

# The PASADENA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CLARION



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## CAMPUS MINISTRY WITH COOKIES



L.I.F.T.'s Young Adult Leadership Team is working to begin a Student Ministry this year. And we are doing this in part with partnership at Pasadena City College. And we have a fun, joy-filled, unique way of beginning. It's a COOKIE MINISTRY!

Thanks to the cookie donations of PPC members, we have assembled and given out 375 cookie packets to students at Pasadena City College. The cookie packets include a brochure about L.I.F.T. and Young Adult Ministry at PPC.

Renee Roederer, Director of Young Adult Ministries, stands on campus with a sign that says, "Free Cookies! No Catch! (Really!)" and is starting to be known as the Cookie Lady, a role she enjoys very much. "People are always pleased and sometimes surprised to receive something with no catch. I tell them, 'You don't have to sign anything or do anything.' Several people have asked to take pictures with me, and I'm starting to learn some names of students. Beyond the cookies and beyond the brochure, building relationships this way is the most important thing. Several students have asked me about PPC. We want to be joy-filled and inviting without being pushy. People of all religious persuasions (and no religious persuasion) seem to recognize this and enjoy what we're doing."

If you want to donate cookies for this ministry, just contact Renee at [renee.roederer@yahoo.com](mailto:renee.roederer@yahoo.com).



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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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# A message from Dr. Mark Smutny

Dear Friends,

For twelve years we have been blessed by the remarkable ministries of Luis and Margie Madrigal. Through the providence of God, they have moved into our lives and we have become all the better because of them. These twelve years have seen an amazing configuration of staff vested in a dream of God's multicultural church of which Luis and Margie have been essential. They have helped us see that Christ's love knows no borders and needs no documents. With amazing energy, intelligence, imagination and love they have helped us engage in mission, not far off, but here and now, within the very walls of our own church. The boundaries of class and culture have come tumbling down at PPC. They have helped us see that hungry souls and hungry stomachs are welcome here. Think of the images of their ministries: five hundred children at Happy Birthday Jesus mesmerized by Santa Claus! A long winding line of one hundred hungry people waiting for food baskets along the Parish House colonnade and waiting for kind eyes and open hearts! Pastor Luis unloaded boxes of foodstuffs from the back of the gray cargo van! Fifty people studying the Bible using the Kaleidoscope method in Español! Margie with her incredible enthusiasm, encouraging the women to make hundreds of delicious tamales for the benefit of the whole church! These images and so many more course through our fondest recollections.

Now, after four decades serving in ministry, Luis and Margie say its time to retire. We have the month of October to say goodbye, to celebrate their ministry, and to thank God for the blessing of having this wonderful couple be such an important part of our lives. On November 6, there will a special celebration luncheon at 11:15 a.m. to honor their ministry. Pray God that we cherish these two wonderful human beings that have entered our lives and made such a mark on our congregation.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Mark Smutny

## Adult Education Sundays at 11:20 a.m.

### Bible Basics/What's in the Bible (with Buck Denver)?

“At the conclusion of this summer’s Adult Education series, several people commented, “We need a course about the basics of our faith.” You asked — we are delivering by offering just such a course, exploring the Old Testament. Elder Robert Thomas is leading this series which uses a light-hearted, but informative animated video series entitled “What’s in the Bible (With Buck Denver)?”

Oh, and by the way, even if you know a lot about the Old Testament (or think you do), you’ll never view the Scriptures in quite the same way after watching Buck, Pastor Paul, Brother Louie, Sunday School lady and others explore the scriptures.”

## Responding to 9 / 11

What resources do we have to face our deep despair when we encounter a disaster like 9/11? On this, the tenth anniversary of that attack, we will explore sacred music, poetry, art, and film to help us reflect upon both what has happened to our community and the role hope may have in a time of stark uncertainty. Please come prepared to explore themes that may give us some of the resources needed to live in our troubled times. This class will be facilitated by Doug Dailey, Eric Westrope, and others.



## FOR THE RECORD

### Births

**Kylie Adler Smutny** was born September 23 to parents Chris and Brett Smutny. Kylie is the first grandchild for Dr. Mark Smutny and Dr. Barbara Anderson.

### Deaths

**Adnan (Andy) Saaty** died September 20, 2011. Andy and his wife Alice joined PPC in 1991 from Chicago. He served as both an elder and a deacon. A memorial service was held at PPC on September 24.

## We Did IT!



L.I.F.T. (Living In Faith Together; PPC’s English Young Adult Ministry) is pleased to announce. . . .

We have retired our debt!!!!

Of what debt do we speak? We are grateful that the Trustees loaned us some money a couple of years ago to renovate Parish House 201 as the Young Adult room. It looks great! On August 27th, we held our third Electronic Waste Recycling Event. Between these events and some kind donations from PPC members, we have repaid this loan.

Thank you to all our volunteers and all our financial angels!



## Thanksgiving Opportunity!

Pasadena City College has a large number of student veterans, young people who are transitioning from deployment back to civilian life. This transition is difficult, and many young people are looking for safe relationships and communities of care. PPC has the opportunity to host student veterans in our homes this Fall for Thanksgiving Dinner. If you are interested, please contact Renee Roederer at [renee.roederer@yahoo.com](mailto:renee.roederer@yahoo.com).



## Congregational Life Survey Results are in!

So what did most of the English Language Ministry want to for fun? Eat! They also want to take advantage of cultural offerings close to the church, such as museums and gardens. Of course, the Hollywood Bowl and Dodger Game are perennial favorites.

Congregational Life will be putting together a calendar for 2012 that includes activities tailored to the results of the survey. Watch for the calendar, which will be on the hospitality table soon!

Results are available in the office, at the hospitality table, online at <http://bit.ly/CLCsurvey>, or by emailing Laura Monteros at [spinyMountain@yahoo.com](mailto:spinyMountain@yahoo.com).

# Friends of Music 2011-2012 Season

Saturday, October 22  
7:30pm

## CAPPELLA GLORIANA



The opening event in the 2011-2012 Friends of Music series is an appearance by Cappella Gloriana, a professional chamber choir from San Diego led by founding artistic director Stephen Sturk, with organist Martin Green and the San Diego Harmony Ringers Handbell Choir.

### FREE ADMISSION

Bring your friends — this is a great way to introduce people to PPC!

## Presbyterian Women

Every three years, the women of the Presbyterian Church (USA) gather together for fun, fellowship and worship and to share the stories of their lives and faith journey. In 2012, the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held in Orlando, Florida, from July 18 – 22. There will be opportunities to enrich your soul through plenary events and workshops. Faith can be nurtured in prayer and song during worship services. Learn more about mission projects, advocacy work and Bible study. The possibilities for renewal and transformation are endless.



Online registration opens December 1; check the link at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering). Or stop by the Information Table for an information packet. Registration by mail opens January 15.

### FREE CONCERTS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:10 PM

**October 5**  
Quintessential Winds

**October 12**  
Duo Seconda  
cello & piano

**October 19**  
Ruth Kasckow, flute  
Mark Frankl, flute

**October 26**  
Belrose Duo  
cello & piano

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

MUSIC AT NOON



## Angel Interfaith Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



Angel Interfaith Network will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, October 15, at 11:30 am at Almansor Court in Alhambra. Tickets are \$45 each. The event includes a silent auction, opportunity drawing,

cake walk, entertainment and stories from some of the hundreds of patients and families supported by Angel Interfaith Network.

Angel Interfaith Network partners with faith communities around Los Angeles to provide both spiritual and practical support for families and patients at LAC-USC Medical Center.

If you would like to attend the event or want more information, go to <http://www.angelinterfaith.net/luncheon11.html>

### Conference

## BRAVE NEW PLANET

Friday & Saturday, October 28-29, 2011  
Claremont Presbyterian Church

\$50 per person (scholarship aid is available.)

#### Pre-Conference Lecture

Thursday, October 27  
7 pm



Author Bill McKibben will lecture on his new book, *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet* on the Pomona College Distinguished Lecture Series.

#### Pre-Conference Concert

Saturday, October 29

#### Featuring

**Jim Manley, Jim and Jean Strathdee  
and the Pilgrim Pickers**

Claremont Presbyterian Church  
Free and open to the public.

For information on these events, go to <http://imaginingecologicalcommunities.wordpress.com/conference-set-for-october-27-29-2011/>

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

**October 1**

Kirk Choir Retreat

**October 4**

Session

**October 5**

L.I.F.T. Bible Study

**October 6**

Bibles & Bagels

**October 8**

Green & Greener  
Friends of Music Kick-Off and Auction

**October 9**

Picnic

**October 10**

Men's Group  
Women's Bible Study

**October 16**

Care Ministry

**October 18**

Listening for God class

**October 19**

Joint Finance Committee  
L.I.F.T. Bible Study

**October 20**

Bibles & Bagels  
Presbyterian Women

**October 22**

Friends of Music Concert

**October 24**

Men's Group  
Women's Bible Study

**October 26**

Board of Trustees

**October 28**

Korean Ministry Anniversary celebration

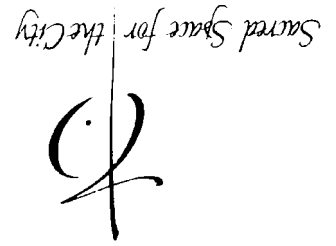
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## ROSE PARADE MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012

Have you circled the date on your calendar yet? The Rose Parade rolls by PPC and you can view it from the grandstand and get a continental breakfast and indoor restrooms to boot!

There are several ways to get your order form. You can go to PPC's website and follow the links to print your form. Or, you can call the PPC Rose Parade hotline at (626) 793-2191, ext. 353 and leave your mailing address or e-mail address and we can get a form out to you. You can also purchase tickets on the patio soon (watch for an announcement in the bulletin).

**\$45 for PPC members**

**\$65 for non-members**

**\$45 for clergy and active-duty military personnel**

Parking will be available in the Union Street lot; \$20 per car, \$50 per RV. Call Laura Monteros or the church office if you are interested in volunteering either the day of the parade or the day before for food preparation.

