
SOUTH CHINA COMMUNITY CHURCH



Rev. Paul Harwath, Pastor

August 2012

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



South China Community Church has several members who now find it hard to attend our services because of health issues. Therefore, the Council has approved the purchase of a portable communion set. Each month, on Communion Sunday, I am trying to visit these members to bring them communion. We've had a wonderful response from them regarding their need to partake in the Lord's Supper. I will be doing the visitations, but it's not necessary that I be the only one bringing the Lord's Supper to these wonderful people. Any of our ordained Deacons or Elders is able to help if s/he feels called to do so. Paula Vigue has come with me on Communion Sunday to visit these people and I welcome others who would also like to join me. Feeling part of our community is very important to these people. Let us continue to hold them in our arms.

Vacation Bible Camp is taking place at this time and I counted 16 youth participating. Beth Preston is doing a wonderful job; watching the excitement on the children's faces makes it all worth the time and effort. This is a chance to make a difference in a youth's life. Next year, I believe it will be very easy to double the number of youth participants, but we will need the help of other members to take on greater numbers.



As the new Pastor at SCCC, I would like to thank all of you for the love you have shown me in the last six months. If you have any questions or ideas, please come and talk to me or call 605-201-4295. *In the love of Christ, Pastor Paul Harwath*



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

President's Message:

Our new pastor, Paul Harwath, has made some changes to the order of worship, trying to be in tune to all faiths in our congregation. He is becoming more familiar with our church family and our needs and is asking for feedback from the congregation to help him in his ministry. Please help him in his efforts and continue to pray for SCCC in its journey.



We post the agenda for each Council Meeting, which is the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM, as well as a copy of Council minutes, on the Council Bulletin Board in Memorial Hall. We also ask for your feedback and any suggestions. – *Sheldon Goodine, President [Teach a child to love before someone teaches him to hate]*

Building & Grounds:

More painting has been done in the sanctuary and paint has been purchased to do the outside entrance. Shrubs have been trimmed and more will be done this fall.

The big project that B&G has been working on is updating the heating system. Quotes have been received from five companies, now reduced to the top three. The Finance Committee reviewed the quotes and made a recommendation to go with the lowest bid, purchase a new boiler and extend the hot water system in the sanctuary. This will get rid of the old hot air system, leaving just one unit to maintain. This recommendation was passed along to the Building & Grounds Committee; a vote was taken and passed unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee. These two decisions/votes were passed along to the Council for its approval and will be presented to the congregation for final approval **Sunday, August 26, following the 9:30 service.** – *Sheldon Goodine, Chair,*

Building and Grounds Committee [Remember: teach a child to love before someone teaches him to hate.]



Communications & Outreach

Our Annual Rummage Sale/ Chicken BBQ was a great success. THANK YOU to all those who donated, cooked, worked and bought! The BBQ brought in \$500+ after expenses and the Rummage Sale made ~\$950. We have fund raisers like these to help with our general budget and to help pay for programs/activities throughout the year. In the fall, watch for a Scrapbooking Event and a Dessert Auction right before the holidays.

If you are not on a "Flock List" and would like to be, please see me or Glenna. Also, if you have an e-mail account, let me or Janet know as sometimes this is the best way to get some quick news and prayer requests out to members.

If you know of any children who would come to Sunday school but need rides, please let Jennifer Fleck or me know so we can arrange that.

Hope you had a wonderful and blessed summer and are ready for fall! - *In Christ's service, Diane Rawson, Chair*

Worship

How great is our God!

First, I would like to thank all of you, the congregation, for being so patient with this process. Bulletins are now being done by Rosie Feihel, with the service portion being typed by myself, the *Remembrance* portion still being handled by Carl and Emily Schroeder, and all announcements "plus" being done by Rosie. Things are beginning to run a little more smoothly. It's hard to believe that six months have already passed since I assumed the position of Worship Chair from Ron Maxwell. Many changes have been made as far as people handling the bulletins, songs, and even communion, and many requests have been made from us as well.

We have tried a new approach during Holy Communion. Some patrons liked it, while many others commented that they preferred having it done the traditional way. We have added a reading into the service and so far the feedback has been to continue this. Unless we try things, we will never know. Thanks to all who have provided feedback.

We try to include a new song in our service each week. Using a website called "CCLI" we can copy contemporary songs' vocal pages for use in service. Although we have not done it weekly, we have tried



as much as possible to bring something new in. If you have a song request, please feel free to let me know what it is and I will see if we can get it into one of the services in the near future. If you know of someone who may be able to play the music for it, please bring them along to a Worship meeting so that we can have a practice run and get it into a following service. I have not forgotten you, Aurie... "Shout to the Lord!" (by Darlene Zschech: CCLI Song # 1406918)

God does provide!

Some of the requests made earlier from the Worship Committee were: one, to have a microphone for service (as some of you may have realized, a few of us in the choir do not have strong voices); two, to get a computer for Pastor Paul to use at the church; and three, to find an iron to iron wrinkles out of the communion cloths and choir gowns. Lenny Goodine donated a microphone after Carl Schroeder had been so kind to let us use one of his. A computer was donated by a patron of the church. We found an iron during the rummage sale. Thank you Lord!

Upcoming:

I had plans to re-number the Special Songs books before summer ended, but time is passing by quickly and school is just around the corner. I'm hoping that I will be able to do this before the end of Thanksgiving week.

There are still a few slots open for Children's Message and Offertory Scripture Readings; please let me know if you would like to cover



one. I will be coming around in November to start gathering names for next year's Children's Messages and Readings. My hopes are that we have a few more people join in; maybe some more of the younger people will step up? We need to build our church, help it grow, and without the younger generation this cannot happen.

Once again, thank you everyone for your support, feedback, and contributions. Remember, "Our God is an Awesome God; He reigns from heaven above; with wisdom, pow'r, and love, our God is an awesome God!" by Rich Mullins: CCLI Song # 41099. - *God Bless, Paula Kimball-Vigue, Chair*

Christian Education

This summer marks an exciting first for South China Community Church - at least since I have been a member. Beth Preston ran a Vacation Bible Camp on behalf of SCCC. From August 13-17, Beth and helper Angela Feihel welcomed 10-15 eager children between the ages of 6-16 to the camp, which was held downstairs in the Sunday school area and outside in Memorial Park. The theme for the week was "Fruit of the Spirit." According to Beth, the camp went very smoothly and the kids seemed to really enjoy themselves. The parents of participants were enthusiastically supportive. The daily routine included a Bible lesson in the morning; games, crafts, and songs reiterated the message throughout the day. Snacks were also enthusiastically consumed! The week concluded with a puppet chorus singing *Down in My Heart, Father Abraham, and Put On Love*. We are grateful to Beth for making this long-time goal of SCCC come true this summer. Thank you, Beth and Angela!!



Our annual camp-out on Bradley Island was held on Friday, August 24th. Boat shuttles to the island left from the East Vassalboro boat landing beginning at 4PM, but more ambitious participants could kayak or canoe out to the island. [Remember that friends and extra

tents are always welcome!] Chicken burgers and s'mores were on the menu.

Sunday school begins September 9th at 9:30 with a study of the Story of Ruth. Jennifer Fleck will be running the program this year without Diane, who has decided to focus on her music.

We will also miss Hattie Welch, as she heads off to the University of Southern Maine! Thank you, Hattie, for all the energy (not to mention the Bible Jeopardy points) you gave to our Sunday school program. We will miss you greatly! Good luck at school - study hard and have fun. Phoebe Fleck and Angela Feihel will be our new helpers this year. We look forward to working with them in a new role.



Thank you as always for your enthusiastic support of our Sunday school program.
- *Respectfully, Janet Preston*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS: Families of Delmont Meader & Bill Moore, both of whom passed away in early August.

Pastor Jim, who recently underwent surgery for a pacemaker & is recovering well at home after a short stay in the hospital.



"Thank you" is the most important speech you can make. This was in the June 2012 issue of Woman's Day magazine. So my speech is just those two words. Thank you. The selection and wonderful support for the Cookie Walk surpassed our expectations and we thank every one of you who brought in those delicious cookies. We made over \$130! - *Faith Ames & Theresa Plaisted, Co-Chair*



Our Father Who Art in Heaven...
Yes?

Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.
But -- you called Me!

Called You? No, I didn't call You. I'm praying. Our Father Who Art in Heaven...
There -- you did it again!

Did what?
Called Me. You said, "Our Father Who art in Heaven." Well, here I am... What's on your mind?

But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, You know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like fulfilling a duty.
Well, all right. Go on.

Okay, Hallowed be Thy name...
Hold it right there. What do you mean by that?

By what?
By "Hallowed be Thy name"?

It means, it means... Good grief, I don't know what it means. How in the world should I know? It's just a part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?
It means honored, holy, wonderful.

Hey, that makes sense... I never thought about what 'hallowed' meant before. Thanks. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven...
Do you really mean that?

Sure, why not?
What are you doing about it?

Doing? Why, nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if You got control of everything down here like You have up there. We're kinda in a mess down here You know...
Yes, I know, but have I got control of you?

Well, I go to church.
That isn't what I asked you. What about your bad

temper? You've really got a problem there, you know. And then there's the way you spend your money -- all on yourself. And what about the kind of books you read?

Now hold on just a minute! Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those people at church!
Excuse Me... I thought you were praying for MY will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.

Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that You mention it, I could probably name some others.
So could I.

I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, You know, be really free.
Good. Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together -- You and Me. I'm proud of you.

Look, Lord, if You don't mind, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. Give us this day, our daily bread...
You need to cut out the bread. You're overweight as it is.

Hey, wait a minute! What is this? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden You break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.
Praying is a dangerous thing. You just might get what you ask for. Remember, you called Me -- and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying (pause.) Well, go on.

I'm scared to.
Scared? Of what?

I know what You'll say.
Try Me.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
What about Ann?

See? I knew it! I knew You would bring her up! Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread stories. She never paid back the money she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her!

But -- your prayer -- What about your prayer?

I didn't -- mean it...

Well, at least you're honest. But it's quite a load carrying around all that bitterness and resentment isn't it?

Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even with her. Boy, have I got some plans for her. She'll wish she had never been born.

No, you won't feel any better. You'll feel worse.

Revenge isn't sweet. You know how unhappy you are -- well, I can change that

You can? How?

Forgive Ann. Then, I'll forgive you and the hate and the sin will be Ann's problem -- not yours. You will have settled the problem as far as you are concerned.

Oh, You know, You're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge, I want to be right with You...(sigh). All right, all right...I forgive her.

There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?

Hmmmm. Well, not bad. Not bad at all! In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll go to bed up-tight tonight. I haven't been getting much rest, You know.

Yeah, I know. But, you're not through with your prayer, are you? Go on....

Oh, all right. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.

What do You mean by that?

You know what I mean.

Yeah. I know.

Okay. Go ahead... finish your prayer.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Do you know what would bring me glory -- what would really make me happy?

No, but I'd like to know. I want to please You now. I've really made a mess of things. I want to truly follow You. I can see now how great that would be. So, tell me...How do I make You happy?
You just did.



- ✠ COMMUNION: SEPT 2 – OCT 7 – NOV 4
- ✠ MEN'S STUDY GROUP - 6: 30PM, EVERY OTHER TUESDAY: SEPT 11 & 25 – OCT 9 & 23 – NOV 6 & 20
- ✠ WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP A – 11AM, 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS: SEPT 6 & 20 – OCT 4 & 18 – NOV 1 & 15
- ✠ WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP B – 6PM, EVERY OTHER SUNDAY: PLEASE SEE EMILY FOR INFORMATION
- ✠ CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 6: 30PM, 2ND WEDNESDAY: SEPT 12 – OCT 10 – NOV 14
- ✠ **SEPT 9: WORSHIP = 10:30AM**
- ✠ FOOD CO-OP: 1ST TUESDAY EACH MONTH: SEPT 4 – OCT 2 – NOV 6
- ✠ KOINONIA (FAMILY NIGHT), 6PM, 3RD WEDNESDAY: SEPT 19 – OCT 17 – NOV 21
- ✠ NOV 17 – DESSERT AUCTION (TBA)
- ✠ DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: NOV 14



"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence." - St. Francis de Sales



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