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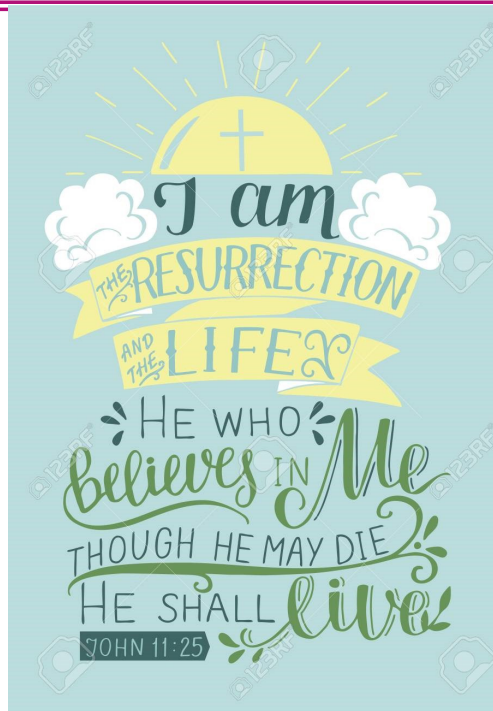
NEWSLETTER

華人長老會 簡訊



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MAY 2019



Dear members and friends,

What a joyous celebration we had at church! From the children entering with palms as Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem, to the remembrance of the events of Holy Week during the Maundy Thursday worship service, followed by the telling of the resurrection story to our children and then the presentation of the Cantata by the choir on Easter Sunday, we expressed in many ways our thankfulness to God for giving us the gift of His Son, his sacrifice on our behalf and his ultimate victory over death.

Because He lives, we can devote ourselves to becoming more like Christ each and every day!

The month of May continues the celebration of the Easter season until the time of Pentecost. We will honor our mothers with our traditional Mothers Day Luncheon on May 12th. We invite you all to join us as we thank the women who love, support and raise us.

On behalf of the Session,
Lila Crotty

BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED FOR US.

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<u>Sunday, May 5</u> 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30 Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
<u>Sunday, May 12</u> 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23 Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
<u>Sunday, May 19</u> 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148 Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
<u>Sunday, May 26</u> 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67 Revelations 21:10; 21:22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

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EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES



Palm Sunday Procession



Lindsay Shin shared the Resurrection story with the children who had found eggs with various props such as silver coins, nails, a cup, a crown of thorns, praying hands. As the story was told, each egg was opened and the prop revealed to illustrate a part of the story. The children listened attentively and participated in the telling of the story of the Holy Week events. The last egg was empty, signifying the empty tomb! Jesus is risen!



Tiffany Huang organized several craft projects for the children to work on. She was ably assisted by Wanda Lee and Linda Lew.



Children also participated in the traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the church yard. What a beautiful day it was!



Thanks to Tiffany and Lindsay and all who assisted to make this a fun event for our young ones.

Pizza & Games Night will be held Friday, May 31st from 6pm—8pm. Come and share a meal and enjoy the fellowship.

CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY

CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30am to continue their study from the book “God’s Promises.” All are welcome to join.

PANDAS SENIOR GROUP

The Panda Group will meet at 9:30am on Thursday, May 16th at the Jefferson Performing Arts Society to enjoy the performance of the comic ballet *Coppelia*. Please contact Anna Chin-Lai to reserve your ticket. The cost is \$6. If you would like to join the group for lunch, you may meet them at Imperial Garden Restaurant at 12noon.

- We thank all who donated toys and items to Ronald McDonald House. We also continue to collect pop tabs for donation to Ronald McDonald House.
- We are also collecting your empty plastic pill bottles. Labels should be removed. These go to Doctors Without Borders. Linda Lew is our contact person.



THANK
YOU,
CHOIR!



On Easter Sunday, the choir presented the cantata, “Out of the Darkness” by John Purifoy. The resurrection story was narrated by Susan Hom and Nellie Underwood. Choir members are: Helen Chin, May Wong, Lindsay Shin, Pat Ellzey, Rose Hoy, Betty Wan, Ricky Howe, Lila Crotty, Theobald Wan and Will Ellzey.

We were treated to organ accompaniment by Tom Petterson, and trumpet flourishes by Will Ellzey.

Tom and Ricky delighted us with a medley of praise hymns during the offertory.

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Psalm 95:2b

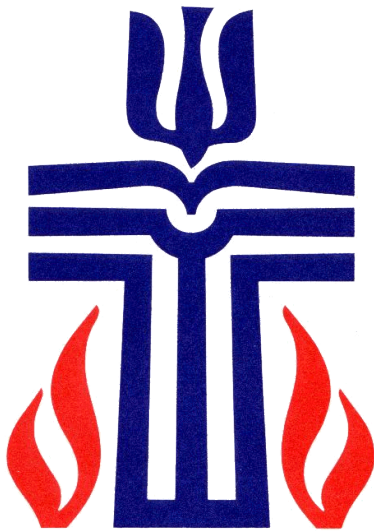
Looking to the Future OF THE CPC

We have requested that the Committee on Ministry provide us a facilitator to moderate a discussion with the congregation about their ideas for the future of our church. Look for a scheduled date in the near future.

Check Out Our New Sign!

You may have noticed our sign at the corner of West Esplanade and Lake Trail was badly faded. Our Session members took note and thanks to Nellie Underwood, we now have a bright new welcoming sign.

In the upper corners of the sign, you will notice the Presbyterian seal. Have you ever wondered what the image symbolizes?



The Cross represents the incarnate love of God in Jesus Christ, and his passion and resurrection.

The Dove: The uppermost section is in the shape of a descending dove which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit

The Bible: Just below the dove you see an open book... Scripture is our means of knowing God's word.

The Font/Chalice: Below the Bible you can find a baptismal font or a communion cup which is a symbol of God's presence

The Pulpit: Beneath the chalice is the image of a pulpit, which highlights the role of preaching in the history of Presbyterian worship

The Flames: The flames are a symbol of revelation in the Old Testament when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and also the beginning of the Christian church when Christ manifested himself to his apostles at Pentecost and charged them to be messengers of the good news of God's love.

Session News

Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on April 23, 2019:

- Pulpit is filled through June
- Arrow Pest Control seems to have the squirrel issue under control. They continue to monitor, check traps, etc.
- Fast Signs has produced and installed new church signs at the corner of our property. Thank you, Nellie, for coordinating!
- The Session thanks Tiffany Huang and Lindsay Shin for organizing the children's Easter Egg Hunt.
- We made plans for Outreach activities including Mother's Day, Father's Day and Fourth of July gatherings.
- Tien Jun Luo (Peony) was baptized by Rev. Martha Robson. Peony is the mother of Lie Na Cui who is a relative of Susan Joe. The Session authorized Rev. Robson along with elder Lena Chow to visit her, discuss the meaning of baptism and receive her as a member of the church. Peony passed away on Saturday, April 27. We are offering the family assistance with a funeral service.
- The Deacons are planning a Clean Up Day on June 1st.
- 50 members received Communion on April 7. Our next Communion Service is June 2.



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship 11:15 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice			1	2	3	4 Line Dance 10am
5 Rev. Martha Robson	6	7	8	9	10	11 Line Dance 10am
12 Rev. Martha Robson Mother's Day Luncheon	13	14	15 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:30 am	16 Panda Group 9:30 am JPAS 12noon Lunch	17	18 Line Dance 10am
19 Rev. John Spaulding	20	21 Session Meeting—7pm	22	23	24	25 Line Dance 10am
26 Rev. John Spaulding	27	28	29	30	31 Pizza & Games 6-8pm	

Volunteers for MAY

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS English Chinese		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS	AV OPERATOR
May 5	Ed Lee	Jeanette Hew	LeiPin He	Chuck & Debbie Mengel	Victor Lockarno	LeiPin He
May 12	Mayling Hew	Maurice Hew	May Lee	Carolyn & Margaret Chin	MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH	Ming Joe
May 19	Susan Hom	Susan Hom	Frank Yam	Maurice & Jeanette Hew	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee	Ed Lee
May 26	Jeanette Hew	Sonny Hew	Lena Chow	Sonny & Mayling Hew	Dennis & Debbie Jee	Frank Yam



“There are few things more powerful than the faithful prayers of a righteous mother.”

Join us in honoring women of faith who guide and support us. We celebrate our mothers on May 12, 2019 with a luncheon and program immediately following worship service.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

親愛的會友，

上星期在教堂舉行了一個多麼愉快的慶祝活動啊！從棕樹主日崇拜兒童手搖棕樹葉，代表耶穌被歡迎進入耶路撒冷時，到聖周紀念的事件如齋期星期四崇拜儀式，向我們的兒童講述耶穌復活的故事，然後在復活節的星期日，透過詩班高唱復活節唱奏歌。我們對上帝表達了感激之情，因為上帝以他的兒子為禮物，他為世人作出犧牲，以及他最終戰勝死亡的喜悅。

因為他活著，我們能致力於每一天變得更像基督！

五月本堂將繼續慶祝復活節至五旬節。在5月12日本堂將舉行傳統的母親節聚午餐會，以此來榮譽我們的母親。邀請你們一起加入，感謝那些愛我們，支援和撫養我們的婦人。

代會議會寫作，陳麗坤長老

**惟有基督在我們還作罪人的時候為我們死，
神的愛就在此向我們顯明了。 (羅馬書5:8)**

復活周的活動... 祺愛儀與尋彩蛋的兒童們分享復活節故事，兒童發現在彩蛋裡有銀幣，釘子，杯子，荊棘冠，祈禱的手等各種道具。當故事被講述時，每個彩蛋被打開，道具被揭曉來說明故事的每一部分。兒童認真地聆聽著，並參與講述聖周活動的故事。最後一個彩蛋是空的，象徵著空的墳墓，顯示耶穌已復活了！

尹綺蓮組織了多個工藝專案，讓兒童實習他們的工藝手工。感謝李婉美和陳蓮馨的有力幫助。

兒童更參加在教堂院子裡傳統的復活節尋彩蛋活動。真是多麼美好的一日啊！

感謝尹綺蓮，祺愛儀和所有幫助的年輕人使這聚會成為一個非常有趣的活動。

熊貓前輩小組... 熊貓長輩小組將於5月16日星期四上午9時半在傑弗遜表演藝術協會舉行聚會，他們將欣賞芭蕾舞喜劇『科波利亞』表演。請與薛奇芳執事聯絡來預訂你的入門票。費用是6美元。若你只想參加這個小組的共進午餐，你可以中午在『福臨門』餐館與他們會面。

使命... 會議會正在尋找方式來對社區內外他人展示上帝的愛。以下是我們能提供服務的幾種小方式：

1) 感謝各位向羅奈爾得·麥克唐納家捐贈玩具和物品。我們繼續收集汽水鋁合金的開匙給『麥當勞之家』。2) 我們也收集你們空的塑膠藥瓶。請刪除去標籤。這些是提供給『無國界醫生』所用。

婦女第3圈查經班...查經班將於5月15日，星期三上午10時舉行聚會，他們繼續從『上帝的承諾』一書中實習。歡迎各位參加。

感謝詩班...4月21日復活節主日，詩班演唱培約翰的『從陰映出來』唱奏曲。今年復活故事是由譚碧霞和葉月蓮講述。詩班成員是：曾愛琮，陳美坤，邱玉英，棋愛儀，陳麗坤，陳金梅，李碧美，尹慶強，區國祥和威爾·埃爾齊。

會眾在奉獻時間受到由百多馬和區國祥演奏的特別音樂；再後，威爾·埃爾齊在散會詩歌時用小號伴奏。

我們要來感謝他，用詩歌向他歡呼。 詩篇95:2

尋求本堂的未來...本堂已向中會的事工委員會要求為我們提供一個促進者，與會眾討論中會對本堂未來的旨意。留意近期的預定日期。

教會新標誌！...你可能已經注意到本堂前面的標誌嚴重地褪了色。會議會成員也注意到了這一點，多虧葉月蓮長老，我們現在再有一個明亮和新的歡迎標誌。

在標誌的上角，你會注意到長老會的印章。你有沒有想過這個形象象徵著什麼呢？

基本形式是十字架，代表神在耶穌基督裡的肉身之愛，以及他的激情和復活。

鴿子：最上面的部分是一個下降鴿子的形狀，這是聖靈的象徵。

聖經：在鴿子的下面（最上的橫行），你會看到一本打開的聖經。聖經是我們認識神的道的方法。

聖杯：在聖經下面（橫行中部），你能看到一個洗禮台或聖餐杯，是神存在的象徵。

講壇：聖杯下面是一個講壇的形象，突出在長老會崇拜歷史中講道的重要性。

火焰：當上帝從燃燒的灌木叢中對摩西說話時，火焰是舊約中啟示的象徵；當基督教會開始時，耶穌在五旬節向他的使徒顯現，指責他們為上帝的愛和信息的使者時，火焰也顯示在使徒的頭上。

會議會新詢...以下是4月23日舉行會議會的重點：1)講壇牧師提供至6月。2)箭頭害蟲控制似乎有松鼠問題的控制。他們繼續監測，檢查陷阱等等。3)快速標誌公司在我們物業的角制造並安裝了新的教堂標誌。多謝葉月蓮協調！4)會議會感謝尹綺蓮和祺愛儀組織了兒童復活節的尋蛋活動。5)復活節尋彩蛋計畫于4月20日星期六上午舉行。祺愛儀和尹綺蓮是我們的協調員。如果你想提供協助，請與她們聯絡。6)本堂為外聯活動制定了計畫，包括母親節，父親節和國慶日的聚會。7)羅鐵軍女士(Peony)接受了羅布森牧師的洗禮。她是Lie Na Cui的母親，是曾蘇英的親戚。蘇英替代Peony再通過邱玉英提出這個要求。會議會授權羅布森牧師和嚴若蓮一起探訪她，討論洗禮的意義，並接待她作為教會成員。羅女士在4月27日去世歸主，我們正在為她家人提供葬禮服務。8)執事會正在計畫在6月1日為教堂的清潔日。9)50名會員于4月7日接納到聖餐。下一個聖餐崇拜是在6月2日。

母親節...本堂從長老會聽力小組收到了大量的問題供我們與會眾分享來開始自問的過程：我們想成為什麼樣的教會，需要什麼樣的領袖來幫助我們成為那個教會？會議會將努力解決一長串的問題。要求部委員會為我們提供一名領導人，主持與教會的討論。

意大利薄餅和遊戲晚：5月31日晚上6時至8時將行意大利薄餅和遊戲夜。請來分享薄餅，享受團契！



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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.