

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia
Week of 8 August - 15 August 2010

INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks for:

- The wondrous diversity of creation and those who seek to be good stewards.
- Aboriginal and Maori cultures and those who try to preserve the best of them.
- Gum trees and kangaroos, wallabies and kiwi fruit, Aoraki/Mt Cook and Uluru/Ayers Rock.
- Coral reefs and the wonders of life they contain.
- Societies becoming multicultural and learning to be more open to those who are different.
- Lively debate and political wit.

Pray for:

- The rights and lives of Aboriginal peoples, who have lived in Australia for thousands of years.
- The rights of Maori people, who were the original inhabitants of Aotearoa/New Zealand.
- Those who witness to the strength of the Gospel to highly secularized cultures.
- An end to discrimination against refugees and migrants seeking a better, safer life.
- Those who oppose violence and war.



THE MESSENGER

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August 8, 2010
Pentecost 12

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

Sending Out

- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

**“By Faith... Lessons
from an Immigrant”**

Pastor Emily Lin
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16



Great Thanks to worship participants
this morning:

Rich, Burt, Ben, Wendy, Jenny

Greeters: Brenda & Jane

Hospitality: Donna

Altar flowers: Mrs. Pam Lang,

Mrs. Dora Chann, Ms. Anh Thach

Worship with Us Next Week ~ August 15, 2010

Scripture Focus: Psalms 80: 1-2, 8-19

Richard Fong, Certified Lay Speaker

Worship Participants: Burt, Becky, Ben, Wendy, Kelvin,

Greeters: Donna & Steve Hospitality: Rich & Adrienne



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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.

Spiritual Help is on the Way / Steve Chan-

A small group ministries discernment team has been meeting to discuss and discern the purpose, need and the how-to of launching a new small groups ministry at CCUMC for the last several months. This new ministry is to help build, strengthen, nurture and grow each of us in our spiritual lives.



To walk with God, we need to talk to Him. To do his will, we need to know his Word. Participating in a regular small group is designed to help build and strengthen our relationship with God and also to help build and strength our relationship with one another.

At this time, we are targeting the launch of new small groups in October. The first cycle will invite participation for 2½ months (October – mid-December.) The second cycle will convene from January to through the end of February. Small groups will meet weekly during those times. You are invited to begin praying about your participation. We hope that you will consider, intentionally, being a part of this new ministry.

I personally decided to get involved with the discernment team because I realized that I was not walking with God and very probably hiding from Him. Moreover, I was definitely not growing spiritually. I recognized this when I noticed that attending church and Sunday school had become a habit. It was a good habit, but one that did not produce any positive or measurable results. I didn't love God any more because of it and I certainly didn't love my neighbor any more. I now know that worshipping God on Sunday is not enough to carry me through this long journey. I seem to be stuck in the same rest station. I go ahead a little bit but always end up back at the same rest station. I have come to the realization that I need to know his Word more deeply in order to walk with Him and to do his Will. I also realize that I need the help and support of others in this journey. So please join me and others in this new possibility!

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please connect with me, Charlie or Pastor Emily. A questionnaire will be distributed soon to get your input. Please keep an eye out for that.

Summer Sunday School Experience~

We would like to tell everyone about the wonderful Sunday School experience that we have had this past month. We have not gone to Sunday School since we last taught (so long ago)! Wendy & Jenny have given us a wonderful experience in learning about Uganda, their history and all the trials and tribulations they are living with day to day and how our church is working with YCVM. We appreciate Jenny and Wendy's long hours of loving labor in thinking of all the different way to teach us and to keep the adults quiet and interested. You two are the best and we are all very proud of you. Keep up the good work, God has blessed us with you both.

Love and peace,

Ed & Arlene

Upcoming News and Events

Street Fest 2010 -

Planning is definitely underway and everyone but everyone is invited and needed that day. Please consider making a donation of food items and signing up to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together as a community of faith and be a witness to the love that God gifts to us. Sign-up sheets are posted in the social hall. Thank you!

Celebrating Mission: Uganda!

Mark you calendars and invite a friend to celebrate mission: Uganda! on Sunday, Aug. 22nd at 11:00 a.m. During this special worship service, we'll hear the faith sharings of Aeri, Jenny and Wendy as they reflect on their summer missions.

On Sunday, Aug. 1st, CCUMC wired \$42,000 to YCVM. Of that amount, \$40,000 was designated for building the first wing of the boarding school and \$2,000 for the ministry to vulnerable orphans. Below is the response from Board member, Rev. Martin Odi, to an email from Becky regarding the transfer of funds.

Awesome! On behalf of YCVM I am so grateful to hear from you. And thank you for the wire made. Grace our treasurer or Silver will let us know when the funds arrive.

I am glad that we are on the same page, willing to learn and know each other well and build a relationship which is not based on money but on the blood of Jesus Christ. I hope Aeri has a brief profile of each of us. If not I will ask Grace and Silver to compile a few details about each of us in YCVM including the orphaned children so that as the [Sunday School] series go on you will be able to paint a picture of each of us.

Please, as a church family, do remember me in person as I travel in the Great Lakes region of Africa (7 countries) to teach the Good News of the Kingdom and train pastors and church leaders. Specifically I need more of God's love in me then I can love his people, I need to know Christ more and the power of his resurrection, I need to walk in His holiness, I need security in my travel, and home, and I need the hearts of those I teach to be receptive and willing to change.

I am so committed to praying for you all. I love you, and love you and love you.

"The Only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" Gal 5:6b NIV
Rev. Martin Odi