



# San Marino Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

Sunday, March 7, 2010

**Welcome** to worship at San Marino Community Church. Today we share in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper – also known as “Communion” or “Eucharist”.



All who have been baptized are invited to partake, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus. Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of communion and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper.

Sunday school is offered all morning in the lower courtyard for preschool age and below and at 9:30 am for grades 1-5 following the Time with Children. Older children will re-join worship for communion. Following worship, younger children may be picked up in their lower courtyard classrooms.

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

### CONGRATULATIONS



The rose at the lectern is in honor of Alice-Emma Juliette Petmecky, born Monday, February 15, 2010 to Kalia and Tres Petmecky. Juliette weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Siblings Alexander, Sophia-Maria, and Hunter were thrilled to meet Juliette.

### CHILE EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

SMCC is responding to the earthquake in Chile through support of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Please use the envelopes in the pews to provide assistance to those in need and/or indicate OGHS on your check.

### WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Those affected by the earthquake in Chile; Fred Potter as he travels in Africa with Project Education and Ministry of Hope; Alex and Lara Walker, infant twins of Ruth and Donald Walker; Peter Hedrick on the death of his father, Gordon; Rev. Dick Cole; Anda Andersons; Joan Garrett; Betty Fuchs; Grace McGueil; Tom Bousman; Jim Elliott; Lee Mantilla; Lew Miller; Wendy Karrasch's father Glenn Parker; the Ann Babcock family and her premature twins Eliza and Matthew; Sally Adams; Borlie Wong; Mary Currie; Don Neu; Nicolas Von Tscherner; those seeking employment; those in our church family serving in the military; Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, Claremont.



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

# YOUTH

Contact Youth Director Paul Blakesley at [PBlakesley@smccpby.com](mailto:PBlakesley@smccpby.com) or (626) 282-4181 x 26 or connect online at [www.smccpby.com](http://www.smccpby.com) for more information.

## ELEMENT

*Sundays, 9:15 am, Westminster Hall*

New Series: Dirt! During this Lenten Season we anticipate the death of Christ, his burial into the dirt, and his resurrection, our ultimate redemption. ELEMENT is an interactive and multisensory worship service which provides a creative space for those who wish to explore together the mystery of worshipping God.

## YOUTH GROUP AND CONFIRMATION

*Today, Westminster Hall*

Confirmation class (10:30 am), middle school youth group (4:30 pm) and high school youth group (7:30 pm) are all back in action!

## NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

*March 14, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Union Station*

Parents and students needed to help cook and serve at Union Station. Come experience what it means to follow Jesus by serving others. This will be awesome!

## NEXT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

*March 21, 11am – 3pm, Union Rescue Mission*

14 high school students will have the opportunity to serve the homeless in downtown Los Angeles after church. Give back to the community, be the hands and feet of Christ, and get service hours for school. RSVP!

## EASTER OVERNIGHT, EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE & YOUTH SUNDAY

*Saturday April 3 (Westminster Hall), April 4 (Lacy Park) and April 25 (SMCC)*

5th graders, middle school students, and high school students! Interested in leading worship at the Easter Sunrise service and Youth Sunday? Want to sing, play, usher, speak, run tech, set up, take down, etc.? Contact Paul or Jen to sign up. Plus 5th graders and middle school students are invited to spend the night at church preparing for the Easter Sunrise.

## STARBUCKS OFFICE HOURS

*Monday (2:00 - 4:00 pm), Tuesday (3:00 - 4:30 pm), Starbucks on Huntington & San Marino*

Come and visit with Paul on Mondays and both Jen and Paul on Tuesdays at Starbucks. They are holding office hours in the community to see you!

# CHILDREN

## SUNDAY CHURCH NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

San Marino Community Church is having a baby boom and help is needed from the congregation to care for the babies on Sunday mornings. Volunteer caregivers are invited to hold babies and play with toddlers once a month. Get your baby fix – and serve our young parents as they find a peaceful moment to worship God and renew their spirits! Those interested in volunteering should see Jennifer Baer on Sunday morning or contact her at [JBaer@smccpby.com](mailto:JBaer@smccpby.com) or (626) 282-4181 x 13.

Volunteers are especially needed on Palm Sunday (March 28) and Easter (April 4) to sit with our youngest friends in the nursery and toddler room along with our talented staff. These are busy days with many visitors and friends. Come help!

# ***DISCIPLESHIP***

## **DR. JOHN BURGESS: “WHAT THE REBIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN RUSSIA CAN TEACH US ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL LIFE”**

*Today, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall*

Christian churches in Russia were practically stamped out during the Soviet era, but since the fall of Communism they have experienced miraculous rebirth. Son of SMCC member Betsey Burgess, Dr. John Burgess, will look especially at the spiritual resources of the Russian Orthodox Church and its martyrs of the 20th century. John is Professor of Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and has written and spoken widely on his experiences traveling and living in Russia.

## **JOIN THE LENTEN REFLECTION AND RENEWAL CLASS: URGINGS OF THE HEART: A SPIRITUALITY OF INTEGRATION**

*Tuesdays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall*

*Fridays, March 12, 19, 26, & April 2, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Church Lounge*

What does it mean to be whole? Complete? Come and learn from the integration of scripture and psychology as Rev. Jeff O’Grady, Martha Williamson, and Rev. Karen Berns offer insight and develop growing friendships through small discussion groups. Books available in the church office \$15.00. Childcare and children’s activities will be available upon pre-registration.

## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY LAUNCHES NEW SERIES**

*Sunday, 10:30 am, Church Lounge*

“We Worship God” will focus on New Testament Gospels and Paul’s letters. This is great time to join the conversation led by Elders George Ball and Bill Wells. All welcome.

# ***FELLOWSHIP***

## **NEW EVENING GRIEF GROUP FORMING**

*Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Church Library*

Men and women experiencing grief of any variety are invited to a newly forming confidential and caring grief group led by an experienced Stephen Minister. Contact Jackie Thompson at (626) 281-1185.

## **SAVE THE DATE: ONE BIG FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

*Sunday, March 21, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall*

Join the congregation for breakfast served between the worship services. A free-will offering will be received to cover costs.

## **COMMUNITY CHURCH WOMEN WELCOME NELLIE ODHUNO-SHANI**

*Friday, March 12, 10:30 am Fellowship Hall*

All women of the church are invited to experience this passionate and caring advocate for women in Africa, who has served churches and schools in their native Kenya, as well as Zambia, Mauritania, Senegal and the U.S. Light refreshments served at 10:30.

## **MEN’S BREAKFAST OFFERS FOOD AND THOUGHT**

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

3/10: Dr. Matthew Lin - “Medical Mission to Haiti”

3/17: Jim Folsom - Director of the Botanical Gardens, Huntington Library

3/24: Rev. Jeff O’Grady

3/31: Meet for breakfast at the Colonial Kitchen

# **WORSHIP**

## **JOIN "THE GATHERING" USHER TEAM!**

SMCC's 11:15 service needs friendly folks to help on a monthly basis with service set-up, welcoming worshippers, and receiving the offering. No experience needed! To learn more or to join the team, contact business manager Skip Ober Miller at [SkipOM@smccpby.com](mailto:SkipOM@smccpby.com) or (626) 282-4181 x 12.

## **CAROLS OF MANY NATIONS DVD AVAILABLE**

Enjoy the festive music of SMCC Chancel Choir & Ensemble, and the San Marino High School Chamber Choir led by Weston H. Noble, Guest Conductor. Recorded Sunday, December 13, 2009, the DVD features 16 songs from a variety of nations. Suggested donation: \$10. Contact the church office at [EFarrar@smccpby.com](mailto:EFarrar@smccpby.com) or (626) 282-4181 x 10.

# **OUTREACH**

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING IS HERE**

Lent is a great time to share from the bounty of our blessings with those in need. Fish banks and sharing calendars are available for children in their Sunday school classrooms and for adults at the information center. This special offering helps to support Presbyterian missions serving those in severe need. Join us in sharing the gifts we have been given from God. The offering will be received Palm Sunday, March 28.

## **PER CAPITA OFFERING**

Thank you to those who have contributed to the annual Per Capita Offering. \$23.22 per member is assessed to SMCC to help cover the administrative costs of the connectional church. Without these funds the Presbytery of San Gabriel, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, and General Assembly would be unable to provide their important connectional ministries on our behalf.

## **HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE**

SMCC is responding to the earthquake disaster in Haiti by inviting members and friends to contribute funds to be distributed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and SMCC mission partner, The Outreach Foundation. Donations should be made out to SMCC with "Haiti Response" in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to the church office or included with the Sunday offering. Additionally, the Outreach Team has contributed \$5,000 in mission grant funds to the response. Contributed to date: over \$8,500. Many others are contributing as well directly through the PC(USA) website – [www.PCUSA.org](http://www.PCUSA.org).

## **MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE TODAY**

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 drive.

# **FINANCIAL**

## **2009 GIVING STATEMENTS MAILED**

Statements were mailed recently to all who contributed during 2009. All are encouraged to review their statements and contact the church office with any corrections or questions to [DTurner@smccpby.com](mailto:DTurner@smccpby.com) or (626) 282-4181 x 15.

# Weekly Calendar

## **SUNDAY** **MARCH 7**

- 9:00 am Childcare – *Children's Courtyard*
- 9:00 am Church Library Open
- 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 9:15 am ELEMENT (Youth Worship) – *Westminster Hall*
- 9:30 am Sunday School – *The Treehouse & Club 45 (Room 219)*
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time – *Courtyard*
- 10:30 am Adult Spiritual Formation/Adult Bible Study – *FH & CL*
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class – *Westminster Hall*
- 11:15 am “The Gathering” – *Sanctuary*
- 4:30 & 7:30 pm Middle & High School Youth Groups – *Westminster Hall*

## **MONDAY** **MARCH 8**

- 9:30 am Conversational English Bible Study – *Church Library*
- 6:00 pm Women's AA – *Westminster Hall*

## **TUESDAY** **MARCH 9**

- 9:30 am Church Staff Meeting – *Church Lounge*
- 7:00 pm Lenten Reflection & Renewal Class – *Fellowship Hall*
- 7:00 pm Evening Grief Group – *Church Library*

## **WEDNESDAY** **MARCH 10**

- 7:00 am Congregational Development Team – *Church Lounge*
- 7:00 am Men's Breakfast – *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:00 am Church Library Open
- 9:30 am Conversational English – *Adult Education Room*
- 11:00 am Meeting with GA Moderator – *Fellowship Hall*
- 2:30 pm Men's & Women's Grief Group – *Church Library*
- 3:15 pm Music & Discovery – *Second Floor Education Rooms*
- 4:00 pm Grief/Transition Group – *Church Lounge*
- 7:00 pm Board of Deacons – *Fellowship Hall*
- 7:30 pm Worship Committee – *Pastor's Study*

## **THURSDAY** **MARCH 11**

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Room*
- 8:30 pm Men's AA – *Westminster Hall*

## **FRIDAY** **MARCH 12**

- 9:30 am Conversational English – *Adult Education Room*
- 10:00 am Daytime Bible Study – *Church Lounge*
- 10:30 am Community Church Women – *Fellowship Hall*

## **SATURDAY** **MARCH 13**

- 7:00 am Men's Basketball – *San Marino High School*
- 9:30 am Table Tennis – *Westminster Hall*

## **SUNDAY** **MARCH 14**

- 9:15 am Traditional Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 9:15 am ELEMENT (Youth Worship) – *Westminster Hall*
- 9:30 am Sunday School – *The Treehouse & Club 45 (Room 219)*
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Study & Adult Spiritual Formation – *CL & FH*
- 11:15 am “The Gathering” – *Sanctuary*
- 7:30 pm High School Groups – *Westminster Hall*

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 pm)  
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# THE LAST WORD

## A Few Thoughts from the Church Business Manager

Thank you to all those who turned out for the annual meeting of the congregation last Sunday. A special thanks to the elders who set-up, served, and cleaned-up. One of the budget realities for 2010 was the absence of additional custodians (no funding), so the elders (and others) rolled up their sleeves and worked extra-hard.

One of the joys of a full church calendar is that there is a lot to interest the congregation. Unfortunately, there is only a limited amount of space to tell you about what's happening. Two special events that involve a neighbor church and our Presbyterian General Assembly would have been left out this week – but are inserted here for your information!

Come meet the PC(USA) General Assembly Moderator...

### **MEET PC(USA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY MODERATOR BRUCE REYES-CHOW**

*March 10, 2010, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall*

The congregation is invited meet the moderator who will be addressing church leaders from throughout the Los Angeles area. The event is sponsored by Monte Vista Grove Homes. Lunch is included in the \$5 registration fee. Contact Alisha Zuch at (626) 796-6135 x 113 or [AZuch@mvgh.org](mailto:AZuch@mvgh.org) for registration.

Our neighbors at PPC are hosting an Emmy-winning Cellist...

### **JAZZ FUSION CONCERT FEATURING CELLIST EUGENE FRIESEN**

*Friday, March 26, 2010, 8:00 pm, Pasadena Presbyterian Church (585 E. Colorado Blvd.)*

For Tickets (General \$30/Students \$25) Online: [www.fuller.edu/travisconcert](http://www.fuller.edu/travisconcert). Email: [rsvp@fuller.edu](mailto:rsvp@fuller.edu). Call: (800) 617-3209.

Both events are well worth consideration.

*- Skip Ober Miller*

### **MARCH DINNERS FOR 7 OR 8**

*Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27, times and locations vary*

Share uplifting spiritual fellowship and a potluck meal in a home setting.

There's no program, just conversation as a way to get to know one another better. New participants joyfully welcomed. Meet and get to know fellow church members while exploring our spiritual journeys together. To join this dinner, register for the mailing list, for more information contact coordinators Bill and Janet Wells at (626) 355-7721 or [Dinnersfor7or8@smccpby.com](mailto:Dinnersfor7or8@smccpby.com). The deadline to sign up is Monday, March 15. Next dinners: May 21 & 22.

## DETAILS

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** are offered from 10:30-11:10 am in the courtyard.

**HEARING AIDS & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINES** are Tuesday by noon each week.

### **RECENT SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE:**

*"The Family Inheritance"* (2/28), *"Gift or Grab"* (2/21), *"Going Deeper"* (2/7) by the Rev. Jeffrey O'Grady, and *"Freed By Love"* (2/14) by the Rev. Karen Berns are available as well as earlier sermons. Those interested in an audio tape or CD may leave name, address, and \$3.00 at the information center, and it will be mailed. Printed versions of the past few months' sermons are also available at the information center as well as online at [www.smccpby.com/worship/sermons](http://www.smccpby.com/worship/sermons).

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm.