

The
SCC NEWS

*Spreading the Good News from
Santiago Community Church*
November 2015

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

I and U

There's a hackneyed phrase used by sports announcers and coaches in the U.S. who are trying to motivate their athletes to cooperate to achieve victories that goes like this: "There's no 'I' in 'team'."

This line came to mind as I passed by our church sign the other day and noticed that the letter 'i' had fallen out* of the name of our church so that it now read "Sant ago". Of course, I thought, that is just what Jesus told his disciples when he caught them quarrelling about their relative power and rank in the kingdom he was promising: "*The last shall be first and the first last*" (Matthew 20:16) and "*Whoever wants to be a leader among you, must be your servant.*" (Matthew 20:26)

In spite of the fact that the name of the church was now misspelled, I couldn't think of a better way to represent this congregation! We are a church where people from across 18 different denominational traditions – representing all the various theological controversies throughout the history of Christianity! – have set aside our various claims to "superior" spiritual insight and practice, and instead, celebrate our unity in Christ Jesus as Lord!

I then noticed that another letter was missing: the 'u' from the word church. This one troubled me. While we are all called to subsume our individual wills to the will of God for the sake of our common life and witness, we are also called to recognize the unique value and gifts that each person brings. While the 'I' is often problematic, the "u" is always absolutely necessary.

I suppose we'll get around to replacing our sign someday. But in the meantime, we'll enjoy the occasional opportunity for reflection it provides us. And we'll look for YOU in church!

*(Over many years, the plastic letters used on the sign have been heated by the sun and become fragile; many of them are broken and unusable, and new ones are no longer available for purchase. There is a process underway to replace the sign in the near future. In the meantime, we are using glue to attach the letters).

Pastor Fred

SCRIPTURE VERSES OF THE MONTH

December - Mark 1:1,8 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. . . . I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

January - Mark 1:9-11(NRSV)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

February - Mark 1:38-39 (NRSV)

He [Jesus] answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons."

Post the verses where you will see them each day. Say them with family members at meals. Make them part of your evening prayers. Ask God to help you live your way into scripture.

SUMMER IS COMING!!

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 26th, 7:30 pm

Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner (from the USA) – turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy – even pumpkin pie! Entrance is \$ 4.000/adult and \$1.000/child and an appetizer, hot vegetable casserole or stuffing. Sign up & pay on Sunday after church at the table on the patio.

Christmas Music

The choir is preparing music for the upcoming season. Rehearsals are being held on Tuesday* & Thursday at 6:30 pm and on Sunday at 9:30 am. (*Tuesday night's rehearsal is at Betty Campbell's.)

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 28th, 10 am - 1 pm

Second hand books, marmalade, chutney, home-baked goods, white elephant stall, Crescendo stall. We would welcome donations for any of these stands and volunteers for Friday morning set-up, selling on Saturday & clean-up after the sale. Contact the church office if you can help.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13th, 10:30 am

Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 20th, 8:00 pm

This beautiful evening of carol singing & choral performances is a great service to which to invite a friend!

Christmas Eve Service and Holy Communion

Thursday, December 24th, 11:30 pm

Christmas Day Service and Holy Communion

Friday, December 25th, 10:30 am

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 9th, 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 10th, 7:00 pm

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

Youth Groups:

Sunday, November 29th, 12-3 pm

GF Club, Cross Connexions & The Open Circle meet for lunch, games and the Advent Conspiracy.

Saturday, December 12th, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

The Open Circle Social

Sunday, December 20th, 12:15 - 3:00 pm

Cross Connections lunch & Christmas Caroling

Summer Activities:

Tuesday, December 22nd, 9:30 am- 2 pm

Christmas Play Day

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th, January

SCC@SCC - Summer Children's Camp at Santiago Community Church

Thursday, January 28th, 9:30 am - 2 pm

Water Play Day

Thursday, February 11th, 9:30 am - 2 pm

Valentine Play Day

Sunday School

We are in need of more Sunday School helpers & teachers and Youth Group leaders for all classes. Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders are generally scheduled once or twice a month and helpers once a month.

For more information please contact Brooke Welborn, our Christian Education Coordinator, at brooke@santiagochurch.org

OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS PRESENT COLLECTION FOR OUR CHURCH CHARITIES

As we do each year, we will be organizing a Christmas present collection for children up to the age of 12 from Hogar La Granja, Youth for Christ and a poor congregation in Renca. If you'd like to contribute a gift, look out for the Christmas tree at the back of church on Sunday, Nov. 29th, which will

be covered in tags. Please then take as many tags as you'd like to and bring in a nicely wrapped gift (not more than \$6.000 each) suitable for the age and gender indicated on each tag. We will be receiving these gifts up to Sunday, December 13th at the latest. **Please make sure that the tags are attached FIRMLY to the parcels.**

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Baptisms:

25.10.15 Olivia Margarita Rojas Canelas

Weddings:

08.08.15 Pablo Andrés Ochoa Cornejo
and Dámaris Edith Álvarez Pastene
26.09.15 Juan Ignacio Cárdenas Baricic
and Ignacia Antonia Vilches Carrasco
17.10.15 José Eugenio Sanzana Santander
and Jennifer Joy Nalegach Romero
30.10.15 Pablo Salvador Sánchez Márquez
and Paulina Andrea Vega Rocha
31.10.15 Jorge Andrés Grainger Cabañas
and Christine Haindl Wotherspoon

Funerals:

03.10.15 Ronald Patrick Machado Hart

Prayer Concerns:

Donald McIntosh
Pat Gomez
Betty Scott
Jackie Donoso
Louise Jansson (former member from South Africa)
Emma Wilkey
Father of Solange from Crescendo
Michelle Brazeau (Janis Fuentes' sister-in-law)
Michelle Wilson

Please keep us informed of other concerns in our church family, either by emailing the church office or calling someone who is on staff at the church.

SCC FINANCES

Total Expenses to end Oct. 2015	90.760.052
Total Income to end Oct. 2015	82.142.332
Year-to-date deficit	8.617.720*

*As with most churches, a good part of the financial giving comes in November and December. Our expenses budget is based on this assumption so that we do not panic when we see our year-to-date accounts registering deficits for most of the year. If you are "behind" in your planned gifts to the church please plan to "catch up" over the next few weeks. And if you feel inspired by the ministries of our church and the blessings of God in your life, prayerfully consider an additional gift over and above your pledged amount.

Pastor Fred

CHURCH INFORMATION

The Church Council

Victor Hawkins – President
Neil Walbaum – Vice President
Tessa Too Kong – Secretary
Gordon Yorston - Treasurer
Magdalena Fernandez
Eduardo Fuentes
Becky Linton
Carina Löbel
David Madison
Fred Smith
Madeline Szabo

Committees

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Becky Linton, Moira Wilson,
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Fred Milligan
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