

THE WEEKLY RAG

For the United Ministries
of the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown and Donaldina Cameron House

September 1, 2024

This Sunday at PCC

We welcome the **Rev. Gregory Chan** to PCC on Sunday. His sermon title: "What's all this talk about Matthew 25?"

We'll look at Matthew 25 in Matthew's historical/theological context and dive into the Parable of the Talents. We've all been talking about the part of Matthew 25 that directs us to contend with structural poverty, systemic racism and congregational vitality; however, there's much more packed in that chapter—stuff about values, priorities, money, choices, life's directions. We'll look closely at this other "stuff," recognizing the emphasis of the National Church, the PCUSA. Sunday's remarks answer: What's all this talk about Matthew 25? And--is your checkbook a theological document? Can it tell you who and what you worship?

Please join us for a deeper dive into this chapter. And, check out and complete the Money Autobiography provided [here](#).

September 21st Potluck Sign Up!

Diane Go is taking a head count and sign ups for the Saturday 9/21 potluck sponsored by the Deacons. Food categories are main dishes, side dishes, salads, and desserts.

Sign up at Tea Time or contact Diane by email or text. Note: we will also be having some fun activities besides eating!



Thank you for supporting Living Water World Missions

Mission & Evangelism reports that enough funds were contributed in July from EWC members so that LWWM can buy the parts and other supplies for a water purifying system. Thank you for your generosity! When the PCC team embarks on the mission trip to Guatemala on October 19-26 (with LWWM), the team will help install the system that we financed.

If you want to receive emails/photos from team members while they're in Guatemala, please send your email to: info@pccsf.org.

Today's Hymns and Scripture Passages

Opening

I Sing The Mighty Power of God
32 in Glory to God Hymnal

Communion

**Loaves were Broken,
Words were Spoken**
498 in Glory to God Hymnal

Closing

**Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise**
12 in Glory to God Hymnal

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James 1: 17-27
Matthew 25: 14-30

Prayer List

Traveling mercies for **Pastor Don** and **Hans** and others returning from vacation this week.

Rev. David Kao's service - 9/7
Sat @ 2:00pm in sanctuary

For prayer concerns and joys you approve to be printed in the *Ragsheet* and shared during worship, email

prayers@pccsf.org. **Please note this new email address!**

Calling all members of the PCC English Worshiping Community!

We request you take time to reflect on the past 8 months of Pastor Don's designated ministry, and share your thoughts with us, your personnel committee.

Link to the Survey: [2024 EWC Ministry Satisfaction Survey](#)
Enclosed is a list of the areas of ministry for which Don was asked to be responsible when he was hired. To make responding easy, we turned this list into a "Satisfaction Survey." Please check the boxes to indicate whether you are "satisfied," "neutral," or "dissatisfied." If you respond "dissatisfied" or "satisfied" to an area, please say why. Give us your suggestions on how an area can be improved.

Printed copies of the survey will be available each of the next two Sundays after worship for those who prefer using pen and paper.

We appreciate your helping the EWC to better serve its members!

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August 2024 - EWC Ministry Satisfaction Survey
This survey is being conducted to provide the EWC Personnel Committee and Pastor Don with a pulse of how satisfied the English Worshiping Community is with the direction, responsiveness and leadership that Pastor Don provides to our community. Anonymity will be retained when completing this survey online.

Food Pantry Update

There's never a dull moment on Saturdays at the food pantry! Our current enrollment is 338 and we serve approximately 310-315 participants each Saturday. By accepting more enrollees, the wait list has been trimmed to about 18 people.

The Clayton Hotel on Clay Street is undergoing a major renovation, and this is one of the buildings where we provide home delivery to seniors who are physically unable to pick up such a large bag of food. All the Clayton residents were relocated to various SRO buildings in Chinatown and North Beach. For the residents on our home delivery list, we agreed to continue their home delivery to each new address.

These recent changes have impacted our volunteers so if you'd like to help at least one Saturday a month, contact Jeanette Huie or Susie Wong.

BAP Teacher and Volunteer Openings

Cameron House's Bilingual After school Program (BAP) has started for the 2024-2025 academic school year. BAP operates from Monday-Friday from 2:30pm-6:00pm, with a 1:30pm start time on Wednesdays to accommodate early school dismissal. BAP is open to students from 1st to 5th grade. Besides providing tutoring and homework assistance, BAP incorporates enrichment activities and lessons that are a part of their Heritage School curriculum. The program strives to build a healthy community of students by providing quality support systems for the student's social-emotional health, and fun and enjoyable family engagement opportunities.

If you have an interest in being a BAP Teacher, please contact Irving at irving@cameronhouse.org.
If you have an interest in being a BAP Volunteer, please contact Julie at julie@cameronhouse.org.