### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* Today, we will install the new church officers during worship service. Please pray for them.
- \* Children Art Class: Starting from Jan 13, every Saturday from 10:30 AM to 12 noon for six weeks.
- \* Gospel Movie: "Love is Plan B," Sunday, Jan 21, 2 PM at our church.
- \* Ping Pong recreation time, 1/9-2/19, every Tuesday 1 PM to 3 PM; Thursday 3 PM to 4:30 PM.
- \* Starting from this Sunday, we will have children's ministry at 11 AM.
- \* Christmas decorations are to be put back into storage box next Sunday, Jan 14.
- \* Church Luncheon: Jan 21. Please sign up with James Huang.
- \* Music outreach event at the Metro rooftop on Sunday, Jan 28, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

# **Activities of the Church**

Holy Communion Sunday	1st Sunday of the month
English Worship Service	Sunday 9:30 am
Cantonese Worship Service	Sunday 11:00 am
Children's Ministry	Sunday 11:00 am
Chinese Adult Bible Study Fellowship	Sunday 9:45 am
English Adult Sunday School / Fellowship	Sunday 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
College/Post- College Sunday School	Sunday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (4/Fl.)
Maranatha Fellowship	Sunday 10:30 am (4/Fl.)
Elementary Sunday School	1st and 3rd Sunday 11:00 pm
Chinese Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (Online)	Thursday 8:15 pm – 10:00 pm
Post-College Fellowship / Prayer Meeting	Friday 7:30 pm
Chinese Young Adult Fellowship	Friday 7:30 pm
Chinese Praise Team Rehearsal	Friday 8:30 pm

Church Luncheon

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month



# **Chinese United Methodist Church**

#### 1/7/2024 **Holy Communion**

English Sunday Service at 9:30 am Cantonese Sunday Service at 11:00 am



It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

(Deuteronomy 11:12)

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# **Service Program**

Praise Time Praise Team

Scripture Reading Praise Team

1 Samuel 25:2-17

Welcome & Announcements Rev. William Cheng

Pastoral Prayer Rev. William Cheng

Message Rev. William Cheng

"Triumph in the Midst of Adversities"

Communion Rev. William Cheng

Installation of Church Officers Rev. William Cheng

Song of Response Praise Team

Benediction Rev. William Cheng



# 1 Samuel 25:2-17

- <sup>2</sup> A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel.
- <sup>3</sup> His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband was surly and mean in his dealings—he was a Calebite.
- <sup>4</sup> While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep.
- <sup>5</sup> So he sent ten young men and said to them, "Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name.
- <sup>6</sup> Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!
- <sup>7</sup> "Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not mistreat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing.
- <sup>8</sup> Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be favorable toward my men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for them."
- When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited.
- Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days.
- <sup>11</sup> Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?"
- <sup>12</sup> David's men turned around and went back. When they arrived, they reported every word.
- David said to his men, "Each of you strap on your sword!" So they did, and David strapped his on as well. About four hundred men went up with David, while two hundred stayed with the supplies.
- One of the servants told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers from the wilderness to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them.
- <sup>15</sup> Yet these men were very good to us. They did not mistreat us, and the whole time we were out in the fields near them nothing was missing.
- <sup>16</sup> Night and day they were a wall around us the whole time we were herding our sheep near them.
- <sup>17</sup> Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him."