

***Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12***

## **Highlights**

- June 1, 2012: Rev. Stephen M, Misarski, "Pastor Steve" started as Pastor of Renewal
- October 14, 2012: Changed the name of the English congregation from Renewal to LifeLight.
- November 17, 2012: Hosted an Open House to introduce LifeLight to the community.

## **Worship**

Ruth Chu coordinated 6 adults and 21 youth in a rotation of musicians and singers. Pastor Steve joined to help lead and mentor the youth worship leaders. The team met monthly to plan and to grow as worshippers of God. We have incorporated at least one hymn among the song set incorporated with scripture, prayer and congregational readings of Psalms. The congregation celebrated Advent through lighting an Advent Wreath and families reading and praying. The Worship Team also led worship for the whole Chinese Gospel Church for Father's Day and Christmas Eve.

## **Fellowship**

The Women's Fellowship met monthly to get to know each other, eat and do service projects. The Framingham small group stopped meeting in November when Byron Mah was no longer able to lead. The Waltham small group continues Yuan and Jen's apartment. A Shrewsbury small group just started in January 2013. Plans are being made for a Men's Fellowship.

## **Teaching**

Minister Tim Lo started a series on the Sermon on Mount early on 2012 and Pastor Steve completed it in September. Pastor Steve then began a series on Discipleship, subtitled: "Be One/Make One." During Advent, we focused on the Incarnation of the Son. Our Thanksgiving Service was filled with music, expressions of thanks, and testimonies. Pastor Steve led an adult Sunday School class on Genesis; a thematic study of the Book of Beginnings. He also taught a 7-week course on Preaching at the Worcester campus.

## **Outreach**

A number of youth participated in Boston Project in Dorchester MA. One adult and one youth joined a missions team in Mexico. The Open House introduced LifeLight to the community. We wanted the public to know we have a new pastor and a new name and are "open for business." We distributed 200 post cards and sent out 40 letters to area churches. Signage, brochures, static displays, slide shows, snack and facility tours were set up. The whole church participated to put this event together. Although few attended, it was an opportunity to work together as a church on an outreach project. We reached out to the elderly through Christmas Caroling on December 16 at Whitney Place, Westboro MA. Pastor Steve continues to try to connect to every individual of LifeLight through

home visits, lunches and dinners. His first few months were spent visiting with the Byron and Angela Mah during Byron's illness. Byron passed November 9, 2012.

### Vision

The Theme of CGCM for 2013 is "From Fellowship to Discipleship." After not having a pastor for a few years, we will continue to focus on connecting as a community of believers and also to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Through small groups and prayer partnerships we will encourage each other to grow in depth and through multiplication. Let us pray to that end. Amen.

