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Christmas with T.O.T.A.L.I.T.Y.



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From Dr. Mark K. Smutny

Dear Friends,

When I was a young boy, I remember going with my mother to a migrant labor camp to deliver Christmas food baskets from my home church's Board of Deacons. The dirt floors and other primitive conditions of the cinder block buildings in the middle of the winter horrified me. I could not believe that my small town treated human beings this way. Something inside me was both moved with compassion and seethed with a sense of injustice. I have never forgotten those feelings nor do I want to. I refuse to accommodate to separatism and the inherent injustice that follows. I refuse to believe that God's peaceable kingdom will be built on mono-ethnic enclaves of privilege and deprivation.

As we begin a New Year, we as the people of God at PPC are called to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. It is a world that craves something better. Our differences and our interdependence are intended to be a source of strength and a gift from God to show the world who it is we say we follow. As people of faith, we know that in the encounter with the other, the very face of God is disclosed. Our hearts are transformed and we discover new attitudes and behaviors in relation to God, others, and ourselves marked by justice and compassion.

Nonetheless, choosing to embrace an inclusive vision of church and community requires a great deal of spiritual stamina. It requires a disciplined life of prayer and a commitment to build relationships across all the barriers that separate human beings one from another.

When from time to time we grow weary of the hard work of being a multicultural congregation, we need to recall how truly special our calling is. In building our inclusive, welcoming, multiethnic community, we need to be reminded that we exhibit the healing and the wholeness of God that the world craves.

Happy New Year!

Mark Smutny

Adult Education Offerings

Sundays at 11:20 a.m.

For Earth and Humanity: The City on a Hill and the Middle Kingdom in Chastened Leadership

Beginning on January 9, the Adult Education and Peace and Justice committees will present five sessions on U. S. - China Relations facilitated by Franklin Woo.

Areas of focus will be:

- I. The Middle Kingdom and the City on the Hill (Chinese and American sense of Superiority)
- II. A Century of Humiliation (1840-1949), under Western powers and Japan
- III. May 4, 1919 and Chinese Modernization by Western Means (including Marxism)
- IV. The Intertwining of Economics in U.S. - China Relations within Global Capitalism
- V. Return to the Middle Kingdom and The City of the Hill (albeit greatly chastened in a multipolar world)

January Calendar

- 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 3 - **Church Campus closed**
- 6 - Bibles & Bagels
- 8 - Green & Greener
- 9 - 2nd Sunday Sermon & Sandwiches
- 14 - 2nd Friday Fellowship /Dinner for Bad Weather Shelter
- 15 - E-Waste Recycling Event (see page 5)
- 17 - Martin Luther King Day – **Campus Closed**
- 19 - Joint Finance Committee
- 20 - Bibles & Bagels / Presbyterian Women Circle
- 23 - Care Ministry / English Ministry Deacons
- 26 - Trustees
- 24 - Women's Bible Study
- 28 - Bad Weather Shelter

Stewardship



S T E W A R D S H I P 2 0 1 1

As we begin a new year, PPC's Stewardship Committee urges you to make sure you have (a) completed your 2011 pledge and (b) have pledged to the 2011 campaign. Our theme for 2011 is "Were it Not for PPC" but, in reality, it could easily have been "Were it Not for You." We all make it possible for PPC to continue to be a vital force for our congregation, the community and the world. If you have not already done so, please consider doing so by completing a pledge card and returning it to the church as soon as possible.

Super Bowl Party at PPC February 6!

Instead of throwing a Super Bowl party of your own, have a great time with your friends at PPC! This is a great event to bring friends and introduce them to the church in a festive atmosphere. The fun starts at **2:30 p.m. in**



Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game-day dish or snack to share. Congregational Life Committee will provide the beverages. Good food, great fellowship, and of course the game on the big screen—what could be a better way to watch the Super Bowl?

Preaching Schedule – January

January 2	Dr. Dale Morgan
January 9	Dr. Mark Smutny
January 16	Dr. Mark Smutny
January 23	Renée Roederer
January 30	Dr. Mark Smutny

For The Record

Deaths

George Waldo (Wally) Stearns died in early December. Wally was a retired Presbyterian minister who served a number of ministry areas, including being on staff at Westminster, La Canada and Pasadena Presbyterian Churches. A memorial service was held in Freeman Chapel on December 18, 2010.

Membership

The following members were received by Session and received into membership by Baptism on December 19:

Taira Azumi	Woo Hyun Byun
Alksander Dyo	Cane Hwang
Ji Yoon Jeon	Hojin Jung
Stela Kang	Hyun Jung Kim
Dong Gyu Lee	Bora Lim
Ji Sook Park	Ji Hoon Seung
Gayoung Shin	Joo Heon Shin
Jaewon Song	Kyung Sup Song

Baptism

The following children were baptized on December 19:

Leah Dyo, daughter of Alksander Dyo and Jae Eun Paek

Andrew Huh, son of Daniel Huh and Annabelle Nam

June Boaz Jee, son of Eunsung Ji and Kyungsuk Ji

Joshua B. Jeon, son of Chan Soo Cheon and Yunsu Jeon

Noah Kim, son of Simon Kim and Nuri Park

Ethan Lee, son of Eric Lee and Grace Lee

Yena Oh, daughter of Kwang Hee On and Jin Hee

Gil Joshua Park, son of Pyoung Cheol Park and Jeong Hee Kim

Jua Park, daughter of Han Moi Park and Jin Ju Seo



Looking Ahead: Friends of Music presents Peat-Fire Flame

The next Friends of Music concert for the 2010-11 series will be a fun and different departure from our regular fare at PPC. On **Saturday, February 26**, Peat-Fire Flame, a fiddle/piano duo featuring violinist Colyn Fischer and pianist Shauna Pickett-Gordon will perform traditional Scottish music and new music in the Scottish tradition, 'Jazzeltic' (Jazz-influenced Celtic), World and Improvisation. Colyn Fischer performs and teaches violin and fiddle and composes music in many different genres. He teaches workshops in Scottish fiddling to violinists and fiddlers of all ages and levels. He coaches and co-directs the Peninsula Scottish Fiddlers in the San Francisco Bay area, and has toured Scotland with them. He has twice won the U. S. Open Scottish Fiddling Championship, playing a 1926 Benjamin Franklin Phillips fiddle named Angus.



Saturday, February 26 at 7:30 PM - Mark you calendar!

FREE CONCERTS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

January 5

Steve Schneider &
Betty Oberacker,
piano 4-hands

January 12

Crown City String Quartet

January 19

Maksim Velichkin, pianist

January 26

Iris Malkin, mezzo soprano
Edward Trybeck, guitarist

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

MUSIC AT NOON



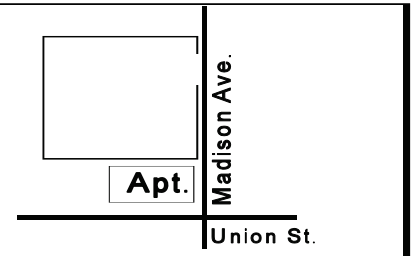
PPC E-Waste Fundraiser



**WHERE: 95 N. MADISON AVE.
PASADENA, CA**

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th

TIME: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.



ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONIC ITEMS

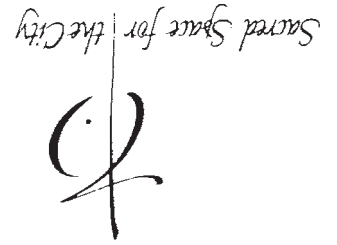
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PPC Singers to Perform at Carnegie Hall

“How do you get to Carnegie Hall?” goes the old aphorism. The answer, of course, is “practice, practice, practice,” which is exactly what 15 members of the Kirk Choir have been doing for the past several months as they prepare to join more than 200 other singers in “A Concert for Peace” on January 17 in the iconic New York City concert hall.

The group, including Dr. Timothy Howard, will be singing “Stabat Mater” by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, the same work that was performed at our 2010 Good Friday concert. The concert is under the auspices of Distinguished Concerts International New York and will be conducted by DCINY’s founder and artistic director, Jonathan Griffith. The other work on the program will be the U.S. premiere of Jenkins’ “Gloria,” and the composer will be in attendance for the rehearsals and the concert. All participating are excited about representing PPC at this important event and having the thrill of singing in Carnegie Hall.

Keep them in your prayers.

