

# Thanksgiving Service

You may hear many JCC members say, “One done, one more to come”. These are either the committee or the helpers for the back-to-back events of Thanksgiving Service and Open House. The Thanksgiving Service ran smoothly, almost like clockwork. Even the weather waited until everyone was home before it started raining.

Most of the guests arrived early and had a short time of fellowship in MPH1 before being ushered into the Sanctuary for the Thanksgiving



Service. The service was spectacular with well-coordinated performances by the Worship Team, Flag Dancers and Combined Choir bringing a crescendo of worship.



Then we had the unveiling of the Plaque followed by a buffet and more fellowship. However I didn't see many people going for the tour of the building. Perhaps it is because they came for a Thanksgiving Service and not for a tour of the building. I am sure the crowds for the Open House will be more interested in the tour than anything else because there is no worship service in that day's program.



The back story to this event was in December 2016 when the Fund Raising



dinner had just completed and the team that organized that event was reformed to plan the Thanksgiving Event. So many of the committee were from the old team. Along the way at the penultimate moment, an important person in the team, the vice-chairperson, Janet Cher, was taken out by a falling tree. There was no time to fill the gap, so chairman, Alan Soh, with Peggy's help had to run the whole show. We managed to pull through with flying colors, for one thing, I liked the Laksa but connoisseurs didn't. There may be some discordant voices but that is to be expected. You can't please everyone. Even Jesus could not please everyone, *"To what, then, can I compare the men of this generation? What are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling out to one another: 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'*" Luke 7:31-32



Finally the end of our term is in sight, one last event to complete, and then we can call it a day, until JCC calls us up again.



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