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From Pastor Don

A lot has happened since the last issue of *Good News for the Pews*! There are a number of things I could choose to write about: e.g. where are we at in the Mission Study Process? (the final draft of the report is being considered by the Commission before the congregational review, and the Committee on Ministry approval); current plans for adapting and sustaining our hybrid worship; changes in mission and service at the Food Pantry; and preparation for the opening of the Central Subway (whenever that will be). But I think I will try to give a brief update of my time as a Commissioner for the 225th General Assembly.

My preparation for GA began back in May when I took a week of Study Leave to do my preparatory reading. I was assigned to the Committee for General Assembly Entity Policy and Procedures. It was not nearly as exciting as it sounds. GA-PAP (as it was abbreviated to), focused its work on “items related to administrative and internal issues of A Corp/Administrative Services Group, Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the Office of the General Assembly.” Some items included *Proposed Revisions to the General Assembly Organization for Mission, Institutional Relationship Agreement between Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA), Inc, and the Presbyterian Church (USA)*, and *Amendments to Session Annual Statistical Report Regarding Age Categories*. In a nut-shell, my committee was deep into the weeds on policy-wonk stuff. In preparation there were over 1000 pages of reading to do, including about 800 pages of minutes of the various agencies and committee reports going back as far as 2018. I am yawning at my desk just typing this.

GA started on Saturday, June 18 with a plenary gathering of a quorum of Commissioners in Louisville to ratify all the work done at the 2020 GA. We had to ratify that work because it all took place online but the standing rules of GA *did not allow online meetings*. So some commissioners were flown in to make a quorum, and then as a quorum they ratified all the decisions of the last Assembly. Rev. Will McGarvey from our presbytery was present in person. After ratifying the previous assembly, the next order of business was to change the standing rule to allow us to work online this year. All the rest of us then participated online for other preliminary business. Sunday, June 19 was a fantastic online worship service commemorating Juneteenth and energizing us for the weeks of work ahead.

You may recall Scott Barlow preached at PCC on June 19, while I was attending GA virtually. Then I was in the office for a week and I preached on the 26th. I then flew to Louisville for my in-person committee work. All the committees met in-person, though the schedules were
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staggered. Only about ¼ of all commissioners were in Louisville at any given time. There was not a lot of time to network or to meet other commissioners. Our work started each morning at 9:00. We had a half-hour for lunch, and continued to work each evening until about 6 pm. We were released to find our own dinners, and most commissioners simply returned to the hotel, the Galt House, just a couple blocks away from the GA offices. In the committee time we wore masks, and were required to be on Zoom *while in the room* to allow non-English speakers a chance to participate with simultaneous translations. It was challenging, and tiring, but a lot of good work was done. Regretfully, there were really no opportunities to get to know my fellow commissioners.

I flew home and had July 4th as a transition day before the start of the online Plenary sessions. Starting Tuesday, July 5th we convened at 8:00 am Pacific Time for Zoom worship before we transitioned into the Zoom plenary meetings. Online worship was brilliant! Much of the liturgy was written by Rev. Ruth T. West. Many members of our presbytery were featured, including Nancy Chee and Rev. Leslie Veen who were readers. Using both Zoom, and very well designed and very functional online applications, we conducted all the business of GA for the next five days. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday started at 8:00 am. Friday & Saturday began at 7 am (!). Each evening went at least until 9:00 pm. That's 13 hours of meetings, *on Zoom*, with either an hour or half hour for lunch, and an hour dinner break. It was, in a word, **brutal**.

This was my first GA, and I have never really followed the assemblies in the past, so I cannot compare our work or our deliberations with previous GA's. It seemed to me that the Assembly was exceptionally skewed toward what I call the progressive wing. Most decisions were made with large majorities, sometimes well above two-thirds. Although most of the actions spoke to my sense of where Jesus calls us to be, I was in the minority on a couple of votes. I did speak a couple of times during the plenaries, and my star turn may have been when I was recognized to speak against an attempt to change the rules to require a 2/3 majority of presbyteries to change the Book of Order, instead of the current, simple majority. Speaking obliquely (being aware I was in Mitch McConnell's home state) I suggested, rather convincingly, that we did not need to create a Presbyterian version of the filibuster which gives the minority power over the majority. My opinion carried the vote 375 to 20.

Scores of changes were made and scores of resolutions were passed. I cannot possibly go through them all. In fact I can't really even give good highlights other than a few things. The GA resolved to *Offer an Apology to Africans Americans for the Sin of Slavery and Its Legacy*; passed a *Resolution on Racism as a Public Health Crisis*; and passed a resolution co-authored by Lori Yamauchi and myself *On Violence and Hate Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders* (<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3001103>). Furthermore, GA passed a resolution on *Investing in a Green Future*; on *Reducing the PC(USA) Carbon Imprint*; and resolutions to *Support an Energy Transition* nationwide away from fossil fuels. A resolution was passed to *Declare the PC(USA) a Sanctuary and Accompaniment Church* for undocumented immigrants. We also passed a *Resolution on Affirming Reproductive Justice* ...“affirming that women and pregnant people are full moral agents, created in the image of God. Recognizing that God alone is Lord of the conscience, we support their moral capacity to decide whether to continue or end any given
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pregnancy.” We *completely revised* the **Rules of Discipline** in the *Book of Order* addressing lingering loopholes for clergy and church staff around issues of sexual and other misconduct.

A summary can be found here: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/7/12/summary-general-assembly-actions/>. You can read all the actions we took by visiting PC-Biz, (<https://www.pc-biz.org/#/committee>), and using the drop down boxes to look at individual committee resolutions. You will find the full texts, the rationales, and the vote tallies as to whether they passed or not.

It was a real honor to serve as a Commissioner. I really want to thank the elders, deacons, and preachers who worked hard to cover in my absence. I want to thank you, the church, for your support as well. PCC has a long history of contributing and supporting leaders in our church, our presbytery, our synod and the General Assembly. I am both honored and humbled to have been able to be a part of your legacy. Thank you!



Donald Hammond, a Teaching Elder Commissioner from San Francisco Presbytery, spoke in the General Assembly Entity Policy and Procedures Committee on June 30, 2022 as part of the 225th General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky.

(Photo by Rich Copley)

Pilgrimage for a Better Future by Carole Chinn-Morales

On May 28, 2022, Cindy Joe, Clinton Huey, and I spent our Saturday standing up for thousands of immigrants who seek better lives for themselves and for their families, but because they are without papers, often wind up in unjustly prolonged ICE detention, separated from their families and communities, incarcerated and alone.

The Pilgrimage for a Better Future was an event organized by Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI) and the Dignity Not Detention Coalition, and in collaboration with other local nonprofits who joined at each of the eight stops at detention centers up and down California. A bus carrying forty people held vigils in front of each detention center and participants were invited to join along the way.



Clinton at San Quentin

Clint, Cindy, and I participated in the first two stops in northern California, at San Quentin prison and at Yuba County Jail in Marysville. At San Quentin, a speaker told us how, after serving a sentence at the prison, he was immediately whisked away by ICE to a detention center miles away, without even a moment of freedom, so he was not able to see his family or contact loved ones. At Marysville, we heard similar testimonies about the heartbreak of being separated from friends and loved ones, the hopelessness of incarceration, the extremely long waits for hearings, devastating loneliness, and the terrible anxiety of waiting, not knowing how long detention will last, and what the future will bring. I could not help but think of my own forebears, immigrants incarcerated on Angel Island, two generations ago.

A highlight for me in Marysville, was to finally meet, in-person, a woman for whom I had demonstrated in front of the ICE building on Sansome Street five years ago, in 2017. Floricel was a vulnerable single mother of three, who was picked up by ICE in an IHOP parking lot on a Sunday morning, on the way to church, with her children left in the car. She endured 11 months of detention separated from her children, a trauma for both Floricel and for her children. She has faced years of uncertainty about her deportation status. I remember a part of the chant we repeated that day at the demonstration:

Floricel, Floricel, You are not alone!
The people are here, We are not afraid!

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Cindy, Michael James, and Carole at San Quentin

Participating in the pilgrimage was a blessing. It was a chance to act upon my Christ-inspired convictions about the inhumanity and unfairness of immigration policy in this country, and to stand with those who are needlessly suffering as a result of those policies. It was a chance to have one long conversation with Cindy and Clint, an unexpected and wonderful gift.

The Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity, led by Rev. Deborah Lee, is one of several non-profits that the English worshipping community supports through the Mission and Evangelism Committee, so that we, all of us, as a community, have a way to participate in and support their goals and ministries. Their website affirms that IM4HI: “Connects clergy and people of faith to the work of social justice. We work to make the criminal justice system more just, and the immigration system more fair and humane.”

Prominent on the IM4HI website is a call to love our neighbor:

Welcome the refugee
Treat the stranger as your own
Compassion knows no borders
Love has no walls.

Amen!

SAVE THE DATE. Rev. Deborah Lee will be preaching to us on Sunday, September 25, 2022, for Gifts of Immigrants Sunday!

If you're like many of us, you have your regular "go to" places on the web. You avoid too much exploring. There's always the fear that once you start exploring, you'll get sucked into hours of following one link after another.

You may not have explored PCC's web site much. In case you haven't, here's a quick view of what you'll see where. Note that you can get to any of the pages referenced below by going to the PCC home page. You don't have to remember all the specific links.

www.pccsf.org

This is the home page for PCC. You'll find a button that links you to the English worshipping community, to the Mandarin community and to the Cantonese community.

Also on the home page for PCC are links to the live stream Sunday worship for each of the worshipping communities. There's a link to documents that apply to the whole church such as Bylaws, video release form and tax exempt status letter.

You can also click a link to "Our Story". The pages present the information that's on the banners in fellowship hall.

www.pccsf.org/english

This is the home page for the English worshipping community. It contains a block for news and announcements in brief. You can always find the latest Weekly Rag and a list of upcoming events pertinent to the English worshipping community. Announcements are expanded, if necessary, in the English blog www.pccsf.org/blog

To donate on-line, click the button "Donate".

From the "English home" pull-down menu at the top, you can get to the Women's Fellowship page and a page showing the connections we have with other parts of our denomination and other organizations.

You'll also find links to worship information, who we are and what we do.

www.pccsf.org/worshipinfo

This page is the information page for worship activities for the English worshipping community. There is, of course, a link to our on-line worship stream. You can also view videos of the most recent worship services and sermons.

Should you ever want to provide feedback on worship, you can contact any of the members of the Worship & Nurture committee listed on this page.

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www.pccsf.org/whoweare

This page provides all sorts of information about us as a community. It lists the current English Commission members, the Deacons and the members of all the committees working for our English community. Using a link on this page, you can read the latest issue of our quarterly newsletter “Good News for the Pews”.

If you want to enjoy some times in the past, click on the link to our photo gallery.

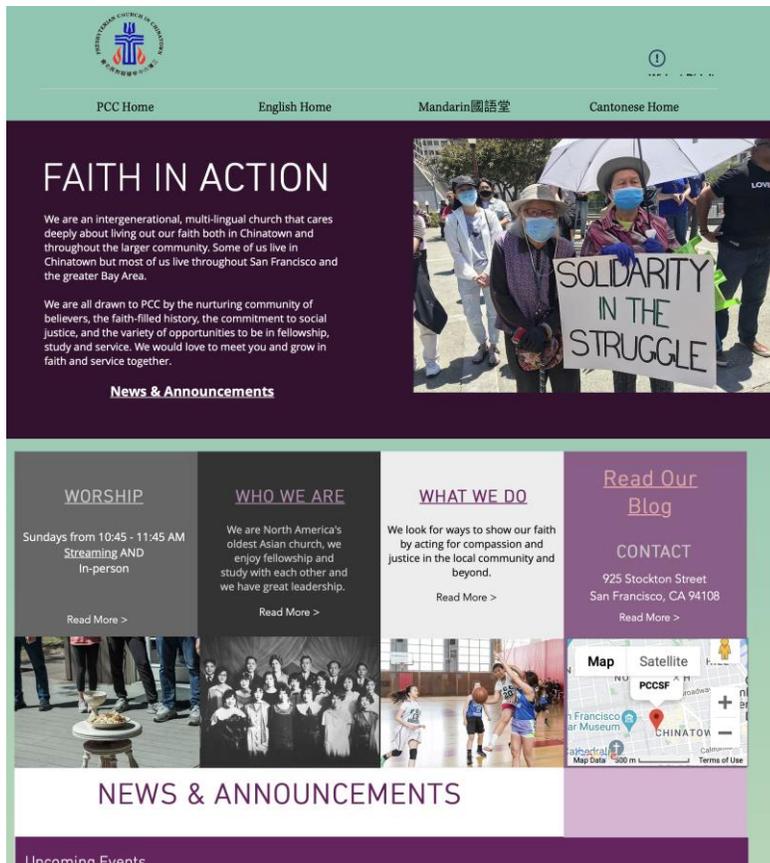
If you want to know what the English Commission has been doing, read a summary of the latest meeting with a link on this page. There’s even an archive of past summaries on the Document Archives page.

And, should you need to know the PCC tax ID for the IRS, it’s here.

www.pccsf.org/whatwedo

If you want to know about how we’re living out our faith, here’s the place to go. Click on the link to the Mission and Evangelism Committee. Their page provides a listing of the many ways we serve the Chinatown community and the world. Committee members are listed. Contact any of them if you want to get involved in any of the activities listed.

You can contact PCC anytime by sending a message to info@pccsf.org. You can contact the Deacons by sending a message to englishdeacons@pccsf.org. If you have ideas for enhancements or corrections to the web pages, send your ideas to webmaster@pccsf.org.



Greetings from the Deacons! It's been quite a few months since the Deacons have provided an update on our ministry. Here's a short summary.

The Deacons held our Retreat in Greg and Jeanine's backyard in March. One of our objectives was to review the Deacons' Manual. (Did you know there was a PCC Deacons' Manual? Not many people do. In fact, many of the Deacons didn't know either!). We are examining the tasks our deacons have been doing routinely, and realigning our current responsibilities with the charge from the Book of Order: "The ministry of the deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus....." In the following months, you may notice a reshuffling of tasks. The revisions should be completed by the end of summer.

In April, Deacons+ was asked to help with the delivery of Easter greeting cards and plants to our mighty super-seniors (aged 85+), to those who had suffered loss of a loved one or had been recently ill. More than 25 persons in our community had visitations by the Deacons+ and an enjoyable time was had by all! Some of the photos from these deliveries were shown in the previous edition of Good News from the Pews.

June brought us to a crossroad. Deacons+ was formed in April of 2020, with a sense of urgency. PCC had suddenly closed its doors for worship, our members ordered to shelter-in-place, spread over six Bay Area counties. Pastor Don was wondering how we would be able to provide emotional and spiritual support for the whole English worshipping community (180+ people) during the tumultuous fear-inducing times of the novel coronavirus. Deacons+ was born of the need to get information out to our community quickly and a way of providing support to all. Deacons+ kept busy with calls, emails, letters, and socially distanced/masked visitations for twenty-seven months. And now that the church has been reopened for worship services and we have been able to see each other in person (with some safety precautions in place), the decision was made to phase out the Deacons+.

In July, all of you should have received the information advising of the phase out from your Deacon/Deacons+. Thank you to the Deacons+ team: Carole, Dayton, Diane, Eddie, Irene, Jackie, Jeanine, Jojo, Marie, Mary, Norma, Pam, Pat, Rene, Richard, Ruth, Shar, Terry C., and Wayne for their compassion, witness, and service to our beloved community.

The church may have reopened, but uncertainties still exist; the coronavirus has more variants, a new COVID vaccine in the Fall, fears of layoffs, rising prices, and a shrinking economy. Don't forget, the Deacons' Compassion Fund (DCF) is available to members of our PCC community who maybe be in need. Please contact one of the Pastors or any Active Deacon if you need to make a confidential inquiry.

*May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

~Hymn 765 in Glory to God

Norwich Lake Retreat

by Matthew Wong

During late-May, I participated in Ekklesia, the Navigators northeast summer training program. The program took place at the Norwich Lake Timothy Hill retreat center for 10 days. We consisted of 40 participants from other northeast college campus Navigator groups, such as Boston University and University of Connecticut. The theme of the program is centered around evangelism with a school campus focus. The theme was split into three sections: know Christ, make Him known, and help others do the same.



Each day consisted of personal devotion time, workshops, and worship/discussion time (like a typical weekly fellowship night). Within a designated small discussion group, we took time to do verse memorizations and practiced inductive bible studies through designated passages and daily verses. There was sufficient free time between the Bible study programs to get to know people from other university fellowship groups. The retreat center also provided various physical activities, with a nearby sandy lake and horseback riding. I was personally able to know some new friends and did daily jogs with them around the backroads to the retreat center.

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It was refreshing to put all my focus on God during those 10 days as I tried to remove myself as much as possible from working on personal projects or social media. Often, devotion time and times with God in campus fellowship muddies up with upcoming academic tasks and deadlines. Coming into the retreat program, I was looking for an environment where I can focus on building my faith and studying God word uninterrupted, which I was able to find. I was eager more than I ever had to pour my free time and energy into our designated bible study passages along with some personal studies I have been putting off during my school year.

As a side objective in our discussion group, we spent time memorizing selected chapters from Psalms. I ended up choosing Psalm 8, which I found very fitting to the remote experience I felt at the retreat center: Even with the magnitude of the majestic works God has made, He has given us privileges and free reign over His works. As my time spend at the center was accompanied by the forests and natural features around the retreat, it provided me undivided attention to God's majesty and His plan for us to proclaim his glory.



Retreat Center Patio

(Matthew is a member of the Cantonese Worshiping Community, and is Eleanor's son. He is in his senior year at Worcester Polytechnic Institution, Massachusetts. He's majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Matthew is going to finish his final project in Japan this coming Fall, and he's looking forward to his trip.)

New Basketball Courts at Ping Yuen Housing Dedicated to Rev. Norman Fong by Jeanette Huie

Two basketball courts at the Ping Yuen buildings were refurbished thanks to the Golden State Warriors, in partnership with PG&E, the Wender Weis Foundation for Children (WWFC) and Chinatown CDC and on June 2, 2022, the courts were dedicated to Rev. Norman Fong! During the ceremony, Chinatown CDC Executive Director Malcolm Yeung said, "We started this process pre-pandemic, so to bring this to the finish line given all the challenges we've faced these past two years is nothing short of a miracle. The fact that we are dedicating this court to Rev. Norman Fong is now even more appropriate because the Reverend has always been a Warrior for Chinatown and he himself has also been known to work miracles."



*Norman wows the crowd
by making the basket from
the free-throw line!*

The renovation work included removing existing planters and installing new concrete to extend the playing areas, sanding and resurfacing the expanded court areas, painting Warriors colors and new playing lines and logos on both courts, installing new portable basketball hoops, and producing and installing new banners at the three different Ping Yuen buildings. Elements of the banner imagery pay tribute to Norman who worked over 30 years at Chinatown CDC, first as Program Director and then Executive Director. He 'retired' in 2020 but returned last year as their Community Liaison. The Ping Yuen residences, located in the heart of Chinatown, serves a diverse community of families and seniors. The importance of outdoor spaces for residents' health and well-being were highlighted by the pandemic and the new courts will increase recreational opportunities for residents.

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New Basketball Courts at Ping Yuen Housing Dedicated to Rev. Norman Fong *(cont. from p.11)*



The new banners display familiar phrases attributed to Norman along with his iconic thumbs-up.

The Food Pantry and I

by Annie Wong

I do not remember when I started volunteering with our church's food pantry, but it was probably before the pandemic. The food pantry had a simple set up with less than one hundred recipients. Jeanette Huie and Susie Wong were the coordinators; they decided how many pieces of a food item were to be given to each recipient. Recipients, after they registered, came one by one in an orderly manner. They could not touch any of the produce, and they had a choice of accepting the item or not taking it. Volunteers from our church were the ones who distributed the produce.

Around that time, Mary Wong Leong called us to let us know that the food pantry at Old First Presbyterian Church needed someone who could speak Chinese in order to regulate the line. Mary wanted to know if we could help. So Peter and I decided to volunteer at the Old First food pantry. Their food pantry had around three hundred recipients with six different color codes; each of them was fifteen minutes apart. The food pantry started every Saturday at nine o'clock in the morning and ended at ten thirty. We also found out that the Old First food pantry was part of the San Francisco Interfaith Food Pantry program, which was composed of five different churches, with a rotation of one church per week. Peter and I only volunteered at Old First once every five weeks, giving us time to come back to our church's food pantry in time for the start of the program. From time to time, we brought some delicious donuts from the famous Bob Donut Shop on Polk Street to share; it was fun.

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Unfortunately, the food pantry program was hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Volunteers over sixty-five years old were not allowed to participate in the program, as the Food Bank considered them as high risk to contract COVID. This policy led to the closure of some of the food pantries. Many recipients lost their weekly food supplies and that was very sad. As time went by, the restriction loosened. The Food Bank allowed senior volunteers to participate in the program again, with the following strict rules: all volunteers must wear a mask and gloves; all food supplies must be pre-packed in white plastic bags provided by the Food Bank; recipients are to collect their items and then leave. We did not go back to Old First; instead, we stayed with our church's program.

Because of all the changes, the PCC/Chinatown CDC food pantry has established a core group of people: Susie and Jeanette as the administrators, Chapman Szeto to do all the paper work, Marie Chin to check in all the in-person pick-ups, Dave Chan and Nancy Chee to calculate how many pieces per item of food, and also to set up all the fans and air purifiers, Rev. Kaan to regulate the line outside the gate, Scott Barlow, along with the volunteers, to do home delivery for SRO recipients and also to help people with their bags of groceries to walk down the stairs. I am to do the walk-in for new recipients and the transfers, and also to be the floater. With many, many volunteers who help pack the grocery bags, the packing process finishes in no time. All windows and doors are open on the first floor. For safety reasons, no outside people can walk into our church building.

Bad news came when the food pantry at the YMCA closed suddenly. All their recipients looked for another food pantry so they could receive their weekly groceries. They all came to our church for help. We only had a limited number of vacancies, and the other neighbor food pantries were already full. Susie and Jeanette let us know that all we can do is to help those people register as transfers into our food pantry and put them on a waitlist. These people temporary lost their weekly grocery bags until the Food Bank re-issued the cards for them. It is a very sad situation for them as well as for us.

By doing volunteer work at our food pantry, I realize that a lot of people do not have enough food for themselves, and also at the same time, a lot of people waste a lot of food. A lot of people appreciate what they receive from the food pantry, but a lot of people complain that they do not have enough. I learned from my volunteer experience: be happy for what I have, do not complain, and thank God that I have a chance to help others.

Kyle Shin is spending time in New York City for a few months to work on his singing gigs. Looks like he is enjoying himself and making some connections. Good luck Kyle, and stay safe.

Ruth Wu's granddaughter, Isabel graduated from high school. She will be attending Connecticut University in the fall. Ruth and her daughter Wendy are doing some traveling together.

Jordan Wong, daughter of David and Yan, completed the 5th grade and will be attending Presidio Middle School.

Brady Ho, son of Sam and Alisa, and the youngest brother of Cody and Logan, completed the 8th grade and will be attending high school in San Jose. Logan got his driver's license. Cody is home from Hawaii.

Caitlin Gong, daughter of Cindy Lee and Bob graduated from Piedmont High School. She will be attending Vassar in the Fall. Caitlin and her friends from the Young People's Symphony Orchestra in Berkeley was touring and learning about the rich musical history and performing at some concert venues in Germany, Vienna and Prague. Caitlin been playing the cello for 5 years. I hope most of you have heard her play during our services of worship. We will miss you Caitlin, but we want to wish you well. Enjoy going to school back East.

I was able to take a summer cruise. My friends and I were booked for Japan. That cruise was cancelled so my girlfriend's husband scrambled and booked us on an Alaskan cruise with Ruby Princess. I was able to get a balcony this time. My first cruise to Alaska in July 2001 I had an inside cabin. Yes, very dark and I do not want to do that again. I'm so glad to have the balcony. Most of the passengers did not wear their masks so every day. I retreated to my balcony. It took two days to get up to our first port of Ketchikan. Yes, the waters were a bit choppy but not enough to get sea sick. The two days at sea I was able to participate in the Zumba dance class. First day it was a bit choppy but I did not fall or trip. The first port of call was Ketchikan. Weather was a bit cool and damp. We just walked around the town. Second port of call was Juneau; weather was sunny and warming up. My girlfriend and I decided to take a bus ride up to Mendenhall Glacier. Over the years the glacier is melting away. I walked over to see Nugget Fall. Water was really gushing out. Third port of call was Skagway. I've been told the train ride is nice to do, so I booked the 5 hour excursion. The scenery was nice and the ride was very relaxing. We saw snow on top of the mountains and small water falls. The next day we were supposed to go up close to the glaciers. It was not safe for the ship to do so. I did get up early and saw bit of ice in the water. Got to see some broken icebergs floating in the water.

It was a peaceful time in my balcony. I went up to the deck after breakfast and before the zumba class. Got to see some snow on top of the mountains. It was also pretty peaceful upstairs. Princess Cruise changed their itinerary and we were not stopping at Victoria, Canada. My girlfriend really wanted to go for high tea at the Empress Hotel. We stopped at Prince Rupert a small town. My friend and I had a seafood lunch at a hotel. Seafood was nice and fresh. Each night the 10 of us had delicious meals together. We always enjoy our courses and desserts. I went to the theater for the evening shows. They were all good. We had some good singers.

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I have to say we are all taking our chances to travel. Wear your mask as much as you can. My girlfriend met a couple originally from San Francisco. They now live in Fremont. I was able to meet them at Juneau. I talked with them a little bit and I found out they are Cameron House alumni and Les is a cousin of Shar Hall. So what a small world. I did not see anyone I knew. There were over 2,500 passengers. P.S. Dave and Marcella went on the same cruise, but in mid-May. Dave said they had some rain when they were at port.



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- Monday, August 15: School of Discipleship starts up again
- Sunday, August 21: 10:30 a.m. Worship in Golden Gate Park, Stow Lake Boathouse picnic area
- Saturday, September 3: Adult Study from 4 pm - 6 pm. The focus will be on The Confession of 1967
- Sunday, September 18: Light from Darkness: A service of remembrance and hope for survivors of clergy sexual abuse.
- Sunday, September 25: Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday, with guest Rev. Deb Lee of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity
- Sunday, October 2: World Communion Sunday
- Sunday, October 23: Stewardship Sunday, with guest Rev. Maggie Harmon of the PC(USA) Board of Pensions
- Sunday, November 6: Congregational/Corporation meetings