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## Celebrate diversity with Asian American Heritage Month activities

The month of May is known for its remembrances. We honor our mothers on May 9 and reflect about our loved ones who have passed away on May 31.

And at FUMC at the Chicago Temple, we celebrate the culture and accomplishments of Asian Americans this month. Come and experience the richness during this special recognition of diversity within the congregation. Here is a wrap up of exciting events to put on your calendar.

The climax of Asian American Heritage Month will be a banquet called the **"Asian-American Food Parade"** at 12:15 p.m., Sunday, May 16 in James Parlor, second floor, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Asian food will be served and it will reflect the variety of Asian cultures represented in the congregation's membership. There will be a charge of \$10 per adult and \$4 per child; proceeds benefit the Capital Fund.

At 12:45 p.m., Sunday, May 23, in the Sanctuary, there will be a **"Music Extravaganza Performance"** by Audie Lomboy Jr., and his friend, Ferdie Gonzales. A free lunch will be served in James Parlor at 12:15 p.m. and a freewill donation will be received during the concert

that will support the Capital Fund.

Audie, who was baptized and confirmed at the Chicago Temple, graduates this month with a B.A. in Music from Loyola University. His main emphasis lies in vocal performance, but he also enjoys casual piano playing. Audie became interested in music at an early age, however, it was not until high school that he decided to pursue it further. While in college, he has participated in Loyola's University Choir, chamber choir, and was a part of Loyola's production of "Guys and Dolls" and other Loyola University Choir productions.

**Ferdie Gonzales (at left) and Audie Lomboy, Jr.**



His work in the church includes serving as Open Hands Youth Group's first president.

His accompanist, Ferdie, is a freshman at University of Illinois in Chicago. He, too, was baptized and confirmed at the Chicago Temple and has served in Open Hands Youth Group as its secretary and treasurer.

### THE SENIOR PASTOR'S COLUMN

## Pastoral reflections of Wesleyan Heritage Tour, volcanic ash and summer renewal leave



### PART 1

All of us on the Wesleyan Heritage Tour are grateful for your prayers and concern while we were in England. It meant a lot to us to know that you were keeping track of our travels, and when we were stranded in London by the eruption of the

Icelandic volcano that you were aware of some potential problems.

As it turned out, we were very fortunate. After our initial return flight on Sunday was cancelled, our Chicago-based tour company, Seminars International, arranged for us to continue our stay in a very nice hotel near the British Museum at the group rate while they rescheduled us on a Wednesday flight. When that flight also was cancelled, the company managed to keep us in place and get us back home on Friday and Saturday. So, while

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# CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

## Chicago Temple receives accolade for its longevity as a congregation

The First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple was honored by the Illinois Historical Society as being one of 100 religious congregations in the state to have achieved 150 years or more of continuous operation.

Church member Mary-Carol Riehs represented the congregation on March 7 at the celebration and banquet, held at Wheaton College. Wheaton College is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2010 as well, so the beautiful, historic campus was a fitting venue for the evening's festivities.

The banquet held during the Society's 30th annual History Symposium, which was held March 7-9, 2010. The theme of this year's symposium was "Abolition: The Spark that Ignited the Second American Revolution" and included several lectures about the work of Illinois' religious leaders in the anti-slavery movement.

The banquet was preceded by a reception and social hour during which a slide show of the historic buildings of the honored



**Mary-Carol Riehs holds the certificate honoring the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple for its long-established ministry in the Chicago area.**

congregations was displayed.

Highlights of the evening included thoughtful presentations by William Furry, executive director of the Illinois Historical Society; Mark Sorensen, the Society's president and Duane Litfin, president of Wheaton College.

In addition, Gov. Pat Quinn's proclamation was read, establishing March 7 as a "Day of Religious Heritage and Tolerance" in Illinois.

The evening's crescendo came with the presentation of the certificates. The Awards Committee chair, who presented honors to the congregations noted for their religious, cultural, civic and moral heritage, recognized that the Chicago Temple is the oldest place of worship in Chicago.

The Chicago Temple is grateful to Illinois State Historical Society for this esteemed honor.

Mary-Carol Riehs

## Wesleyan Heritage Tour and summer renewal leave *(continued from page 1)*

there could have been some strenuous consequences for us, in fact, we were well taken care of.

We confess that when we heard that the last time this volcano blew it erupted for two years without stopping, we trembled. But it was good to know that all along you were lifting us up in prayer.

The tour itself went wonderfully well – Christ Church in Oxford (John and Charles Wesley's college), the New Room in Bristol, home stays in Liverpool, the family vicarage in Epworth, and all of the sites in London, with Wesley's Chapel as the main focus. I look forward to finding ways during the next few months for the 16 participants to share what they learned with the whole congregation.

Incidentally, the extension to our stay allowed us to see Leslie Griffiths in London, and he sends his greetings back to us.

### PART 2

I have arranged with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and our District Superintendent, the Rev. Addison Shields, to enjoy a "renewal leave" this summer. That means that from June 19 through Labor Day Sally and I will be spending most of our time up at our little lake cottage in Whitewater, Wis.

This is part of a four-year plan that already has begun with a small group, and then the whole Church Council, developing a new mission statement and a series of goals for our congregation. I believe that we are in a good position to take some major steps

forward to strengthen our life together as a community of faith, to develop new ways to reach out into the city with Christ's love, and to make the Temple itself a destination for those seeking a spiritual center to their lives.

The renewal leave simply is a time for me to rest, plan, and read, but to have no expectations of being productive. (That is a hard sentence for me to write since my 41 years in ministry have been geared toward productivity.) Nevertheless, if fields need to lie fallow from time to time in order to be productive, then maybe I do, too. I have a hunch that I will need to work pretty hard not to be working, but I also want to prepare myself for a concerted effort in the fall to begin implementing the mission that we now are refining.

We have plenty of capable staff and lay members who will be sure that everything gets done over the summer. And Wisconsin is not that far away (and presumably not in danger of being clouded over with volcanic ash).

Before the middle of June there is a lot of work to do, including our participation in the Annual Conference. Please keep our lay and clergy representatives in your prayers as they prepare to represent our congregation in this historic, Wesley-inspired gathering.

Peace,

  
Phil Blackwell

# CHICAGO TEMPLE NEWS

## Pew Profiles ... **Emily Pernell**

**Born:** San Manuel, Pangasinan, Philippines

**Occupation:** Retired Registered Nurse. Worked for the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, Stroger Hospital of Cook County and Michael Reese Hospital and Veterans Hospital.

**Training:** Mary Johnston School of Nursing in Manila, which was under the umbrella of Mary Johnston Hospital, founded by Dr. Rebecca Parrish. She was a missionary from Indiana and was sent by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By Lisa D. Lenoir

Being a cultivator and innovator is in Emily Pernell's blood. Just listen to her talk with enthusiasm about her garden, fruit trees and flowers at her home. This spring finds her spending countless hours nurturing her rhododendrons and azaleas and preparing for a bountiful summer garden of zucchini, eggplant and tomatoes.

"It is like a hobby," she says, who was trained as a nurse in the Philippines and the United States. "You plant a seed and then before you know it comes out and grows."

The same diligence she applies to her gardening appears in her work with First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple. She's been active in the homeless ministry, Sunday School, Mabuhay Fellowship and started the Attendance Recording Committee with Elise Boyd. And she's traveled the globe sharing her nursing skills during mission trips in Cuba, the Philippines, South Dakota, South Korea, Africa, to name a few.

"As a Methodist, we profess our faith by sharing our joys, sharing our financial resources, and our concerns. This has been and until now my vision."

She says she believes in answering the call and challenge, drawing strength from portions of Isaiah 6:8. "Whom shall I send?... Here I am Lord, send me," Pernell quotes. "I answered the call, and I am still answering."

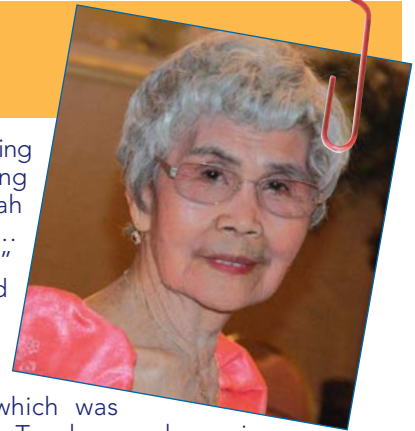
This same Scripture has been at the center of her work with the Mabuhay Fellowship, which was started in 1970. (Mabuhay is a Tagalog word meaning "welcome, long-live.") Counted as one of its dedicated members, Pernell has assumed leadership roles and has helped to guide its development.

Noted initiatives she has cultivated include installation of a velvet stage curtain in Pierce Hall and launching a capital campaign for the Mabuhay Fellowship space in the front of the sanctuary.

Pernell admits the space in the sanctuary is her vision. Having a glass and noise-proof place for parents to stay connected to the worship service whenever their children get tired or irritated has been needed for years. She challenged those in her group to pledge and commit to raising \$200,000 for the room.

"The members were not discouraged. The majority approved the challenge. Now, we have the Mabuhay room. When parents leave the sanctuary, they can participate in the worship when they go to this special place."

The guiding principle – the motivation behind her work – is that "actions speak louder than words." And with her, it's loud and clear.



## CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

### Please Remember These Persons In Your Prayers

Rose Martinelli's parents  
Peg Isaacson's father  
Ralph Neyland  
Nati Oro  
Marti Zimmerman  
Ausbie & Etta Lenoir  
Sheila Lockhart  
Amy Schutt  
Lin Sanford Keppert  
Paul Hain  
Ed Gabriel  
Joann Contos  
Marilyn Dugas  
Annie M. Geiger  
Anita Phillips  
Verlane Franklin  
Dorothy White  
Jason Chamberlain  
Chili Shears' father & sister  
Maria & Elizabeth Elizondo  
Beth Jacobs' mother  
Louise Foote  
Azucena Munoz Tressler,  
and her mother and sister

Yvonne Scott  
Stella Amaefule  
Aida Roque  
Jessica Taylor  
Martha & Rudolph Chavez  
Darlene Grass' grand-  
daughter, Abbey  
Doris Galloway's sons,  
Erik & Allen  
Joyce Rimel  
Henry Smith  
Tim Weiss

**At Home**  
Barbara Schubert  
Delbert Brown  
Edith Smith  
Teresita Crisóstomo  
Jerry Laurence

**Extended Care or Rehab**  
Esther Penalzoa  
Edna Walters  
Edward Clay Jr.  
Irene Stull

Alice Inouye  
Henrietta Brown  
John Romans  
James Humble  
Mildred Kretz  
Priscilla Zapatka  
Virginia Schuler  
David Weinland  
Florence Bos  
Dorothy Emmons

**Mourning the loss of  
a loved one**  
The Rev. Adalaida  
Gonzales, mourning the  
loss of her husband,  
Benjamin Gonzales  
Clarence Jackson, mourning  
the loss of his brother  
The family of Louise  
Wentworth  
David Myford and family,  
mourning the loss of his aunt

### Members Celebrating A Birthday

**May 2**  
Melvin Misup

**May 3**  
Tara McDaniel

**May 4**  
Marina Lorenzo  
Jeff Hebbel

**May 5**  
Joseph Wagner  
Christian Carranza  
Zulema Flores

**May 6**  
Linda Keane

**May 7**  
Julia Ris

**May 8**  
Kelly Lowery  
Maria Roque

**May 10**  
Michael Chavez

**May 11**  
Heidi Roque

Robert Trautvetter  
Beth Beasley

**May 12**  
Jennifer Trautvetter  
J. Pearson

**May 13**  
Ernestine Pierce  
Timothy Kruto  
Ann Amaefule  
Joel Toledo

**May 14**  
Joseph Breitenstein  
Grant Tilford

**May 15**  
Eunice Cronin  
Benjamin Pollock  
Brent Hoffmann

**May 16**  
David Driscoll  
Helen Chang  
Kenya Wright

**May 17**  
Lucy Marion

**May 18**  
Erendira Vazquez-Parrales

**May 19**  
Linda Weatherby

**May 21**  
Diana O'Daniel

**May 22**  
Marciana Mangornong

**May 24**  
Christopher Stein

**May 27**  
Jacob Tomaw  
David Pearson  
Welson Chu

**May 28**  
Jonni Finch

**May 29**  
Larkyn Rhea

**May 30**  
Brian Richardson

*Phil Blackwell will lead a one-hour discussion of Karen Armstrong's book, The Case for God, on Sunday, May 23, at 12:15 p.m. in Pierce Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.*

*For the Sundays from May 16 through June 13 there will be child care for children ages 4 through 6 in the pre-school room on the 4th floor. If you are interested in knowing more about this, please contact the Rev. Cheryl Magrini at 312-236-4548, ext. 122.*

## CALENDAR FOR MAY

**Saturday, May 1**  
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

**Sunday, May 2**  
*Confirmation Sunday*  
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.  
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes  
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Monday, May 3**  
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James  
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Tuesday, May 4**  
 10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 11 am-Mary Martha Circle. James  
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Staff Parish Relations. James  
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Wednesday, May 5**  
 7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary  
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE  
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce  
 6 pm-Tutor Training  
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Thursday, May 6**  
 5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

**Friday, May 7**  
 6:30 pm-Taize Worship Service. Dixon

**Saturday, May 8**  
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

**Sunday, May 9**  
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.  
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 am-Sunday School Classes  
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Monday, May 10**  
 12 Noon-Temple Fund Meeting. James  
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Tuesday, May 11**  
 10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Wednesday, May 12**  
 7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary  
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE  
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce  
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Thursday, May 13**  
 5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

**Saturday, May 15**  
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

**Sunday, May 16**  
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.  
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes  
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 12:15 pm-Asian-American Banquet. James

**Monday, May 17**  
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.  
 6 pm-Finance Committee. 420  
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James

**Tuesday, May 18**  
 10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2

6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Wednesday, May 19**  
 7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary  
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Interfaith Indigent Service  
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce  
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Thursday, May 20**  
 5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel  
 6 pm-Church Council. James

**Saturday, May 22**  
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

**Sunday, May 23**  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.  
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes  
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 12:15 pm-Music Concert Luncheon. James Parlor  
 12:15 pm-Book Discussion. Pierce Hall  
 12:45 pm-Mabuhay Concert. Sanctuary

**Monday, May 24**  
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.  
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James

**Tuesday, May 25**  
 10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2  
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Wednesday, May 26**  
 7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary  
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE

3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce  
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

**Thursday, May 27**  
 5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

**Saturday, May 29**  
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

**Sunday, May 30**  
 8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.  
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes  
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Monday, May 31**  
 Memorial Day  
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2  
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

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