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# SOUTH CHINA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Rev. Paul Harwath, Pastor

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



We have a lot happening at South China Community Church. Our Church

Growth Committee has been working overtime with Pastor Jim heading the group; they are doing a great job. We have been seeing a lot of new faces on Sunday mornings. Remember to introduce yourselves when you see someone new and make them feel welcome. Our church has much love to share.

If you are interested in music, we could use more people to help out on the first Sunday of the month with the contemporary worship service. We are trying to use newer Christian music. Let me know if you would like to help. Pastor Jim is leading a group learning the music from "Godspell." If you like to sing, we want you!

I hope to be taking family photos this summer for a new church directory. Anyone who attends our church will be asked to come in for a sitting, so watch for dates.



Anyone interested in learning how to make your own archery equipment is welcome to contact me as I will be giving lessons. Much more is happening, so keep an eye on the weekly bulletin! I am always available by phone at (207) 314-3551. - *God's blessing and love, Pastor Paul*



## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

### President's Report:

In February, I was voted President of the South China Community Church. Honored and frightened because I was not sure if I could do the duties required, I prayed. God came to me and said He will direct me in the ways that will benefit and grow His church. He will provide the supports needed in the form of the wonderful people in the Council and congregation. So far, so good, I think. I have to thank Sheldon Goodine for his service prior to mine. He kept things running smoothly and I can only try to fill those shoes. He set a foundation for me to work with which has been a tremendous help.

Since the beginning of the year, we have already seen some changes in the church, including new people in Church Council positions. I am pleased to have Glenna Jordan as our new Missions & Benevolence Chair and Secretary; Janet Preston as Finance Chair; and Joan Ferrone as the Christian Education Chair. Diane Rawson and Bernie Welch still share the duties of Outreach & Communication, Sheldon Goodine still heads up Buildings & Grounds, and I still hold the Worship Chair position. This team is continuing to do its best to make wise decisions that will help the church succeed and grow. We always welcome comments and suggestions.

A new Growth Committee has been formed, with Pastor Emeritus Jim Ferrone and Jack Kurtzman taking the reins; several congregational members are participating in brainstorming/discussions.



One result was our first Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which was a huge success! Beth Preston, with her creative mind, came up with

a poster to advertise the event and it was literally posted everywhere. She also created a new Facebook page for the South China Community Church that is updated regularly with upcoming events and special requests. Check it out and become a member if you aren't already!



Another special event, led by Pastor Emeritus Jim Ferrone, is the GODSPELL production. Currently we are learning the songs and will soon be bringing in more people from the community. If you have a passion for singing, acting, or doing background work, please contact Jim. It has been a wonderful, fun experience so far.

As many of you know, Pastor Paul has also been conducting some workshops on bow and arrow making, as well as outings on metal detecting. I am certain that more will come!

There are more plans in the works; so keep your eyes and ears open. Keep checking the bulletin, the Facebook page, and the website for updates and upcoming events.

There are so many people I am thankful for that I can't list them by name. Those that worked on the wall in the sanctuary, the new sound system equipment, the cloths for the sanctuary, the fund-raising events and other events - the list goes on. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As a final word, **WELCOME** to all the new people who have joined us this year. It has been wonderful seeing your faces and being able to talk with you each week. With God's will, the church and the people within it will grow. - *In Christian Love, Paula Kimball-Vigue, President*



### **Missions & Benevolence:**

As of the end of the first quarter, we had expended \$323.78 for family food and \$47.33 for flowers, so we are currently within our budgeted funds to assist the two families with

monthly food. These purchases are supplemented by donations from our church congregation. Committee members appreciate the food and personal supplies that are donated, and also the monetary donations from those who do not like to shop. Rosie will keep us notified, via the bulletin, as the birthdays for the children arrive and remember, in some cases, our gifts are the only gifts the children receive. Thanks to Rosie and Angela for the grocery shopping and coordinating the pick-up of food by the families.

Thanks to Marge Kurtzman for providing the Easter baskets, which you so generously filled for the 3 adults and 3 children. Also, thanks to Marge for organizing the baby shower gifts for our friend, Jessica Tarr. Congratulations to Jessica and her new baby boy!



Thanks to Joan Ferrone who has researched and found that all funds collected go to the "Any Soldier" program. She started collecting donations and our first gift of \$28.00 has already been sent. Please keep this very worthy project in mind and, as Joan said, "Just give me a dollar or two when you can and I will hold it until I get enough to send."

On May 4 we were informed by Sheldon Goodine of a very needy local family with four children. The little girl uses a small trundle bed and the three boys share a bed with Mom. Sheldon said there is a separate room available and the immediate need was to provide a bunk bed for the boys. After checking the newspaper and finding no used beds listed, I made several telephone calls to check prices, asking for any available discounts for a church purchase, and then made a visit to a Waterville store. They had metal bunk beds and very nice mattresses on sale, so we purchased one metal bunk bed (the two smaller boys will have to share a bunk) and the two mattresses for a total of \$359.85. The store generously donated four new, fluffy pillows for the children and an appropriate acknowledgement of their gift has been sent. New twin sheet sets and three throw quilts have been donated, as well as

some good condition used pillow cases. You should have seen me, with the two mattresses tied on top of my Rav-4, driving a sedate 40 mph to Sheldon's house! The bed was in an



Augusta store; Sheldon picked that up and by now has delivered and set up the bed for the boys. Thanks to him & Joyce for their assistance.

Since our budgeted money is projected to be used for food, the Benevolence Committee is respectfully requesting donations to offset this unexpected expense. Please make your check out to the church and mark "Bunk Bed/Mattress Fund" in the memo section. Good condition twin bedding may also be brought to the church and given to Sheldon, as he is our contact with this family. Thanks for your sharing & caring and "God Bless." – *Glenna Jordan, Deacon/Benevolence Chair*

### **Buildings & Grounds:**

Well, the new wall is finished in the sanctuary. It was a long time coming, but with the help of Steve Hadsell, the wooden paneling was removed and sheet rock installed in its place. The Prestons did about all of the painting. Thanks to Carl Schroeder for building the new chair rails and frame for the stained glass window.



Due to the cold and snowy winter, the property maintenance and supplies portion of the operations budget has a \$275.93 negative balance. Plowing alone was more than half the budget.

We still need to have the walls of the crawl space under the sanctuary spray-foamed with a budget price cost of about \$1,000. Materials have been purchased to install lights in the crawl space; this will be done before the spray foam is applied. With the 6% annual withdrawal from the Meader Family Fund, we will end this year in the black with all projects finished.

The old hot air furnace is mostly disassembled and soon will be gone, so that new storage shelving can be built. This will make storage identification easier. - *Sheldon Goodine, Chair*

Remember: "Teach a child to love before someone else teaches him to hate."

### **Communications & Outreach:**

This has been a busy spring and despite losing some folks due to death, moving, etc., it appears our church is growing in a positive direction! We certainly will miss some of the solid members that we had.

As usual, a number of summer activities are being planned (see "Calendar"), but the big event is our annual Chicken BBQ & Summer Yard Sale, which will be the second weekend in August. Please look in your homes for items you'd wish to donate (no clothing please) and drop them off any time in the back of the Fellowship Room (Memorial Hall), or we can pick up if needed. We are also looking at a town-wide summer resident cookout, possibly in July, to invite new folks to visit our church.

We had a wonderful music group, "Heavenly Sound," perform at the church on May 4. Turn-out was not heavy, but those who did attend had a very blessed event.

The monthly contemporary service (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at 5PM) is a chance to learn some modern Christian music and share with other Christians. We are so thankful to have Archie (Dave Archibald) assist us with the music. Ian Maxwell has been a tremendous help also. This is a rather informal gathering and a good chance to invite friends.



Somewhere in this issue you will read about the newly formed "Growth Committee." No, it's not about some horrid bodily part, but about growing our church. A lot of ideas are being discussed about how to increase membership, but I know that we will grow if we commit this to prayer and continue to place God first and spread the gospel through His love. Numbers are not the main focus; spiritual growth is most important and then I believe the numbers will come.

Don't forget to check out our website, [southchinacommunitychurch.org](http://southchinacommunitychurch.org). Thank you



to Lisa Montagna for continuing to provide this. Also, thank you to Beth Preston for putting our church on a FaceBook page!

There are two areas where money is needed: you can sign up to "sponsor" the bulletins for a month (the cost has been reduced to \$30/month to cover cost of paper, ink, etc.). The second item we would like to purchase is a permanent worship banner for the sanctuary. With the stand, the cost is about \$200. If anyone wishes to donate to either of these causes, please see Paula Vigue or Diane Rawson. - *In Christ's love and service, Diane Webber-Rawson & Bernie Welch, Co-chairs*

**Worship Committee:**

The Worship Committee that started in 2012 currently includes Sheldon Goodine, Pastor Paul, Chris Faris, Diane Rawson, and myself. Together we are still working on trying to get music to go with the message. We meet every Wednesday at 4:30PM. Anyone who wants to come to a meeting is more than welcome. Comments and suggestions are appreciated as well.

We also started a contemporary service for the first Sunday evening of every month. Now that there is warmer weather, we are hoping more will attend. If you are able to come, please do, and bring a friend! We have a lot of fun praising the Lord with song! Practice for the contemporary service follows the Wednesday worship meeting; if you would like to join us and can play an instrument or sing, please come!



We just had another social gathering around music. "Heavenly Sound" came to SCCC to perform. If you were unable to attend, but would like to watch the video, one is being prepared. We look forward to more such events in the future.

Finally, I have looked for help from many people and appreciate all the help and support given by the members of the committee and the congregation. I would not be able to do

my job without it and the support from our Lord above.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge our God's hands in every aspect of this year. I thank Him for blessing me with such a wonderful church family and for blessing all of our efforts as we continue to build His church. Thanks to everyone whose gifts and talents used to praise God each and every day and for a wonderful 2014 year so far. Comments, please keep them coming. - *In Christian Love, Paula Kimball-Vigue, Elder of Worship*

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Our worship service contains quite a bit of music. Each musical offering has its own role within the service. Let us examine what these roles are and how each piece is chosen to satisfy the intended purpose:



Prelude: The bell has been rung and the initial period of meditation is concluded with a piece chosen to separate the congregation from outside concerns and invite them into the service.

Introit: This is the formal beginning of our worship. It is usually brief and sets the tenor of the service in regard to liturgical seasons or a more specific event (e.g., Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Palm Sunday, etc.). The introit is often abbreviated and is sung for a benediction.

Hymns: The opening and closing hymns tend to be more spirited, the middle hymn more subdued. All are chosen with the week's message, influencing their selection. At times, the first and third hymns are chosen for their suitability to open or close a service.

The communion hymn is chosen to prepare us for the liturgical meal to follow.

Music Ministry: This, more than any other piece of music, should speak to the scriptural message and reading and should prepare us for scripture reading to follow. The music should create a solemn silence when finished, so that we are more open to hear the word of God. This may not always happen for any

number of reasons, but is still the focused objective.

**Incidental Music:** During the offering (after the second scripture reading is done and during the distribution of communion) music is played to provide a platform for meditation and to enhance the solemn mood.

**Benediction:** This may be the same as the introit or a statement appropriate to close a service.

The purpose of all the music should always be to enhance our worship service. Many members of the congregation are active participants and bring an eclectic flavor to the music presented.

Service music is an ornament. Scriptural is the substance. Let us not pay too much attention to what is secondary and let us focus on the word. - *Love and peace, Chris Farris*

**Christian Education:**

As of now our Sunday school is not functioning, but I hope and pray to be up and running in September. The Growth Committee is working on ways to bring in new members and hopefully children. Teachers are needed. If you feel a calling to teach, please let me know as soon as possible. - *God Bless, Joan Ferrone*



**ADOPT A PLATOON**

Thank you for the overwhelming support for our service men and women. As always, SCCC comes through!

**WOMENS STUDY GROUP**

Our goal as women is to become more like God expects us to be through studying His word and reflecting His love by our actions.

We will begin a new book in a few weeks; if you're interested in learning, sharing, laughing, praying, eating, this is the group for you. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 11:00AM in each other's homes. Call Joan @ 445-3118.

**SHAWL & VETERANS QUILT PROJECTS**

These projects continue to be going strong. Keep those needles going, ladies. To the delight of Chaplain Gant, I have six more shawls to bring to the Alford Center for cancer patients. The quilt is in progress, albeit slow progress, but it will get done. Anyone willing to do some sewing, let me know. Thanks to all who contribute to these very worthy causes. - *God Bless, Joan Ferrone-Christian Education*



**Finance & Stewardship:**

South China Community Church began 2014 with a budget of \$63,035. This is about \$5,000 less than last year's budget. At the end of the first quarter, account balances were:

Checking Account:	\$7595.61
Savings Account	3856.30
Memorial Fund:	52,599.00
Faith Ames Music Fund:	2103.06
Meader Family Fund:	36,271.51

Our total quarterly inflows were \$23,615.14; and total quarterly outflows were \$17,346.94. Projected quarterly revenue/expenses are \$15,758.75. Although it appears we have brought in much more than projected, the actual inflows include a transfer of \$8,000 from our Memorial Account to balance the budget. So, we are actually right on target as far as our revenue is concerned. We have spent a bit more than we should have by now, but our major expenses have been predominantly due to Buildings & Grounds projects and worship supplies that are not recurring. Overall, our quarterly expenses amount to about 28% of our budget – not too bad.



As far as pledges and loose offerings go, we are right on target, thanks to you! The Church Council would like to thank you for your faithful weekly contributions. We appreciate your generous support! If you would like to find out how you are doing with your personal pledge, please see Ron Emery for the details.

Thank you for entrusting me with this important responsibility. - *Respectfully, Janet Preston*

**Web sites of possible interest:**

[www.cbmus.org](http://www.cbmus.org)  
Supports Christian Blind Mission International, in which 60 cents delivers a year's dosage of Vitamin A for children in need

30-Day Prayer Programs:  
[www.guideposts.org/30days](http://www.guideposts.org/30days)



**On the lighter side:**

These are classified ads, which were actually placed in U.K. Newspapers:

FREE PUPPIES. Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE. Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

FOR SALE BY OWNER. Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, 200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

**KIDS IN CHURCH**

3-year-old Reese: 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'  
One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

One particular four-year-old prayed, 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'  
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus!'



A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, 'Would you like to say the blessing?' 'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied. 'Just say what you hear Mommy say,' the wife answered.  
The daughter bowed her head and said, 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?'



>>>>>>>>> **Children Are Quick** >>>>>>>>>

TEACHER: Why are you late?  
STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

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TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'  
GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'  
TEACHER: No, that's wrong  
GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.  
TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?  
DONALD: H I J K L M N O.  
TEACHER: What are you talking about?  
DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.  
WINNIE: Me!

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TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'  
MILLIE: I is...  
TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'  
MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

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TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?  
CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

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TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.  
MARIA: Here it is.  
TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?  
CLASS: Maria.

- † COMMUNION: JUNE 1 - JULY 6 - AUG 3
- † CONTEMPORARY SERVICE @5PM
  
- † DIRIGO CLUB'S BREAKFAST: NOT BEING SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME
  
- † MEN'S STUDY GROUP - 6:30PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>  
TUESDAYS: MAY 27 - JUNE 10 & 24 - JULY 8 & 22 - AUG 12 & 26
  
- † WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP A - 11AM, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>  
WEDNESDAYS: MAY 28 - JUNE 11 & 25 - JULY 9 & 23 - AUG 13 & 27
  
- † WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP B - 6PM, EVERY OTHER SUNDAY: JUNE 8 & 22 - JULY 6 & 20 - AUG 3, 17 & 31
  
- † CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS, 6:30PM, 2<sup>ND</sup>  
WEDNESDAY: JUNE 11 - JULY 9 - AUG 13
  
- † KOINONIA (FAMILY NIGHT), 6:00PM  
3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY: JUNE 18 - JULY 16 - AUG 20
  
- † MAY 26: SCCC TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
- † MAY 30 @6PM: GROWTH COMMITTEE MEETING (BRING YOUR OWN SUPPER)
- † JUNE 14: TURKEY PIE SUPPER
- † JUNE 15: FATHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE + SERVICE  
TIME CHANGES TO 9:30AM
  
- † DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: AUG 18



*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”*

*- Luke 10:27*



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