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# SOUTH CHINA COMMUNITY CHURCH



Rev. Paul Harwath, Pastor

May 2012

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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Summer is almost upon us. This is a time of fellowship and welcoming home our snow-birds. Keep in mind that we have had quite a few new people coming to worship with us. We love to visit with our old friends whom we have not seen for some time, but we need to remember to include our new friends in our adventures. There is always room for one more to love.

If you would like to help out with our youth group activities, everyone is welcome. No age limit! Our last adventure had 12 youth and four adults present, with quite a few behind-the-scenes adults helping out. The next event is the first Sunday in June. While we're talking

 about adventures, it would be nice to plan an adult adventure. The youth can help supervise! A canoe trip down a lazy river would be nice. If you have any ideas, please come and talk to me or call 605-201-4295. - *In Christ, Pastor Paul*

## **Church Council News**

### **Communications & Outreach**

Welcome, blessed SPRING! We have a lot of ideas floating around with the new Council and I'd like to share some of that with you.

First of all, Faith is working on the **LIBERTY** tribute to our troops which will be held on July 1 at 6:30PM. Please come and support this program and bring a veteran with you!

The annual Rummage Sale/Chicken BBQ/ Cookie Walk will be August 11 from 9AM to 2PM. Any items you wish to donate (no clothing please) can be placed downstairs or at the back of Fellowship Hall. Faith is collecting the coffee cans (washed out, please) for the cookie walk. SEE FOLLOWING FOR DETAILS

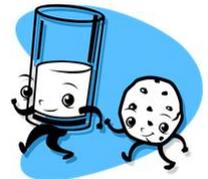
We have hopes to organize Vacation Bible School late in the summer, thanks to Jennifer Fleck.

Pastor Paul and Jennifer are also organizing an invigorating youth group which is a wonderful way to reach out to the community. If you'd like to help, please speak to one of them.

Coming in the fall, we hope to have a fundraiser scrapbooking event, thanks to Michelle Darveau. In addition, we will be organizing two fundraiser auctions, one a dessert auction and the second a silent auction, to be held in early or mid-November. Check out the website at [southchinacommunitychurch.org](http://southchinacommunitychurch.org) as we will keep you posted there as well. - *In Christ's service, Diane Rawson and Bernie Welch Co-chairs*

### **COOKIE WALK**

We once again will have a Cookie Walk at the Rummage Sale at the church on Saturday, August 11, 2012. I cover 60 coffee cans so am asking you to start saving and dropping them off in the kitchen. Please wash out the cans, remove the lids and tuck the lids inside the cans (this helps to get the coffee odor out of the can). There will be a sign-up sheet for small cookies, any kind you like, to fill up the cans. Theresa Plaisted and I will co-chair. - *Thanks so much, Faith Ames*



### **Worship**

The focus of the Worship Committee is to get things 'up and running' with new members, learning as they go. A laptop was brought in to type the bulletins & we're still considering the purchase of a new printer.

A microphone was borrowed from Carl Schroder, but the Committee is looking into purchasing one for solos & special events.

Preparatory scripture reading inserts were implemented on May 13, 2012. This will allow anyone interested to read the scripture(s) ahead of time for the upcoming service. We are planning to introduce some new music to the congregation & would love any feedback from members. Specific requests are also welcome! Contact Paula Vigue at 692-6980 or [pvigie@gmail.com](mailto:pvigie@gmail.com). *With the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we will be able to bring the word of God to more people. – Paula Vigue, Chair*

### **Christian Education**

I'd like to take this time to thank Diane Rawson and Jennifer Fleck for their wonderful job teaching Sunday school this year. They will finish up the spring term on Children's Sunday, June 10, with a final presentation to the church.



We have had three students go through confirmation classes this year: Ian Maxwell, Angela Feihel, and Phoebe Fleck were all confirmed this winter. Congratulations! We are so proud of you all.

Phoebe and Angela will be replacing Gillian and Richard next year as Sunday school assistants, helping the young students with their projects. Richard and Gillian, thank you for your many years of involvement and service to South China Community Church Sunday school! We will miss your presence downstairs, but we know we will enjoy your company on Pastor Paul's outings and our annual camping trip on Bradley Island!

Keep a look out for a possible Vacation Bible School this summer at SCCC! We'll keep you posted!!

Diane Rawson has decided to step down as Sunday school superintendent; Jen Fleck will be taking over the program next year. Diane and Janet will continue to be involved by filling in when needed and offering musical support as well. Sunday school will begin again on Sunday, September 9. See you then - have a great summer!

I'd like to thank the congregation for all your support for the children. It's a great family to grow up with! - *Respectfully, Janet Preston*

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:** *George Kelly & family*, as we remember Phyllis, who passed away this spring.



**Pastor Jim**, who continues in treatment for a blood disorder.



**LIBERTY, A Musical Celebration of Freedom**, will be held on Sunday evening, July 1, 2012 from 6:30-7:30PM, in Memorial Hall. This musical celebration will be a benefit

for our church and also a tribute to veterans who will be especially honored. If you have a veteran in your family or know of one, we would like for him/her to attend. If you would like to sing with us, please speak to me or contact me at 445-2490 or [lesnfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:lesnfaith@yahoo.com). Music books are limited, so I need to know ASAP.

Rehearsal dates are after church from 12-12:30 or Wednesday mornings at my home (check with me regarding time):

May 20 & 27: All after church, 12-12:30

June 3, 10 & 24: All after church, 12-12:30

Sunday, July 1: Please be at the church at 5:30 for pictures & a short rehearsal.

What to Wear: Anything patriotic – red/white/blue. Everyone will be given a red/white/blue lay.

The Council has graciously offered to help with light refreshments after the program and I would ask any in the chorus who would be willing to also bring something.

Jack Kurtzman will present our veterans with red/white/blue lays and also take care of 'special effects' at the end of the program. The Statue of Liberty will be provided by Les Ames. We look forward to seeing you!! – Thanks, Faith



### HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you know what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

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A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

- ✝ COMMUNION: JUNE 3 – JULY 1 – AUGUST 5
- ✝ MEN'S STUDY GROUP - 6:30PM, EVERY OTHER TUESDAY: MAY 22 – JUNE 5 & 19 – JULY 3 & 17 & 31 - AUGUST 14 & 28
- ✝ WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP A – 11AM, 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAYS: JUNE 7 & 21 – JULY 5 & 19 – AUGUST 2 & 16 & 30
- ✝ WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP B – 6PM, EVERY OTHER SUNDAY: PLEASE SEE EMILY FOR INFORMATION
- ✝ CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 6:30PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY: JUNE 13 – JULY 11 – AUGUST 8
- ✝ CONFIRMATION CLASSES: TBD
- ✝ FOOD CO-OP: 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY EACH MONTH: JUNE 5 – JULY 3 – AUGUST 7
- ✝ KOINONIA (FAMILY NIGHT), 6:00PM 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY: JUNE 20 (COOK-OUT & SING-ALONG)
- ✝ MAY 27: PENTECOST SUNDAY
- ✝ JUNE 1: FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI SUPPER, 5-7PM FOR PHOEBE FLECK (EUROPE TRIP)
- ✝ JUNE 10: CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
- ✝ **JUNE 17: SUMMER WORSHIP = 9:30AM**
- ✝ JUNE 23: TURKEY PIE SUPPER, 5-6:30PM
- ✝ TBA: CHRISTMAS IN JULY OR TALENT SHOW
- ✝ JULY 1: LIBERTY PROGRAM & DESSERTS, 6:30PM
- ✝ AUGUST 11: RUMMAGE SALE, CHICKEN BBQ, COOKIE WALK, 9AM-2PM
- ✝ DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 15

*~ You can make more friends in  
two months by becoming  
interested in other people than  
you can in two years by trying to  
get other people interested in  
you.*

*- Dale Carnegie*



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