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**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

*All Language Ministries Together  
All Choirs Participating*

**MULTICULTURAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

*All are invited! No education classes will take place that day. Cuisine will be from our Hispanic and Korean kitchens as well as the traditional turkey with all the trimmings. Following morning worship in South Hall and Fellowship Hall.*



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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DR. MARK K. SMUTNY

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Partly it's because I love to cook. Partly it's because it's hard to desecrate a holiday built on blessing and gratitude. This year, I've been invited to Ken's girlfriend's home in Malibu. That will make for some high stakes. I wonder if Reagan's parents will have me prepare my special potato yeast rolls that in all honesty are to die for.

When circumstance places distance between loved ones whether of miles, hardship or death, then the preciousness of our countless blessings comes evermore to the forefront. As such times I often turn to the writings of President Lincoln to find inspiration. Steeped as he was in the Bible and a superb orator, Father Abraham spoke directly both to our better angels and our darker shadows. Honesty from a politician I find refreshing.

*"The year that is drawing towards its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.*

*I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."* (Abraham Lincoln, Proclamation of Thanksgiving, October 3, 1863)

With bounty at our tables and gratitude in our hearts, may we be ever mindful of a provident and gracious God. May we seek unity and peace in all our endeavors. May we be mindful, too, of those who have little. Together, let us resolve to work on their behalf.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Mark Smutny

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORSHIP PREACHING SCHEDULE

Nov. 1	Dr. Mark Smutny
Nov. 8	Dr. Dale Morgan
Nov. 15	Dr. Mark Smutny
Nov. 22	TBA
Nov. 29	Dr. Mark Smutny

**ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS**  
**SUNDAYS AT 11:20 A.M.**

**JOHN CALVIN: HIS LIFE AND LEGACY**

**Continuing November 8 and 15**

PPC celebrates the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth with a class offering remembering his life and ministry. Margy Wentz and Jack Rogers share in facilitating that includes viewing an outstanding documentary produced by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Participants wanting to read more on Calvin's life can purchase the book, *John Calvin: Reformer for the 21st Century* by William Stacy Johnson.

**OUR CHERISHED CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**Beginning November 29**

On November 29, Adult Education will begin a new class exploring the music and texts of selected favorite Christmas carols. The first class session led by PPC member and Kirk Choir singer, Rita Lossett, will consider the text, music, and history of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

On Sunday, December 13th, Paul Kilian—erstwhile son of PPC—along with his wife Gloria and two dramatic readers, will continue on this journey of looking deeply into our carols that focus on the theme of JOY.

On December 20, the last Sunday of Advent, the class will listen to and reflect on the hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. Focus will be given to the contradictions that exist in our faith lives. This class will be lead by Rita Lossett (back by popular demand).

Bring your singing voice along with your sense of awe over the mystery, meaning, power, and grace of the incarnation.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

Remember to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31. Otherwise, you'll be coming to church an hour early!!

**1ST SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**Sunday, November 1, 2009**

PPC's Korean Ministry will be the chefs for this brunch immediately after the English and Spanish language worship. This is our third "table fellowship" meal to be held on the first Sunday each month. Everyone is encouraged to join in the food and fellowship. There is no cost for the lunch but donations are very welcome!



**PPC RUMMAGE SALE**  
**SAT. NOV. 14 - 8 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

Will pick up clothes and household items starting Nov. 2

Tax Deductible receipt  
Call Margie 626-797-0691

**Please only items in good working / usable condition.**



**ONLY 50 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TILL CHRISTMAS!**

That may seem like a lot, but have you even made your gift list yet? Thought about lights and decorations? Holiday parties and special events? All the shopping you need to do? Santa is really early this year—you'll see him along with the Halloween stuff. We all need to do our part to restore the consumer spending our economy depends on!

The preceding is the American gospel of Christmas, the message you're hearing and will hear until December 25. Is it good news to you? Do you wonder what all this has to do with Jesus' birth and life among us? If it gives you pause, you may want to be part of a hopeful, joyful alternative: the "Advent Conspiracy."

This is an Advent program for committed small groups like those PPC forms during Lent. The groups will meet each week of Advent to explore an alternative, Christian celebration of Advent/Christmas. They will consider how we might *Worship Fully* (week 1), *Spend Less* (2), *Give More* (3), and *Love All* (4).

If you want a deeply rewarding adventure this year, join fellow Christians in the Advent Conspiracy beginning November 29. The book and further information will be available at the patio Information Table on Sundays through November 22.

**SEASONAL  
FLU VACCINES  
NOVEMBER 1 AND 22  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
ROOM 136**



**SAVE THE DATE  
2009 ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET AT PPC  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6  
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.**



*Join us for a great time*

**DESERT RETREAT/ROCK CLIMB IN  
THE ALABAMA HILLS**

*Just west of Lone Pine, California at the western  
foot of the Sierras below Mt. Whitney*

**NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009**



*Camping, rock climbing, hiking, star gazing, relaxing.  
Come for the whole weekend or just a day.*

**\$15 for climbers (must be 12 years of age)  
Otherwise it's free!**

*Contact Tau Smither on the patio or call the church office  
for more information.*

**CRAFTS & CAROLS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**



Join us on December 6<sup>th</sup> for a church-wide Christmas Event! We're going to do things a little differently this year. Instead of our annual Advent Event, we'll come together for food, Christmas carols, and seasonal crafts. Additionally, the Alternative Gift Market will be happening— so it will be a day full of warmth and vitality.

This is an event for all ages!!  
Be sure to mark your calendars.



**A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS MADRIGAL,  
PARISH ASSOCIATE FOR LATINA/O MINISTRIES**

In late August I was approached by The Rev. Darrel Meyers asking if Latino Ministries would be interested in hosting the PCUSA's International Peacemaker/World Mission Challenge Program Engagement in Los Angeles on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He informed me that The Rev. Diego Higueta-Arango would come and preach in our worship service on October 18. I quickly answered Darrel saying that we would love to host him. Little did I know what a tremendous experience it would prove to be for the Spanish language ministry of PPC.

The Rev. Diego Higueta-Arango is the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Colombia. He has been in pastoral ministry for eleven years in the region of Uraba, working with people in rural areas, and is the Director of Popular Theology in that presbytery. He has been an eye witness to many acts of violence in that region and has been a part of the church's ministry of healing and reconciliation. This is his second visit to the US as an international peacemaker and his first trip to Los Angeles.

Diego opened his sermon, titled "The Relevance of Peace in a Violent World," saying that his Colombia has been at war for fifty years. He often has wondered what his country would be like today with the absence of that war, forceful challenge to us that the Gospel lived in certain parts of this violent world is dangerous. He also spoke in our Sunday luncheon sharing many personal experiences that moved all of us. I publicly pledged that I will keep our Spanish language ministry continuously informed of our brothers and sisters in Colombia. What a great Sunday morning worship experience!

# November Calendar

<b>Sunday - 1</b> Daylight Savings Ends First Sunday Brunch	<b>Saturday - 14</b> Rummage Sale
<b>Monday - 2</b> <b>Adult Ed Committee</b> <b>Men's Group</b>	<b>Monday - 16</b> Congregational Life Cm.
<b>Tuesday - 3</b> Session	<b>Wednesday - 18</b> Bibles & Bagels Joint Finance Committee Trustees
<b>Wednesday - 4</b> Bibles & Bagels	<b>Saturday - 21</b> Celiac Support Group
<b>Friday - 6</b> Bad Weather Shelter Rock Climbing	<b>Sunday - 22</b> Thanksgiving Luncheon Multicultural Consultation
<b>Saturday - 7</b> Green & Greener	<b>Monday - 23</b> Women's Bible Study
<b>Monday - 9</b> Women's Group	<b>Thur -Fri - 26 &amp; 27</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b> Campus Closed
<b>Wednesday - 11</b> VETERAN'S DAY Campus Closed	
<b>Friday - 13</b> Second Friday Fellowship	

## Ongoing Activities

<b>Sunday</b>	
Breakfast Group	8:30 am
English-language Worship	10:00 am
Spanish-Language Worship	
Church School for Youth to Adults	11:20 am
Latino Ministries Brunch	11:20 am
Rainbow Choir and Carol Choir	
Korean-language Worship	12:30 pm
Korean Ministry Meal	1:30 pm
Korean Ministry Trinity Choir	2:00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	
Daily Prayer	5:30 am
Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Daily Prayer	5:30 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Daily Prayer	5:30 am
Music at Noon	12:10 pm
Korean Bible Study	8:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Daily Prayer	5:30 am
Food Distribution	11:00 pm
Handbell Choir	6:15 pm
Kirk Choir	7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Daily Prayer	5:30 am
Friday Prayer	9:00 am
Korean Young Adult Fellowship	6:30 pm
Korean Singles	7:00 pm
Korean Praise Service	7:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
Daily Prayer	5:30 am
Korean Leadership Team	6:00 am
J-Tune Praise Band	2:00 pm

### SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Daily 6 am ; Sundays 6 pm; Thurs. 7 pm
Overeaters Anonymous	Mon. - Fri., Noon Saturdays 8:30 am
Sexual Recovery Anonymous	Monday & Friday 7 pm
Debtors Anonymous	Fridays 7:30 pm

### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Authorized the Board of Finance and Trustees to negotiate and approve a loan with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) up to \$700,000 for heating component of Phase I of the HVAC replacement. (The heating system for Kirk House and Parish House going into the winter months does not work.)
- Approved an amended 2009 budget.
- Heard a report that income is projected to fall behind expenses by \$35,000-40,000 by year-end. Ideas to cut expenses and increase income were discussed.
- Approved a request by Presbyterian Women to sell holiday greenery for a fundraiser.
- Approved contracting with Eric Law for a multicultural consultation on personnel and budget.
- Approved a recommendation that 25% of the Peacemaking Offering be used locally to fund a Mexico mission trip with an emphasis on engaging young adults across PPC's language ministries. Funds will support construction and food costs.



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## GIVE THE GIFT OF ROSE PARADE TICKETS ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Not sure what to get for your in-laws for Christmas? Maybe there's a better choice than getting that new-fangled power saw for Dad. Let us suggest giving a gift of tickets to the annual Pasadena Rose Parade!

There are several ways to get your order form. You can go to PPC's website and follow the links to print your form. Or, you can call the PPC Rose Parade hotline at (626) 793-2191, ext. 353 and leave your mailing address or e-mail address and we can get a form out to you. You can also purchase tickets on the patio soon (watch for an announcement in the bulletin).

**\$45 for PPC members**

**\$65 for non-members**

**\$45 for clergy and active-duty military personnel**

Programs will be available on the patio and the day of the parade for purchase. Parking will be available in the Union Street lot; \$20 per car, \$50 per RV. Parking proceeds help underwrite the summer youth mission trip.

Volunteers get a free ticket and a lovely scarf. Call Laura Monteros at (626) 794-3217 if you are interested in volunteering either the day of the parade or the day before for food preparation. PPC's own Karen Lee is handling the food arrangements.

