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It Takes a Village...

by Dave Miller

There's an African proverb that says "it takes a village to raise a child" asserting that an entire community of different people is needed for a child to thrive. The phrase was called out by Hillary Rodham Clinton in her 1996 book.

At the present time in our English Worshipping Community, we don't have many children to raise. But, in our village, we all are responsible for helping each other experience a deeper faith; we all are responsible for holding each other's hand in times of sorrow and joy; we all are responsible for giving each other the courage to step out to serve the world.

What a village we have!

The School of Discipleship meets Sunday mornings and members help each understand and apply insights they gain through their study of the Bible, of hymns and of theological studies.

In addition to enhancing each other's faith through Bible study, prayer and discussion, the Wednesday Night Bible Study took on the task through December to work with youth and young adults to find out what they really want and need from our church family.

Norma Chan, Josh Hee, Gordie Jeong, Nancy Chee, David Chan, Mildred Hall, the chimes choir, the ukulele band and I all apply our talents to helping worshippers experience the Holy Spirit through our musical offerings.

The Adaptive Change group met frequently last year and continue to try to understand the ways in which God is calling our church to new ministries.

The Mission & Evangelism Committee helps us see ways we can reach out in love to others. They organize the gift exchange for SRO kids; they identify special missions we can support with our donations; they march at City Hall to live Christ's call for justice; they have made it possible for our church to serve as a food distribution site.



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Women's Fellowship continues its long tradition of providing opportunities for fellowship, study and service. Key members of the fellowship ensure that meetings happen regularly. They plan a Gifts of Women service for us each year and, this year, distributed toiletries and socks to the unhoused and forgotten.

Winchell Quock, David Soohoo, Stan Wong, David Chan, Terry Leong and many others work to ensure that our community has a wonderful space in which to study and worship and that we have and spend the money required to keep PCC running.

The Deacons work behind the scenes to make sure we have bread and wine for our communion, to make sure that those in the congregation who are in need have someone to turn to. They send us e-cards on our birthdays or for special occasions in the church calendar. And through the prayer list they put together, they help the rest of us structure our prayer life in service of those in need.

Very exciting to me is the role the Commission has played in leading the church in this period when we don't have a pastor. Sessions and governing bodies in many other churches act a bit like lost sheep when a pastor leaves. Our Commission took seriously their call to be shepherds to our congregation, developing their meeting agenda by themselves, rotating who is responsible for leading the meetings, and taking on the job of writing a job description and preparing interview questions for those who might apply to be an interim pastor for us.

The newsletter you're reading is really important in binding our community together. And, it's also a village effort. Members from all three worshipping communities contribute and Irene Ng gathers up all these contributions and delivers them in a beautiful package.

How blest we are that these and others not mentioned here stepped forward to say that we are the village responsible for helping our members thrive in their faith, sharing the Good News that Christ lives among us. Just as a village loves and supports its children, the people at PCC love and support one another and share that love with the larger world.

Thanks be to God for such a wonderful village.

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The Senior Center

by Annie Wong

The Senior Center of the Cantonese Worshiping Community have celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary on September 19, 2018. That was a joyful moment for the members of that Center, especially Elder Mabel Chow, as she has witnessed the beginning of the Center fifty years ago.

Rev. David Kao has documented a brief history of the Senior Center which appeared in the 140th Yearbook of our church. The following is the summary of his document.

Rev. David Peng had noticed there were more and more seniors living in Chinatown by themselves; their children had grown and moved away. With the recruitment and encouragement of Rev. David Peng, there were several members who answered the call and participated the training as volunteers of the Senior Center. Mr. Jack Mckay and Mrs. Nancy Gans from St. John Church were the instructors. When the training completed, The Senior Center had begun its ministry.

With the approval from the Session, the Senior Center from St. John Church was moved to our church, with their senior members, who came with sport equipment and some money. Along with the seniors from our church, the Senior Center was officially formed.



Mae Wong, Rev. David Peng (r)

With the dedication and loving hearts of the volunteers, they would do whatever they could to build a warm and happy environment for these seniors. Mrs. Gans prepared healthy and delicious luncheons, the Social Service from Cameron House would come periodically to help these seniors solve their problems and to answer all kinds of questions pertaining to their needs. The Public Health Department would sent a nurse to measure their blood pressure and talked about their personal hygiene. Also, the Police Department would come and talk about how to avoid being a victim of a crime.

Mrs. Gan was the only paid staff of the Senior Center; her salary was from City and County of San Francisco. When the Youth Ministry of Cameron House had found out that the City had cut off Mrs. Gan's salary, they came to the rescue. They would turn in part of their weekly offering in order to support the Senior Center until the Senior Center could self-support itself. For this, the seniors were forever grateful.

The Senior Center met every Wednesday. Volunteers would come early in the morning to do preparation work, to set up, prepare tea and coffee, prepare birthday cards for the members, serve the members lunch, and clean up afterwards.

Rev. David Peng, the founder of the Senior Center, would lead the singing. He spiritually supported anyone who needed comfort and also took them to travel around town. After Rev. David Peng, Rev. David Kao, Rev. Calvin Wong and Peter Wang all participated and supported the Senior Center.

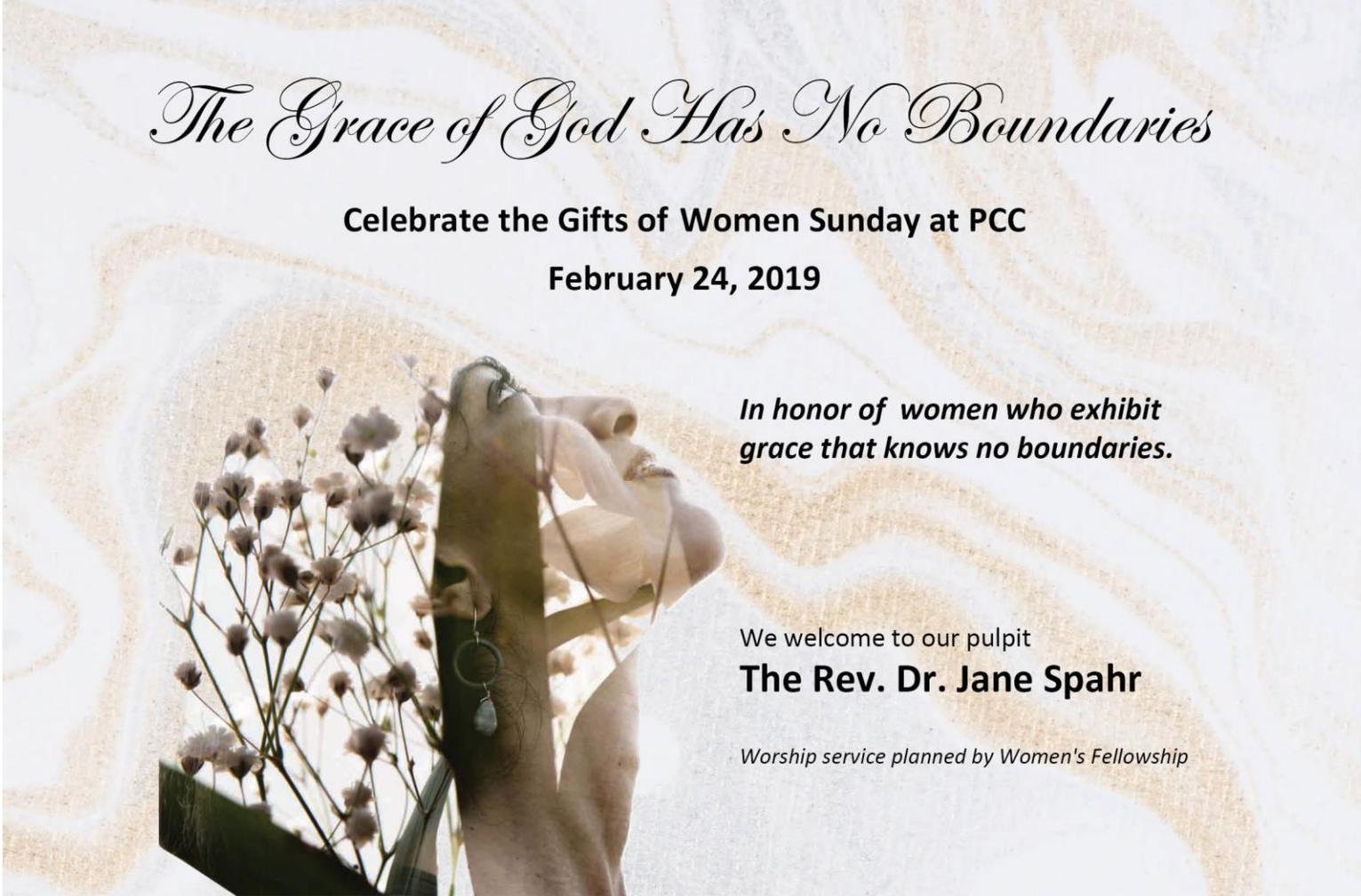
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The Senior Center had the following activities: 1. Every first Wednesday of each month was a Birthday Party with a special lunch and birthday cake. 2. Picnic: they visited museums, Golden Gate Park, Monterey sea side, and many other exciting adventures. 3. Pottery: whatever they made during their regular meetings, they donated to the annual Cameron House Carnival in order to support their Youth Ministry. 4. Needlework: they knit, crochet and made quilts, these product were also donated to the Carnival. 5. Dancing and exercises: mainly folk dances and slow exercises, Dr. Wu was the consultant for these activities. 6. Special presentation from the Community: Police Department and Public Health Department.

Finally, the Senior Center had fully supported the building of Mei Lun Yuen. They participated and spoke during the public hearing, marching on the street to show support of this project, because they wanted good living environments, better housing and benefits for the seniors, not just themselves, but for all seniors.

We are thankful for the support of the City and County of San Francisco - paid staff, the Youth Ministry of Cameron House, the Session, the Cantonese Worshipping Community, and members of the Senior Center.



The Grace of God Has No Boundaries

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday at PCC

February 24, 2019

*In honor of women who exhibit
grace that knows no boundaries.*

We welcome to our pulpit

The Rev. Dr. Jane Spahr

Worship service planned by Women's Fellowship

Celebrating 165 Years by Glen Choy

Has it been 165 years already? I haven't even been around for a quarter of that time for the **Cantonese Worshipping Community** and I can already tell how wonderful it all is. Of course, it's thanks to our Lord that we have been so close these past many years. That's why, to give our praise and thanks this year, we sang several hymns and anthems such as *Jesus Loves the Little Children*, and *Joyful, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*. We also had our choir sing *Thanks to God for my Redeemer* to top it all off. Finally, we had a slide show presenting all our best moments from all the way back in 1852 to the present to commemorate these 165 years of service.



Christmas:

Christmas has always been about celebrating Jesus' birthday and this year was no exception. What better way to celebrate such a joyous occasion is there than to let our voices be heard? With their incredible singing talent, our choir sang anthems such as *The Word Made Flesh*, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, and *Silent Night*, followed by scripture readings from our very own Eleanor Wong and Jason Huang. Not only that, our community's precious angels: the Sunday school children, got together to sing for Jesus. They had worked hard in rehearsing and performing the songs *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* and *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*. Celebrations aside, we also welcomed the newly baptized members with open arms into our community, one of whom has transferred over. All in all, this was very successful in bringing our community together to celebrate such an important event as Christmas.

Grandmas and Grandpas Covenant Group November 1998 - October 2018 by May Lynne Lim

In the May 1, 2015 issue of *Good News for the Pews* I submitted an article about how the Grandmas and Grandpas started as one of two East Bay Covenant Groups when Rev. Cal Chinn was the pastor, and the covenant groups were formed as part of a new mission statement in 1998 to help shift the focus of the church from institutional maintenance to the human and spiritual growth of people. The second of the covenant groups, now known as Grandmas and Grandpas, was formed to meet the needs of folks at a stage in life like empty nest, divorced/remarried, retirement, caring for aging parents.

We started meeting at Maureen and Ed Jeung's home in El Cerrito November 11, 1998, and after their deaths we met at Ruth Leong's home on Arguello Blvd. in San Francisco. Since we were no longer in the East Bay, we changed the name to Grandmas and Grandpas. We then moved our meetings to The Sequoias where there is an elevator to accommodate Alan Wong's wheelchair. That move was courtesy of members who were residents at The Sequoias, namely, Irene Ng, Eleanor Yim, and Ruth Wu who hosted those meetings.

Members have included Maureen and Ed Jeung, Su Lee and Nathan Tom, Karen Lew, May Lynne and Roger Lim, Irene Ng, Ruth Leong, Jean Chin, Jan Wu, May Ho, Ida Lee, Helen and Ray Ong, Eleanor Yim, Ruth Wu, Rachel and Alan Wong, Anna and Alvin Huie. Some others who have been part of the group were Elberta McClure and Mei and George Yee. The covenant group was started and led by Pastor Cal Chinn. When he retired, Rev. Harry Chuck facilitated the group. Pastor Kimberly Elliott led the group after Harry left. Tad Hopp filled in after Kimberly's departure. We were so fortunate to have and greatly appreciate these wonderful leaders for their dedication of time, leadership, preparation, and patience with our group.



At Ruth Leong's home in 2012



At The Sequoias in 2015

We met once a month for a couple of hours to share a dessert, coffee and tea, to share with and support each other in our joys, sorrows and concerns, and to study and support each other in our faith journey. We studied the Bible often using the *Horizons Bible Study*; we studied books, most notably, three of Marcus Borg's books. The last book we tackled, which unfortunately we
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didn't get to finish, was *Going Home: Jesus and Buddha as Brothers* by Thich Nhat Hanh. Most of us grew up together in the youth program at Cameron House, and each time we met, it was like, as I said in 2015, slipping on an old pair of warm slippers. Our members had consistently numbered around a dozen up until recently. If you know some of the people named above, you can guess our age, so some of us who do not live in San Francisco are finding it harder to get to the meeting, some have other commitments and, sadly, some of our members have died.

The Grandmas and Grandpas could not have lasted and kept afloat these twenty years without people at the helm like Roger and then Irene, reminding us when and where we will be meeting, what we will be studying, and who will be bringing the treats. We are especially grateful to all the hosts, Maureen and EJ and Ruth Leong for opening their homes and Irene, Eleanor and Ruth for reserving our meeting room at The Sequoias and providing coffee and tea, and for providing whatever else we needed. Thanks to all the ladies who brought those lovely delicious treats.

With regret the members have agreed that it is time to discontinue our meetings. Some comments from members at this conclusion:

We enjoyed the rich interaction with one another as well as the sharing of our individual journeys of faith. **Alan and Rachel Wong**

In our third study book by Marcus Borg, he wrote a theological statement in his chapter, Salvation is more about this life than an afterlife, which is now my belief: "I am a contented agnostic about the afterlife." **Irene Young Ng**

I looked forward to hosting and just loved it! **Ruth Leong**

The once a month G&G study group offered a great opportunity to share and care for each other and to study while staying in touch with "old" friendships. **Helen Ong**

We had some wonderful leadership to guide us to learn more about the scriptures and sometimes to learn outside the box. The fellowship with members was very meaningful as well. I will miss seeing everyone. **Ruth Wu**

G&G has been a part of my life for so long that I already feel the loss—of the strong bond of friendships and the sharing of thoughts between us from deep within. G&G helped me to affirm my commitment to my faith and my belief that God's greatness could not, would not limit us to only one path to Him. **May Lynne Lim**

Almighty Loving God is so eternal. Especially in friendships. I grew up in Cameron House and the G&G Bible fellowship once a month brought all the gang I grew up with, in Christ, together. Awesome. We're talking seventy years or more! Yes, the Omnipotent keeps us 'young' in heart. Thanks to the Sequoias gang for their hospitality, and for great leaders like Pastors Harry Chuck and Cal Chinn. And thank you, Lord, for your constant love. **Ida M. Lee**

I've really enjoyed the study group and reconnecting with old friends, as well as sharing in the study of the various books and writings. I really looked forward to seeing everyone and hearing news of their family and activities. I will miss the fellowship, the informal sharing of past and current events, the thought provoking studies, the goodies and the camaraderie of old acquaintances. Perhaps we can get together and schedule a reunion once or twice a year in the future to keep in touch. **Anna Huie.**

Greetings PCC Brothers and Sisters in Christ!
Happy New Year, and God's Blessings to you all!

by Amy Feng

The Mandarin Worshipping Community has great news to share! Pastor Israel Hao is now working full time with us (well, upon his OPT approval), and he is eager to roll up those sleeves and dig right into those 40 hours!

Last December, many of us attended his graduation from America Chinese Evangelical Seminary where he obtained his Masters in Theology. It was a proud moment for him, as well as for us! He stepped foot into this foreign land less than 3 years ago, and look at his accomplishments! And, most grateful is he, that God has led him to serve Him, and most importantly for us, at PCC! As the gratefulness is reciprocated, the Mandarin Community feel blessed that God has called Israel to come and serve with us, to glorify His Kingdom!



Dec. 8, 2018 photo taken at Irvington Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA
Graduation from America Chinese Evangelical Seminary

We have had many movements in our membership, Sabrina Cheng, Rev. Paul Cheng's wife has moved to Sacramento to be with her son, daughter-in-law, and their now 1 year old son! She commutes back to visit and care for Rev. Cheng...but, it's just not the same without her presence and leadership in our Commission. Elder Paul Li and family also
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moved where his job is, Sacramento area as well! Elder Nicolas Li and wife, Tammy, has since moved to Los Angeles to help with their daughter and son-in-law's new baby boy. And, another young family has moved to south San Jose, where his job took him. Some members are staying home to care for long term illnesses...able bodies are not many, but God's work remains to be done! Souls need to be saved!

This will be an especially challenging year for Pastor Israel, and the commission of 7 elders. While regular programs are on auto-pilot, we will gather ourselves ever so earnestly in prayer, for God's discernment. What next, what is God wanting us to do? Where is God taking us? We will always walk with him, full faithful-heartedness, never having any doubts!

To answer our God, Here I am Lord! Send me! This shall be our motto, as it is fitting to our Theme for 2019, "Step Into and Have Faith"

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Mandarin Worshipping Community!



We are ready to fight the good fight, Lord! Send Us!

Thanking Those Who Serve

We are ringing in the new year by welcoming newly elected officers onto session and the board of deacons. We also want to thank elders **Sing Quan** and **Stan Wong** and deacons **Dayton Leong, Stuart Go, Richard Jann** and **Rachel Wong** who have served faithfully and whose terms are up.

Pam Jang, Jackie Jew, and Jeanine Lim, and are our new deacons, class of 2020. **Carl Jew, Winchell Quock** and **David Soohoo** are our new elders and Commission members, class of 2021. Here are their bios, beginning with the three deacons.

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The Third Time is a Charm

by Pam Jang

“To Serve - perform duties or services for (another person or an organization) versus To be a Servant - a devoted and helpful follower or supporter.”

My first term as a Deacon was back in 2002-2004. I never attended church as an adult. I was baptized in 2001. I was fairly new to PCC and becoming a Deacon was a great way to learn about PCC and get acquainted with fellow members. This was the beginning of forming some wonderful friendships at PCC.

My second term as a Deacon transpired from 2014-2016. Why did I wait 10 years in-between terms? Because I did not want to commit to the extra time that being a Deacon’s requires. After some thought, I was ready and wanted to serve again. It was a busy 3 years and lots of shared responsibilities. It was fun working with a great group of Deacons and more friendships formed. But after this term I was burnt out and planned on taking a break. I was thinking wait 5 years.



Two years later and 2019 begins my third term. The difference this time is that I see my position leaning more as a servant (supportive role) and not as much as a server (worker bee). Besides the responsibilities, there is more to learn in order to do a better job as a Deacon. I wanted to step up and support PCC during this time of transition. I foresee this term as a benefit and not a chore. This really feels like my calling. I guess the third time is a charm.

I work for SFMTA also known as Muni. My husband, Keith Jew, and I enjoy going to Giants and Warrior games, and playing golf. I also like going to the YMCA for Zumba and I started gardening last year and love it. Also proud Mama to my adorable 9 month old kittens named Rudy and Benji.

Jackie Jew

“A man is known by the company he keeps.” ~ Aesop

Or in my case, a woman is known by the company she keeps. As one of your new deacons, I have been asked to introduce myself to you. Some of you know me very well and others of you, don't really know anything about me. So, I will introduce myself to you by the some of the church company I keep.



The two people in our church that I have known the longest are Al and Shar Hall. They are friends of my father, and their pharmacy was around the corner from where I lived. From the time I started kindergarten, I was always told, that if there was ever an emergency at home, go to “Mr. and Mrs. Hall”. When I first started coming to church back in the 1970s, “Mrs. Hall” asked me to call her “Shar” since “Mrs. Hall” made her feel old. Shar took me under her tutelage and she and I were Chairpersons for Women’s Fellowship Carnival as well as Chairpersons for one of the Annual Women’s Fellowship Retreats. I was also the commission advisor for their son, David.

I was baptized in 1974. Most of my commission was also baptized at the same time. Diane Go was in my club. Wayne Eng and I were in the same commission. The commission ahead of me included Mark Fong and Kimball Wong. The group behind me included Keith Jew and Stanley Wong. My club leaders were Laurie Fong (Barb Fong’s sister), Mary Wong Leong and Kelby Wong (Kimball’s brother). My college advisor was Jeanine Lim, who is another new deacon this year.

My first job in high school was in a CPA office and Stuart Go’s Dad was my boss. By profession, I am a registered nurse, with a specialty in cancer nursing, but I retired early. When I was a hospital nurse on the cancer unit at Mt. Zion Hospital, Gilbert Lee was one of my co-workers. I have also worked as a school nurse for UC Hastings College of the Law and an immunization nurse for the County of Marin. My last position was in Radiation Oncology in Santa Rosa. The strangest thing I ever did as a nurse was to go the SF Zoo with a gastroenterologist to visit a sick gorilla.

Some of you may not have made the connection, but I am the one who bakes black bottom cupcakes for the Cameron Carnival every year. I have been baking that same recipe for Carnival for many decades now. I think I have only missed making cupcakes for 3 Carnivals since I started baking. In addition to baking, I like to cook, read and knit, and am interested in genealogy and family history.

My husband is Carl Jew, who is a new Elder this year. We have two adult children, Rob and Shellie. We live in San Rafael. My father is 94 years old and frail in health. He lives in SF with my stepmom, Linda. My favorite activity with my father is to read to him.

So now you know about some the people who have been influential in my life. And you know about the company I kept. As I embark on my first year as a deacon, I hope I will honor those who have been my teachers and mentors as I seek of serve our Lord.

Deacon Jeanine Lim

New deacon Jeanine Lim is the daughter of Enid Ng Lim, niece of Irene and David Ng, spouse of Rev. Gregory Chan, and mother of Kati Chan. Jeanine became a member of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown on Christmas Eve 1970, after a childhood spent as a participant of Cameron Day Camp, Best Day of the Week, Friday night club, and various leadership positions. Jeanine also counts participation in Women's Fellowship, Asian Presbyterian Women and Third World Women as early influences in her life.

Jeanine grew up in Chinatown/North Beach and is a graduate of Commodore Stockton Elementary School, Marina Junior High, and Lowell High School. She attended UC Santa Cruz in the early 1970's, and graduate school at UC Berkeley, where she earned a Master's degree in Social Welfare (M.S.W.). She worked as a geriatric social worker and case manager at various social service agencies in San Francisco, before settling in for 28 years at the San Francisco Superior Court, where she worked as a court investigator in the area of probate conservatorships for incapacitated, abused, and/or neglected adults. After years of working on many dramatic, stressful, tragic, and occasionally uplifting cases, Jeanine retired and is still adapting to a new lifestyle inspired by a Spanish proverb, "How beautiful it is to do nothing, and then rest afterward."

Jeanine enjoys late nights and late mornings, practicing restorative yoga, walking 10,000 steps/day, arranging flowers, drinking tea-not-in-a-teabag, and obsessively watching MSNBC while refraining from throwing the remote at the TV. She also volunteers every Thursday at the CH Food Pantry. Jeanine and husband Greg love to travel, especially to their favorite country - Italy - and to Seattle to visit daughter Kati.

Jeanine previously served as a PCC elder, and has been a member of the Mission and Evangelism Committee for many years. She was moved to volunteer as a deacon after Pastor Kimberly's resignation, and an illuminating moment while sitting in traffic behind a car with a bumper sticker which read, "Get Involved. The world is run by those who show up." Guided by the words of Micah 6:8, Jeanine looks forward to serving as a deacon with humility, energy, humor and grace.



"I love ice cream!"

Carl Jew



It's my privilege to begin service as an elder of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown, my home church where I was baptized in my senior year of high school.

It was the PCC that sponsored my attendance (along with Brad Woo and Noel Chun) at the General Assembly in Rochester, New York to observe church leadership at a national level, not to mention experiencing jet travel for the first time.

During the turbulent years of college, I'm grateful that I had the support of the church community as I confronted issues such as whether to petition against military service during the Viet Nam era on the basis of conscientious objection – a crisis of conscience that was amplified by a draft number of 14 at a time when deferments for military service were discontinued for college students.

Who could've known that one summer while serving as a volunteer at Petaluma's Vacation Bible School that I would team up with and befriend Jackie Tom who eventually would become my wife and partner in life?

I retired in 2016 after a fulfilling career in higher education, most of which was spent at City College of San Francisco, where I served in various roles including counselor, department chairperson, campus dean and even college president for two weeks. Now that I have more time on my hands, I've dedicated the past two years to getting physically fit and enjoying all the benefits that come with improved health. As I've made surprising progress towards restoring my health after years of accumulated work/life stress, I'm reminded of Luke 2:52, words that have guided me since my Cameron House club days, and throughout my career as an educator:

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and man.

In a personal application of the scripture, as I'm reclaiming my sense of health and wellness, I've begun to expand my focus on other areas of personal development such as new opportunities for meaningful work and service, continuing education, spiritual disciplines, and re-immersing myself in the faith community that have led me full circle to the PCC as I return in a servant role with the English Worshiping Community.

Elder David Soohoo

Born of immigrant parents, Lai Gin and Wing You Soohoo in Chinese Hospital, I am a sibling to five sisters and one brother. I was raised and grew up on the streets of Chinatown, San Francisco. Married to Marcella, we are proud parents of Karen and Jonathan and grandparents of two boisterous preschoolers, Ryuu and Kent. I worked on my education at Commodore Stockton, Sherman (during busing era), Francisco Jr. High, Galileo High and San Francisco State. Spent some formative years at Cameron House and began contributing to society by working at Fong Fong Bakery (a great beginning resource for the culinary arts). After graduating from SF State with a business degree, began working in the beverage industry in accounting, sales and merchandising for nearly three decades. With the gradual decline in the beverage industry, I made a career move to a non-profit, Cystic Fibrosis Research, Inc. (www.cfri.org) working as their Program Manager for 14 years and retiring as their Director of Programs and Operations. After multiple terms as ruling elder at PCC, I am currently serving (a life sentence?) as Treasurer to the Session/Corporation and on the Resource Committee of English Worshiping Community and Building and Finance Committee of the Session.



It has been fifty years since my baptism in this church and community, my faith journey and commitment continues in Christ's trajectory. The Church, its mission and ministry (with its ups and downs) continue to be an "ideal fit" with my values and principles.

Currently, I am retired - spending time with Marcella and spending down on our Social Security & grandkids inheritance.



Some Fun Facts about Winchell Quock

1. I lived my first four years in a SRO on Copper Alley off Jackson Street in Chinatown. The building is still there, and can be seen at the back of a parking lot if you look north from Portsmouth Square.



2. Until the age of 22, I lived within three blocks of PCC. I attended Commodore Stockton (now Gordon Lau), was bussed to Sherman School for 5-6th grade because of over-crowding, walked to Francisco Jr. High and graduated from Galileo High. While at Francisco, Alan Mark and I sat next to each other for 3 years trying to learn to play the cello in the orchestra. I also volunteered to be a traffic boy (aka crossing guard) and was elected traffic commissioner; the perk was getting free tickets to see movies at the Palace Theater on Columbus Avenue. *(continued)*

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3. When we were young, my mom formed a children's group at the Chinese Rec Center where my brothers (Winton and Winson) and I we learned to play Chinese instruments. This led to a gig one morning where we got up early to play Chinese background music for a radio show in the middle of the Golden Gate Bridge. Don't remember the show but it was windy, foggy and cold.

4. After 5th grade Cameron Daycamp, Harry Chuck invited a bunch of the kids to form a club group at CH. We called ourselves the "Rangers". Gordy Lam was our fearless leader, who taught us all the sports and how to cook tuna casserole. He had us write a club "constitution" and run our meetings using parliamentary procedure. One of the club's legacies was making, painting and installing those wooden room signs above the doors on the club room floors at Cameron House. Are they still there?

5. I joined PCC in ninth grade, baptized at Christmas Eve trilingual worship service along with club-mates Russell Wong and Kenny Lee. It was a moving spiritual experience.

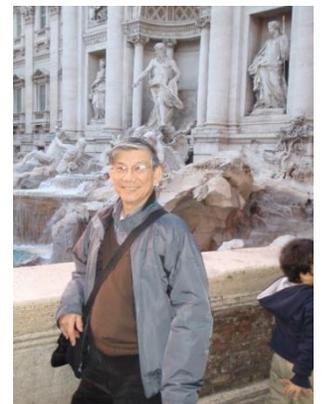
6. The summer of 1967, Al Sing Yuen asked me to direct a pilot program at Cameron House for immigrant kids, a fore-runner (as it turns out) to the current BAP summer program that Norman Fong later started. We did English "classes" some days and went on outings on others. Among my leaders was "Tiny" Wong, Carrie Woong, Benson Toy and Marvin Wong. For parents night we sang "Do-Re-Me" from *The Sound of Music* in the old PCC sanctuary.

7. I attended Chung Wah Chinese School for 2 hours every school day for 12 years. Little did I know (then) that I would use these language skills which would come in handy in my pediatric practice. I know now that I should have studied harder. While there I also played base drum in the drum corps, marching in Chinatown during the New Years and Ten-Ten parades.

8. My CH high school commission advisors were Carole Chinn (Chuck/Morales) and Mel Leong. As part of the four square program - worship, study, work and play - we met in one of the rooms at the YWCA on Sunday mornings for church school before convocations at Cameron House.

9. A few years later, while attending UC Berkeley as a psychology and pre-med major, I was a CH high school commission advisor to a group that included Cookie Wong, Jerrick Woo, and Gregory "Peanut" Chan. We spent many Friday evenings having coke sessions instead of the planned activity to work out the "drama of the week."

10. And here I am 50 years later, having survived medical school in Nashville, Tennessee in the 70's; married to Jeanne for 42 years, who have proudly raised two wonderful and caring daughters: Lauren (teacher) and Lindsey (attorney); still enjoying practicing pediatrics; and now re-upping for another term as active elder for the EWC of PCC. I love to sing – how about forming a more permanent choir?, enjoy following the local sports teams – how about forming a men's fellowship group?, like being on the Building/Finance Committee to care for the church building, and assisting in managing the church finances – anyone want to learn to be treasurer?



In Italy

This year for the Nominating Committee, we were tasked to find people in our worshipping community to serve God's call in either serving as an Elder, Deacon or member of the Personnel or Nominating Committee. We had the huge tasks of filling 4 Elder and 6 Deacon openings and there were many qualified persons in this Church who were asked and asked again even though they have served in previous years. What was tough is that a lot of the same persons have served many years before, are burnt out and hoping newer persons will respond and bring new perspectives and energy.

Given the sudden announcement of Pastor Kimberly’s resignation, the collective work of the Adaptive Leadership team and blending that with the Mission Study for use for the Pastor Nomination process, we have a lot of work in front of us the next couple of years. And more than ever, we needed strong leadership and people to step up and respond to a call. We cast a wide net and surprisingly 2 persons voluntarily stepped up to serve as an Elder and Deacon, without us specifically asking them about this role. In addition, we also thank existing Elders and Deacons willing to re-up for a 2nd term. We even got a “2-for-1” response; both Carl and Jackie agreed to be an Elder and Deacon, respectively. We usually try not to get both husband and wife serving the same time. God works in mysterious ways!

On behalf of Sing Quan, he wanted to thank this year’s Nominating Committee, Barbara Fong, Jo-Jo Low, Pam Jang, Diane Go, Eddie Kam and himself, and past and future Nominating Committee. Diane Go, former Chair, didn’t have to but willingly assisted us to keep us on target. Not everyone knows we actually started thinking about the process early February but God’s spirit moved us in September and October in preparation for our Annual Congregational Meeting in November. We will probably resume our work in the 1st quarter next year; never a dull moment. Please know that we are thoughtful in our process in who and how we ask; we are not simply filling a space, we are asking people to lead and do God's work. Now what does Stewardship Minute have to do with the Nominating Committee since we don’t have an Expense Line item. So maybe we’re asking you to think of “a non-financial pledge of some commitment”. It’s a pledge of your time to lead, care or be a visible and active part of Christ’s body in the ministry of this worshipping community so, pray and discern *what God is calling you to do*. Amen.



Stewardship Minute for the Deacons – November 18, 2018

by Eddie Kam

When I, Eddie Kam, was an Elder, I saw our role to be the mind, voice and decision makers and the Deacons, the heart, eyes, arms and legs of the body of Christ. The Deacons makes me think of the commercial where two little brothers are given a bowl of Life cereal and they don’t know if it will taste good so they say “Give it to Mikey” and Mikey eats the cereal without complaining. Well, the Deacons are the “Mikeys” because they get a lot delegated to them. When there’s a special event, like last Saturday’s pot luck, Deacons were assigned to
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serve the food and clean up afterwards. Other assignments that come to mind was taking on CCU sponsorship recruiting and coordination the first year. After Tea Time who cleans up; the Deacons. Please understand, I'm not complaining, it's an observation as a 1st year Deacon.

These are the logistical and housekeeping things the Deacons take care of that you might or might not be aware of.

- Richard (whether an active Deacon or not) is Mr. Usher – where he coordinates and recruits' ushers
- Mary, by default of being the wife of our chairperson, Dayton, both handle Tea Time sign-ups and makes sure we have our monthly birthday cake
- Desi and Rachel handle the set-up for our monthly communion elements in their very busy schedule.
- Pat send cards to new members or members who haven't been around and Naomi, Happy Birthday e-Cards or welcoming greetings to new visitors
- Jerrick makes sure to contact Annie or purchase more pantry supplies when it gets low
- Stuart makes sure homeless clothing and shoes are stocked in the basement and available to be given to the occasional homeless person who walks into our church by the pastor or on-site volunteer. He also keeps our prayer list current that you see in the worship bulletin.
- Eddie handles the worship scripture reader sign-up.
- We all rotate in cleaning up after Tea Time, washing the dirty dish towels, and will step in to cover each other in one of the duties mentioned above.
- One of us is the Deacon representative in the Mission & Evangelism, Worship & Nurture, Resource, Nominating, Personnel committees.

You can see there's a lot of logistical and housekeeping item we cover and as a new Deacon, I finally, after 11 months as a Deacon looked at this book, *The Presbyterian Deacon* that Pat gave me. Here's an excerpt:

“It is a ministry of caring, a ministry of love, a ministry of compassion, and a ministry of prayer. Traditionally, deacons are people persons. Their hearts go out to those in distress; to members who have suffered loss; to neighbors in the hospital; to friends who have lost their jobs; to new parents who are confused by a wonderful, sudden, and challenging change in the responsibilities of life; to new members who need a word of welcome; to members who are shut in and lonely and cannot leave their homes; to people in the community who have lost their way and can no longer find God; to those who are economically oppressed and do not have adequate places to live or enough to eat – to any people who need to experience the love of Christ in concrete ways. Clearly deacons are not the only Presbyterians who provide these ministries of sympathy and caring. All Christians are charged to love their neighbor and care for one another. But the deacons provide an organized way of bring the love of Jesus Christ to the church and the community”.

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I know that Deacons of the past and present have showed a ministry of caring, love compassion and prayer and this is an area we have to remind ourselves of our call to make a priority, and not get too caught up juggling the day-to-day housekeeping chores. And everyone here has probably called and visited someone without being asked. In all my years in the church, I only visited once where Dave Kono and I brought Rachel and Allan cookies our church bakes in December and we talked with them for an hour and prayed with them afterwards. That was something out of my comfort zone yet it was very fulfilling to connect to someone in this way.

So, in your prayer to decide your pledging for 2019, know that a portion of your money is the extension of that get-well card, cookies brought when we visit someone who's sick, celebrating a birthday with delicious cake, providing funds to buy some socks, clothing or food for someone who needs a helping hand.

We are thankful for Dayton Leong who's been our Chairperson, Stuart Go, Richard Jann and Rachel Wong who will be going off next year and welcome Jackie Jew, Jeanine Lim, and Pam Jang as new Deacons who will be working with Pat Chan, Desi Ng, Jerrick Woo and Eddie Kam.



Personnel Committee's Annual Report

by Mark Fong

Committee members: Pastor Kimberly Elliot; Mark Fong, chair; Norm Proctor; Linda Lee, elder rep; Pat Chan, deacon rep.

Personnel Committee had a very busy year. We were tasked by the English Commission to draft the first-ever English Worshiping Community pastoral feedback survey, in preparation to conduct EWC's first-ever pastoral performance review. We did this with the assistance of Heidi Wong and Carl Jew.

It took several months to tabulate, evaluate, and synthesize the responses. Our committee met with Pastor Kimberly for dozens of hours, along with representatives of Presbytery (Revs. Maggi Henderson, Jeff Hutcheson, and Inho Kim), to review the results of the survey and develop a process and timetable for an annual pastoral review/evaluation.

Following Kimberly's resignation, we gave a presentation to the congregation which discussed the factors which led our congregation to hire her, summarized the survey's takeaway points, and provided a format for future pastoral evaluations.

Since Kimberly's departure, Personnel Committee, along with Dave Miller, have provided Tad Hopp with guidance and oversight, as he formerly reported directly to Kimberly.

Reported on October 20, 2018

Members of M&E are: Ed Chin, Doreen Der-McLeod, Shar Hall, Jeanette Huie, Cindy Joe, Gilbert Lee, Dayton Leong (Deacon), Jeanine Lim-Chan, and Susie Wong.

One of the Bible passages we frequently quote at PCC is Micah 6:8: "...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?" (NRSV)

M&E uses this as a model for its work within our community and beyond. We are blessed to have many talents and resources that help us to do this work. These are some of the activities that gave us opportunities to engage in service, education, and advocacy:

Doing Justice:

M&E looks at issues important to our community. In 2018, we joined the effort to re-name Julius Kahn Park, provided education on ballot measures (including Prop C to provide money for homeless housing and supportive services), and encourage members to support actions such as the Women's March and the March for our Lives (protesting gun violence). We also invite special speakers for worship and fellowship times. In 2018, Farsijana and Bernie Adeney-Risakotta, spoke about their work with Christians and Muslims in Indonesia. In past years, for Domestic Violence Sunday, SF SafeHouse staff told about their program to provide safe housing and support services for homeless women to escape prostitution, and the Rev. Lyn Juckniess, with the Menlo Park Veterans Administration, spoke about harassment and violence against women in the military.

Love Kindness:

We partner with other churches, community agencies, and international programs to show compassion for people in need in Chinatown and around the world. Our Saturday Food Pantry now has enrolled about 150 people, serving healthy food from the SF/Marin Food Bank and giving us a chance to interact with seniors who live in single resident occupancy (SRO) rooms in Chinatown. Providing dinner for the Interfaith Winter Shelter program gives us a chance to work with Cameron House youth to cook and serve a hot meal to 80 unhoused men each year. Our SINKS and DINKS group cook dinner for unhoused people at Old First twice a year. The Two Cents A Meal program goes to support hunger programs of PC (USA) worldwide. We organize donations of Christmas gifts and much needed school supplies and for children living in SROs in Chinatown. And our church members continue to support Cameron House activities through donations and volunteering at BYP, Carnival and Soul and Elegance.

Walk Humbly with Our God:

We organize ways for our congregation to contribute to the church's work at home and throughout the world. The special offerings of the One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter), the Peace Offering

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(World Wide Communion Sunday) and the Joy Offering (Christmas) help us to combine our resources with other churches. The money raised in these special offerings goes to support work such as helping to stop using children as soldiers, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and supporting active church workers, like Bernie and Farsijana, and retired church workers with special needs. We supported a special fundraiser on Mothers' Day for Living Waters, a PC (USA) program that provides clean water systems around the globe. We organized local SF Presbyterian churches to pack over 10,000 emergency meals at a Rise Against Hunger event at St. John's Presbyterian Church. M&E also donates from our budget to International Refugee Assistance and local groups working with people in need such as Cameron House, Chinatown CDC, SF SafeHouse for Women, and Asian Women's Shelter.

Upcoming Activities

The M&E committee is looking forward to continuing to connect PCC members to opportunities for ministry and service. We have started discussions with Cameron House Young Adults about a possible future mission trip to Puerto Rico and to Northern California to help people affected by the wild fires. We have been in contact with Farsijana to help with economic development projects for women in Indonesia, possibly as part of an upcoming Alternative Christmas Fair.

The SF/Marin Food Bank requested permission from our Session to distribute food at PCC to replace another food pantry in Chinatown which closed. They will start doing this on Mondays with their own staff and volunteers. Over 400 people are getting nutritious food from the Saturday and Monday food pantries!



Little people bring big smiles- Cecilia and Cathy, Israel's wife and daughter, at food pantry in October.



Chinatown CDC teen volunteers give out gifts to 300 SRO kids



Ready to pack up school supplies!

As I begin this article, I am reminded of my first English Worshipping Community (EWC) Commission meeting in January of 2015. It was a long meeting. My thoughts were distracted by anxiety over a dying Summer bunny. The meeting turned out to be a late one. I came home mentally exhausted, only to find that Summer was in her last hours of life, obviously very weak and uncomfortable. I had to make one very difficult decision that night--to put down a beloved pet.



Not to sound cruel or cold hearted, but the loss of Summer that night turned out to be one of blessing despite despair. I was free to put energy into this new role that I had volunteered for. Somehow, it was okay with me, with God, with the spirit of my beloved rabbit.

I volunteered to be an Elder at a time when the acting Nominating Committee was not able to find anyone to be an Elder. It had been my personal rule not to volunteer for a position while serving on a Nominating Committee. (Fortunately, I was joined by Nancy Chee later on to serve for our Class of 2017). I was not sure what gifts I had to offer other than a willingness to serve and to learn. These gifts remain essential for me as I serve my second term.

Fast forward to 2019. Much has changed for our worshipping community. I am very grateful for the many wonderful leadership role models that I have to turn to for guidance and for examples of God's loving spirit that moves among us. Many aspects of worship and congregation life are not perfect. There is healing to be done. However, I am encouraged and inspired by the subtle acts of caring and sharing, of stepping up and stepping into roles that need filling, that need attending to.

One of the greatest joys that I have experienced as an Elder has been to find out about the many wonderful talents that our members have. I am always very grateful when I witness these gifts being shared--a secret family recipe being made for Tea Time, a gaggle of young hands helping bag cookies (and eating a few themselves), a beautiful vase of flowers displayed in the Sanctuary for worship, chimes and giggles providing music for a special Easter service, the beauty of a fresh green labyrinth blessing, Ash Wednesday meditations, family volunteer days for the food pantry in support of our Cantonese worshippers.

Our Elders have many challenges ahead as we begin our EWC Mission Study review and search for a new pastor. We will continue to need the prayers and support of those that we serve--our English and Cantonese and Mandarin brothers and sisters--to discern our "way forward".

For myself, I continue to serve where needed--on Worship and Nurture Committee, on Nominating Committee, with the Adaptive Leadership group as it finishes up its presentation to the EWC in February, with the Wednesday Night Covenant Group, and with the School of Discipleship. It is truly a privilege to serve!

(P.S. I do not have any new rabbits yet--adopting a pair will have to wait until I finish serving!)

Resource Committee

**by Winchell Quock,
EWC Treasurer, for the Resource Committee**

The Resource Committee members for 2018 are Stanley Wong, Dave Soohoo, Winchell Quock, Terry Leong, Lianne Leong, Stuart Go. Our responsibilities: arrange for offering counters, and Sabbath Sunday Lunch servers; assign members to serve communion each month; manage the membership roll and periodically provide an updated contact list for the EWC; oversee communications and website development; provide contact to church building and finance issues. It works with the EWC treasurer Winchell Quock to manage the annual budget and pay the bills, writes the annual stewardship letter, arranges for the stewardship minute reports at worship and sends annual offering contribution statements out at year’s end.

Special Offerings collected in 2018:

One Great Hour of Sharing -	\$ 2263
Peace -	\$ 1768
Christmas Joy -	\$ 1498

Budget summary:

	2017	2018
Expenses	\$ 229,007	\$ 205,423
Receipts	\$ 210,485	\$ 194,250
Net	(\$ 18,522)	(\$ 11,173)

Of the 2018 expenses highlights, other than personnel expenses:

Mission giving totaled \$ 28,631 – GA - \$18,000, Cameron House \$7500, and \$3131 to the following:

Living Waters, Cantonese WC, Asian Womens Shelter, Safehouse, Pipit Fund, SF Interfaith Coalition, International Rescue Committee, Homeless Meal, Hunger packages, Gubbio Project.

Per Capita tax - \$ 4896

Common Building Costs - \$ 38080

Budget deficits over the past two years were offset by budget reserves from past years.

The 2019 EWC Budget is \$194,706, more in line with what was received in 2018. It assumes hiring an interim pastor by February 1 using presbytery minimums. The Commission will be reviewing the budget each month and will be making adjustments as needed to keep our budget healthy.

- A very belated congratulations to Joseph Leong who married Yumi from Japan. Yumi came for a visit during the holidays to see Joseph, Dayton, Mary and Sarabeth. Joseph will be joining Yumi this spring.
- Desi just got engaged to a college classmate. He is still in dental school, so stay tuned.
- Kyle Shin will study abroad to Korea in February. Can't wait to hear if Kyle will be about to meet some famous K-Pop singers in his free time.
- Dean Shin will be attending University of the Pacific (UOP) in the fall. He will be planning to study computer science.
- Kati Chan is happy to be working at the Children's Hospital in Seattle. She is a Physical Therapist working with cancer patients.
- Congratulations to Neal Fong; he just graduated from the City College Paramedic Program.
- I am reading over 60 grants for Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering. On February 11 I will be joining my fellow committee members in a Zoom conference to discuss which agencies will be granted some monies. In the next newsletter I will let you know the outcome.



- Tues. Feb. 5 Worship & Nurture. Mission & Evangelism Committees**
- Sat. Feb. 9 English Elders Retreat**
- Tues. Feb. 12 Presbytery of SF meets at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond**
- Sun. Feb. 17 Presentation by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in Southern Louisiana at Tea Time**
- Tues. Feb. 19 English Commission**
- Sun. Feb. 24 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday**
- Wed. March 6 Ash Wednesday. Soup supper 6:30 pm. Service 7:30 pm**
- Sun. March 10 PCC Session Meeting**
- Sat. March 16 English Worshipping Community Potluck**
- Thurs. April 18 Maundy Thursday Service at 7th Ave. Presbyterian Church**
- Sun. April 21 Easter Sunday- Christ is Risen!**