
SOUTH CHINA COMMUNITY CHURCH



Rev. James W. Ferrone, Pastor

May 2010

PENTECOST



The birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit in Power...this is always a special celebration. It's a remembrance of the beginning of the Christian Church and the Power that Christ's Spirit gives us for continuing its ministry. Imagine a Holiday [Holy Day] that hasn't been secularized? Come remember, learn, and celebrate.

PS Please wear something RED!

SPECIAL WORSHIPS

May 16: Ascension Sunday
23: Pentecost (please wear RED)
30: Memorial Sunday

June 6: Confirmation & Communion
[Come & support our new members!]
13: Children's Sunday
20: Father's Day
[Worship @9:30AM today thru Sept 5]

July 4: Holy Communion-Independence Day
[Endowed by our Creator]
25: Christmas in July

August 1: Holy Communion
Sept 5: Holy Communion – Labor Day Sunday

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 31: Memorial Day Parade
[See Sheldon about our float]

June 16: 6PM Koinonia BBQ
[your special desserts appreciated]

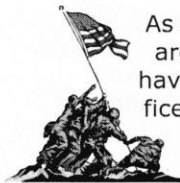
July 25: Annual Talent Show
August 18: 6PM Koinonia

Talent Tree: Every other July, we celebrate "Christmas in July" with gifts for those in need as well as a Christmas celebration with our summer friends. We also have a Talent Tree, with the idea to offer our talents and/or time to teach, help or do something for others. We set the talent & cost, while our missions benefit. This year, funds will go to the school that we help support in Cameroon. We will assist with tuition & other needs of the children. You can take a picture of a child from our bulletin board & help him/her in a personal way right now. See Janet Preston for information/ideas.



Church Council News

Thank you, Lord, for spring and the promise of rebirth and new beginnings! As we look to the opportunities these new beginnings afford, we must also look back to see where we've been.



As Memorial Day approaches, we are reminded of all of those who have served our nation and sacrificed so much so that we may enjoy the freedoms that we so often take for granted. Let us not forget those who have served and sacrificed in building and perpetuating our faith. As we sit on the Church Council or serve our Lord and our church in other ways, we need to remember that we are only continuing the work accomplished by those who have gone before, and we will be followed by new generations of servants. We need to honor the accomplishments of the past and never forget that we are building a foundation for the future.

Memorial Day also marks an unofficial start to the summer season and raises our expectations of seeing the folks that we have certainly missed throughout the winter. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

The Council is at work, activities are in the planning stages, and many new ideas and refinements are on the table. The August Chicken BBQ will be coupled with the Rummage Sale this year, and the Craft Fair will be moved ahead to the fall. The Council is reviewing and creating long and short-range plans for all areas of the church. We appear to be getting closer to filling the position of Christian Education, so that we may again have a full Council. The creation of a Church Policy Manual is also under discussion. Remember that Council meetings are always open and you are welcome to join us. Meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in Memorial Hall. As always, the Council thanks you for your continuing support and prayers. – *God Bless You All, Carl Schroeder, President*

Pastoral Search Committee



The Pastoral Search Committee has already met several times and is working hard to move the process forward. The committee consists of eight members: Carl Schroeder,

Jack Kurtzman, Janet Preston, Emily Schroeder, John Toohey, Jayne Winters, Jenny Clair, and Rosie Feihel. We have divided the members into three subcommittees to most efficiently accomplish the many tasks that are required to conduct the search. Each subcommittee has been assigned a specific task to accomplish and bring back to the full committee for review. The full committee meets every other week with the subcommittees meeting as needed during the intervening two weeks.

The earliest stages of the process involve gathering information from the congregation, including demographics, a spiritual profile and pastoral preferences. To that end, a survey is included with this newsletter. Additional copies will be available at church; please feel free to make copies or request that we mail additional copies to you. **Your input is important to us and will be a valuable asset** in preparing a job description, interviewing candidates, evaluating resumes, and providing information to prospective candidates. Although hiring our next pastor will be selected by a vote of the

church membership, the input of nonmembers is **equally valued** in the search process. The survey should not be signed, as its intent is to provide a broad profile of the congregation and its preferences. All data collected will be merged into three separate documents being: Demographics, Spiritual Profile, and Pastoral Preferences. Please complete the survey and return it to the church by the due date. Completed surveys can be placed in the Search Committee mailbox placed on the literature table in Memorial Hall or mailed to the church "Attn: Search Committee".



Aside from the survey, please feel free to convey information or voice concerns to any member(s) of the committee by speaking to them in person or dropping a note in the Committee mailbox at any time. Such input will be given serious consideration and will be brought before the committee, but will not alter the data collected in the survey.

Thank you for your support, your patience and your continued prayers. - *God Bless You All Carl Schroeder, Search Committee Chair*

Communications & Outreach:

The former "Planning and Outreach" category has been renamed "Communication & Outreach" because the whole Council will tend to planning matters. There is, however, a special glitch (need) for communications. I will do my best to keep the congregation and the community informed of church activities, prayer concerns, etc. The main avenue for communicating within our church family will still be via the "Flock" lists, so if you are NOT on a list and would like to be, please speak to either Diane or Carl.



Some of my goals are to do some publicity for our church, to continue making sure the newsletter is out (thank you, Bernie and Jayne, for everything, and for continuing your help in that area), and to have our presence at the China Community Days this year, which is August 6, 7, and 8. Hopefully, we can also plan for some

music group(s) again this year, with a contemporary element to attract new people in the community, especially some youth, to learn what we are about.

My Committee helpers are Bernie Welch, Jayne Winters, Bruce Pagliaroli, and Joyce Goodine. If anyone else is interested in helping with this group, please see Diane Rawson. I will be working with Carl and Bruce to keep our website current, which is a new endeavor for me, so I am open to suggestions in that area as well.

In our search for a replacement pastor, I pray for God's guidance and trust that the right person is out there somewhere for us! It is a new and exciting task at hand, although I will miss Pastor Jim and his knowledge and abilities immensely! I am glad he is not moving and that he and Joan will still be a part of our church. - *In Christ's service, Diane Rawson, Elder, Co-Chair*

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

I am happy to report that our finances continue to be in good health! Your commitment and generosity continue to provide us with a firm financial foundation. A few items of note have taken place since the last newsletter:

- 1) We have moved our savings account from Savings Bank of Maine to Border Trust. Although the interest rate is marginally less, the convenience of dealing with fewer banks was agreed to make the change worthwhile. During the process, we did discover that we need to be reclassified with Border, which has us documented as un-incorporated, when in fact we are a corporation. The church was incorporated in 1974 and is listed as an active corporate entity. We are finding that some of the investment instruments that we are using are not legally available to corporations; consequently, we have some work to do to get everything on track.
- 2) We have switched insurance coverage from Hanover to Church Mutual. A recent review of coverage yielded a quote from

Church Mutual that offered higher coverage and expanded benefits for a lower premium. Church Mutual is well established (since 1897) and specializes exclusively in insuring religious organizations.

- 3) We have been bequeathed \$5,000 from the estate of Franklin Norvish, whose will stated that the money was to be used at our discretion. The Church Council unanimously agreed to set that sum aside to offset any expenses incurred by the pastoral search process, with any balance remaining to be deposited into the Memorial Funds account, unless needed elsewhere. Although we have not received the money, it is still within the time specified to settle the estate.



Thank you all for your continued support and generosity. - *God Bless, Carl Schroeder, Chair*

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

The Building & Grounds Committee has been busy working on plans to update the inside of the sanctuary. We have had two meetings to discuss improvement options that include remodeling of the paneling in the front, painting, and new lighting. If you have any ideas or concerns, please share these with the Committee as we want to explore all options. The completed plans will go to the Church Council for approval and then to the entire congregation before any work is done.

The outside of the building and grounds still have two unresolved concerns: the stairs leading from the parking area to Starrett-Holton Memorial Park and paving/stripping of the parking lot. The usual spring clean-up, mowing, raking and pruning will be done as needed.



Again, the Building & Grounds Committee welcomes all comments and ideas. Thank you. - *Sheldon Goodine, Chairman*

The Beauty of Mathematics & the Love of God!
(Just the math part is good enough, the end is even better!)

Beauty of Mathematics!!!!!!

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 1 \times 8 + 1 &= 9 \\
 12 \times 8 + 2 &= 98 \\
 123 \times 8 + 3 &= 987 \\
 1234 \times 8 + 4 &= 9876 \\
 12345 \times 8 + 5 &= 98765 \\
 123456 \times 8 + 6 &= 987654 \\
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Brilliant, isn't it?

And look at this symmetry:

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Mind Boggling...

Now, take a look at this.... **101%**. From a strictly mathematical viewpoint, what equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%...How about ACHIEVING 101%? What equals 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W
X Y Z is represented as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10 \ 11 \ 12 \ 13 \ 14 \ 15 \ 16 \ 17 \ 18 \\
 19 \ 20 \ 21 \ 22 \ 23 \ 24 \ 25 \ 26
 \end{aligned}$$

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O- R- K is represented as:

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

And:

K-N-O-W-L-E- D-G-E as:

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+ 5 = 96\%$$

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U- D-E is:

$$1+20+20+9+20+ 21+4+5 = 100\%$$

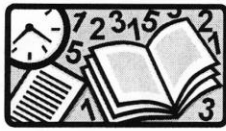
THEN, look how far the Love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F- G-O-D equals

$$12+15+22+5+15+ 6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top!



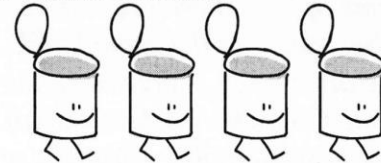
Calendar of Events

- ✝ COMMUNION SERVICES
JUNE 6 – JULY 4 – AUGUST 1
- ✝ MEN'S BREAKFAST - MEMORIAL HALL, 8AM
2ND SATURDAYS: JUNE 12 – JULY 10 –
AUGUST 14
- ✝ WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP A – 11AM
2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS: MAY 27 – JUNE 10
& 24 – JULY 8 & 22 – AUGUST 12 & 26
- WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP B – 6PM
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY: MAY 23 – JUNE 6
& 20 – JULY (WON'T MEET ON THE 4TH) 11
& 25 – AUGUST 8 & 22
- ✝ CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 6:30PM
2ND WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 9 – JULY 14 –
AUGUST 11
- ✝ KOINONIA (FAMILY NIGHT), 6:30PM
3RD WED: JUNE 16 – JULY 21 – AUGUST
18
- ✝ JULY 25: CHRISTMAS IN JULY
- ✝ **DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:**
AUGUST 15



**Best Wishes for a Speedy
Recovery....to Bruce
Pagliaroli, following his
recent heart surgery**

I will be collecting coffee cans for the Cookie Walk when we have the rummage sale, so please just leave them in the kitchen and I will pick them up. Thanks so much!



Faith Ames

Isn't it strange...

...how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

...how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

...that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

...how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel or ZANE GREY book?

...how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

...how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

...how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

...how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say but we question the words in the Bible?

...how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

If you choose not to share His message you may deprive yourself from being blessed as well as depriving others who may need God in their life.

"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all ..."

- Corinthians 12: 3-7



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