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In Focus...

Our book table



On most Sundays during coffee hour, tables are set up in the Gemeindesaal and covered with books for sale. Jim and Sandra Laing and Barbara Potocnik have taken over this task on behalf of the SICC Benevolence Committee. There is an eager rush around the table as these books are sold for 50cents and the money raised goes to our Benevolence Fund. The books are all recycled and pre loved books. After they are read, the books are brought back to the table and sold once more. Last year we raised 197,48 Euros for the needy in Salzburg.

Inspiring words

"You cannot make yourself feel what you do not feel, but you can make yourself do what is right in spite of your feelings."

(Pearl Buck)

SICC CALENDER

Weekly Events

- Sunday: **Worship** at 11am
followed by coffee time
- Wednesday: **Women's Bible Study**, 2.30 pm,
Strubergasse 49/5/12
- Thursday: **Sacred Space**, 1 pm, hospitality
lunch at the Mozarteum Cafe

Events in May

- Tuesday: **Bible Study**, 7.30pm,
Strubergasse 49/5/12
- Sunday: **Bible Study** after coffee in the
Gemeindesaal
- Saturday May 22nd: Student Breakfast**
9.30am at Strubergasse 49/5/12
- Sunday May 23rd: Pentecost:** the birthday of
the Church
- Sunday May 30th: Tanzabend** with Sandra
and Jim in the Gemeindesaal from 5 to 8pm



Coming Events in June

- June 18th:** Benefit Concert
- June 20th:** Sommerfest with Christuskirche

Life at SICC

Two new members were welcome into fellowship at SICC on April 25th. It was a very happy occasion as we welcomed into membership Joy Ben and Andreas Weiss. They have both been a part of our church family for a while and indicated their desire to enter into full fellowship with us. It is a great joy to have them in membership with us.

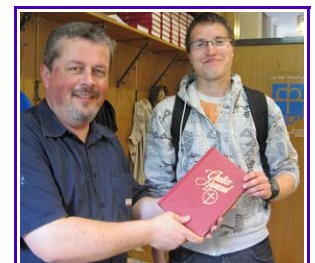


Photo: Andreas handing out a hymnbook to Teemu, a student from Finland.

Hymnbook dedications

There is an opportunity to remember someone you love by inserting 'a Dedication with their name' on the front page of our SICC hymnals. Doing this would be a great way to remember those you love and with contributing Euro 20,00 you can be part of our fundraising efforts for SICC. Speak with a Council member about this or email the Pastor.

Hunger does not have seasons! During May the Benevolence Committee has asked the congregation to bring food or drink for our basket for the Wärmestube. This is a "warm room" where people with no work or roof over their heads, alcoholics, or for some reason dependent on social help, can get a free hot meal and drink and where they can warm themselves before going out into the cooler nights. About 50 to 100 people regularly use this "warm room". As the cook and



his team depend wholly on donations of food, it is important that we help out with their food supplies such as packets/tins of soup, coffee, noodles, flour etc. Donations of toothpaste, soap etc is also welcome as there are showers available as well. Any donations - even money is greatly appreciated.

"The pizzas you eat come from Italy, your numerical system from the Arabs, your script from the Romans, your toys from Hong Kong, your electronic equipment from Japan, your clothes from Taiwan, your wealth from trade with the rest of the world. And then you shout 'Foreigners out!'" -

A church sign in Offenbach, Germany

ECUMENICAL NEWS

Tokyo. Traditional Japanese-style steamed manju cakes marked with biblical words are attracting growing numbers of customers throughout Japan and abroad. Fumiko Kataoka, a

Christian, produces the delicacies, which she calls "Hallelujah Manju", at the Tokyo-based confectionery shop named Eikoudou that she runs with her husband, Yoshio, his family members and other staff. Eikou means glory in Japanese. "Despite the fact that our sales have been going down due to the recent depression, orders from Christians are growing"

Obama meets Billy Graham at evangelist's home

Washington DC. U.S. President Barack Obama and ailing evangelist Billy Graham have exchanged prayers during their first meeting at Graham's home in western North Carolina. Obama had travelled to nearby Asheville, North Carolina, and requested the visit - the first time a sitting president has visited Graham at his residence. Graham, who is aged 91, issued a statement saying he was pleased with the 25 April visit and encouraging "Christians everywhere to pray for our president."



Jottings from the Pastor's Desk

I read this paragraph recently by an Italian Catholic priest, Luigi Giussani. His words are so simple yet so profound and so easily lived out. It sums up what it means to be about our Father's business

"If you are in class, recognize one another; if you are in the store, recognize one another; if you are in the housing estate, recognize one another; if you are in the parish, recognize one another; you are members of one another if you are members of Christ. This is the most revolutionary sentence that can be expressed: 'you are members of one another.' And this recognizing one another is witness to Christ. This is the first expression of our yearning for Christ."

Let this be our lifestyle!

God bless,

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