

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for Canada, United States of America
Week of 1 August - 7 August 2010

INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks for:

- Churches that see beyond their own congregations and countries to reach out to others in the name of Christ.
- The National Council of the Churches of Christ USA, and the Canadian Council of Churches, and their efforts towards unity.
- Those who tell stories from other parts of the world linking the poverty of the developing world to the consumerism and wealth of North Americans.
- Those who work for the rights of women and children.
- Those who walk instead of driving a car, who take the public bus instead of their own van, who call for an end to the wasteful use of the earth's resources.
- Maple syrup and pumpkin pie.

Pray for:

- Continued efforts to ensure the rights of all peoples in Canada: First Nations, English and French speaking, and all immigrants.
- An end to the creation and proliferation of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.
- Those who experience poverty, discrimination and lack of opportunity amid great wealth, and for the growing gap between rich and poor.
- Those affected by terrorist attacks.
- Revitalization in the churches and renewed leadership.



Worship with Us Next Week ~ August 8th 2010

Scripture Focus: Hebrews 11: 1-3; 8-15

Scripture: Rich

Prayer: Burt

Music: Ben

Acolyte: Wendy

Sound Tech: Jenny

Greeters: Brenda & Jane

Hospitality: Donna



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THE MESSENGER

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August 1, 2010
Pentecost 11

Gathering & Centering

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

Hearing & Reflecting on the Word

- Scripture reading
- Hymn of preparation
- Sermon

Responding to the Word

- Passing of the Peace
- Prayers of the people
- Offering + Prayer

Holy Communion

Sending Out

- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

"Rich Towards God"

Pastor Emily Lin

Luke 12: 13-21



Great Thanks to worship participants
this morning:

Brenda, Becky, Matthew, Michael,
Jenny, Janene

Greeters: Frances & Charlie
Hospitality: Leela & Manual
Altar flowers: Mrs Seto Wai Leong,
Mrs Lam Woo Suk King

Mission Statement

We, the children of God at Chinese Community United Methodist Church, are committed to continue our heritage of spiritual growth and service to the Chinese community and beyond, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and responding to the needs of others with justice and compassion, making disciples of all people.

View from the EMC Chair

By Derek Lang



As I drove past the local Safeway supermarket, I noticed the side of the truck with a juice bottle which said, "Naked: nothing to hide." I still do not know what it means, but I am reminded of today's passage about accumulating money to provide safety and security. Security is found through money, but it can also be created through what we do. In fact, we are often defined by what we do instead of who we are. We give ourselves value by doing and keeping busy. I was particularly struck by Raymond's portrayal of Martha a couple weeks ago as he responded to Donna's call to let go, and he said "I don't know if I can. I'm afraid."

We have been planning for the upcoming StreetFest at the end of August, and a goal will be to raise awareness of our church's presence in the community. Some of us have struggled with the question of what we have to offer to the community. It is easy to invite the community to come to us because we are giving free hot dogs and balloons or we are offering to volunteer or give money to charity. But without Nursery, ESL, Saturday Children's program, or a summer Day Camp, it seems more difficult to articulate in layman terms what we are all about and why people should come here. In a sense, we have become naked. We cannot hide behind having lots of programs to offer, and we ask that people come to see us for who we are. But what is that?

Robert Short in his book *The Parables of Peanuts* explains that we are asked to believe in a "bare-naked" Jesus. He writes, "the nominal Christian pays homage to something *about* Jesus rather than worshiping the man himself. For this reason, nominal Christians will extol the moral teachings *of* Jesus, the faith *of* Jesus, the personality *of* Jesus, the compassion *of* Jesus, the world view *of* Jesus, the self-understanding *of* Jesus, and so forth. None of these worships *Jesus* as the Christ, but only something *about* him." As Christians, we are tasked to follow Jesus not for what beliefs He stands for or what he has done; rather we follow because of *who* He is.

I invite us to let us sit with these thoughts: Who is Jesus? And who are we as Chinese Community United Methodist Church?

Thank You Note: A special thanks to Ms. Carol Louie Cheng (sister-in-law to Gloria Louie) for her donation to church and mission in honor of her "parents Yuet Wah Louie and Ho Shee and also to his grandfather Wang and our paternal grandmother Wang. They opened three True Light Gospel schools before the Gold Rush years."

Upcoming News and Events

All Church Clean Up & Clean Out - Saturday, Aug. 7th! Come one, Come All!
8:30am - 12:30pm

New Church Office Hours

Please note that effective September 1st, 2010, our church office hours will become:

Monday—Thursday, 9:30am—2:45pm

Friday, 9:30am—3:00pm

Calling all A's fans! (or Texas Ranger fans),

Church Community Day on September 9th, Saturday at 1pm at the Oakland Coliseum. Besides the game, there will be

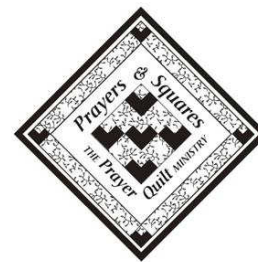
- Performance by Donnie Moore & the Radical Reality team.

• Testimonials by A's players.

Groups of 25+ will receive special player testimony cards.

Discounted Group tickets are available.. If you are interested in going as a group, invite your friends to join us!, Please let Jason or Charlie know. Email Charlie at Charlieth0-CCUMC@YAHOO.COM.

Prayer Quilt Ministry



CCUMC's prayer quilt ministry has now been operating for one full year! Since its beginning last summer, the women of the church have sewn and presented 6 quilts. The congregation tied knots on four of the quilts and offered prayers for the recipients. Everyone is encouraged to continue their prayers for Jenny Chio at UC Riverside, Joyce Tan at UC San Diego, Elaine Yu at UC Davis, Hoang-Anh Tran who relocated to St. Louis, Mildred Wong who resides in Oakland, and Peter and Jasmine Lau who now minister in Millbrae

We are honored to be able to offer this ministry while building the prayer life of the church. Scripture teaches us to "pray without ceasing", and we are called to follow the example of Jesus who lived and walked steadfastly in prayer. Members of the congregation may request a quilt for anyone they know who has special prayer needs. Contact Becky or Jane for more information.