the lives others who, with the training provided through the project, are risking their lives to end the war.

“I want to express my deep appreciation for the support and prayers of the PC(USA) for us in this time of crisis. Your help prevents children from becoming child soldiers,” said Yor. “Instead of going to war they are now going to school, and they will be able to support peace by learning Christian values regarding the importance of human life. Please continue to support this project with your prayers and gifts.”