



San Marino Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Welcome to worship at San Marino Community Church! Whether you are a first time visitor, long-time member, or returning after some time away, may you experience God's presence as we worship together today.

San Marino Community Church is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which is part of the Reformed family of churches throughout the world. Our vision is to live Christ's Great Commandment – to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Sunday school and childcare are offered for children of all ages in the lower courtyard. Sunday school for Preschool and below begins at 9:15 am and for grades K-5 following the Time with Children and will also be held in the lower courtyard. Children may be picked up in their classrooms following worship.

NEWS AND NOTES

HAPPY (LUNAR) NEW YEAR!

Plan to celebrate Chinese New Year after worship - see insert for details!

DISCOVER SMCC RECEPTION

Sunday, February 12, 10:30 am, Church Lounge

Those new to SMCC can discover more about the church from the pastor in this 45 minute reception following worship.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, February 19, 2011

Plan to attend the annual meeting of the congregation following "The Gathering". Come for brunch at 12:15 pm (\$5/person at the door). The meeting will begin at approximately 12:45 pm. A quorum of 110 members are needed to vote on the Pastors' terms of call, elect the 2012 Officer Nominating Committee, and celebrate the year in review. The 2011 Annual Report will be available one week before the meeting.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Jessie Coates and family on the death of her son Karl Coates; the family of Bab Jenkins who died this week; the family of Olive Holtom who died last week; Ken Lewis; Howard Topp; Ruth Horton; Don Fuchs; Tom Bousman; Kuo-Tang Huang (Chun-Yen Chen's father); Tucker Stillely; Lucille Norberg's daughter Janice; David Wong (Julie Wong's father); those renovating the church facility; the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee; Wayne Halleen; John Logg; Borlie Wong; those seeking employment; those in the military and away at school; Village Presbyterian Church, Arcadia



To add names to the public or private prayer list, please contact the church office at smcc@smccpby.com. An individual's permission is needed to list them in the bulletin announcements.

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CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 1, 9:30 – 11:30 am, SMCC Nursery School

Applications are available now. Children of church members have priority in registering. Applications must be turned in by February 29 for the school year 2012-2013. For more information contact Director Nancy Swanson at (626) 282-4186 or NSwanson@smccpby.com.

SPRING CHILDREN'S CANTATA: HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER!

Rehearsals Wednesdays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Choir Room

This year's cantata is *Happily Forever After!* Participation of all children, members and non-members, grades K through 5th, is encouraged. With great songs and speaking lines for everyone, regardless of age, this is the year to be a part of the cantata. Children will also help make sets and props on art days! Visit the registration table during fellowship time for more information, contact the church office, or Director Miss Yilin at YHsu@smccpby.com!

ELEMENT

Sundays, 9:15 am, Westminster Hall

Middle school and high school students are invited to a unique and wonderful worship service. Worship the Lord through prayer, the Word, and interactive stations that engage the senses. All are welcome!

OVERTIME – MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Westminster Hall

LIGHT – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, Westminster Hall

Overtime/LIGHT is a time of fellowship, games, and interaction with Scripture. Come study the larger questions of who is God, what is the Kingdom of Heaven, and what is our calling as humans. Students are welcome to come and bring their friends for a wonderful night of friendship and fellowship! Contact Karl Hauser at KHauser@smccpby.com or Ryan McKenzie at RMckenzie@smccpby.com.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: SERVICE, SOUP, AND "THE BIG GAME"

Sunday, February 5, 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Westminster Hall

San Marino Community Church's Student Ministries invites the entire congregation to a canned food drive and lunch before and during the big game. "Souper Bowl of Caring" is a national program sponsored by the NFL and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP). Plan to watch the big game on the big screen with surround sound. Enjoy a soup and chili lunch in Westminster Hall for \$6.00/person (\$20/family of 4+). Funds raised will benefit PHP and the SMCC Student Ministries Mission Trip Scholarship Fund. Non-perishable food items collected will be given to the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches' (ECPAC) "Friends In Deed" food pantry.

NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Sunday evenings, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, meeting in homes.

Young Adults, college and post college age, are invited to a dinner and Bible study. Join in a time of discussing themes of friendship and community, work and careers, lifestyle and values, and ponder the words of Jesus to his first disciples and for today. Contact Rich Lamb RCLambjr@gmail.com or (626) 233-7441 or Julia Wells at (626) 826-9221 (call or text) for more information.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP?

Sundays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday focuses on Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who is often overlooked by Protestants, as an important disciple. Ken Bailey traces what the New Testament says about her from the birth stories to the cross and beyond to the early Church. Presbyterian author, professor, pastor, and scholar Dr. Bailey taught in Cairo, Cyprus, Jerusalem, and Beirut for 40 years. He is renowned for his scripture expertise from a Middle Eastern perspective, historically and contemporaneously. Dr. Bailey illuminates scriptural understanding via DVD.

RENOVATION OF THE HEART: TRANSFORM YOUR FEELINGS

Tuesday evenings, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Adult Education Room

Friday mornings, 10:00 – 11:15 am, Community Room

New participants are welcome to jump into this continuing study that helps transform lives to love God more with heart, soul, mind, body, and relationships. How does God work to change feelings? What are the conditions that contribute to feelings and moods? What are the four movements toward perfect love? To find the answers to these and other questions, get a copy of Dallas Willard's challenging and helpful book, *Renovation of the Heart*, from the church office (\$20), join one of the groups experiencing these transformations by watching and discussing Willard's DVD presentations.

NEW MANDARIN-LANGUAGE BIBLE STUDY ON LUKE'S GOSPEL

Sunday Mornings, February 5 - April 29, 10:30 - 11:15 am, Multipurpose Room

Those who speak Mandarin are invited to attend a new Bible study. It will be especially meaningful for those who are new immigrants and/or are new to Christianity. The class will be lead by SMCC member, Dr. David (Wandao) Gong. David is employed as a mechanical engineer and has a passion for sharing the Gospel. In addition to his engineering training, David studied at International Biblical Seminary and received a Masters Degree in Missiology in 2006 and his Doctor of Ministry from Vision University (Seminary) in 2010.

FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S BREAKFAST OFFERS FOOD AND THOUGHT

Wednesdays, 7:00 am breakfast, 7:30 discussion, Fellowship Hall

Join the men of the congregation for a hearty breakfast and great discussion.

2/1: Dr. Michael Lisano, JPL

2/8: Richard Graves, Former Associated Press Reporter

2/15: George Ball, Chief Financial Officer – Parsons Corporation

COMMUNITY CHURCH WOMEN

Friday, February 10, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

All women of the church are cordially invited to be "Looking for Love (In All The Right Places)" as a response to VITAS chaplain Rev. Cynthia Pierce's presentation on the search for love. Refreshments will be served.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Saturday, February 18, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Church Lounge

Interested in learning more about SMCC or joining the church? Please sign up at the information center or the church office at (626) 282-4181 x 19 or PFlynn@smccpby.com. Childcare available on request

WORSHIP

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION: YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Today, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Join members of the Conversational English Class as they present Chinese snacks, display cultural artifacts, and present a program of traditional dance and culture to celebrate Chinese New Year.

HOME COMMUNIONS SERVED NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday afternoon, February 5, the pastors and church officers will serve communion to those unable to attend worship on a regular basis. To request home communion call (626) 282-4181 x 19 or email PFlynn@smccpby.com.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 2, 6:00 pm to Saturday, March 3, 4:00 pm, Kellogg Center, Pomona, CA

Speakers: Drs. Bill and Ginger Bercau. Pre-register and/or receive more information by contacting Peggy Flynn at PFlynn@smccpby.com or (626) 282-4181 x 19.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 5: *Scout Sunday (contact SkipOM@smccpby.com to participate)*

Sunday, February 12: *Teddy Bear Tea for Women & Children (2:00 pm)*

Sunday, February 19: *Reception of New Members & Annual Meeting of the Congregation (12:15 pm lunch, 12:45 pm meeting)*

Wednesday, February 22: *Ash Wednesday Service (12:30 & 7:00 pm)*

Sunday, February 26: *Dr. Iain Torrance, History of the English Bible, Huntington Library*

Saturday, March 24: *Open House - Community Day at Community Church (2:00 pm)*

NEXT BAPTISM DATES

March 11, 2012, June 17, 2012

Members who wish to have their children baptized are invited to contact SkipOM@smccpby.com or (626) 282-4181 x 12 for more details.

OUTREACH

MONTE VISTA GROVE HOMES TRAVELS TO CHINA!

Trip Dates: October 14-31, 2012

Informational Meeting: Thursday, January 26, at 6:15pm, Marwick Place, Monte Vista Grove Homes (2889 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena)

All are invited to attend an informational meeting to learn about the upcoming trip to China. Flyers are posted on the kiosk by the church office. For more information or questions, contact Meagan McClellan at (626) 796-6135 x 113 or MMcClellan@mvgh.org.

2012 PER CAPITA OFFERING

The amount for the 2012 Per Capita Offering has yet to be set by Presbytery. Letters will be sent to all members in February once the figures have been determined.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE - NEXT WEEK

Each Communion Sunday join the Board of Deacons in responding to the need for food in the LA area. Members and friends are encouraged to remember those less fortunate by bringing non-perishable food items to both worship services. Donations may also be delivered to the church office the Monday or Tuesday after the monthly collection.

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY **JANUARY 29**

- 8:30 am Chapel Open for Silent Prayer – *Christ Chapel*
- 9:00 am Childcare – *Lower Courtyard*
- 9:00 am Church Library Open
- 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 9:15 am ELEMENT – *Westminster Hall*
- 9:30 am Church School (Kindergarten – 5th grade) – *Lower Courtyard*
- 10:15 am Fellowship Time – *Front Lawn & Lower Courtyard*
- 10:30 am No Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 am Chinese New Year Celebration – *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class – *Westminster Hall*
- 11:15 am “The Gathering” – *Sanctuary*
- 6:00/7:30 pm Overtime & LIGHT – *Westminster Hall*

MONDAY **JANUARY 30**

- 6:00 pm Women’s AA – *Westminster Hall*

TUESDAY **JANUARY 31**

- 6:00 pm Tuesday Adult Study – *Adult Education Room*
- 7:00 pm Evening Grief Group – *Church Library*
- 7:30 pm Family Camp Meeting – *Multipurpose Room*

WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 1**

- 7:00 am Men’s Breakfast – *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30 am Conversational English Class – *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting – *Community Room*
- 3:00 pm Music & Discovery – *Choir Room*
- 4:00 pm Grief/Life Transition Group – *Church Lounge*
- 4:15 pm ESD Committee Meeting – *Multipurpose Room*
- 7:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting – *Church Lounge*
- 7:30 pm Men’s Bible Study – *Church Library*

THURSDAY **FEBRUARY 2**

- 9:30 am Parents of Young Children – *Westminster Hall*
- 9:30 am Conversational English Bible Study – *Church Lounge*
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room*
- 8:30 pm Men’s AA – *Westminster Hall*

FRIDAY **FEBRUARY 3**

- 9:30 am Conversational English – *Fellowship Hall*
- 10:00 am Daytime Bible Study – *Community Room*
- 11:30 am Library Open

SATURDAY **FEBRUARY 4**

- 6:30 am Men’s Basketball – *San Marino High School*
- 9:30 am Table Tennis – *Westminster Hall*

SUNDAY **FEBRUARY 5**

- 9:00 am Childcare – *Lower Courtyard*
- 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service & ELEMENT
- 11:15 am “The Gathering” – *Sanctuary*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
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THE LAST WORD

A Few Thoughts from the Church Librarian...

Is there a teenager in your house? In your family? Are you on the Session? On the Pastor Nominating Committee? Here is a book for you. The author, Kenda Creasy Dean, is Associate Professor of Youth, Church, and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, who participated in a National Survey of Youth and Religion in America in which 2,000 youth were interviewed about their faith. This book documents the fascinating results of the survey, giving many quotations from the interviews. The conclusion of the survey is that most youth today are proponents of a philosophy called “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” which teaches to “be nice, do good, and keep God in the background”. The title of the book – *Almost Christian*.

Among churches most likely to produce these Moralistic Therapeutic Deists were those in the mainline Protestant category. The book analyzes why this is happening, and gives specific suggestions on how to combat this disturbing trend. The expressed theme of the book is “how can the twenty-first century church better prepare young people steeped in Therapeutic Moralistic Deism for the trust-walk of Christian faith.”

Looking back, let’s remember that those mothers back in the late 1930’s, who first pressed for a church in San Marino, were looking first and foremost for a church school for their children, and as Dr. Martin Baker guided the church through its formative years, his highest priority was to produce a team of trained educators. We’re in the process of restoring and renewing our plant; this book can point the way to renewing our Christian Education program as well, and to restoring the vision of our founders.

- Shirley Wilson

VISIT SAN MARINO COMMUNITY CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep informed of the latest renovation developments and view construction pictures. Search for “San Marino Community Church” and “Like” us for regular updates. One does not need a Facebook account to view the photos.

DETAILS

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP are offered from 10:15 – 11:00 am.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available on the usher table in the back of the sanctuary.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS are kept in the church business office.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINES are noon Tuesday each week.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DEADLINES are generally the tenth of the month.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

CD AND PRINT COPIES OF RECENT SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE

“*Lasting Change*” (1/22), “*Listening to God*” (1/15), and “*Ordered Chaos*” (1/8/12), by the Rev. Jeffrey O’Grady are available as well as earlier sermons. Printed versions of sermons are available at the information center as well as online at www.smccpby.com/worship/sermons. (There is occasionally a several week delay for printed sermons.) Those interested in a CD may leave name, address, and \$3.00 for duplication costs at the information center or the church business office, and it will be mailed.

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