

# Chinese Presbyterian Church

## NEWSLETTER

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*Love is*  
**patient** *Love is*  
*it does not envy* **→** *it does not boast*  
**KIND**  
**IT IS NOT PROUD**  
*Love is not rude or selfish*  
**it can not be easily angered**  
**LOVE** *always protects*  
*always trusts*  
*always hopes*  
*always perseveres*  
**LOVE NEVER FAILS**

Dear members and friends,

During the month of February, our thoughts often turn to the meaning of LOVE. Valentines Day is February 14th and is often associated with gifts of candy or jewelry, romantic dinners or deliveries of flowers. It is another boom time for retailers although not on the order of shopping at Christmastime.

The first week's lectionary reading in February includes 1 Corinthians 13, the "love" chapter. The apostle Paul writes to the people of the church of Corinth about God's divine love. This is not human love nor physical love but love that knows no bounds. When God's divine love dwells within our hearts, how will we behave toward others? When we give ourselves totally to God's will, His Spirit dwells within us and makes us new creatures. We should then be able to put aside our own selfish desires and instead seek the best for others.

Take time to read this chapter during February and meditate on each verse. Consider how God shows His love to each of us and open your hearts to receive Him so that His love might be seen in you by your behavior and consideration of your brothers and sisters here on earth.

On behalf of the Session,  
 Lila Crotty

### Lectionary Scriptures

<u>Sunday, February 3</u>	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
4th Sunday after Epiphany	1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4: 21-30
<u>Sunday, February 10</u>	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138
5th Sunday after Epiphany	1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
<u>Sunday, February 17</u>	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1
6th Sunday after Epiphany	1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
<u>Sunday, February 24</u>	Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
7th Sunday after Epiphany	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

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# Installation of Officers

On Sunday, January 13th, Rev. Martha Robson presided over the Installation of officers. We thank Nellie Underwood, Susan Hom and Lila Crotty for continuing their service as elders and Ed Lee, Linda Lew and Mimi Lee for serving again as deacons. The church cannot continue to operate without the faithful support and service of all its members! In the coming weeks you may be approached by these active officers to help fulfill the tasks required to keep things running smoothly. You may not have committed to being an officer but we pray that you will say "yes!" when asked to assist with various activities.

## Communion Service

On Sunday, February 3rd during Worship Service, we will observe the Lord's Supper. When Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples before he was crucified, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."



## Happy Chinese New Year!

We will celebrate the new year with a pot luck lunch on February 3rd after worship service. Come and wear your Chinese clothes and share your favorite dish with the congregation.

Excerpted from the late Dr. C. C. Chien's descriptions of the Chinese zodiac:

This is the year of the pig according to the old Chinese zodiacal calendar. The pig has been a major source of supply of meat for food all over the world since ancient times and occupied a very predominant place in the ancient Chinese culture. It played so important a role in the Chinese way of life that the Chinese word for home was literally composed of a

pig under the roof. In other words every home must have food, of which the meat products would generally come from the pig. Just as every banquet in China would not do without some pork dishes, every ancient Chinese ritual ceremony must have the pig as one sacrificial offering. The Chinese considered the pig the symbol of riches, contentment and prosperity. The pig has been truly one animal which furnished mankind its meat and bristle in return for being raised. In that respect, its sacrifice has been for the benefit of others. May we all by the blessing of God be happy, prosperous and unselfish in all our doings in this year of the pig.

## PANDAS SENIOR GROUP

The Panda Group will meet at 10am on Thursday, February 21st at church to enjoy fellowship with one another, share a devotion, exercise and share a meal together. We invite all seniors to come and participate and join in the camaraderie.

# Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Letters were mailed out last week. We ask you to prayerfully consider how much you are willing to donate to the church each month. Complete your pledge form and bring it to church on Sunday, February 10th. We will have a time during which we can dedicate our pledges to God. Giving of your money, your time and your talents will help to further God's kingdom here on earth.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, February 17th, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service to receive the 2018 Annual Report. We encourage all members and friends to attend.

Our session is looking for ways for us to show God's love to others within our community and outside of the community. Here are several small ways in which we can be of service:

- Last month, Wes McClurg, Emily Crotty's husband, announced that he was going on a mission trip with



Kenny Pipe and Supply where he works. A contingent from his company is now in Kenya helping to lay pipe to bring water to people in a small village. Members of our congregation contributed small items to be donated to the people in the village.

- We will have a collection box for you to donate gently used stuffed animals, boxed games and books which will be delivered to Ronald McDonald House who provides housing to families whose children are sick and require hospitalization. We also continue to collect pop tabs for donation to Ronald McDonald House
- We continue to collect non-perishable food items to be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank which helps feed hungry families in South Louisiana
- We are also collecting your empty plastic pill bottles. Labels should be removed. These go to Doctors Without Borders

If you have other worthy mission projects that you would like our congregation to help with, please contact a member of the session to discuss.

## CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY

**CIRCLE #3 BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, February 20th at 10am to continue their study from the book "God's Promises." All are welcome to join.



## *Presbytery* **LISTENING TEAM**

The Presbytery Listening Team is commissioned by the Committee on Ministry to assist our church with assessing our current situation and our hopes and dreams for the future. The team consists of

Rev. Jonathan Barker, Donna Stogner, Aaron Steele and Pat Sharpe. The team met with individuals and small groups to listen to our hopes for the future of our church. We await the report and recommendations of the Listening Team on how we should move forward as a church.



## **Who Will Fill Our Pulpit?**

Come and join us on Sunday mornings as we sing praises and worship our God.

- February 3—Rev. Martha Robson, Communion Service
- February 10—Rev. Martha Robson, Stewardship Sunday
- February 17—Rev. John Spaulding, Congregational Meeting
- February 24—Rev. John Spaulding
- March 3—Rev. Martha Robson
- March 10—Rev. Martha Robson

## **OCAW Presentation on Skin Care and Makeup Application**

The Organization of Chinese American Women will have a workshop teaching techniques of skin care and makeup application. All ladies are invited to participate at 1pm on Sunday, February 17th in the Fellowship Hall.



## **Session News**

### **Here are the highlights of the Stated Session Meeting on January 22, 2019:**

- Pulpit is filled through mid-March
- Clerk of Session and Treasurer Training was offered at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on January 26th from 1-3pm. Nellie Underwood and Debbie Mengel attended.
- The Congregational Meeting has been set for February 17th after worship service.
- Communion Dates were set for February 3, April 7, June 2, August 4 and October 6. We thank Jeanette and Maurice Hew for volunteering to prepare, at up and clean up. If you are able to assist, please contact Jeanette.
- The elders and deacons will meet on February 16 to plan to ask members what tasks they are willing to commit to doing as the few people who have agreed to be deacons and elders cannot carry out all the responsibilities. Please be ready to sign up. If there are not enough people to get the work done, we may need to reduce activities or consider closing the church.
- We ask everyone to be more vigilant in securing the church and its contents. We ask those with keys to double check that doors are latched when you are the last to leave the church.

**Pizza & Games Night** will NOT be held in February due to conflicts with Mardi Gras parades. We will see you again at the end of March!

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Adult Worship 11:15 Children's Worship 12:00 Coffee/Fellowship 12:30 Choir Practice					1	2 Line Dance 10am
3 Rev. Martha Robson Communion Service Chinese New Year Pot Luck	4	5	6	7	8	9 Line Dance 10am
10 Rev. Martha Robson Stewardship Sunday	11	12	13	14	15	16 Line Dance 10am
17 Rev. John Spaulding Congregational Meeting	18	19 Session Meeting—7pm	20 Circle #3 Bible Study 10:00 am	21 Panda Group 10:00 am	22	23 Line Dance 10am
24 Rev. John Spaulding	25	26	27	28		

## Volunteers for FEBRUARY

DATE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SCRIPTURE READERS English Chinese		USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
February 3	Pat Ellzey	Ed Lee	LeiPin He	Sonny and Mayling Hew	Chinese New Year Pot Luck
February 10	Jeanette Hew	Jeanette Hew	May Lee	Dennis Jee and Hannah Jee	Mrs. Yook Sim Yee
February 17	Sonny Hew	Susan Hom	Frank Yam	Henry Hom, Alfred Yee	Dennis and Debbie Jee
February 24	Lindsay Crotty	Sonny Hew	Lena Chow	Alex Chan, Ming Joe	Tim and Lila Crotty



**親愛的會友們，**

在二月，教會的思想常常轉向愛的意義。情人節是2月14日，經常與巧克力糖果或珠寶禮物，浪漫晚餐或送花有關。儘管與耶誕節時候的購物順序不能比較，對於零售商來說，這是另一個商業繁榮的時期。

2月第1周的經文課程包括哥林多前書13章的『愛情』一章。使徒保羅寫信給哥林多教堂關於上帝神聖的愛。這並不是人類的愛或物質上的愛，而是沒有界限的愛。當上帝神聖的愛存在我們的心中時，我們將會如何對待他人呢？當我們完全按照上帝的旨意行事時，他的靈就住在我們裡面，使我們成為新的生物。這樣，我們就應該能夠拋開自私的欲望，轉而為他人尋求最好的事物。

花點時間在2月閱讀這一章的經文並思考每一節。想想上帝是如何向我們每個人展示他的愛，打開你們的心扉來接納祂，以便祂的愛能從你所作的行為裡，對你們在地上兄弟姐妹的考慮中看到。

**愛是恆久忍耐，又有恩慈。愛是不嫉妒，愛是不自誇，不張狂。不作害羞的事。**

**不求自己的益處。不輕易發怒。不計算人的惡。不喜歡不義。只喜歡真理。**

**凡事包容。凡事相信。凡事盼望。凡事忍耐。** 歌林多前書13:4-7

**長老執事的任職禮...** 1月13日的崇拜，羅布森牧師引領了長老執事的任職禮。教會感謝葉月蓮，譚碧霞和陳麗坤繼續擔任長老，並感謝李顯權，陳蓮馨和李玉彩再次擔任執事。沒有所有會員和會友的忠實支援和服務，教會就無法繼續運作！在接下來的幾周裡，這些現役的長老和執事可能會接觸你，尋覓你們的幫助來保持事情順利運行所需的任務。你們可能沒有承諾成為一名長老或執事，但當被要求協助各種活動時，我們祈求你不會說『不能！』

**聖餐聖禮...** 2月3日，星期日的崇拜，本堂將守聖餐聖禮。當耶穌被釘十字架前，與門徒分享餅和杯的時候，祂說：「要如此行，為的是記念我。」「你們每逢喫這餅，喝這杯，是表明主的死，直等到他來。」

**農年快樂！...** 本堂將在2月3日的崇拜結束後舉行自帶自助用午餐來慶祝新年。鼓勵各位穿上你的中國衣服，來與各會眾分享你最喜歡的美菜。

摘自已故錢錦章博士對中國生肖的描述：「根據中國古老的黃道帶日曆，今年是『豬年』。自古以來，豬一直是世上主要的肉類食品供應來源，並在中國古代文化中佔據著非常重要的地位。在中國人生活方式中發揮了如此重要的作用，以至於中文的『家』字簡直是由屋頂下的豬組成的。換句話說，每個家庭都必須有食物，其中的肉製品一般來自豬肉。就像中式的每個宴會都離不開一些豬肉菜一樣，中國古代的每一個儀式都必須把燒豬當作一個祭品。中國人認為豬是財富，滿足和繁榮的象徵。豬確實是為人類提供肉食和毛以換取它的飼養。在這方面，它的犧牲是為了其他國家的利益。願我們都在上帝的祝福下，在這豬年一切的作為中欣

樂，繁榮和無私。」

**熊貓前輩小組...**熊貓長輩小組將於2月21日，星期四上午10時在教堂舉行聚會，請享受彼此的友誼，分享靈修，作運動，一起分享一頓午飯。我們邀請所有的年長人來參加和加高友情。

**管家主日...**教會的『管家』信件上周已寄出。教會請你認真考慮你每個月願意向教會捐贈多少金錢。填寫你的認捐卡，在2月10日星期日帶到教堂。崇拜將有一段時間給各會友把我們的承諾獻給上帝。奉獻你的金錢，時間和才能，將有助於在地上推進上帝的天國。

**會眾周年會議...**2月17日，星期日崇拜後本堂將舉行年度會眾會議來收獲2018年年度報告。鼓勵所有會員和朋友參加。

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

1)上月，祺愛蘭的丈夫維斯．麥克盧格宣佈，在他工作的『肯尼管道和供應公司』將進行一次使命旅程。他公司的一支特遣隊目前正在非洲的肯雅國幫助鋪設水管道，為一個小村莊的人民供水。我們的會眾們已把小物品捐贈給村裡的人民。2)在交誼廳將有一個收集箱，供給你們捐贈輕輕使用過的玩具動物，盒裝遊戲和書籍。所有的捐贈物品將提供給『麥當勞之家』，那裡他們提供住宿給生病需要住院孩子的父母或親人。我們繼續收集汽水鋁合金的開匙給『麥當勞之家』。3)我們繼續收集不易腐壞的食品，捐贈給第二次收穫食品庫，幫助為路易斯安那南部饑餓的家庭提供食物。4)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』所用的。

**婦女第3圈查經班...**查經班將於2月20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。

**誰來填充我們的講壇？...**在星期日的早晨，來加入我們的崇拜，我們唱讚美詩，崇拜我們的上帝。

1) 2月3日:羅布森牧師，聖餐聖禮。2) 2月10日:羅布森牧師，管家主日。3) 2月17日:史保定牧師，會眾會議。4) 2月17日:史保定牧師。5) 3月3和10日:羅布森牧師。

**華美婦女組織舉辦皮膚護理和化妝應用...**華美婦女組織將舉辦皮膚護理和化妝應用的講習班教學技術。所有女士均可于2月17日，星期日下午1時在交誼廳參加。

**會議會新詢...**以下是1月22日舉行會議會的重點:1)講壇牧師提供至3月中。2)1月26日下午1時至3時，約翰．喀爾文長老會提供會議會幹事和財務主任培訓辦事員。本堂的葉月蓮和Debbie Mengel出席參加。3)會眾周年會議已定于2月17日崇拜結束後舉行。4)聖餐聖禮日期已定在2月3日，4月7日，6月2日，8月4日和10月6日。我們感謝邱任華夫婦自願準備，設置和清理。如果你能幫助，請與葉月明聯絡。5)長老和執事將於2月16日舉行會議，計畫是詢問各會員他們願意承擔那些教會的任務，因為少數會員願意擔任執事和長老的職任，他們無法能履行所有職責。若被請求時請準備好協助。如果沒有足夠的人來完成各項工作，我們可能需要減少活動或考慮關閉教堂。6)教會要求每個人在確保教會及其內容的安全方面更加警惕。我們要求那些擁有門匙的人員反復檢查，當你最後離開教堂的時候，各個門是否鎖上了。

**長老會聽力小組...**長老會傾聽小組受事工部委員會委託來協助本教會評估目前的狀況以及我們對未來的希望和夢想。這支隊伍由喬納森．巴克牧師，唐娜．斯托格長老，阿倫．斯蒂爾和派特．夏普組成。他們已會見了本堂的個人和小團體，來聽取我們對本教堂未來的希望。傾聽小組將在我們的牧師搜索之前提供一份後續報告。

**意大利薄餅和遊戲晚:**由於與狂歡節遊行衝突，2月意大利薄餅和遊戲夜將不會舉行。將在3月底再次會面！





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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.