

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela
Week of 04 July - 10 July, 2010

INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks for:

- Those who pay the high cost of working for justice and peace.
 - Christians who live faithfully in the midst of violence.
 - Fishermen and farmers who feed their families and their countries.
 - Llapingachos (potato and cheese pancakes), aji (hot sauce), locro soup (made with cheese, avocado and potato), choclo (barbecued Andean corn), ceviche (a seafood dish marinated in lemon and onions, which is always served with popcorn), and pabellon (seasoned shredded beef, served with beans, rice and fried plantains).
 - Giant tortoises, iguanas and other unique wildlife on the Galapagos Islands, and those trying to preserve their environment.
 - CLAI, the Latin American Council of Churches, whose headquarters is in Quito, Ecuador.
 - Those who work on behalf of the poor.
- #### Pray for:
- An end to war and violence in Colombia and the establishment of a safe environment for all people.
 - The creation of a stable and fair economy in Ecuador.
 - An end to corruption by government officials.
 - An end to drug production and trafficking, and the availability of other methods of economic activity.
 - The indigenous peoples of these countries, who often bear the brunt of poverty amid growing economic disparity.
 - Those who are poor, unemployed, and grieving, and those who work with them.
 - Those affected by flooding and earthquakes.
 - A renewal of faith by Christians in these countries.
 - Those kidnapped or held hostage and their families.
 - Those who have left their families and friends to go to another country to support those back home.



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Gathering & Centering

- Welcome & announcements
- Call to worship
- Opening hymns
- Opening prayer

Hearing & Reflecting on the Word

- Scripture reading
- Hymn of preparation –
Open My Eyes, That I May See

Responding to the Word

- Passing of the Peace
- Prayers of the people
- Offering + Prayer of
Thanksgiving
- Holy Communion

Sending Out

- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

"It Adds Up!"

Pastor Emily Lin

II Kings 5: 1-14



Great Thanks to worship
participants this morning:
Becky, Jenny, Janene, Michael, Peggy
Charlie
Greeters: Frances & Charlie
Hospitality: Eddie & Arlene

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother/God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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View from the EMC Chair

By Derek Lang



This will be the first week of our Annual Conference year and the first week of our new appointments. Last week, we celebrated Pastor Emily's new role as Lead Pastor. This week, we welcome Pastor Samuel Ng. It was a joy to meet Pastor Samuel several weeks ago when our District Superintendent introduced him to our Staff Parish Relations Board. He comes to us from the United Brethren tradition and most recently from a United Methodist Church-connected fellowship group. For those up to speed on United Methodist Church history, you will recall that in the United States the United Methodist Church was formed with the merging of the Methodist and United Brethren denominations. Pastor Samuel comes from a strong background in church planting and congregational development. I am sure he will have many opportunities to share more of his background with you.

He has visited and spoken at our Chinese-speaking worship over the past couple years, and when we worked with the DS to find a new pastor, we focused on the role of the new pastor in caring for the Chinese-speaking congregation. However, Pastor Samuel is not just the Chinese congregation pastor, just like Pastor Emily is not just the English congregation pastor. Both of them are pastoring the whole church. I am prayerful that we will be able to enjoy just as close of a relationship with him as we have developed with Pastor Emily over this past year.

We are entering a new era in CCUMC's history. The key to transitions is communications. I encourage us all to talk with our pastors about what ministry has been and what it could be here. Share your ideas. Share your faith. Share your hopes. Appreciate our history, but also be open to something new. We also have a strong laity in our church, so please also feel free to talk with our Staff Parish Relations Board, our Ministry Councils, and our Lay Speakers. I pray that we can all see excitement in this new opportunity.

Today, since there will be no Sunday School, an informal prayer time will be held in the upstairs chapel at 9:45 AM. If you are at church at that time, you are invited to gather together and lift up your joys and concerns to God in loving community.

As a reminder, there will be a joint fellowship at 10:30 AM to officially welcome Pastor Sam on his first Sunday with us. Please try to make it! English worship will begin at 11:15sm

Upcoming News and Events

Keeping Up with Aeri

Aeri will be keeping in touch with us all month long through emails and the YCVM blog (<http://ycvm.blogspot.com/>). She's already sent her first letter! We give thanks for her safe arrival. It sounds like she is off and running! We will be lifting up weekly prayer focus through our Mission: Uganda! Sunday School time.

We welcome our new Assistant Pastor, Samuel Ng!

We celebrate the assignment of Pastor Sam to CCUMC. We look forward to our partnership in ministry that will unfold and grow in the season to come. Pastor Sam will be reachable through email at: samuel_ncp@yahoo.com and through our church line: 510.452.1020. His primary responsibilities will be CM worship, nurture and growth. Pastor Sam is here half-time. We will be creating ways in the coming months for Pastor Sam to get to know us and for us to get to know him. Stay tuned!

Summer Learning Opportunities:

Tuesday Night Talks @ PSR with outstanding theologians! Each Tuesday, one of PSR's summer faculty will give a free, community talk at 7:00 p.m. This will be followed by a light reception. Grab a friend and head toward Berkeley for one or all of these soul-stretching talks!

July 13th / The Rev. Dr. James Forbes - Toward the Next Great Awakening

July 20th / Dr. Sharon Bray - Healing Others / Healing Ourselves: The Power of Writing

July 27th / Rev. John Shelby Spong - Eternal Life: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell

Aug. 3rd / Pat Schneider - Tell Me Something I Can't Forget (film screening and discussion)

Aug. 10th / The Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper - Sacred Chow: Some Holy Ways to Eat

Worship with us Next Sunday ~ July 11th

Greeters: Adrienne & Rich

Scriptures: Alvin

Prayer: Becky

Sound Techs: Jenny

Hospitality: Youth Group

