



# Good News for the Pews

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## From Pastor Don

There is a lot going on in the English Worshipping Community these days. So much in fact, my contribution to *Good News for the Pews* will be shorter than usual. Read through this issue and see the updates from our various committees and groups. But I did want to take a little time and share something that I am witnessing in the community that I think is really wonderful. During Lent we were blessed in so many ways. We had an excellent number of Lenten Devotions written by the members of our community. Through them we all gained new insights and about our sisters and brothers in the faith and their reflections on the Scriptures. We also had a series of shares and discussions in Tea Time during Lent, led by our Conclave of Clergy (I'm testing collective nouns for a group of ministers).

For our Maundy Thursday service this year, we were blessed again to hear the theological reflections of seven of our strong women of faith as they shared their interpretations of the traditional "Seven Last Words of Christ," or more accurately the seven statements collected from all four Gospels that Jesus said while he was on the cross. What we heard was profound, powerful, and deeply moving.

Following up on that, the School of Discipleship, which meets Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom, has just finished up a series of meetings where we have all shared personal stories of our faith. Some shared the moment when they choose to become Christians. Some shared their faith journey. Some choose to talk about a particular moment when they felt God's presence, whether the Holy One, or a specific sense of connection to the Creator, or to Jesus Christ, or to the Holy Spirit. This precipitated a follow-up in the Wednesday Night Bible study on the topic of the Trinity.

These stories that we share, these call stories, or faith journeys, these moments of connection to the Divine (by whatever name or concept that feels the most authentic to you), these stories have been amazing to witness, and have helped us gain new insights and understanding into people that we have known for years, even decades. Against the

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backdrop of the pandemic, the fallout from four years of a disastrous White<sup>1</sup> racist regime in the Executive Branch, and the rise of violence targeting Asians American and Pacific Islanders we are growing closer and growing stronger. As we take the time to share with one another, and to really listen, we are learning new things about old friends. Our connections are growing deeper and stronger and we are able to draw strength and love from one another.

We often return on the words of Jesus when he tells the scribes that the greatest commandment is to love God, and the second is to love one another. In face of an onslaught of hate and negativity in the world, it has never been more important to express love and care for one another. Starting here. Starting with ourselves, and with our families, but also very importantly, here within our family of faith. Frankly I've been really touched and have felt very privileged to hear and to read these stories and reflections. I hope that you, too, have be so blessed!

We are still moving forward. We are still serving the Mission of God and building up the Heavenly Realm here on Earth. There are many, many things left for us to do, but I encourage you, as you read this, to pause and call to mind these stories we have shared. Take a moment and appreciate this marvelous community and these wonder women and men that God has put into our lives. And give thanks. Amen!

With God's peace,

Pastor Don

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<sup>1</sup> "Why 'White' should be capitalized, too." The Washington Post.  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/07/22/why-white-should-be-capitalized/>

## Jonathan Y. Chan

I grew up in San Ramon over in the East Bay. I'm the oldest of three children: I have two younger sisters. My Dad was born in Hong Kong and is part of the third generation of his family to come to the U.S. My Mom was born in South Korea; she's part of the first generation of her family to come here.

I attended a few different churches growing up. Church was definitely the primary way my family socialized with other immigrant families. Language posed logistical challenges: my Dad doesn't speak Korean, my Mom doesn't speak Cantonese, and I don't speak either. At one point in time, after we all attended one church service together, my mom and sisters would go to a second Korean service at another church. I also remember the Korean church would organize small group Bible study meetings at people's houses. But naturally people were often most comfortable speaking Korean instead of English.

So although there were lots other kids at church growing up, it ended up not being where I made lasting friendships. I bonded more with kids I knew from school.

At college I also sometimes ran into language and culture barriers. Once, in a conversation about personal beliefs, a classmate from Europe was incredulous that I had mentioned philosophers from the West, but none from the East. Ironically, another time a classmate condescended that I couldn't really understand something the group was discussing because I was too Americanized.

Fortunately, generally people I met in college were a lot more cosmopolitan and friendly than in suburban California. It ended up being where I made all but a handful of the friends I regularly keep in touch with today. But I still certainly have a sore spot around community and my identity. I find some dark humor in that I jumped right in to another controversy about community when, after graduating, I moved to the city to work in tech!

I learned about PCC when I moved to my current apartment right at the beginning of the pandemic. I hadn't regularly attended church after moving to the city. My excuse had been that I felt bad about leaving my dog alone; all services moving online removed that excuse! I had doing a lot of reading on and off, starting in college, in an attempt to better understand Christianity. I can thank having good friends who were formerly Christian for the motivation to investigate my own beliefs.

I started attending virtually and stuck around because of the sermons. David Soohoo reached out and added me to the mailing list, and by a stroke of luck (!) the Inquirer's Class was starting! I appreciated the opportunity to meet everyone there. Pastor Don's thoughtful answers to my questions gave me the confidence to get over my anxiety about communities and to join the church.

It's the very beginning of my time with PCC, but I already appreciate the warm welcome. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in person when it is finally safe!



*Social distancing with my dog, Yeti, at Huntington Park*

**My journey**

I was born into an unapologetically imperfect Christian family. My dad grew up in Chinatown and was an agitator from early in his life -- in both good and challenging ways as many of you know. My mom had a rollercoaster journey with her faith in God like most of us. She was also an extremely committed first grade public school teacher in Union City. My parents contributed a huge amount to communities and our society throughout their lives. They serve as my role models. They were imperfectly but resolutely mission-driven, extremely action-oriented, and dedicated to the betterment of our society.

I went to Sunday school when I was very young, but I found it boring and my parents didn't make me go when I said I didn't want to anymore. I rejoined a youth group in middle school and became "really religious". Meaning, I really did feel a closeness to God. I prayed, I got re-baptized in the gross Foster City lagoon, and I truly looked forward to summer church camp (Mo Ranch) in Texas with my brother and nephew - not only for the freedom, recreational activities, and cute boys - but also because it really did create space for me to reaffirm my faith annually.

While I refound my faith on my own between the age of 12 and 18, I also picked up a more traditional and judgmental perspective on sex and this eventually pushed me away from worshipping regularly - along with a busy schedule with sports and school and student leadership. Over time, my dad likely contributed to my increasingly critical look at how organized religion has impacted society over the last several centuries. As far as academics go, I went to Boston University and studied International Relations, Public Health, and African Studies. I continued to complete my Master's in International Development with a focus on gender equity and global health at George Washington University. I learned how religion was used as a justification to wage war against and take advantage of vulnerable communities. I watched the news slowly and painfully come to light about the prolific and deep-rooted child molestation throughout the Catholic Church globally. This abuse of power and trust disgusted me. I wanted to distance myself from any sort of organized religion, especially knowing that my dad's own congregation, this PCC congregation, had an unfortunate similar history to the Catholic Church.

Throughout university and early in my career, I still enjoyed cognitively intriguing conversations about religion and its role in our society. I elected to take a class on Islam, Christianity, and Judaism and their similarities. I emailed my dad back and forth for the three months I lived on the coast of Kenya in 2010 to discuss the different sects of Christianity and how evangelicalism came to be what I witnessed and experienced in semi-urban communities outside of Mombasa. I never disavowed Christianity, but I slowly came to rely wholly on my career to put my values and principles into action.

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When my dad died in 2013, I was 23 years old. I was just about to complete graduate school and was working full time as a grant writer for a health humanitarian response organization that I loved. After he passed, I continued to throw myself further into humanitarian response in the service of others. I truly felt called in this global health and nonprofit sector. Even with my passion and intrinsic drive in my career, I felt lost spiritually and emotionally. My dad was always someone who not only pushed me to be better, but made sure I also never felt I was better than anyone. He taught me that actions speak louder than words, but words are equally as important in how you use them. The loss of my father, best friend, and mentor was palpable and the most painful thing I've experienced so far. It's taken me years, but I now realize that he left me with more lessons than I can count about what community, being a Christian, and being a good person means. I hope to be able to keep sharing those lessons.

Over the last decade, I have not only reflected on these lessons from my father, but I have also incrementally gained respect for the role of religion in communities and our world based on my own experiences. Seeing how faith can keep people stuck in the cycle of poverty resilient and optimistic is incredible. I witnessed the positive power and impact of religion throughout my travels in Kenya, Uganda, and Jordan. Moreover, seeing how faith can bring groups of people together for a common purpose motivates me to think how might we, as PCC, tackle systemic racism and contribute to eradicating poverty in our own community. Lastly, reflecting on my dad's imperfections and journey with his faith and career in the church made me confident that I was ready to re-join a church. Experiencing the traumatic decline and death of my mom in 2020, coupled with Uncle Al's passing and seeing Auntie Shar's own grief process supported at PCC, it felt natural to rejoin this community in worship and I'm so grateful.

My dad attributed his path into ministry and away from gang life to Cameron House and PCC. This community is more than just a community of Christians who I really enjoy worshipping with and exploring my faith with. This community is the seed that I have grown from. I'm honored to be a member.

Thank you,  
Whittney Tom



*With partner Robert Amjad*



*Christmas 2012 with family*

Church events and activities may look a big different this year because of COVID-19 restrictions. But the Cantonese Worshiping Community still holds its services virtually since March of 2020.

One of the events to celebrate Chinese New Year this year was the Cantonese Caring Group preparing 200 gift bags which included shrimp chips, candies, drinks, cooking recipes, flyers with Bible scriptures and Gospel messages and updates of our



Cantonese Worshiping Community. These gift bags were given to the elderly and low-income families who came to church to pick up food from Food Bank Pantry on Saturday, February 13. They were very impressed to receive gifts for the New Year celebration. We believe the most important part of this activity meant to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the people in our Chinatown community so they would also receive God’s love through our outreach program.



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## Cantonese Worshiping Community (continued from page 6)

In past years the Cantonese Worshiping Community held a Candle Light Communion on Good Friday, but instead of in-person gathering, we had a virtual service on Thursday night this year. On April 1<sup>st</sup> we held a meditation Communion service for Maundy Thursday through WhatsApp. Pastor Ronnie Kaan led the Holy Communion service. The Elders read Bible scriptures which reflected scenes of the bitterness of the cross: Jesus betrayed, Jesus condemned, and Jesus crucified. There were prayers, hymns and meditation on “the seven last words of Christ.” Our choir also performed virtually two hymns *The Love of Jesus* and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. During this 1 ½ hour service, the participants had time to think about God’s grace through Christian redemption.

To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we held a festive virtual service on Sunday via WhatsApp. Again, the members of our choir sang together in a virtual choir which sounded like a simulation of a real choir. They sang the Easter hymn *Because He Lives* to praise the Lord. Pastor Kaan gave us a very inspiring sermon titled “The Excitation of Life.” Bible scripture reading and Easter hymns were all about Jesus’ resurrection, God’s love and salvation. Jesus Christ has risen. He has risen indeed.



Amid this time of uncertainty and change, Jesus is still the head of the church. He is leading us during this difficult time. We have confidence that through the leading of Holy Spirit, our church should be able to re-open to the public as a new chapter after what we’ve learned from this pandemic. Our ministry continues to serve God, to serve our church, and to serve others outside the community. By sharing the gospel, we will experience the joy which comes from serving.

## DEACONS CORNER

By Jeanine Lim



Your Deacons and “Deacons-Plus” have embarked on another round of contacting every person on our church roster. As the “connective tissue” of our church body, and in the absence of physical worship and fellowship, we’re seeking to check in with everyone. We’d love to hear your joys, concerns, prayers, and thoughts, particularly since we’ve just observed the one-year anniversary of the pandemic and related lockdowns.

If you haven’t heard from a Deacon yet, and have something you’d like to share, please don’t hesitate to contact us at [englishdeacons@pccsf.org](mailto:englishdeacons@pccsf.org). We are particularly interested to know, when it is safe to re-open, whether you will return to physically worship with us in the church building, continue to worship with us online, or adopt a practice of alternating both.

Deacons: Ruth Wu, Irene Ng, Eddie Kam, Jackie Jew, Rene Fong, Jeanine Lim, Carole Chinn-Morales.

Deacons-Plus: Pat Chan, Norma Fong Chan, Terry Chan, Marie Chin, Wayne Eng, Richard Jann, Mary Wong Leong, Dayton Leong, Jojo Woo, Shar Hall.

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### Relaxing the Brain

Bringing calmness and slowing down our emotions can improve the mind, body and spirit. It can also be healing to slow down our thoughts and relax the amygdala in the brain which triggers your emotions faster than your conscious awareness. These days, most everyone has an overactive amygdala, from a difficult conversation to a rude response. We can, however, manage our minds and bodies to be less triggered. To do so, we need to bring awareness to slowing our emotions, which aids the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the tissues in the body, and increases blood flow to the brain.

Here are some ways to become centered and to relax the brain:

1. Breathe in for a count of three, hold your breath for a count of three, breath out for a count of three, and then hold for a count of three. Try to do so slowly and deliberately for a few minutes.
2. Make a list of all the things and people you love.
3. Pause to acknowledge all your senses. What are five things you see? Feel? Smell? Taste? Hear? Being aware helps to foster a sense of mindfulness.
4. Formulate positive and healing rituals for your day.
5. Engage in self-care activities such as walking, mindfulness class, massage, exercise classes, coffee with a friend, or whatever makes you feel better about yourself.

from *The San Francisco Sequoian*. Irene Ng, editor

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives and how we are able to connect to one another. However, the opportunity to volunteer at the PCC food pantry during this time has been a blessing for many of us looking to stay involved in the community. Personally, I looked forward to interacting with the elders that the pantry serves every week. Our pantry stalwarts Dave, Nancy, Marie, Wayne, Scott, Susie, Chapman, and Jeanette have been incredibly welcoming to all the new volunteers. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce some of the new faces and get their thoughts regarding their experience at the PCC food pantry.

### ***Could you provide a brief background of who you are?***

*Darin* - I'm a bookkeeper down in San Jose. I've always had a heart for activism and social justice, especially in the Asian American community. I've volunteered with San Francisco Marin Food Bank since the beginning of the COVID-19 quarantine and was introduced to PCC's food pantry by my friend. As a frequent food pantry volunteer, I like to consider myself an expert box-disassembling engineer. Have excessive amounts of cardboard material gathering dust in the fringes of your pantry? I got you, fam.

*Jonathan* - I am 52 years old and have been with PCC & CH since second grade. I currently work for the U.S. Federal Government. Been working with them for nearly 21 years.

*Iris* - I'm Iris, and am not directly affiliated with the church but have friends who told me about this humbling opportunity to give back to the community.

### ***When did begin volunteering for the food pantry? What motivated you to do so?***

*Darin* - I started volunteering around April of 2020. Partly because I enjoy doing physical labor and helping my community, and so that I can socialize with my friends and meet new people.

*Jonathan* - I began to volunteer for the Food Pantry around October 2020.

*Iris* - I began volunteering in November. I've always loved doing things to help others out when I'm able to.

### ***What do you enjoy most about volunteering at the food pantry and how has the experience impacted you?***

*Darin* - I really enjoy the aspect of building relationships with volunteers and with clients. For example, there is an awesome and adorable old lady named Leslie, who I get to talk with as I help her bring groceries to her house down the block. I also appreciate being surrounded by other Christian followers who have different views and experiences than myself, and there is something really neat about different generations of people working together to build up the Kingdom of God.

*Jonathan* - I like being with other people to talk to and putting food on the table for others. To me, volunteering makes me feel good to help out others need. Also, it gets me out of the house.  
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*Iris* - Seeing the SROs in person for the first time and how happy all the residents were to see us walking through the halls was enough to keep me coming back. They weren't blessed with much, and it only takes a couple hours of my Saturday to make their week. Coming out to help with Food Pantry gets me in a better mood.

***What is one goal you have for yourself in 2021?***

*Darin* - Get into UC Berkeley's School of Social Welfare and kick some butt fighting social injustice!

*Jonathan* - I do not have any particular goals for 2021. I just want this to be a better year for all. Maybe one goal I do have is to hopefully travel again.

*Iris* - My goal is just stay positive and safe in these crazy COVID-19 times.

This ministry continues to be a source of joy and beacon of hope in our community during these uncertain times. Thank you to all of you who support the Pantry and a special shout-out to those who make treats for us volunteers!



*Christmas photo of food pantry volunteers at PCC*

If someone gave you ONE MILLION dollars, how would you spend it? A few years ago, this exciting opportunity presented itself to the West Region of the Presbytery of San Francisco! The West Region decided to spend their \$1,000,000 supporting local mission projects.

To disburse the \$1,000,000, an application process was created and then a panel of six members was elected. The panel's responsibility was to review applications and make funding recommendations to the West Region. The region would call a meeting to vote on the recommendations.

For the past 15 months I served on this panel with five other people from our Presbytery. Our first order of business was to think of a name and we chose "Fund Your Vision". The intent of Fund Your Vision was to turn vision into reality for those who seek to share and spread the Good News in the areas of Housing/Shelter/Homelessness; Micro Loans/Grants; Food Insecurity; Immigration and Refugees; and Youth and College Ministry. In September, Systemic Change to Dismantle Racism was added to the list of categories.

From March 2020-April 2021, there were four rounds of funding and a total of 25 applications. Grant amounts ranged from \$3,000 - \$54,000. Some grants went directly to churches and others went to non-profit organizations. In order for an organization to apply, it had to have a form of support and/or partnership with a Presbyterian Church in our Presbytery. With COVID-19 and shelter-in-place orders, food insecurity became a major concern and we received applications from food pantries and meal sites who could not keep up with the need.

Other areas that were funded include:

- expansion of a daycare care center for low-income families in East Palo Alto
- support for youth ministry and outreach in San Francisco
- care packages for the homeless in the Mission district and along the Embarcadero
- production of a video about an Immigrant experience and sanctuary support from a SF church
- a pop-up pantry for farm worker families in our coastal communities
- assistance with the acquisition of 40 units of low-income housing in East Palo Alto
- support for African-American young men in San Francisco high schools

In 2020, Cameron House received a Fund Your Vision grant to explore ways for youth to gain greater cross-cultural and cross-racial understanding. This year, PCC's Mandarin congregation received funding to build up its youth ministry program.

The entire \$1,000,000 has been designated to 25 churches/organizations/programs throughout San Francisco Presbytery to strengthen or expand existing services, create new programs, provide more resources in underserved communities, and increase awareness of church members to critical issues impacting the Bay Area. My work with the panel was gratifying! Learning about the visions from all the applicants and feeling their passion provided me with a sense of hope. There's a lot of good work being done out there and people making a difference.

## Annual General Assembly Statistical Membership Report for year-end 2020

### Elder Eddie Kam

Below are key PCC 2020 statistics that was reported to General Assembly. Our total membership as of 12/31/2020 was 198. Below is a breakdown for each Worshipping Community (WC) where increases were through baptism (excludes infant baptism), transfers in and/or members returning back to the active roll. Decreases were primarily those transferring out, members moved to inactive roll and/or deceased members.

Worshipping Community	Ending 12/31/2019 Count	Increase	Decrease	Ending 12/31/2020 Count
Cantonese	40	1	3	38
English	118	0	2	116
Mandarin	49	1	6	44
Combined	207	2	11	198

- Between 2019 and 2020, our combined average worship attendance surprisingly went up from 168 to 177 attendee or 5.6% increase where people found it more convenient to attend online, remote worship service starting on 3/8/2020 and we even had out-of-state attendees. The Resource Committee is in the process of planning logistics and safety protocols to accommodate our return to worship in the sanctuary and a date will be determined once approved by Session. All 3 WCs will have to adapt and adjust to the new 'hybrid' worship model for those who prefer to continue worshipping remotely.
- People adjusted by sending in their offering via our PCCSF.org online donation method but all 3 WCs were impacted by the loss of loose offering for the majority of 2020.
- 97.5 of our members are Asian and 2.5% are White.
- The combined age distribution of members is shown in the table below.

Age bracket	Count	% of total
25 and under	12	6.1%
26 – 45	27	13.6%
46 – 55	25	12.6%
56 – 65	38	19.2%
Over 65	96	48.5%

## Easter 2021 by Nancy Chee

Not too long ago, a few people had commented on how the Christmas Cookie Project had touched people and that it would be nice if we could do something at another time during the year. In thinking about this why not do something at Easter?

This year of the pandemic has continued to challenge all of us in the PCC community especially some of our older seniors who have been isolated and sheltered-in. With ideas from others and support again from the Deacons and Deacons+, we were able to reach out in love and support to people through this new Easter Project.

Originally the thought was about using the lilies that normally decorate our sanctuary at Easter as deliveries to people but the thought of so many lilies would have been impossible. However with help from Pam Jang and her friend Dottie Low (who needed to prune plants from their gardens), we met a few weeks earlier before Easter and made 35 small succulent potted plants from their cuttings.

Meanwhile, an Easter greeting card was designed and put together with the amazing help of Jojo Woo and her Cricut die cut machine. A personal message inside the card was inspired by the succulents and is a wonderful reminder for all of us:

*Succulents are an example of resiliency, flourishing in difficult circumstances - resistant to extremes of dry environments and adapting to water shortages.*

*It reminds us that we are stronger than we realize especially in surviving this past year. Even in the most difficult times, we are not alone, continuing to be nurtured by the unconditional healing love of Christ.*



In their ongoing caring of our community members, the Deacons and Deacons+ came up with a list of people who they would make calls and deliveries. Bags with the succulents and cards were put together by PCC volunteers after Food Pantry on Saturday before Easter and picked up after to be distributed to others. Visits were made the following week to some of our seniors and to those facing ongoing health challenges or feeling the loss of those who have passed on this year. 32 deliveries were made along with 3 cards mailed to those afar. You are all very much remembered and missed!

I continue to pray that you are all keeping safe, hopefully getting vaccinated and I know we all look forward to the day when we can come together, be able to see each other and worship together in God's sanctuary!

Blessings always, Nancy

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P.S. The message inside the card:

**“Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.” Luke 12:27**

**May lilies trumpet the glory of Christ’s resurrection!  
Christ Is Risen!  
Christ Is Risen Indeed!**



Easter Card



Pam and Nancy planting succulent

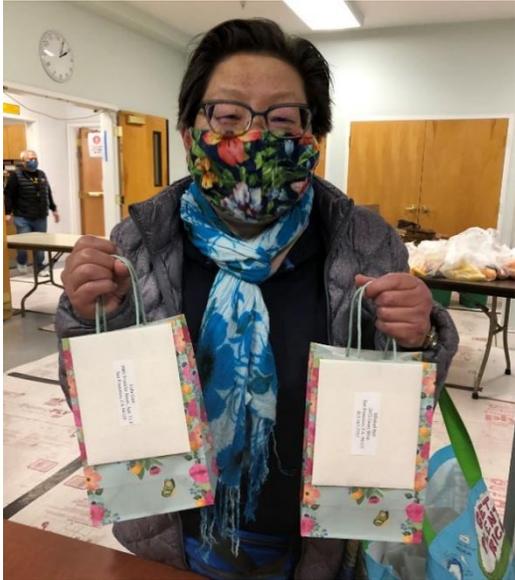


Packing bags



Pickups by Dayton

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Pickups by  
Pat

JoAnn  
and Alson



Shar and  
Dayton

Chris and  
Al



Mei  
and  
Mary

Lolan

## Support Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Day

On March 27, as part of a national action in support of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders and against hate and violence towards these and all people, Barbara Briggs-Letson led a group of Sequoias residents this afternoon to the overpass at Webster and Geary where banners were hung, flags and arms waved, and friends old and new literally took a stand. Residents Cindy Joe, Irene Ng, and Ruth Wu joined the group. Later, the group adjourned to the Peace Plaza in Japantown where the banners were rehung for all to see. Here's just a few shots of what took place.



*Photos by resident Mike Reddig*



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS by Pat Chan

Here's the up-to-date news from our PCC families.

On January 27, 2021, Lenora Lee married Sherman Ayala. The wedding took place in the backyard of the bride's parents, JoAnn and Alson. Her sister, Karina, and family, were also present. The groom's mother zoomed in from Peru and the groom's sister zoomed in from Boston. Lenora spoke some Spanish to her mother-in-law. A backyard reception followed the ceremony.

Jeannette Wei became a great grandmother again. Granddaughter Lily, daughter of Joe, gave birth to a son name Leo in January. Lily and Nick live in Los Angeles. Grandson Huck also lives in Los Angeles with his singer girlfriend Charli XCX.

Jojo and Jerrick Woo are grandparents to a grandson Jalen, born on April 5. Son Darren and wife Jana are first-time parents.

Lianne and Terry Leong's two granddaughters started in-person kindergarten this month. I'm sure they are enjoying in-person learning even though it's for two days a week.

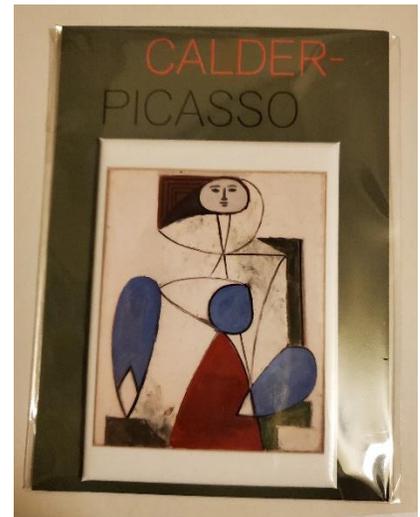
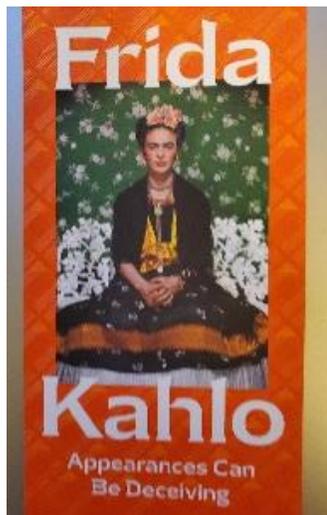
We want to wish Jeffrey Go all the best in his medical studies. He will be attending USC for his residency in anesthesiology. I'm sure he is happy to be back in California and warmer, nicer weather.

Easter Sunday, Linda Lee presented two new members to our church family. Jonathan Y. Chan and Whittney Tom, daughter of the late Bert. We can't wait to give them a proper greeting when we go back to the church building. Welcome to the PCC family. Jonathan and Whittney often join Tea Time so join in and you can get to know them a little more.

Speaking of Tea Time, Josh Chuck sometimes joins in with his son JJ. JJ turned one, and most of us haven't met him yet. He is so cute and active. I'm sure he will be running around the Fellowship Hall whenever we go back to the church building.

My update: Spring Break was at the end of March. I stayed home again. A friend was able to reserve tickets for me to the Frida Kahlo and Calder-Picasso exhibits at the de Young. It was nice to visit the museum again. I haven't been in one for over a year. I loved the Frida Kahlo dresses. Calder-Picasso had some good paintings and art pieces.

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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS by Pat Chan

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> I got my second vaccine. Kaiser borrowed the USF gymnasiums. Well organized with many people helping to direct the different stations. We were given a cloth face mask and a button. I was hoping to go to the Moscone Center because Kaiser also was one of the sponsors. I wanted to see how they turned it into a vaccination center and take a picture with Dr. Fauci. Well, I was able to take a photo. They had a cut-out of him when I got my second vaccine. Boy, does it feel nice to be vaccinated. I also got my second shingle shot before getting my COVID vaccine.

I am still working at home. No word of working at school sites. I am responsible for 7 elementary schools and I don't think the principals want staff to go from school to school. Parents are not allowed to be in the buildings. They drop off their child at the door or school yard.



Saturday, May 8: 3:00 to 5:00 - Mission Study Team Town Hall

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost

Sunday, June 13 - PCC Session meeting

Women's Fellowship 3rd Monday

Committees: 1st Tuesday

Commission: 3rd Tuesday

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