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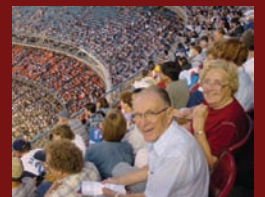
CLARION

## What's up for summer fun?

### Congregational Life Events for July & August

Summer at PPC is far from boring. In fact, Congregational Life has four exciting events planned for July and August.

Our annual event, PPC night at the Dodgers, is set for Wednesday, July 27. Tickets will go on sale on the patio after worship beginning in July.



They are \$12 each, with \$4 of the price going to benefit our Union Station food ministry. Once again, the free shuttle between the stadium and Union Station downtown is available, so if you want to avoid traffic and the high price of parking at the stadium, just grab the Gold Line and head on out!

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# A message from Dr. Mark Smutny

Dear Friends,

When my children were much younger, still at home and not yet teens prone to fits brought on by embarrassing parents, fully half my sermon illustrations were derived either from their antics or perfectly timed questions. I do not exaggerate. For example, on the question how a loving God permits suffering, Christopher at age five asked, "Dad, does God create tornadoes?" Ken at age seven on the efficacy of prayer: "If I pray for Roo to return, will Roo return?" (Roo was a favorite cat that we lost). And my all time favorite while watching the Superbowl with Ken who was age six at the time! A Budweiser Beer commercial came on featuring the Swedish Bikini Team scantily attired in red biki-nis, when he asked, "Dad, are they selling beer with sex? What's sex?" My response to that last one was, "Go ask your mother." I'm not sure what theological question was addressed by that last one but it was a great story.

Now that both sons are married and my son Chris and his wife Brett are expecting a daughter in later September, I'm both very excited about being a grandfather and can sense my reservoir of sermon illustrations will soon be overflowing with milk and honey. Get ready. I'm excited. Have a wonderful and restorative summer.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Mark Smutny

## Preaching Schedule

July 3	Mark Smutny
July 10	Renée Roederer
July 17	Mark Smutny
July 24	Mark Smutny
July 31	Mark Smutny

August 7	Woody Garvin <i>(The Reverend Dr. Woody Garvin is a former Associate Pastor at PPC, 1978 - 1987)</i>
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August 14	Renée Roederer
August 21	Robert Thomas
August 28	Mark Smutny

# Adult Education

## Being Reformed: Being Presbyterian

“Do you know where your Bible is?” “Did Jesus Christ die for you?” These will be two of the subjects discussed in PPC’s Adult Education series, “Being Reformed: Being Presbyterian,” to begin July 17 following English-language worship.

The eight-week series on basic aspects of the Reformed faith tradition and Presbyterianism will cover the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church and what’s ahead in the future. The July 17 class will be an introduction and the Sept. 4 class will be a wrap-up session.

PPC members Sterrett Collins, Gene Terpstra, Evelyn Thomas Heyne and Bob Thomas, along with PPC’s Director of Young Adult Ministries Renée Roederer, are coordinating the series. Other leaders will join in.

Each week, members are invited to stop by a table on the patio and fill out a card answering a question for the next week’s class. You will also be able to access these questions via PPC’s Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/pages/Pasadena-Presbyterian-Church/233870033296019](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pasadena-Presbyterian-Church/233870033296019)) The series is being designed so that you can attend any or all of the classes (i.e., what’s discussed in one class won’t carry over to another). So come and share the faith as your summer schedule permits.

## MORE Congregational Life Events for July & August



Once again, we will have **third-Wednesday barbecues** on the patio at 6:30 p.m. If you can’t make it that early, never fear; there’s always plenty of grub and room at the tables. The first is July 20 and the second is August 17. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. This is a

nice, relaxing time with no planned activities (other than eating), but folks are welcome to bring board games, puzzles, fun stuff to do.

If you can help out with the barbecues or at any of our upcoming events, please call Laura Monteros at [spiny-mountain@yahoo.com](mailto:spiny-mountain@yahoo.com).

## A message from Rev. Luis Madrigal Parish Associate for Latina/o Ministries

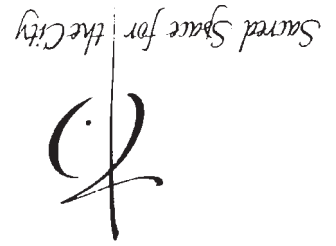
After many years of keeping in touch with several of Latino/a Ministries’ young people (at age 66 ½, this has not been easy), I am warmly moved to tell you that at least three are going on to University studies.

Martha Chávez just graduated from Pasadena High School and has been accepted at the University of California at San Diego. Martha plays her guitar every Sunday. We’re going to miss her. Jakelin Barona graduated from Marshall High School and has been a piano/keyboard student in our program for the last couple of years. Jakelin will start her studies at California State University, Channel Islands in Camarillo. And finally, there’s Sadrac Gonzalez who graduated from Pasadena High School and has been accepted at California State University, San Jose. Sadrac was taught to play the guitar right here at PPC and used his skills each Sunday.

Needless to say, Margie and I are so proud of these young people. I must also mention that Casta Chávez and Josué Funes are making plans to attend PCC. Please keep these young people in your prayers. We plan to stay in close contact with each of them. On Saturday, August 6th, at our annual Swim Party at Westminster Gardens swimming pool, we will recognize and bid them God’s speed. The Swim Party is open to all PPC youth and their friends. Just let us know who’s coming so that we’ll have plenty of hamburgers and hotdogs. Thanks to Andy and Esther Gutierrez who every year go out of their way to make this possible. Thanks Andy and Esther.

Lastly, Latino/a Ministries will celebrate its annual Day at the Lake at Santa Fe County Recreational Park in Irwindale, on Sunday, August 21st. We have our Sunday Worship service at this park, then spend the afternoon sleeping, fishing, swimming, bike riding, or just visiting with one another, etc. This annual day at the park has proven to be a real highlight for the folks of Latino/a Ministries.

While you’re online, don’t forget to fill out our Congregational Life survey at [www.ppc.net](http://www.ppc.net). It takes less than five minutes and will give us an idea of the fun events you would like to see in the English-speaking ministry. We want to hear from you!



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## E-Waste Round-Up

**Saturday, August 27  
8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

The dust bunnies of the electronic era are those old TVs, cell phones, and assorted electronic gadgets that seem to multiply around your house after awhile. It's unlawful and environmentally hazardous to throw them out in the trash. Your solution is to bring them to a round-up such as the one PPC will hold



on Saturday, August 27 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Madison Ave. parking lot. Proceeds from the scrap value of these items will help LIFT (a PPC young adult ministry) retire the last part of the debt on Parish House Room 201's renovation loan. So root out your environmental varmints and support our young adult ministry!



*Yes, Presbyterians can walk and talk at the same time! Jack Brickson and Bryan Cole enjoy a hike in the Arroyo with fellow PPCers in June.*

## Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 24 2011-12 Friends of Music Season Celebration and Silent Auction

Sept. 8 Kirk Choir/Van Etten Handbell Choir rehearsals begin. Kirk Choir will be singing on Sunday, Sept. 11.