



## Presbytery of San Gabriel

# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Village Presbyterian Church of Arcadia in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 3, 2018.

### ON THE CALENDAR



The Presbytery Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day

Saturday, June 2 - Presbytery Meeting/Day of Service at

## San Gabriel Presbytery Day of Service

June 2, 2018 -- Westminster Gardens

Service activities will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please read through the 6 choices below and click [HERE](#)

to sign up for the one you want to participate in

Opportunity #1: Please put your name below to sign up for the following service opportunity:

**Set paver stones for an employee break area. We will remove the grass, install sub-base of decomposed granite and set the pavers.**

Opportunity #2: Please put your name below to sign up for the following service opportunity:

**Set smaller granite rock as borders and spread mulch in three locations.**

Opportunity #3: Please put your name below to sign up for the following service opportunity:

**Remove small shrubs and plants to define the backyards of three apartments and put in mulch.**

Opportunity #4: Please put your name below to sign up for the following service opportunity:

**Put together hygiene kits that Angel Interfaith Network will deliver to patients in need at LAC+USC hospital AND housewarming baskets for families moving from Door of Hope's transitional housing to their own apartments. Learn about these two ministries as you put together the kits and baskets.** Please don't forget to bring some supplies for this service opportunity whether you sign up for it or not.

Opportunity #5: Please put your name below to sign up for the following service opportunity:

**Sharing our Sacred Stories -- Connect with retired members of the PC(USA) in a forum led by Rev. Doug Edwards and Rev. Lauren Evans. Join us as we sit down with one another and share the stories of our lives and our faith that have made us who we are today. Come planning to share your own stories as well as to hear the experiences of the many who have spent their life in service to God both locally and around the world. Please also RSVP to [RevLaurenEvans@gmail.com](mailto:RevLaurenEvans@gmail.com) if you plan to attend this forum.**

Opportunity #6: Please put your name below to sign up for the following service opportunity:

**This advocacy and solidarity opportunity is being brought to us by the Cali Center at Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church. Take action by writing cards to immigrant families and letters to our U.S. representatives after hearing first person accounts of immigrant experiences from several people including Rev. Margarita Reyes. Find out what the PC(USA) is doing and what we can do individually and as congregations for and with our immigrant brothers and sisters. Get connected to local groups serving immigrants and leave with resources for individuals and churches.** We invite everyone to bring \$5 gift cards to Target to put in the cards written to the immigrant families whether you participate in this opportunity or not. Thanks!

## Lunch Reservations

### By popular request, Lunch will be catered by B-Man's BBQ

Lunch reservations for the June 2, 2018 Presbytery Meeting/Service Day at Westminster Gardens must be made no later than Tuesday, May 29th. You can make your reservation by emailing [presby@sangabpres.org](mailto:presby@sangabpres.org)

- be sure to include your name, your church and the number of reservations you are making. The cost of lunch is \$8 and should be paid at the meeting.



## A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" - *Isaiah 6:8*

This Sunday is not only Memorial Day weekend, it is the first of many "ordinary" Sundays in the season after Pentecost. This season lasts from Pentecost to the end of the liturgical year, right before Advent-so that's around 27 weeks. It's always struck me as a little odd that there are so many Sundays in this season; a few years ago folks tried to make it more interesting by riffing off the liturgical color of green for this season. So instead of just "ordinary time," they called it "growing time."

Perhaps it can be called "growing time" or "time to work." When I think of the story of the church in the Bible, we see:

- God's saving intervention in Jesus Christ,
- the small band of people who were loved and led by Jesus,
- the disciples seeing his death and resurrection,
- Jesus promising the power of the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses,
- Jesus ascending to heaven, and sending the Holy Spirit on Pentecost to empower the church.

So now what? Were the disciples given the gift of language and the power of the Holy Spirit to sit back and enjoy their special status? Or were they to wait quietly until Jesus comes again?

I always loved the image of the disciples when Jesus ascends, their mouths open as they looked up to heaven-until two men in white robes arrive to tell them to stop looking to heaven and get on with things.

Of course, I am a child of my tradition, as we Presbyterians are not known for sitting around and reveling in our blessed status. We believe that God has blessed us, as God blessed Abraham, in order that we may be a blessing to others.

Perhaps that's the connecting point between this long season in the church calendar, and Memorial Day-we look back on those who have gone before us, and we give thanks for their service that has been such a blessing for us today. Whether you focus on military service or on all whom we remember, we are inspired by the work, the sacrifice, the faithfulness, the courageous obedience to our Lord that our ancestors exemplified.

This Saturday we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day of Service. We are purposely compressing our regular Presbytery business so we can get on with the Presbytery at work in the world. Because we are called to many different kinds of work, the projects are varied as well-from working in the garden of Westminster Gardens, to putting together hygiene kits for LAC+USC Medical Center patients and housewarming baskets for Door of Hope clients as they escape homelessness, to advocating for migrant people fleeing violence and poverty, to sharing sacred stories with each other, including retired church workers.

As you may remember, Rev. Lauren Evans is our chaplain for retired Presbyterian church workers, and two wonderful side benefits of her ministry are the opportunity to get to know and hear from our retirees, and "Weekend Wanderings," Lauren's new newsletter that speaks specifically to the retiree community. This electronic newsletter includes reflections and information that is useful for retirees, and Lauren hopes to share stories of our wonderful retirees. (You can let Twila know at [presby@sangabpres.org](mailto:presby@sangabpres.org) if you want to subscribe to this.) And at our Presbytery meeting this Saturday, we can hear some of these stories-stories of work, and sacrifice, and faithfulness, and courageous obedience to our Lord. I have been inspired, energized, and challenged by such stories, and I expect you have also.

So as we gather up items to bring this Saturday (see shopping lists below), as we help our service project leaders by registering ahead of time for your service project preference [here](#), as we get ready to connect with each other with love, prayer, and work, let me leave you with a little story that always makes me pause:

A man, distraught by all the pain and suffering he saw all around him, broke down and banged his fists into the dirt. His head turned upward and he cried out to God, "Look at this mess. Look at all this pain and suffering. Look at all this killing and hate. God, O God! WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING!!!"

And God answered him and said, "I did. I sent you."

As we enter this season of growth and service, may we enjoy exercising the power of the Holy Spirit moving through us, for the sake of the Gospel, for the sake of the people God has called us to serve. See you Saturday.

In love and service,  
Wendy

At our June 2nd Presbytery Meeting/Day of Service we will be

collecting \$5 Target gift cards and items to make up the kits for Angel Interfaith Network and baskets for Door of Hope.

Shopping List for June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
San Gabriel Presbytery  
Day of Service

**\$5 Target gift cards** - The gift cards will be given to immigrant families through the UCARE Coalition affiliated organizations and the Cali Center at Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church.

Angel Interfaith Network  
Toiletry Bags

- q toothbrush
- q toothpaste
- q soap
- q socks
- q wash cloth
- q deodorant
- q travel size shampoo
- q travel size lotion
- q comb (bonus)
- No razors*

Door of Hope  
Housewarming Baskets

- q Laundry Basket (to hold kit)
- q dish soap
- q garbage bags
- q glass cleaner
- q all-purpose cleaner
- q bathroom cleaner
- q unscented laundry detergent
- q Pine-sol
- q sponges - large and small
- q cleaning rags
- q dust pan with hand-sized broom

Thanks!!

Please bring new items to our Presbytery meeting by 10:00 am on  
Saturday, June 2, 2018,  
at Westminster Gardens in Duarte

## 2018 REVIEW OF RECORDS

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena

# MAY and June Hymn Sings

**Come, SING TOGETHER!**

Explore our New Hymnal, Glory to  
God

## 1. **Tuesday Hymn Studies, May 22 4:00 PM**

- topical reflections on *Glory to God* hymnal
- guided singing and your choices of hymns

## 2. **Final Thursday Convocation, June 7 4:00 PM**

**"Streams of Song, Styles of Hymnody"**

- Hymnody through the ages
- Hymn styles within worship

# Listeners Welcome Too! J

All Sessions are with Rebecca Thompson at Marwick Place  
Monte Vista Grove Homes  
2889 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, California

## MISSION OPPORTUNITY - ALASKA

I am writing to invite you to help the Yukon Presbytery finish a new building for one of our Alaskan village churches. Gambell Presbyterian Church, the community of Gambell, and the Yukon Presbytery are working together to build a new church/community services building for the community. You can learn more about the vision through the following video: <https://vimeo.com/137366828> and by reading the attached bulletin insert.

The goal is to finish the building in 2018. To reduce the overall costs the building is being constructed by volunteer labor. We have been working on the building for the last three summers and with the additional financial resources secured will be able to finish the building this year. In order to do this we need more volunteers to help us!

We invite you to pray and spread the word among your congregations. We are praying the San Gabriel Presbytery will be able to help us in the following ways:

1. form a presbytery or church mission team
2. work with your congregations to identify and send at least one church mission team from your presbytery
3. commit to finding four to six individuals from your presbytery who are interested in working on the church building and encouraging them as they make a commitment to join us this summer
4. Share this information with other groups you partner with who may have people interested in participating

To help with sharing this information I am attaching the following:

1. [General Information for Work Teams](#)
2. [Work Team Calendar with dates available](#)  
(these are suggested and can be rearranged to fit your team's needs.)
3. Link for the Presbyterian Foundation video to promote the project: <https://vimeo.com/137366828>
4. [Sample Bulletin Insert that can be redesigned to fit your needs](#)

Interested groups or individuals who are interested can contact me and we will work together to coordinate the person or group's schedule. In order to finish the building in 2018 we are requesting adult work team members with the hope that several from each team will have construction skills. We do know though that bringing people who have a willing heart and a passion to share God's love through this partnership with the Gambell Presbyterian Church and community is as important as carpentry/construction skills. We will have a building project manager on site to supervise all of the volunteers.

More information is available on the Yukon Presbytery website: [www.pbyukon.org](http://www.pbyukon.org). Click on "missions" and scroll down to "New Gambell Building."

Let me know what questions you have and what other information you may need to help your presbytery consider this opportunity.

Blessings,

Danna Larson  
Yukon Presbytery Coordinator of Mission Teams for Gambell New Church Building

Yukon Presbytery  
616 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
(907) 538-7313

## Register Now for the POAMN Conference, June 5-8, 2018 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center!

Download the full [conference brochure](#), complete and return the registration pages.

Or complete electronically [here](#).

### *SAVORING THE JOURNEY*

"So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Acts 3:20

2018 Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries  
Network (POAMN) Conference

**June 5-8, 2018**

Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, Nevada

**Meet us in St. Louis  
Meet us at Stewardship Kaleidoscope  
September 24-26, 2018**

Looking for ways to transform how your church or judicatory views stewardship? This year's Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference will help you think about generosity in a whole new way! Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual event offering keynote speakers and workshops



to renew your mind, and worship experiences to renew your spirit. There will also be plenty of time for incredible networking opportunities with others passionate about generosity and giving. Since you've attended a previous Stewardship Kaleidoscope event, we thought you'd want to be among the first to know about this year's transformative event. [SEE MORE](#) and [REGISTER HERE](#)

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## 2018 Presbytery Meetings

June 2, 2018 - Including Day of Service @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte  
September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena  
November 10, 2018 @ First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina

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## 2018 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$53,745  
Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,550  
Study Leave: \$950

## 2018 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .545 cents per mile	Charitable 14 cents per mile
Business .545 cents per mile	

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## Presbyterian Hymnals Available for Free

Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena has recently purchased copies of the new *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal for use in their Marwick Place events. They would like to make available free of charge copies of the 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal* to any churches, seminaries, colleges, retirement communities, or other groups where lives could be blessed by the use of these hymnals. They are imprinted on the front with the name *Monte Vista Grove Homes*. If you would like more information about these hymnals please contact, Huw Christopher at [huwchristopher@gmail.com](mailto:huwchristopher@gmail.com) or (850)209-6931

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[www.sangabpres.org](http://www.sangabpres.org)

[www.synod.org](http://www.synod.org)

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

[www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)

**Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church**

1111 No. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA, 91711 is looking for a Temporary pastor, or Student Pastor , half time, who would like to offer his or her leadership in the work and growth of our ministry to the hispanic people in the area where we are located.

The position requires preaching on Sunday morning, conducting a Bible study every Friday evening, some visitation, and cooperating with other activities of the church.

Salary according to experience and preparation.

Please send your resumé to Zoila A. García, Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, 1111 No. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA 91711. Or to

[iglesiapresbyterianemmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiapresbyterianemmanuel@gmail.com)

**Church Administrator**

Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena is seeking an individual to be responsible for efficiently administering the office operations in order to provide a welcoming and well run church, for the church members, staff and visitors. The current office operations staff includes a full-time facilities director, a full-time bookkeeper, a full-time administrative assistant and a part-time administrative assistant. This position will assist the Personnel Committee as the primary resource person for human resources matters. He/she will also work closely with the bookkeeper to ensure that financial statements are accurate and timely.

Qualifications include:

- 5+ years of supervisory experience including experience in the area of Accounting and Human Resources
- Experience working in a non-profit organization, preferably a church
- Strong working knowledge of office computer systems: Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, church accounting software, database software and willingness to learn new systems.

Compensation: \$65,000 - \$75,000 based on experience and ability with medical coverage included.

To apply: Submit resume, and cover letter pdf format to the attention of the Personnel Committee at [ppchr@ppc.net](mailto:ppchr@ppc.net). Please go to our website: [ppc.net](http://ppc.net) for a detailed job description. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

## **PRAISE BAND WORSHIP LEADER - SUNDAY MORNING**

Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, CA, is looking for a talented singer/musician and worship leader for our Sunday 8:45 a.m. Contemporary worship service, *The Gathering*. Coordinating with the pastors, Worship Leader selects all songs for this service to compliment the scripture texts. Also directs Praise Band including two vocalists and one pianist/vocalist; leads monthly 2-hr. practice; and 30-minute warm-up on Sunday morning before worship. Ideally, Worship Leader would have 3+ years of experience leading praise worship and band, play guitar or other instrument, and have experience working with and encouraging other musicians to create spirit-led, inspired praise worship. We are a vibrant downtown church with 30-40 people in this service. Paid position. Send details to Debbie Neal at [church@calvarypresch.com](mailto:church@calvarypresch.com)

## **Open Position - Director of Outreach**

Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Outreach. This is a full time position.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and three years' experience working in a church, nonprofit, or similar organization. Some post-graduate work preferred. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

To apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and three current references in pdf format to [claremontpresapnc@gmail.com](mailto:claremontpresapnc@gmail.com). Applications will be received until the position is filled.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

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## ***ITEMS OF INTEREST***

### **PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES SAVORING THE JOURNEY CONFERENCE**

"So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:20a  
JUNE 5-8, 2018

ZEPHYR POINT PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER  
660 HWY 50, ZEPHYR COVE, NV 89448

Click [HERE](#) to download the conference flyer

**This year the Office of Hispanic/Latino-a Intercultural and Congregational Support is hosting a Pastoral Leadership Development Seminary**

## **in Mexico City on July 18-22.**

*Would you help us share the word with Hispanic and Latino-a leaders in your Presbytery and consider supporting them so that they can have a time for continuing education and network with other leaders in the PCUSA?*

During the event, leaders will have the opportunity to engage in Intercultural Reading of the Bible and our guest speaker Dr. Hans De Wit\* will guide them in this popular and contextual method of reading the bible within their diverse faith communities as well as within their presbytery as a tool to encounter people from different cultures and build bridges of understanding so we may intentionally give steps toward becoming the beloved community that we are called to be in the Gospel.

The cost to attend is \$450.00 which includes 4 nights of a shared hotel room, one dinner, 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, a guided tour to Teotihuacan and materials. For more information and questions, contact Marissa Shearon at [marissa.shearon@pcusa.org](mailto:marissa.shearon@pcusa.org) or 502-569-5385.

### **Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner**

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.

LA/San Gabriel Hilton