



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, July 24, 2017

On the Calendar This Week

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be on vacation and will return to the office on August 7th.

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember those serving at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 30, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM OUR MISSION ADVOCATE, WENDY GIST

² Don't be weary in prayer; keep at it; watch for God's answers, and remember to be thankful when they come. *Colossians 4:2 (Living Bible)*

¹ Praise the Lord! With all my heart I will thank the Lord in the assembly of his people.

² How wonderful are the things the Lord does! All who are delighted with them want to understand them. *Psalm 111: 1-2 (Good News)*

If I had been asked to write this column a week ago, the Bible verses I selected for this week's column would not have been my chosen verses. I was far from a "Praise the Lord!" place. I was not thanking God. Instead I was stressed out and frustrated and not thinking happy thoughts.

There had been a fairly major setback on one of the projects I was working on and I wasn't getting information from others that I needed to make my way forward clear. So, the setback lingered and the feeling of frustration festered. After days of waiting and stress building, my shoulders and neck were tight with tension. It was only then at this very low point that I finally remembered to take my burden to God in prayer and not try to get through this on my own. So, pray I did. It was after praying that I received an idea of one possible way to resolve this issue that actually excited me.

As we've all heard before, God sometimes works in mysterious ways. Let's move back in time about a month. I'm sure you all remember our June 17th Presbytery meeting and Day of Service. I signed up to serve at Door of Hope in Pasadena along with a number of others, including a group of Tapestry kids and their leaders. We met there, took a tour while hearing about what Door of Hope does, and then started work on the available tasks. I knew a couple of the people who signed up to work alongside me, but mostly these were new folks for me. During lunch I made a point of sitting with a group I didn't know and chatting awhile with one person in particular. Overall, it was a very good service day experience, enhanced by those I worked and talked with.

Now let's fast forward back to a few days ago after praying to God to bring resolution to this problem I was experiencing. It was after that that I remembered the person I chatted with during lunch on our Presbytery Day of Service and the very positive impression she left on me. I reached out to her via email with a subject line that said "An urgent, but crazy question." She responded that same day in a way that gave me immediate hope and relieved much of the stress I was feeling. One day later, a happy and exciting resolution emerged, and my problem and stress faded away.

Do I think God was in this? Absolutely! Was God just waiting for me to settle down enough and humble myself enough to reach out in prayer? Absolutely! Am I now praising the Lord and thanking God with all my heart? Absolutely! Will I remember to reach out to God sooner next time? I sure hope so.

God always remembers us - is always there for us and with us. We are the ones who have to remember to include God instead of trying to go it alone.

Wendy Gist
Mission Advocate



David and Josey, home from Cuba in August

Our own David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo will be in Southern California, August 7-28. They have some engagements to let folks know about life in Cuba, as they are fully involved at the Matanzas Theological Seminary.



You are welcome to the following events, but they also have available times to visit other churches or organizations. Contact Karen Sapio at karensapio@claremontpres.org to schedule them for a visit.

Sunday August 13: Worship at Trinity Presbyterian near Sierra Madre
3740 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena 91107
(626) 351-8823

Wednesday August 9 or August 16
Possible evening event at Pasadena Presbyterian (details TBA)
585 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena 91101

Sunday, August 20
– David worships at Claremont Presbyterian and Emmanuel Presbiteriana
1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont 91711
– Josey worships at La Verne Heights Presbyterian
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne 91750
–David and Josey at Westminster Gardens Vespers, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
1420 Santo Domingo Ave, Duarte 91010
–David and Josey at Dinner and Program at Calvary Presbyterian, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
1050 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena 91030
(626) 799-7148

Sunday August 27: Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, north San Diego
120 Stevens Avenue, Solana Beach 92075
(858) 509-2580

DANCE FOR CHARITY





Dance for Charity



Food, Wine, Dancing
\$35 per person

Friday July 28
6:30 - 9:30 P.M.
Church of Our Savior
Cleaver Hall
535 W. Roses Road
San Gabriel, CA 91775

Presented by the Rotary Club of San Gabriel
to benefit La Casa Community Center and
Rotary International

Tickets for Sale from Lisa
Call La Casa

La Casa Community Center
626-286-2144 www.lacasacommunitycenter.org

Grant Money Available to Qualified Groups from Self- Development of People (SDOP) Committee

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development Of People



"People Investing in People"

Do you know a group of economically disadvantaged people who are running or starting a project or business whose goal is to make a positive difference in their own lives and the lives of others in their community? Based on our One Great Hour of Sharing contributions we have grant money available for appropriate projects. The application deadline for this year's grant funds is Sept. 15, 2017.

The following criteria (and more) are used by the SDOP Committee when evaluating whether a project is valid for funding.

1. Presented, owned, and controlled by the group who will benefit directly from it.
2. Addresses long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
3. Describes, in detail, the project's goal, its objectives, the way the direct beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the project, and the methods to be used to achieve the goal and objectives.

4. Is sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal(s) or objectives.

The joint Presbytery of San Fernando and San Gabriel Presbytery SDOP Committee is seeking grant applicants. Members of the committee representing SGP are Young Lee Hertig, Walter Contreras, Doug Edwards, and Wendy Gist.

For more information, to talk about a potential project, or to get an application contact Young (younglee@isaacweb.org), Walter (mcymusa@aol.com), Doug (Doug.Edwards@thebegroup.org) or Wendy (gist.wendy@gmail.com).

Meaningful and Important Ways to Support Refugees in our Area

There are a myriad of opportunities available to help refugees in our area. There are ways for our congregations and for us as individuals to get involved. Several options are listed below. Please consider how you can engage with this marginalized population that is in great need.

1. Adopt-A-Family program through Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project. Become a sponsor for an individual or family. Sponsorship will help pay for the refugee's legal representation costs. Sponsors will meet the family and have the opportunity to maintain a relationship with them. Total cost involved (payment plan available) will most likely be between \$3000 and \$5000. For more information contact Guillermo Torres at gtorres@cluejustice.org.

2. Central American Youth Conference 2017 is looking for volunteers to help plan the event. The conference will be held during the first week of December and will take place at Cal State L.A. Last year the conference brought together approximately 600 refugee youth from 12 schools for workshops and more. For more information contact Alexander Sanchez at 213-383-7484 or asanchez@homiesunidos.org.

3. San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center at 15435 Rayen St., North Hills, CA 91343 can use our support. This center now has about 130 refugee children registered with them and they are doing their best to link them to legal, medical, spiritual, and counseling services. While building relationships with the kids they also provide material support, take them on excursions, and hold special events for the kids and their sponsors. We can support this center by collecting toys, books, school items, personal hygiene supplies, food, and bus tokens. For more information contact the Center at 747-529-4783 or Amanda Romero at amandaromero92@yahoo.com or (818) 400-2891.

Installations

The Rev. John Moon will be installed to Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, on August 6th at 4:00 p.m.

We wish him God's blessings in their new/continued ministries.

Spirituality & Aging Certificate Program

Fall 2017



A course integrating faith and practice for those working with and caring for the older members of our community

Older adult programming often fails to adequately address the spiritual concerns that arise in the aging process. Designed to address this gap, the Spirituality and Aging Certificate Program empowers participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively address spiritual needs during the aging process where they work, worship, or volunteer.

Participants explore the bio-psycho-social-spiritual aspects of aging, with an emphasis on how spirituality informs and can enhance the aging process. Through the classes, readings, assignments, and interaction with their peers and the professors, students develop a wholistic perspective on aging and form a plan to put the knowledge and skills gained into action.

The Spirituality and Aging Certificate Program includes an orientation retreat, followed by four classes, held on Saturdays from 9 am-1:30 pm on the dates below. The course location is determined by registration.

Orientation Retreat	September 16, 2017
Aging Defined	October 21, 2017
Toward a Spirituality of Aging	November 18, 2017
Aging in Context	January 20, 2018
Spirituality and Organizational Theory	February 24, 2018

Continuing education credit is available for BRN, RCFE, and NAB, as well as to meet denominational requirements.

For more information, call 626-765-9500, email info@ntswest.org or visit <http://sccsa.ntswest.org>

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Music Scholarships

Puente de Esperanza (formerly known as First Presbyterian Church of Rosemead) has a great plan to introduce themselves to the La Puente Community! In addition to parenting classes, the church is continuing to use the "CaliCenter/La Puente" program name that was developed under the El Monte Initiative, with a new Summer Music Program for the community!



NOW ENROLLING
YOUTH SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM
June 26 - August 5
Barrio Music ORGANIZATION
PIANO DRUMS GUITAR
Centro Comunitario CaliCenter LA PUENTE
CALL: (562) 505-9771 or (626) 695-5110
E-MAIL: info@barriomusic.org
15302 FRANCISQUITO AVE.
LA PUENTE, CA 91744

They will be working with Barrio Music, a non-profit that is utilizing the "El Sistema" approach to teach classical music to low-income children. If you are interested, go to barriomusic.org to learn more about them. (El Sistema is the famed program teaching impoverished youth in Caracas, Venezuela—the most famous local proponent is Gustavo Dudamel.)

We are looking for sponsors to help establish a scholarship fund for the Summer Music

Program. Any amount you can give will help and bless children discover new talents and gifts through music. You can send your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Rosemead (write CaliCenter on the memo line) and send to:

Puente de Esperanza
15302 Francisquito Avenue
La Puente, CA 91744.

We thank you for your generosity!

Stated Clerk's Corner - Church Record Review

We will have the last review of the year at Northminster Presbyterian Church of Diamond Bar on September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM. We look forward to meeting in that location in the fall. With only 10 congregations cared for in the spring, the fall meeting will have a large group of congregations in attendance. Once again, please contact the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@sangabpres.org if you plan to attend the fall review in order to make adequate arrangements to support the large attendance.

Blessings,
Diane M. Frasher
Stated Clerk

2017 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, June 17 - San Marino Community
Saturday September 16 - First Presbyterian Church, Rosemead
Saturday, November 4 - Monte Vista Groves Homes, Pasadena

2017 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: (Full Time) \$52,435
Travel/Prof. Expense Reimbursement: \$2,485
Study Leave: \$ 925

2017 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .535 cents per mile Charitable 14 cents per mile
Business .535 cents per mile

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Worship Band Leader

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * Play in and lead the worship band
- * Recruit and lead volunteer musicians and singers from the congregation, providing instruction and coaching for improvement in skill and musical ability
- * Select both new and familiar congregation-friendly songs, and prepare easy to follow charts for choir and band members
- * Provide 'road maps' to songs for band members
- * Prepare slide presentations for service and upload to projection in sound booth.
- * Interface with sound technician regarding equipment details and needs
- * Participate in worship leadership as assigned, e.g. Scripture readings, prayers
- * Assist in pre-service set up and post-service tear down
- * Lead weekly band rehearsal
- * Perform other duties, as assigned
- * Work collaboratively with the Music Director
- * Consults with other ministry leaders regarding stage setup.

TERM:

- * 15 hrs/wk, salaried. \$15/\$20 per hr. Benefits as per current personnel policy

JOB CONDITION AND ENVIRONMENT

- * Physical demands required related to set up and tear down of music-related equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS

- * Must be able to clearly communicate a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and demonstrate this relationship through his/her life and testimony
- * Steadfast, mature and consistent display of a Christ-like attitude and character
- * Must embrace and model the mission of LVHPC
- * Proficiency and skill in: music fundamentals (theory, dynamics, rhythm and harmony); playing guitar and/or piano; singing; writing and arranging basic music/chord charts
- * Functional knowledge of audio equipment and production
- * Practical, relatable insight and use of Scripture in a worship service
- * Strong interpersonal skills
- * Proven ability to work well as part of a team
- * Ability to lead and empower volunteers
- * Ability to relate well with people of all ages
- * Minimum of two years' experience participating in or leading a band
- * An AA degree, degree in progress, or certificated

Email resume to mjedmond@verizon.net
La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne, CA 91750



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Angel Interfaith Network Fundraiser

Louise Inouye and the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Altadena are planning an Angel Interfaith Network Fundraiser on August 19, 2017 and you are invited! Reservations are \$35 and must be made by August 10. Contact Alice Young weekdays between 9 AM and noon for more information at (626)791-4271.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

September 25-27, 2017

St. Pete Beach, Florida - TradeWinds Island Grand Resort

visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org for more information

National Church Planter's Conference - Exponential 2017 Oct. 2-5 in Southern California. If you would like to attend at the lowest price of the year \$99, please contact Jake Kim, Associate for Ministry Development at jakekim@sangabpres.org. This special pricing is available until June 17, before prices go up. Exponential is an enlightening, encouraging, and energizing event for church planters & their teams, and those considering planting a church.

<https://exponential.org/events/2017west/>

APCE Annual Event

Deep & Wide - Boundless Hospitality

January 31 - February 3, 2018

The Galt House, Louisville, KY

Visit www.apcenet.org for more information

2018 Mosaic of Peace - A Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine.

April 29 - May 12, 2018

Apply online at presbyterianmission.org/mosaic through November 15, 2017

For more information visit presbyterianmission.org/mosaic or call 800-728-7228 x5805

