

*Resident Bishop* : Rev. Dr. Hwa Yung  
*President, TRAC District* : Rev. Ong Hwai Teik  
*Superintendent* : Rev. Andrew Tan  
*Pastor* : Rev. Andrew Tan  
*Associate Pastor* : Rev. Raymond Wong  
*Director of*  
*-Social Outreach* : Miss Veronica Ting  
*-Music* : Miss Susan Tan  
*Youth Worker* : Mr. Ronald Yap  
*Lay Leader* : Mr. Andy Chan  
*LCEC Chairman* : Dato' Michael L S Cheah  
*Administration Director:*

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAY

7.30 am Upper Room Prayer Hour  
 (Menara Wesley, Level 1)  
 8.00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Holy Communion (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
 Bible Studies  
 10.00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Holy Communion (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
 Sunday School  
 11.45 am Praise Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Holy Communion (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
 Bible Studies  
 12.00pm Wesley Nepali Sangati Worship(MPH)  
 Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)  
 1.00 pm Methodist Men Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> Sun.)  
 6.00 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
 Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

#### TUESDAY

9.00 am Wesley Senior Fellowship  
 8.00 pm Parish Groups Bible Study  
 Small Group Meetings

#### THURSDAY

8.00 pm Committee Meetings  
 8.00 pm Methodist Young Adults Bible Study

#### FRIDAY

8.00 pm Parish Groups Fellowship  
 Meetings (once a month)  
 Small Group Meetings

#### SATURDAY

2.00 pm Boys' Brigade  
 2.30 pm Girls' Brigade  
 3.00 pm Methodist Youth Fellowship  
 3.30 pm Methodist Women (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

### WHEN THE WORD FALLS ON FERTILE SOIL

One of the most dramatic examples of the Bible's divine ability to transform men and women involved the famous mutiny on the "Bounty." Following their rebellion against the notorious Captain Bligh, nine mutineers, along with the Tahitian men and women who accompanied them, found their way to Pitcairn Island, a tiny dot in the South Pacific only two miles long and a mile wide. Ten years later, drink and fighting had left only one man alive--John Adams. Eleven women and 23 children made up the rest of the Island's population. So far this is the familiar story made famous in the book and motion picture. But the rest of the story is even more remarkable. About this time, Adams came across the "Bounty's" Bible in the bottom of an old chest. He began to read it, and the divine power of God's Word reached into the heart of that hardened murderer on a tiny volcanic speck in the vast Pacific Ocean--and changed his life forever. The peace and love that Adams found in the Bible entirely replaced the old life of quarreling, brawling, and liquor. He began to teach the children from the Bible until every person on the island had experienced the same amazing change that he had found. Today, with a population of slightly less than 100, nearly every person on Pitcairn Island is a Christian.

	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Organist</b>
8.00 a.m.	Ms Doreen Yeoh	Ms Rita Chang
10.00 a.m.	Mrs Terri Hew	Mrs Tan Bee King

**ENTRANCE**

GATHERING

Organ Prelude		
Welcome and Church Announcements		
Choral Introit	Rejoice, Be Pure in Heart Kau Yang Terindah	Morning Star Choir (8am) John Wesley Choir (10am)

\* GREETING

If we call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding;  
**If we look for it as for silver**  
**and search for it as for hidden treasure;**  
 If we struggle with angels  
 and hold tightly to our God no matter what befalls us  
**Then we will be blessed and understand the fear of the Lord,**  
**and find the knowledge of God.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE                      God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us                      UMH 100

\* OPENING PRAYER

**Holy and awesome God,**  
**as we come before You today**  
**we are aware of our imperfect understanding of Your ways**  
**and of our deep need for Your presence in our lives.**  
**We thank You for granting to us a family in which to grow,**  
**a people with whom we can mature.**  
**We praise You for accepting us as we are**  
**and for struggling with us to make us what we can be.**  
**Bless, we pray, this time when Your people**  
**gather to worship You and call on Your name.**  
**Grant to us insight into the mind of Christ.**  
**We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

\* ACT OF PRAISE                      Gloria Patri                      UMH 70



## THANKSGIVING

All things come from You, O God  
and with gratitude we return to You what is Yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in Your image.  
When our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.  
You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.  
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from You.  
And so, in gratitude for all Your gifts,  
we offer You ourselves, and all that we have,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By Your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

## SENDING FORTH

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| * CLOSING HYMN  | Go Forth for God                               | UMH 670  |
| * THE BLESSING  |  |  |
| * GOING FORTH   |  |  |
| Choral Response | To the Only Wise God<br>Change My Heart, O God | Morning Star Choir (8am)<br>John Wesley Choir (10am) |

Silent Prayer  
Organ Postlude

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Come early and spend quiet time with God.**

Liturgist: Lt. Col. (Rtd) Fong Siew Kit

Organist: Mrs Lim Sooi Han

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Organ Prelude  
Welcome and Church Announcements  
Choral Introit

Emmanuel Choir

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ANTHEM

Emmanuel Choir

OFFERING FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY

**PROCLAMATION**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Let the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts  
be acceptable in Your sight,  
O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION                      O Word of God Incarnate                      UMH 598

SCRIPTURE READING                      Daniel 1: 1-10 (Pg 883)                      Ms Veronica Ting  
L: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      **A Life Dedicated, Holy Unto God**                      Rev Victor Vethamani

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**RESPONSE**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      UMH 885

\* INVITATION                      UMH 12

CONFESSION AND PARDON                      UMH 12

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

Holy One, we seek Your wisdom and guidance. Many people face growing economic uncertainty. The realities of the recession close in on our lives. Today we pray, save us from overwhelming fear and anxiety. We place this money upon Your altar as a gesture of our trust in You. Despite challenging financial times, we give out of our love and gratitude for Your kingdom as You ask us to. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN                      For the Bread Which You Have Broken                      UMH 614

\* DOXOLOGY                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      UMH 95

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

UMH 14

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

UMH 14

### SENDING FORTH

\* CLOSING HYMN

Go Forth for God

UMH 670

\* THE BLESSING

\* GOING FORTH

Choral Response

Silent Prayer

Organ Postlude

Emmanuel Choir

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**10. METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (MYF)  
HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!!!!!!!!!!**

7 Feb: CNY Party

**11. THE MARRIAGE COURSE**

The best Valentine gift for your spouse.

Sign up now & enjoy 7 romantic dinners. There is no better gift than enriching your marriage.

Cost: RM 250 per couple including dinner & course material.

Venue : MPH

Dates : 12-2-09,19-2-09,26-2-09,5-3-09,12-3-09,26-3-09 & 2-4-09

**12. CHOIR RETREAT**

**Date:** March 7, 2009

**Time:** 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Venue:** Church Sanctuary

**Fees:** RM10

This will be conducted by Mrs Simon Chan, who is currently the singing teacher and choir director of Trinity Theological College in Singapore. Mrs Chan studied voice and conducting at the Philippines Women's Conservatory of Music where she received her bachelor of Music degree, followed by graduate studies in voice, conducting, liturgy and worship at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, the University of Southern California, and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

The retreat will cover the following topics:

- i. Choir Ministry – Commitment and Spirituality
- ii. Vocal Technique – Breathing and Relaxation, Vocal Muscles Building, Developing Head Tone, Bright and Dark Vowel Sounds
- iii. Choral Tone Balance – Vowel Modifications, Inflections
- iv. Musical Interpretation – Phrasing, Dynamics, Legato Singing, Marcato Singing

All are welcome to join this retreat. Those interested are required to fill in the registration form which is obtainable from the church office. **Please return the form together with the payment of RM10 to the church office by February 15, 2009.**

Note: Participants of this choir retreat will be singing the next day (March 8) at the 8am, 10am and 6pm services, conducted by Mrs Simon Chan, and are requested to learn the music before hand. The music scores are available from the Music Director, Ms Susan Tan (03-20720338) and the Worship and Music Chairperson, Ms Doreen Yeoh (012-6299235). You can either learn the music on your own or join the 8am or 10am choir practices which are held at 9am and 11.30am respectively on Sundays in the chapel.

*Testimony from Kenneth Chan:*

*I have benefited a lot with the training from Mrs.Chan, learning the correct way of breathing and diction and phrasing. Have witnessed singers who could not sing well were transformed to great singers with a few lessons from Mrs.Chan. Come for the training! You will never regret it.*

### **13. NEPALI CLASSES**

#### **a. Nepali Language Class**

This will begin on Tuesday, 10 February 2009 at 8.00 p.m. Classes will be held every Tuesday at 8.00 p.m. at Level 1, Menara Wesley. All are welcome. *Dhanyabad* (Thank you).

#### **b. Nepali English Class**

English lessons resume for our Nepali friends on Sunday, 15 February 2009. Our voluntary English teachers, please take note. We will first have a meeting on Sunday, 8 February 2009 at 12 noon in Room 5, Level 1, Menara Wesley. We want to discuss and prepare for this outreach. We also welcome all others who are interested.