Chinese Presbyterian Church *人長老會簡訊

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CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The final words that people speak before they die are often times their most important words. It is a chance to express a lasting memory to their beloved or to summarize a part of their continuing legacy. And for Jesus, the simple words, "It is finished" (John 19:30) was the exclamation point of a life that was lived for the glory of God and fulfilled God's great purpose: the redemption of mankind and the salvation of their souls. The final words of Jesus upon the cross was also a declaration of victory.

It is finished.

A sacrifice was needed to take away our sins, so Jesus came, lived a perfect life and became that sacrifice for us. (1John 3:5)

It is finished.

The Son of God was sent to destroy the devil's work, so Jesus came and overcame temptation, tests and trials and won the greatest victory of all. (1John 3:8)

It is finished.

God the Father desired to show the ultimate display of His love to us, so through His son Jesus Christ, the world could see in human form the heart that the Father has for all of His children. (1John 4:9)

It is finished.

The ultimate battle has been fought and Jesus has won. We do not have to work for salvation, be cause Jesus did the work for us.

It is finished.

Resurrection Sunday is a day of great celebration because of the complete work of Christ that paid the penalty for all our sin and purchased a place in heaven for us with Him. Our desire at Living Life is for you to know this amazing Savior personally, to trust in Him and to enjoy this friendship with Him for all your days.

- Rev. Peter Choi

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5

Lectionary Scriptures for February

Sunday, March 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16–21, Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32
Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19:28–40, Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a, Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11, Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1–49
Sunday, March 20 Passion/Palm Sunday	Deuteronomy 26:1–11, Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16 Romans 10:8b–13, Luke 4:1–13
Sunday, March 27 Resurrection of the Lord Easter	Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 I Corinthians 15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Thursday, March 24 @7pm

Worship Service & Communion

Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of *Passion Week*, one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (*Luke 22:19-20*). Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (*John 13:3-17*).

The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in "Maundy Thursday" refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

Come and join us for this powerful service and let us be truly focused on God and our relationship with Him.

SESSION NEWS

A Stated Session Meeting on February 24, 2016. Here are the Highlights:

- Replacement of the computer in secretary's and Pastor's offices with updated files and for faster speed.
- ◆ Pastor Peter attended the PSL meeting on February 16th. Any issues that need to be addressed should be submitted to the Pastor for review by the Presbytery. Any Session member can and is encouraged to attend whenever possible.
- ◆ We will update our church directory soon and will partner with Life Touch for photos.
- Maundy Thursday Service is March 24th, 7pm.
- Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26th at 10am with a program and refreshments.
- ♦ Easter Cantata is Sunday, March 27th.
- Pastor Peter will be on vacation Monday, March 28th-Monday, April 4th.
- Monday Night Bible Study will resume in April.

Chinese New Year Celebration Pot-luck Lunch













Installation of Officers











Rev. Peter Choi presided over the Installation service on Sunday, February 14.

Nellie Underwood, Ed Lee, Jenni Hew, Daniel Lee, Mark Lee, and May Wong were installed as Elders. Lindsay Bahra, Anna Chin-Lai, Linda Lew, Michelle Lee, and May Lee were installed as Deacons.

OCAW Show

Organization of Chinese American Woman is showing an opera, "Madam Butterfly" on March 12, Saturday @ 1pm.

(The meeting will be held at 10am and the show will begin at 1pm.)

China Lights Exhibit

February 23-May 1 @ City Park's Botanical Gardens

China Lights is now opened at the Botanical Gardens, City Park. We will have a "group" rate of \$15/person, if interested. Please contact Nellie Underwood.

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

No pizza and game night for March due to all the Easter activities.

Dragon Boat Race

Saturday, May 14th

We need rowers for the race. If you are interested please see Ed Lee to sign up.

Also please look out for an upcoming fundraiser to help support this event.



Circle #3 Women's Bible Study is continuing the study with the book, "Living Waters". Come and join the group to study the Bible together and grow in God's love.

We gather first Tuesday of every month @ 10:30am. Everyone is welcome!

March 1, 2016 Tuesday @ 10:30am

EASTER PROGRAM

Saturday, March 26, 2016 10am Easter Egg Hunt & Much More



The church directory will be updated soon. Please look out for dates to come for your photo shoot at church.



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Women's Bible Study (Circle #3) 10:30am Mandarin Women's Bible Study 7pm	2	3	4	Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
	6	7	8 Mandarin Women's Bible Study 7pm	9	10	11	Prayer Meeting 8:30am Line Dance 10am
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Volunteers for MARCH

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTU English	RE READERS Chinese	USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
MAR 6	Sonny Hew	Jenni Hew	Lena Chow	Maurice Hew, Jeanette Hew Jenni Hew, Mark Lee	Tim & Lila Crotty
MAR 13	Jeanette Hew	Will Ellzey	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Anna Chin-Lai, Nellie Underwood Bob Hoy	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee
MAR 20	Mayling Hew	May Wong	Theobald Wan	Dennis Jee, Elizabeth Jee James Jee, Hannah Jee	Dennis & Debbie Jee
MAR 27	Lila Crotty	Cantata	Cantata	Stanely & Inge Hamidjaja Daniel Lee, Jacob Lee	Bill & Mary Ann Bliss

Many thanks to Theobald Wan for the donation of 2 monitors and Alan Lew for the donation of 2 computers and 2 monitors.



MEDIA EOUIPMENTS

We now have wireless microphones and a mixer for better communication during services and activities.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Begins on Sunday, March 13

Turn your clocks ahead one hour~!

人在他們死之前說最後的一句話,時常是最重要的。是一個機會對他們至愛的親人表達一個永久的記憶或總結他們的遺產。對於耶穌,他死之前說是簡單的:『成了』(約翰福音 19:30)是驚嘆的,一生為神的榮耀而活和履行上帝偉大的目的:拯救世人和他們的贖靈。耶穌在十字架上的最後一句話是勝利的宣言。『成了』- 是需要的犧牲來除掉人的罪,所以耶穌來,過著一個沒有罪的生命,為我們犧牲。(約翰一書 3:5)

『成了』- 上帝的兒子顯現出來,為要除滅魔鬼的作為。所以耶穌降臨在地上,克服了誘惑,測試和試 驗,獲得的最大的勝利。(約翰一書 3:8)

『成了』- 天父渴望顯示他最終的愛給我們看見,上帝通過他的兒子耶穌基督,成為人形使他們能看到 天父賜給他所有孩子的心。(約翰一書 4:9)

『成了』- 最終的戰鬥已完了,耶穌得勝。我們不需要工作而得到救恩,因為耶穌已代我們做了工作。 『成了』- 復活周日是盛大的慶典,是基督的犧牲免除我們的罪,讓我們在天堂得到一個地方與天父同 在。我們活的生命願望是讓你親身認識到這個令人驚異的救世主,每日信任他,享受他的友誼。

崔牧師

「那知他為我們的過犯受害、為我們的罪孽壓傷.因他受的刑罰我們得平安.因他受的鞭傷我們得醫治。」(以賽亞書 53:5)

濯足日崇拜和守聖餐...濯足日,也被稱為『聖週四』,是受難周的星期四,受難日 (復活節前的星期五)。濯足節是耶穌與他的門徒慶祝逾越節的那一天,稱為最後的晚餐。濯足節注重有兩個要點。首先,穌洗門徒的腳,作為一種謙卑和服務的行為,從而樹立了榜樣,我們應該愛和謙卑地彼此服事(約翰福音 13:3-17)。『濯』這字來源於拉丁文『授命』。『濯足日』的『濯』字表示在最後的晚餐耶穌授命門徒,他們應當互愛和彼此服事。

3月24日晚上7時,請來加入我們這個崇拜,讓我們真正集中于上帝和我們與他的關係。

會議會新訊...2 月 24 日舉行了會議,以下是會議要點

- 1)更換在秘書和牧師辦事處的電腦,更新檔案和更快的速度。
- 2) 崔牧師 2 月 16 日出席於南路州長老會會議。需要解決的任何問題都應提交牧師,由長老會中會審查。任何會議會成員(長老)都鼓勵盡可能參加。
- 3)我們快將更新我們教會的目錄,並將『接觸生命』合作收集照片。
- 4)3月24日晚上7時,濯足節崇拜。
- 5)3月26日,星期六上午10時舉行復活節彩蛋活動和茶點。
- 6)3月27日,星期日復活節長歌。
- 7) 崔牧師度假由3月28日,星期一至4月4日,星期一。
- 8) 週一晚上聖經研究將于4月恢復。

*意大利薄餅和游樂...*因為各種復活節活動,3月不會舉行。

慶祝猴年... 2 月 14 日崇拜後,日崇拜後本堂舉行歡迎中國新年聚餐,會員和朋友各自帶來食品分享。

長老和執事按立禮... 崔牧師在 2 月 14 日主日崇拜時按立葉月蓮,李顯權,邱桂芝,李逸權,李貴 財和陳美坤為長老;祺愛儀,薜奇芳,陳蓮馨,李玉彩和林冬美為執事。

美籍華人婦女會...計劃在 3 月 12 日,星期六 ,下午 1 時顯示歌劇。 會議在上午 10 時舉行,歌劇將 于下午 1 時開始 。

中國宮燈展覽... 2月23日至5月1日在市立公園之植物園舉行。『組團』入門費是每人15美元。如果有興趣觀看,請與葉月蓮長老聯絡。

龍舟比賽...5 月 14 日,星期六,是龍舟比賽日。我們需要扒龍舟人員。若你有興趣幫助參加,請向李顯權報名。同時請留意即將到來的籌款活動來支援此事項。

婦女聖經研究班 ... 第 3 團婦女聖經研究繼續每月的第一個星期二上午 10 時半在教會舉行。這項研究主題是『來向水域』。請來一起學習聖經,並在神的愛中成長。每個人都是受歡迎!

*復活節活動...*3 月 26 日,上午 10 時復活節尋彩蛋和茶點。

*教會會員目錄...*教會目錄將快會更新。請留意日期來教堂拍攝照片。

感謝...尹慶強捐贈兩個電腦監視器;劉德倫捐贈兩個電腦機。

*媒體設備...*教堂現在有無線麥克風和更新的聲音調節器,使我們崇拜和特別活動有更好的聲響。

夏令時...3 月 13 日,星期日開始。請在星期六上床前,把你的鐘錶提前一小時!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and see what God is doing!



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Erin Demastes / Choir Master	Jennifer Hew / Worship	Anna Chin-Lai
Tyronne Jackson / Janitor	Daniel Lee / Outreach	May Lee
Angela Choi / Secretary	Mark Lee / Outreach	Michelle Lee
	Ed Lee / Christian Education	Linda Lew
	May Wong / Personnel & Nominating	

Mission and Vision Statement

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

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.