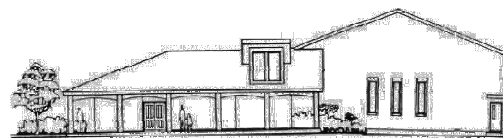


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NEWSLETTER

華人長老會 簡訊



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The Book of Hebrews chapter 6 describes two types of Christians. There are baby Christians and mature Christians. The author clearly wants to press on to be mature Christians.

The Bible tells us not to continue laying the foundation of repentance over and over again, but now stand on the strong foundation of Jesus Christ and move forward and become mature in our understanding. The problem is not the lack of foundational knowledge but lack of faith and acceptance that can move us forward to further understanding of God. We need to work hard to move beyond (not away from) the elementary teaching. We must move towards the maturity in faith.

I pray for this maturity so that we can come to a deeper understanding of God's love. And that we are able to teach and share, and help the new Christians, and also each other to grow and build upon the strong foundation of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Peter Choi

"Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, And God permitting, we will do so.
Hebrews 6:1, 3

Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 11

Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

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Children's Ministry

Invitation to Serve God

Serving children is one way to find out what "faith like a child" really means. We have many opportunities utilizing a variety of our gifts, skills, and talents to serve the children of our church. Please pray about this invitation to serve God, impact the life of a child and catch the spirit of child-like faith.

- Minister to families with children
- Help children to learn that they are special to God
- Provide an exciting Christian atmosphere with love, acceptance, and respect for learning God's word
- Recognize that children learn through a variety of experiences

We believe that children learn best by doing, actively thinking, and experimenting to learn firsthand about the world God has created for us. Our dedicated and loyal Children's Sunday School teachers are here every Sunday to serve our children. Won't you come aboard and travel with us on this exciting and wonderful journey?

Jeanette Hew

Get to know a friend...



Keren He

Age: 8.5

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite food: Pizza

Favorite things to do: Reading

Siblings: Jason He

Parents: LeiPin He & Jany Cheng



Youth Ministry

Youth Worship

Every Sunday @ 11:00am

Come and join us~!

Let us together come to know, understand, and experience God's immeasurable, wonderful, and amazing love~!

Please contact Angela Choi for more information. (408-718-3379/cpcyouth03@gmail.com)

Youth Pastor Search

We are in need of Youth Pastor for our youth and college students. We need someone who can work with the heart and passion of Jesus Christ for youth and college students that they may learn about Christ and come to know Christ who will lead them throughout their lives.

Let us pray continuously for the young people and help them to grow in faith in Christ.

Please contact Elder May Wong.

MINISTRY IS NOT A JOB, IT'S A PRIVILEGE
TO BE USED BY JESUS



PANDAS SENIOR GROUP

January Gathering

Thursday, February 1 & 15 @ 10am

We hope all seniors can come out and have a wonderful and fun time of fellowship together in Christ. There will be sign-up paper on the table in the fellowship hall, so please do sign up if you are coming or let Mayling Hew know.

Ronald McDonald House Charities

We are collecting recycled beverage tabs to help support our local Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. The collection box will be on the table in the fellowship hall.

We are also collecting the medicine bottles. Please remember to take off the label before you bring them. You may give the medicine bottles to Linda Lew or to the table in the fellowship hall.



Pray
together

Every Saturday, 8:30 am @ Church

Faith to Unite

The Adult Sunday School class recently studied Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus to encourage a unity within the church that was not present in the world around it. I like to share this food for thought with you and encourage you to meditate on how God made us different to make us one. This is taken from the Teacher's Devotional.

"In His high priestly prayer (John 17), Jesus calls His Church to unite in love and service. This oneness is also the prayer of every pastor. My husband, a long time pastor, says, "I just want people to get along, serve, and love Jesus." Often that statement is easier to say than to carry out. If there is any unity of spirit, it is only by the grace of God. It actually takes faith to unite with another brother or sister in Christ. Why? If there are 100 people in a congregation, there are 100 different opinions on a given subject. But God wants to use our differences to make us one. One of the biggest challenges in a local church is to bring all of the age groups on the same page as far as the vision and goal of the church.

For instance, different people like different kinds of music from classic hymns to newer choruses. Some love a praise team with lots of instruments; others a choir with lots of voices. We also have our own vision of what the church building should look like, or if we should even meet in a building that looks like a traditional "church"—or if we need a building to meet in at all.

What is the key? We must yield our preferences one to another. The apostle Paul exhorts us to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Phil. 2:3-4). We must bring all of our preferences under the lordship of Christ and His preferences so God can use our differences in unified service." (from Teacher's Devotional)

Paul said that the Body, the Church, is built on one foundation—Jesus Christ---and that in Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. In Him also we "are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit (vs.2). When we are unified in love, purpose, and function we show the world what Jesus is like and that there is one God, one faith, and one path to a right relationship with God.

Love means taking risks; it means making sacrifices. Love means helping, it means serving. Both Jesus and Paul taught that obeying the love command is itself the fulfillment of all the other commandments. But mere outward conformity isn't what God desires. He wants sincere love—an honest, consistent concern for other people that spills over into action.

Jeanette Hew

Communion Service

Sunday, February 4
During worship

Come and join us in our worship.



Circle #3 Bible Study

Tuesday, February 6 @ 10:30am

We are studying with the book, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier. We will also have a Christmas lunch together after the bible study. So come and join us in learning about the community of Christ through the bible and have fellowship together.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Sunday, February 18
1:30pm — 3:30pm

- Entertainment
- Activities & Food
- Traditional Lion Dance
- And more!

Come and join us for the celebration~!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 25

We will have the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 25 after the worship service. All congregants are encouraged to attend.



Session News

Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on January 22, 2017:

- Nellie Underwood was elected to remain as Clerk of Session for the year
- Debbie Mengel was elected to remain as Treasurer of CPC
- Committee Chairs were selected as are as follows: Worship-Jenni Hew, Finance/Membership-Susan Hom, Outreach/Mission-Mark Lee, Personnel/Nominating-Lila Crotty and Christian Ed/Discipleship-May Wong
- Personnel Nominating Committee met on 1-16-18 and recommended that the Session with the Presbytery Commission on Ministry pursue the dissolution of Pastor Peter Choi's pastoral relationship with CPC. A meeting is set with the COM moderator, Donna Stogner for Tuesday, Jan. 30 for 7p at church.
- In lieu of candles, dripping wax for Vesper service, battery operated candle lights will be purchased along with Advent battery operated candle lights.
- Chinese New Year Festival/Celebrating Committee planning meeting was held on Tuesday, 1-23-18. The date will be Sunday, Feb.18 following service to begin at 1:30p-3:30p. There will be activities, entertainment, food and the traditional Lion Dance. Volunteers are still needed, please contact Susan Hom, Nellie Underwood or Lila Crotty.
- We have been offered an insurance policy addendum non-certified terrorism and Susan Hom is looking into it.
- Annual Congregational Meeting is February 25th immediately following Worship service. All congregants are asked to attend.
- Next Session Meeting Monday, February 19th for 7p at church.

Next Stated Session Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2018 for 7p at church.

Volunteers for JANUARY

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
		English	Chinese		
FEB 4	Lila Crotty	Lila Crotty	LeiPin He	Carolyn Chin, Margaret Chin Ming Joe	Sonny & Mayling Hew
FEB 11	Pat Ellzey	Pat Ellzey	Frank Yam	Robert Hew, Brandy Hew Jenni Hew	Peter & Angela Choi
FEB 18	Ed Lee	Ed Lee	Mrs. Lena Chow	Maurice Hew, Jeanette Hew Henry Hom	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee
FEB 25	Sonny Hew	Sonny Hew	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Stanley & Inge Hamidjaja Susan Hom	Dennis & Debbie Jee



spring cleaning

Saturday, March 24

Look out for the sign-up sheet~



Pizza & Games Night

Friday, February 23 @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Come and join us in fellowship in Christ~!



that *Christ*
may DWELL
in your HEARTS
by **FAITH**

EPHESIANS 3:17

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 English Class 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship	11:00 Youth Worship 11:00 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice			1 Pandas Senior Gathering 10am	2	3 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
4 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Communion Service	5	6 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:30 am	7	8	9	10 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
11 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am	12	13	14	15 Pandas Senior Gathering 10am	16	17 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
18 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am	19 Stated Session Meeting 7pm	20	21	22	23	24 Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
25 Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Annual Congregational Meeting	26	27	28			

希伯來書第6章描述了兩種類型的基督徒...有嬰孩基督徒和成熟基督徒。作者顯然希望成為成熟的基督徒。

聖經一次又一次告訴我們不要再奠定悔改的根基，而要站在耶穌基督的堅固根基上，向前邁進，在我們的理解中成熟。問題不在於缺乏基礎的知識，而是缺乏能使我們向前邁進的接納和信心，進一步瞭解上帝。我們需要努力工作進步超越，而不是遠離初級的教學。我們必須向成熟的信念走去。

我祈求這份成熟，使我們能夠更深地理解神的愛。以及我們能夠教導，分享和幫助新的基督徒，使他們也能彼此成長，建立在耶穌基督堅固根基之上。 崔牧師

「所以我們應當離開基督道理的開端，竭力進到完全的地步，不必再立根基，就如那懊悔死行，
信靠 神，神若許我們，我們必如此行。」（希伯來書6:1, 3）

兒童事工

邀請事奉上帝...事奉兒童是一種方式去找出兒童對信仰是有什麼真正的含義。我們有很多機會使用我們的天賦，技能和才能為我們教會的兒童服務。請為這個事奉上帝之祈禱，去影響孩子的一生，與體驗到孩子般信心的心靈。

教會兒童事工是為有兒童的家庭工作。幫助兒童意識到上帝認為他們是特別的。提供一個令人振奮的基督教氛圍愛，接納和尊重地學習上帝的話語。認識到兒童的學習是通過各種經驗的。我們相信兒童最好的學習包括親自工作，積極思考和親手瞭解上帝為我們創造的世界。我們熱忱，盡忠守職的主日學教師每個星期天都都在這裡等待你和你的兒童。希望你能加入我們這個令人興奮和美妙的旅程。 葉月明長老

結識朋友...姓名：何可人；年齡：8歲半；最喜歡的顏色：藍色。最喜歡的食物：義大利薄餅。最喜歡做的事：閱讀。弟弟：何杰生。父母：何雷斌 & 程佳。

青年人事工

青年人崇拜...請來參加每星期日上午十一時的青年人崇拜！讓我們一起來認識，瞭解並體驗神無量，奇妙和驚人的愛！請與師母聯絡來獲取更多資訊。(408-718-3379/cpcyouth03@gmail)

需要年青人牧師...本堂的青年人和大學生需要一個領導牧師。他們需要一位能與他們一起工作，以便他們瞭解和來認識基督來引領他們的一生。讓我們為他們不斷祈禱並幫助他們在基督裡的信仰成長。讓我們繼續為我們的年青人不斷祈禱並幫助他們在基督裡的信仰成長。若任何人有提意，請與陳美坤 長老聯絡。

熊貓前輩小組...小組將在2月1和15日（第1和第4個星期四）聚會，希望各位都能出席，在基督裡享受一個美好而有趣的相交時刻。在交誼廳的桌子上會有一張註冊紙，若你來參加請簽名在註冊紙上或讓朱美蓮知道。

羅奈爾得麥當勞屋慈善機構...教堂正在收集鋁飲料罐的開罐匙，以幫助支援當地羅奈爾得麥當勞屋計畫，是一個臨時的『家鄉的家』，為重病患兒童在醫院接受治療時讓他們的家人能在附近居住。收集箱將放在交誼廳的桌子上。同時我們也收集藥瓶。請帶來交給陳蓮馨或放在交誼廳的桌上。

婦女第3圈契查經班...2月6日，星期二上午10時半，婦女會第3圈聖經班將研究由梅麗莎·貝恩維爾所作的書本『雲彩見證人，希伯來基督的社團』。歡迎各位加入小組，一起學習上帝的話語。研究聖經後我們將一起享受聖誕節午餐。

意大利薄餅和遊戲晚...2月23日，星期五晚上6時半至8時半舉行。歡欣各年歲會友參加！請來一起享受遊戲，薄餅和交通！

春季清潔...訂于3月24日舉行，請留意詳細報告。

信念團結...成人主日學最近研究保羅所寫給在以弗所教會的信，鼓勵在教會內不存在於周圍的世界的團結。我喜歡與你分享這『思想的食糧』，並鼓勵你思考上帝如何使我們與眾不同，而使我們成為一團結。這段文本是取自『教師的自修』。

「在他的高祭司禱告（約翰福音17章），耶穌呼籲他的教會團結於愛和事奉之中。這合一也是每個牧師的禱告。我的丈夫，一個很長久的牧師，說：『我只是希望人們相處，事奉，愛耶穌。這句話語往往比執行更容易。若有任何聖靈的統一，那是因為上帝的恩惠。』實際上需要信心才能與另一個弟兄或姊妹在基督裡合一。有什麼原因呢？若有100人在一個會眾中，在一個特定的主題將有100個不同的意見。但神要使用我們的不同來使我們成為合一。在當地教會裡最大的挑戰之一是把所有的年齡組都和教會的願景和目標放在同一頁上。

例如，不同人喜歡不同種類的音樂，從經典讚美詩到新合唱歌。有些喜歡有很多樂器的讚美隊；其他喜歡詩班有很多的聲音。我們有自己的願景教堂建築應該是什麼樣式的，或我們甚至應該在一座看起來像傳統教堂建築裡聚集，或我們是否需要一個建築來聚集。

關鍵是什麼呢？我們必須把我們的偏好互相分享。使徒保羅的勸誡是『凡事不可結黨，不可貪圖虛浮的榮耀。只要存心謙卑，各人看別人比自己強。各人不要單顧自己的事，也要顧別人的事。』（腓利比書2: 3-4）。我們必須把我們所有的偏好帶到基督和他的首選之下，以便上帝能在我們的差異下使用我們于統一事奉的方面。」

使徒保羅說，身體，『教會』是建立在耶穌基督唯一的基礎上，透過他整個建築是聯合起來在主裡上升為一個聖殿。透過他的身體，我們也一起被建造，成為上帝靠聖靈所住的居所(第2節)。當我們在愛，目的和功能上統一時，我們向世人展示耶穌的樣子，這裡只有一個上帝，一個信仰和一條通向與上帝正確關係的道路。

愛意味著冒險，這表示要犧牲。愛意味著幫助，表示事奉。耶穌和保羅的教導都說明『遵守愛這誡命本身就是所有其他戒律的履行。但僅僅外在的順從不是上帝所期望的。他祈求真摯的愛...一個真誠，一致對其他人的關心，讓他們去作行動。 葉月明長老

農曆新年慶典...訂于2月18日崇拜後舉行。葉月蓮，譚碧霞和李貴財幫助準備。需要志願者誰能購買食品，做飯，設置，準備盤子，服務並清理。我們還需要能夠準備兒童活動的志願者。如果您願意幫忙，請與譚碧霞聯絡。

會眾周年會議...將在2月25日，星期日崇拜後舉行。

會議會新詢...會議會在1月22日召開會議。要點如下: 1) 葉月蓮繼續被選今年會議會的書記。 2) Debbie Mengel 繼續當選為教會的司庫。 3) 會議會各委員會主席選擇如下:崇拜...邱桂芝，財政/會員...譚碧霞，外展/使命...李貴財，人事/提名...陳麗坤，基督徒教育/門徒...陳美坤。 4) 人事提名委員會在1月16日舉行了會議，提意本堂的會議會與長老會事工委員會追求解除崔元德牧師與華人長老會的關係。會議已訂于1月30日，星期二晚上7時在教堂與事工委員會主持人，唐娜·斯督拿舉行會議。 5) 代替蠟燭在晚禱會使用時滴蠟，本會將購買電池操作蠟燭燈和電池操作的降臨節蠟燭來使用。 6) 農曆新年/慶祝委員會籌備會議于1月23日，星期二舉行。慶祝日期訂為2月18日，星期日從1時半至3時半崇拜後舉行。慶祝將有活動，娛樂，食物和傳統的舞獅表演。需要志願者，請與譚碧霞聯絡。 7) 春季復興會議定于5月10至13日舉行。探訪牧師是敏卿。 8) 保險公司提供了一個保險政策附錄『非認證的恐怖主義』，現在由譚碧霞引導調查。 9) 周年會眾會議訂于2月25日崇拜後舉行。各會員都鼓勵參加。

下一個會議會會議將于2月19日，星期三晚上7時在教堂舉行。

「耶穌對他說，你要盡心，盡性，盡意，愛主你的 神。」

馬太福音22: 37



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VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is that the Chinese Church is a growing church family. We are dedicated to worship, Christian education, active witnessing for Jesus Christ and community service.

The mission of the Chinese Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the Good News of God and His love while establishing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ by enhancing spiritual growth through worship, teaching the Bible, and fellowship. We desire to show God's compassion through caring and service to the community