
SOUTH CHINA COMMUNITY CHURCH



Rev. Paul Harwath, Pastor

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE



The snow has melted and the spring rain has made the world green once more. For many of us, this time of year brings kids home from college, family reunions and vacations.

Waking up in the morning brings new opportunities for gardening, fishing, hiking, or just bathing in the hot sun. Whatever we do, whenever we do it, we need to remember to make God a part of every day. Prayer can be said while doing any of these activities and the great part about talking to God is His ability to hear our prayers anywhere, not just at the dinner table, not just at church.

Make a visit to someone who is shut in. Take a lonely person out for lunch. Go to a young one's ball game or music recital. You will be making someone's day and God will be with you blessing your day.



If you would like to talk to me, my home phone number is (207)385-0799 or call my cell at (605) 201-4295. - *In Christ, Pastor Paul*

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The Church Council has worked through several important items and at the Congregational Meeting held on April 14 church members approved drafted revised by-laws with amendments that were discussed. Copies of the updated by-laws are now being printed. An additional amendment to address the Accounts Receivable Account will be brought before the congregation at a later date.

We welcome Glenna Jordan as new Council Secretary and look forward to working with her.

Jesus Christ forgave voluntarily;
He died vicariously;
He arose visibly;
And he lives victoriously!

- *Sheldon Goodine, President*

Communications & Outreach:

It looks like it's going to be a busy summer already and June is barely here! Thank you, Bernie, for filling in for me while I was gone to Florida for the winter - you are a Godsend! In an attempt to bring younger families to church (with children would be great), some musical evening events will be planned. Please watch for an announcement in June or July for the first one and again in the fall for a second one. These will be of a contemporary venue with a free-will offering for the singers. Carl Schroeder and I are open for suggestions for the fall event.

A number of fundraisers are planned for the summer. Turkey Pie Suppers are being planned for June and July. The Summer Rummage Sale and Chicken BBQ will be on August 17, so we don't interfere with China Days and Palermo Days which are scheduled for the first two Saturdays in August.



Please start bringing your "good" items for sale, but no clothing please. Glenna Jordan has graciously volunteered to do the "Cookie Walk" that Faith Ames used to coordinate, with Theresa Plaisted's help. Please give these fundraisers your best support to help us in meeting our budget.

I am still in the process of updating our church "brochure" and once finished, would like to see

if the China Town Office will let us place them there. We have lost a number of elderly members this past year and they will be dearly missed!

Invite a friend or neighbor to church and let them experience the joy of the Spirit that is therein! - *In Christ's love and service, Diane Webber-Rawson & Bernie Welch, Co-chairs*

Worship Committee:

Another quarter has passed, but there is not much news to report. We have had some wonderful contributions made by members in memory of others, such as the paschal candle donated by Glenna Jordan, a new cloth for the table, and some beautiful flower arrangements.



Many responses were submitted regarding the bulletin and worship itself (sermon, music, etc.); some comments were forwarded to other Committee members when requested, but a full tally has not been completed yet. More information will follow.

Please keep the comments coming; constructive criticism and compliments are always welcome. God Bless! *Respectfully submitted, Paula Kimball-Vigue*

Missions & Benevolence:

One family that we have been sponsoring is close to being self-sufficient, so we may look for another. We're also discussing helping with supplies for the teen homeless shelter in Waterville; providing hot meals for our shut-ins; preparing weekly sandwich lunches for local needy school children; and taking flowers to shut-ins when Pastor Paul makes his visits. - *Churchill Elangewe*



Buildings & Grounds:

The old hot air furnace has now run out of fuel and can be removed. This area will be used for storage with plenty of shelving. Thanks to

Glenna and Debbie, the front of the church has been made clean and beautiful with some new flowers. Quotes are being gathered to stripe the parking lot and refinish the floor in the fireplace room. Anyone with thoughts and ideas regarding building and grounds are greatly appreciated. Remember: Teach a child to love before someone else teaches him to hate! - *Sheldon Goodine, Building & Grounds Chair*

Christian Education:

Another Sunday School year is winding down. Jennifer Fleck taught from September through December; Janet Preston took over in January and will finish up the year with Children's Sunday on June 9th. We are busy preparing a puppet show telling the story of the Prodigal Son, as well as a song that we will sing with help from the choir. I would like to thank Gillian Welch for her extremely capable help this year. She does what needs to be done without prompting from me and has even taken over for me in a pinch several times, all with her usual happy smile.



This summer, Beth Preston hopes to offer a week of Vacation Bible School again. Details will follow!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Sunday school program. - *Respectfully, Janet Preston, Deacon of Christian Ed*

Finance & Stewardship:

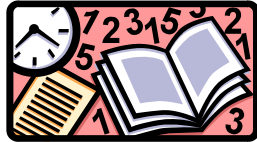
Incoming monies (except for Memorial Funds) are down. We are currently reviewing our budget, with Committee Chairs doing the best they can to stay within allotted funds. We will be looking at various bank options to invest the Memorial Funds again. - *May God Bless and Keep You, Michelle Darveau*



WEB SITES OF INTEREST:

missionmahalo.com

Helping troops deployed overseas, and per soldiers' requests, including assistance to Military Working Dogs (MWDs).



- † COMMUNION: JUNE 2 – JULY 7 – AUGUST 4
- † DIRIGO CLUB'S BREAKFAST, 8AM, 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: JUNE 8 – JULY 13 – AUGUST 10
- † MEN'S STUDY GROUP - 6:30PM, 2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS: JUNE 11 & 25 – JULY 9 & 23 – AUGUST 13 & 27
- † WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP A – 11AM, 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS: JUNE 13 & 27 – JULY 11 & 25 – AUGUST 8 & 22
- † WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP B – 6PM, EVERY OTHER SUNDAY: PLEASE SEE EMILY FOR INFORMATION
- † CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 6:30PM, 2ND WEDNESDAY: JUNE 12 – JULY 10 – AUGUST 14
- † KOINONIA (FAMILY NIGHT), 6:00PM 3RD WEDNESDAY: JUNE 26 BBQ [NOTE DATE CHANGE] – JULY 17 – AUGUST 21
- † JUNE 2: CANOE PICNIC
- † JUNE 9: CHILDREN'S DAY – LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
- † JUNE 16: FATHER'S DAY + SUMMER SERVICE TIME CHANGES TO 9:30
- † JUNE 22: TURKEY PIE SUPPER, 5-6:30 PM
- † JUNE/JULY – TBA MUSICAL OUTREACH EVENT
- † AUGUST 17: ANNUAL SUMMER SALE/CHICKEN BBQ
- † DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 19

In remembrance on Memorial Day:



A mother asked President Bush, "Why did my son have to die in Iraq?"

A mother asked President Clinton, "Why did my son have to die in Saudi Arabia?"

A mother asked President Bush, "Why did my son have to die in Kuwait?"

Another mother asked President Johnson, "Why did my son have to die in Vietnam?"

Another mother asked President Truman, "Why did my son have to die in Korea?"

Another mother asked President Roosevelt, "Why did my son have to die on Iwo Jima?"

Another mother asked President Wilson, "Why did my son have to die on a battlefield on a field in France?"

Yet another mother asked President Lincoln, "Why did my son have to die at Gettysburg?"

And yet another mother asked President Washington, "Why did my son have to die on a frozen field near Valley Forge?"

Then long, long ago, a mother asked... "Heavenly Father, why did my Son have to die on a cross outside of Jerusalem?"

The answer is the same: "So that others may have life and dwell in peace, happiness, and freedom."



~ "Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue; God's voice is its most essential part. Listening to God's voice is the secret of the assurance that He will listen to mine."

- Andrew Murray (Pastor/Author)



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