

The PASADENA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLARION



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The Rummage Sale

Volunteers Needed

If you can spare a hand, we need volunteers to help out with Rummage Sale set-up on Thursday, May 19, 1 - 7 pm, Friday, May 20, 4 - 7 pm and also on Saturday, May 21 anytime after 7 am.



Calling All Graduates!

If you or someone you know will be graduating from high school, college or graduate school this Spring, please let the church office know. We want to celebrate those accomplishments! When you call please include the name of the school and degree (if applicable).

PPC Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 21

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

PPC's annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 21. Now is the time to begin cleaning out your closets and garages. You can drop off items in the shopping cart at the sanctuary entrance on Sundays, or on Fridays at 3 pm there will be someone to help with unloading. For more information and for large-item pickup, call Luis or Margie at (626) 797-0691.

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Organist Ron McKean

Saturday, May 14
7:30 p.m.

Recognized as a leader in improvisation, organist Ron McKean has competed nationally and internationally, winning awards at the San Anselmo Festival, Haarlem Festival in Holland, and at the national American Guild of Organists competition. He has tutored under Leonard Bernstein, among others, and gives improvisation workshops and concerts throughout the U.S.

FREE ADMISSION (voluntary offering)

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Japan: Ann & Bill Moore

Thailand: Rob Collins & Esther Wakeman

The **Clarion**, PPC's newsletter, is published monthly and can be accessed from PPC's website at www.ppc.net. For members who do not have internet access please call the church office and ask for your Clarion to be mailed to you. A yearly donation of \$15 is asked of non-members.

Submit all newsletter articles no later than the 15th of the prior month to:

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585 E. Colorado Blvd.

A message from Dr. Mark Smutny

Dear Friends,

After years of experimentation and feedback we have evolved to the point where we hold two multicultural/multilingual worship services per year where all three language ministries worship together: Spanish, Korean and English. One occurs on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, befitting that quintessential American holiday rooted in the story of two cultures meeting together to thank God for deliverance and the abundance of the table. The second takes place on Pentecost Sunday, celebrating the pouring out of God's Spirit upon the church, upon all peoples and nations. This spring we are moving this second service to May 22 which is not Pentecost. We're making the move for the profound theological reason that Pentecost falls on June 12th, the weekend that my son, Ken, is getting married and I will be out of town. My pastoral colleagues insisted that we move the date to a Sunday when I could be present.

Whenever two or more Presbyterians are gathered, there are at least three opinions on matters of importance. When it comes to joint worship services, opinions on their desirability vary from people voicing their displeasure by simply staying away to ecstatic endorsement and points in between. Over the years I've heard dozens of enthusiasts insist we should hold such services at least once a month while inside I know that if we did, some would express their support by worshiping at the shrine of the holy mattress.

I believe worshiping together twice a year strikes the right balance. Worshiping together has all the right reasons going for it. They boil down to living out the values of our vision statement that extol the virtues of a multicultural congregation. The arguments for not worshiping together more often are more subtle. Besides being a whole lot of extra work for the worship planners, worshiping in a language that is not your own can require a sacrifice of what makes worship most enriching. Worship is one of the most intimate activities of human endeavor. As we worship we express what is what is most sacred and most intimate to us. Language is crucial for this expression of sacred meaning. Consequently, we worship and pray in the language that is most familiar to us—usually the language of our childhood. No matter how fluent we may be in other languages, when it comes to the language in which we express our devotion and deepest needs before God, we do so in the language where we are able to be most free, typically the language we first learned. It may sound slightly selfish, but we don't want to work when we worship. We want to enjoy God. Worshiping in a language not our own can compromise this sense of intimacy. On the other hand, from time to time, we need to be stretched.

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Congregational Life

Upcoming Events

If you've got a pencil and a calendar, make sure you jot down these dates for a summer of fun and fellowship.



First up is movie night... **UP On Saturday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in PH 301.** Screenwriter Pete Docter described it as both a coming of age story and an unfinished love story. It brings together a curmudgeonly old man whose life has been stained by loss, and an enthusiastic young boy who is trying to seize life by the tail. The two fly off to South America in a house powered by helium balloons for the adventure they both have always wanted—and

desperately need. *UP* has been praised by critics and audiences alike. The movie will be followed by discussion about the themes and just what it means to live an adventure. Bring snacks to share. Congregational Life will provide the beverages. This event is free.

And here are the rest of the events, all the way through January 2, 2012. Details will be available in upcoming issues of *The Clarion*.

June 18 (Saturday) at 10 a.m.—Hike in the Arroyo

Last year's event was such a success, we're doing it again! The Bricksons graciously hosted last year and have agreed to do so again. We'll meet for the hike and then gather for brunch. *Free*

July 2 (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. -- Hollywood Bowl Fireworks Spectacular with Daryl Hall and John Oates.

Patriotic music, pyrotechnics, and picnics. What could be a better way to celebrate Independence Day? Tickets go on sale in June. *\$26 per person includes admission and the Bowl Bus.*

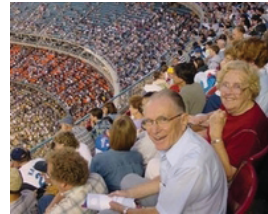
(Message from Dr. Mark Smutny cont.)

All that said, on May 22 we have a special multicultural/multilingual day. The single worship service with all three language ministries together will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Note the change in time! It will be preceded by a pancake breakfast and followed by more food. Come celebrate our multilingual/multicultural congregation!

Faithfully yours,
Dr. Mark Smutny

July 20 and August 17 (Wednesdays) at 6:30 p.m.—Barbecues on the Patio.

Burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's allow you to relax in the shade on PPC's patio and let someone else do the cooking. Bring a board game, puzzle, or playing cards if you desire. *Donate whatever you can afford to help cover the cost.*



July 27 (Wednesday) at 7:10 p.m. Dodger Game

A PPC favorite, the Boys in Blue will be playing the Denver Rockies. And winning, we hope! You can drive or take the Gold Line to Union Station (the terminal) and a free shuttle to the stadium. Tickets go on sale in July. Part of your ticket price goes to defray the cost of the meals PPCers prepare for Union Station (the Pasadena ministry to the homeless). *\$12 per person.*

October event—date and event TBA! Congregational Life will be preparing a short online survey soon to get ideas for this event and events for 2012.

January 1 & 2 (Sunday & Monday)—Rose Parade preparation and event. The Rose Parade falls on January 2 because of the "never on Sunday" rule. We'll need help in preparation the day before and service and logistics the day of the parade. Or, buy a ticket and enjoy a continental breakfast and grandstand view!

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

PandaMania! Where God is Wild About You! **June 27-July 1 6:00-8:30 pm.**

This year younger children will be invited to join the VBS fun in Pre-School PandaMania. We look forward to having even more children explore the love of God through crafts, singing, games and stories. This year a simple meal will be available at 5:30 for children attending PandaMania. If you would like to be a part of this amazing faith growing experience, contact Christine Cox, Tineke Switzer or Paul Yim. Watch for ideas on how you can help and/or register on the patio your children for this life changing event.



Computer to Guatemala



Earlier this year, PPC member and Peace Corps Volunteer Phil Burns sent out an appeal asking for the donation of used computers for a microfinance development organization at his work site in Guatemala.

PPC Young Adults led by Karen Lee, held a E-waste Collection Day. Many older obsolete computers, televisions, cameras and other e-waste were collected from members of PPC and the local community. The items were sold to Cal Micro Recycling. At the request of Karen Lee they graciously donated a newer refurbished desktop computer to Asociacion de Desarrollo Integral Comunitario (ADICO) in Equipulas Palo Gordo, Guatemala. ADICO has assisted in the economic development of tomato farmers, women's sewing projects, cooperative banks, and maternal and infant health programs, among others.



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Esquipulas Palo Gordo 16 de marzo de 2011

Señor:
Renee roderer
Pasadena presbyterian church
Estados Unidos

Reciba el más cordial saludo de parte de todos los socios de la Asociación de Desarrollo Integral Comunitario -ADICO-, deseándole bendiciones y éxitos en todo lo que realiza.

El motivo de la presente es para agradecerle por el apoyo incondicional que usted nos ha brindado, le pedimos a Dios que bendiga su hogar, trabajo y todos los ámbitos de su vida, Para nosotros fue una pérdida muy grande pero al saber que a nuestro lado también existen personas de buen corazón como usted, que nos alientan para poder seguir adelante a pesar de las adversidades.

Tal vez por la distancia no tengamos la oportunidad de decirle gracias en palabras, pero para el amor no hay distancia que pueda tenerlo, queremos que usted sepa que forma parte de nuestro corazón y que confiamos en un Dios grande que el ara sobre abundar bendiciones y que multiplicará grandemente sus bienes.

Un agradecimiento especial a Mark burns, Bob thomas Karen lee por su apoyo incondicional que Dios los bendiga

En representación de todos los socios y socias nos despedimos.

Atentamente,

Enrique López
Director y Representante legal



Coronense Enrique Lopez
REPRESENTANTE LEGAL
2011 AD



Pasadena Marathon Sunday, May 15

Please be aware that the Kaiser Permanente Marathon will be running through the city of Pasadena and may affect your commute to church that morning. For more information go to www.pasadenamarathon.org or look for further information about the marathon in your Sunday bulletin.

PPC FINANCIAL UPDATE – FIRST QUARTER 2011

Budget Category	2011 Budget	YTD Budget thru' 3-31-11	YTD Actual thru' 3-31-11	Variance
Pledges, Offerings and Gifts	991,300	247,825	251,096	3,271
Rents and Other Income	689,796	172,449	172,824	375
Total Income	1,681,096	420,274	423,920	3,646
Program, Mission, Admin	1,191,832	297,958	297,160	798
Buildings and Grounds	480,817	120,205	133,368	-13,163
Total Expense	1,672,649	418,163	430,528	-12,365
Income – Expenses	8,447	2,111	-6,608	-8,719

L.I.F.T. Bible Study Resumes!

Now that our Lenten Study Groups are completed for the season, the participants of L.I.F.T. are resuming our semi-monthly Wednesday night Bible Studies! What is L.I.F.T.? It is PPC's English-ministry for Young Adults, and it stands for Living In Faith Together! We will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 7-8:30pm in PH201, and we are beginning our study with an exploration of the Epistle of James. Please join us: Bring your questions, your laughter, and your insights! See you on Wednesday, May 4th!

FREE CONCERTS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

May 4

Isamu Nakashio, guitar

May 11

Crown City String Quartet

May 18

Christopher Goodpasture,
piano

May 25

Karen Knecht, piano

Lunch is available following
the concert for a \$6 donation.

MUSIC AT NOON



FOR THE RECORD

Births

Kira Azuma Radford was born to parents Jim and Andrea.

Deaths

Rak Sung, father of Rev. Hyun Sung died April 5 in New York.

Lucile Schloming died on April 6 in Winston, California.

Stanley Murray died on April 18. Stanley was for many years a custodian at PPC and his son, Calbert, is currently our head custodian. A memorial service will be held Friday, May 6 at 10:00 am in Freeman Chapel.

MAY CALENDAR

May 2 - Men's Group

May 3 - Session

May 4

Adult Education Committee

L.I.F.T. Bible Study

May 5 - Bibles & Bagels

May 6

Memorial Service for Stanley Murray

May 7 - Green & Greener

May 8

Second Sunday Sermon Sandwiches

May 9 - Women's Bible Study

May 10

Presbytery

Postmodern Book Club

May 11 - L.I.F.T. Bible Study

May 13 - Second Friday Fellowship

May 14 - Friends of Music Concert

May 18 - Joint Finance Committee
L.I.F.T. Bible Study

May 19

Bibles & Bagels

Presbyterian Women Circle

May 21

Rummage Sale

Movie Night

May 22 - Multicultural Church Day

May 23 - Women's Bible Study

May 25

Trustees

May 30

MEMORIAL DAY

Church Campus closed

Sacred Space for the City



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Multicultural Sunday

May 22

9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (\$5 per person)

11:00 a.m. Worship with All Language Ministries Together
NOTE CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME!

12:15 p.m. Korean Barbecue (donations greatly appreciated)

Come celebrate our multilingual/multicultural congregation!