The Sakura Dayori is published once a month by the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church to provide updates to our members and our constituents.


Join with Japanese American pastors at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church! Date May 10-13 Location: Portland Oregon

Deadline for Summer Camp Applications and Scholarships is May 1!

Memorial Weekend Worship Slides On Sunday, May 29, the church is honoring loved ones who have passed with a slideshow. If you would like to honor those who have passed, send us their dates and pictures by May 25th.

May 8th Worship with us as we honor those who nurture us.
**KALEIDOSCOPE BIBLE STUDY PROCESS**

1. Read the Respeсtfuл Communication Guidelines and invite members of the group to affirm them for their time together.
2. Inform participants that the Bible passage will be read 3 times. After each reading, participants will be invited to share their reflections.
3. Invite participants to capture a word, a phrase or image when listening to the passage the first time.
4. Invite someone to read the passage.
5. A moment of silence to capture a word, a phrase or image that stood out from the passage for them.
6. Using Mutual Invitation, invite each person to share his or her word, phrase or image briefly. (This should take no more than 5 minutes.)
7. Invite participants to consider the second question appointed for this passage. (Facilitator should prepare ahead of time a question that is relevant to participants’ context.)
8. Invite someone to read the passage a second time.
9. A moment of silence to reflect on the question.
10. Using Mutual Invitation, invite each person to share his or her reflection.
11. Invite participants to consider the following question while listening to the passage again.
12. “What does God invite you to do, be or change through this passage?”
13. Invite someone to read the passage a third time.
15. Using Mutual Invitation, invite each person to share his or her reflection.
16. End the session with a prayer circle:
17. Invite participants to join hands in a circle. Invite each person to mentally complete the sentences: I thank God today . . . I ask God today . . . The leader will begin by sharing his or her prayers. After he or she has shared, the leader then squeezes the hand of the person to the right. That will be the signal for the next person to share his or her prayers. If the person does not want to share, he or she can simply pass the pulse to the next person. When the pulse comes back to the leader, he or she can begin the Lord’s Prayer and invite everyone to join in.

**IMPROVEMENT FUND**

as of March 31, 2016

In Memory of Elsie Matsumoto
Lee, Frances
Okino, Marie
Sumida, Frances
In Memory of Mike Takehara
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of Masako Frances
Asahara, Yuki, M/M Philip

**KINGDOM FUND**

as of March 31, 2016

In Memory of Elsie Matsumoto
Hagiya, M/M Mark
Kubo, M/M Edwin
In Memory of Mitsuko Meads
Nishikawa, Rev/M George
In Memory of Dr. Hitoshi
Okamoto, Okamoto, Mary
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND
as of March 31, 2016
Thank you for visiting Mother Tomlinson, M/M Rick
In Memory of Peter Okamoto Blaisdell, M/M Farrington
In Memory of Elsie Matsumoto Ikami, Lily
Ito, M/M James
Kanemasu, M/M Russell
Kushi, Frances
Nakamura, Emma
Nakashima, M/M Kent
Osuga, M/M David
Rasmussen, M/M Scott
Ronay, M/M Kelvin
Sakamoto, Katherine
Sasaki, M/M Robert
Shibata, M/M Victor
Shimazu, Glen
Takeda, Atsuko
Tanaka, M/M Russell
Tamano, JT
Iwamura, Debra
Iwasi, Rose
Matsumoto, Pat
Yomogida, Kazu
In Memory of Dan & Margaret Inouye
Inouye, Andrew
In Memory of Dorothy Kunisaki Ito, Shizue
In Memory of Chiz Ito
Ito, Yasushi
In Memory of Roy Sakamoto
Sakamoto, Katherine
In Memory of Karen Yamada
Shimazu, Glen
In Memory of Bob Sakakihara
Sakakihara, Diane
In Memory of Ruben Navarrete
Kujuji, M/M Norman
In Memory of Dr. Hiroshi Okamoto
Okamoto, Patricia

One Great Hour of Sharing
Kawahara, Amy
Kimura, Yuri

United Methodist Women
In Celebration of birthday Andrew Inouye’s 58th birthday
Inouye, Tim

Garden Angels
In Celebration of celebration brother Andrew Inouye’s 58th birthday
Inouye, Tim

Easter Offering
Chung, Scott
Tanihara, June
Fong, M/M Larry
Hagiya, M/M Mark
Hamai, M/M George
Harper, M/M Donald
Hoshisaki, M/M Tom
Ikami, Lily
Imagire, M/M Art
Inouye, Tim
Ishihara, Ruli
Ishisaka, Mitzi
Ito, M/M James
Ito, Shizue
Iwata, M/M Joe
Kamei, M/M Nob
Kanemasu, M/M Russell
Kashiwagi, Sue
Kawahara, Amy
Kazato, Rev/M Shiro
Kimoto, M/M Robert
Koshino, M/M Eddie
Koyama, Patty
Kubo, M/M Edwin
Kushi, Frances
Lee, Frances
Uyeda, Vicci
Matsumoto, M/M Yuki
Matsuo, M/M Ben
Miya, Joanne
Miyasaki, Anne
Mizuno, Tom
Nakamura, Mary
Nakao, Kimiko
Nakashima, M/M Kent
Nakashima, Mary Ann
Nakashima, Roger
Niiya, M/M Herbert
Nishikawa, Rev/M George
Nishite, Julie
Nitta, Ruby
Oguro, M/M Keith
Okino, Marie
Oshita, Edith
Osuga, M/M David
Ouchida, Donna
Rasmussen, M/M Scott
Sakaye, M/M Jiro
Sakaye-Tom, M/M Leland
Sasaki, M/M Robert
Sato, M/M Roy
Kawaguchi, Michiko
Sumida, Frances
Takechi, M/M Curt
Takeda, Atsuko
Takehara, Janet
Taketa, M/M Bill
Takuma, Fumi
Tanaka, M/M Russell
Tanimoto, Dr/M Jun
Teranishi, Sue
Wataji, Millie
Williams, M/M Frederick
Wong, Gladys
Wong, M/M Steven
Yamadera, Mickey
Yomogida, M/M George

One Great Hour of Sharing
Kawahara, Amy
Imagire, Joyce

May Security Tobans:
Art Imagire, Joyce Oshiro

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The ministry entrusted to the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is in its name: relations. SPRC’s focus is on building strong relationships between the staff and the congregation as well as between the congregation and the district superintendent. Strong relationships lead to ministry that impacts Christian discipleship-making so that God’s will may be done for the transformation of our community and the world.” (Cokesbury “Guidelines”) SPRC is also considered the Human Resources office of our church. This committee is responsible for hiring and if necessary dismissing staff. Staff at SJUMC consists of the following: Rev. Motoe Yamada-Foor, Robyn Jovalis, Shaday Bryant, Nami Box, Candace Wong, Sharon Hoshiyama, Eileen Boyd and Christopher Congdon.

The administrative function includes both leadership and management, keeping one eye on the vision of the church and one on the every day running of the church. The United Methodist Book of Discipline summarizes the specific tasks as follows:

• Encourage, strengthen, nurture, support and respect the pastor, staff and their families.
• Confer, consult, counsel and communicate. SPRC is the liaison for the congregants and the pastor, providing a flow of information between the pastor and the parishioners while maintaining confidentiality.
• Promote unity in the church.
• Confer with staff on the effectiveness of ministry and impediments to effectiveness.
• Confer with the staff about effective use of their gifts, skills, time and priorities.

In addition to the nine committee members, the church Lay Leader and the church’s lay leader to Annual Conference and Rev. Motoe round out the committee. Currently members of the committee are:

• Class of 2016: Emi Alicaya, Joanne Mikami, Mary Nakamura
• Class of 2017: Loretta Ashizawa, Momoko Tamaoki, Craig Takehara
• Class of 2018: Dale Fong, Philip Yuki, Lily Ikami

We are saddened with the news that our choir director, Eileen Boyd and our pianist/accompanist, Chris Congdon decided to move on to other ventures. SPRC is in the process of conducting interviews to hire these two vital positions in our church.

We encourage and welcome the congregation to talk with any of the above SPRC members about the ministry and direction of our church and congregation, the staff and pastor(s) in any area including accomplishments, concerns, praise, and ideas to bring unity to SJUMC and nurture our community.

SJUMC is on Facebook!

May Security Tobans:
Art Imagire, Joyce Oshiro

Please join us!
Rummage Sale Saturday, May 7

The rummage sale is right around the corner! We welcome all your gently used clothing, useable small appliances, kitchenware, toys, household items, books, bed and table linens, shoes, purses, and jewelry. We are also accepting “e-waste”: electronics such as TV’s, computers/laptops, cell phones, microwaves, working or not working. You can start to bring your rummage sale items starting Sunday, May 1, M 9:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m., T—Th 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m., Fri 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m. If you have the time to help us sort on Friday, May 6th we would love to have you join us. It is a great time to visit and chat and perhaps find that treasure you’ve been looking for.

Thank you, the May Tobans

Save the Dates!

June 21-25 - Cal/Nev Annual Conference
June 29-July 17 - Jan Ken Po Gakko
July 3-8 - Junior High Camp
July 25-29 - Vacation Bible School
July 24-29 - Lake Tahoe Retreat
July 24-29 - Asian Camp

CROP WALK
Oct. 8, 2016

The Crop Walk Committee is in need of representatives from our church to help plan this year’s Crop Walk. The Committee meets on the last Tuesday of the month at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 7:00 p.m.

Last year the Crop Walk raised $19,567 for Church World Services. Without people to help plan this event, the committee will be looking for other alternatives to help fund Church World Services.

Please consider joining this Committee to help plan this event. For more info contact Shigeko Shibata at shigekos@comcast.net.

SSIP News

Big Day of Giving
The SSIP Food Closet is participating in the Big Day of Giving on May 3, 2016. The Board of Directors would like you to consider making a donation on this day to help us feed our neighbors in South Sacramento by going to bigdayofgiving.org. SSIP continues to serve about 6000 people every month and we would appreciate your support very much.

Annual SSIP Dinner
The dinner will be at St Anthony Catholic Church on Wednesday May 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM. The menu includes barbecued chicken and barbecued tri tip or a vegetarian selection with steamed vegetables, rice pilaf and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. Tickets are $25 per person or $180 for a Reserved Table for 8. Please call Frances Lee 427-7983 or Shigeko Shibata 395-2550 for tickets.

Prayer Group – Would you like to pray with someone?
The group meets every 3 weeks on Thursdays in the Garden Room at 11:15am.

Perfect Attendance!

Francisca DeGuzman
Rickey Fernandez
Ruby Fernandez
Kathy Gosney
Ryan Haenggi
Mayumi Hamakawa
Mitsue Ishisaka
Edwin Kubo

Congratulations to those with perfect attendance during Lent!

Elaine Maeda
Lorenzo Moreno
Emma Nakamura
Mary Nakamura
Paul Nakamura
Kimi Ronay
Seiko Tateishi
Mary Willms

We also would like to acknowledge those who attended 7 out of 8 services: Ryland Fernandez, Alvon Fong, Lincoln Fuji, Micki Fukushima, Arlene Hagiya, Yoshiko Harper, Betty Hirata, Elva Hoig, Clarence Kado, Michiko Kawaguchi, Amy Kawahara, Kathy Marquardt, Ayako Marshall, Jayne Rasmussen, Shigeko Shibata, Mindy Takechi, Sue Teranishi, Fumiko Williams, Peter Willms, Mickey Yamadera

If you do not see your name here, but attended 7 or 8 times during Lent, please let us know and we will add your name!
UMW General Meeting
Sunday June 12, 2016
After worship in the Fireside Room

Come join UMW for a short general meeting followed by speakers Brandon and Cheryl Kim, Zoe international missionaries in Thailand. Cheryl and Brandon spoke to UMW last year as they began their work in Thailand. We are lucky to have them speak again about their important work. All are invited, please bring your food and join us.

SJUMC needs People to serve as Church Tobans.
SJUMC Toban duties are shared among a group of Tobans and the responsibilities are an important part of managing and securing the assets of our church. Toban duties include opening and closing the church, unlocking and locking doors and gates of the church (sanctuary, classrooms, and multi-cultural hall). Tobans make sure the church lights are off, doors and gates are locked, thermostats and alarms are set. Tobans may patrol the parking lot during the church service.

If you are interested in providing an interesting, valuable, and needed service for the church and members, contact Tommy Hoshiyama at t3tigger@gmail.com, 916-838-3909 or Eric Hirata at w092405@aol.com, 916-295-4727.

LEADERSHIP Institute
Church of the Resurrection
Leadership Institute

Thank you for supporting Church of the Resurrection (COR) fundraising efforts as we raised $515 at the fried rice sale. Along with the prior udon sale we have raised enough money for air fare for Kimi Ronay, Mindy Takechi and Arlene Hagiya. Thank you everyone.

This year COR will be on September 28-30, 2016. Our fundraising will continue to be able to cover their hotel and airfare. If you want to donate additional amounts please mark your envelope with COR 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Shigeko Shibata 916-395-2550, shigekos@comcast.net

Discipleship Ministries
Hire New General Secretary

The Discipleship Ministries Board of Directors has elected Rev. Junius Boyd Dotson, a well-known preacher, speaker, trainer, consultant and coach promoting vital ministries, as the agency’s new General Secretary (chief executive).

Dotson, an ordained elder in the Great Plains Conference, is senior pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, a 3,500-member, multi-campus church in Wichita.

BIBLE STUDY @ SJUMC
Sundays at 9:15 am

The first Sunday of every month will be Facing Life’s Changes Together Small Group in the office classroom.

All the other Sundays will be a Survey of the Bible from beginning to end in the Fireside Rm. It will take more than a year to do all 66 books. As we open our hearts and minds to the Bible’s message we will gain new insights for our spiritual development and growth in faith. Those who cannot attend every week should feel free to come when they can. So come!

-Rev. Peter Willms

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event on 3/13/2016 have been shipped in a container totaling 283,176 meals from our Bay Area warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner Salesian Missions in Cambodia.

The Salesians have provided vocational education to Cambodian refugees living in camps along the Thai-Cambodia border since the late 1980s. The courses of study prepare them for careers in mechanics, welding, computers, printing and communication. Stop Hunger Now meals are provided five days a week to the young adults attending the seven technical schools. For more information visit: http://www.salesianmissions.org/cambodia.

Thank you for volunteering with Stop Hunger Now! We truly appreciate your dedication and commitment to the vision of a world without hunger.

Fundraiser
May 29, 2016
Chili over Rice and Lumpia
$5.00 Donation
Kids Eat Free!
Help send the Youth to the Sierra Service Project at Smith River, CA. June 26—July 2.

SJUMC Prayers
Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of:
Elaine (sister if Rose Williams)
Isamu Sato (uncle of Rev. Motoe)

Special Prayers
Louise Gotan
Bob Jovalis
Tom Nishizaki
Kathi Nakashima
Bert Shikasho
Jean Kanemoto
May Ukita
Farrington & Helen Blaisdell
Marion Murai
Chewy Yasushi Ito
Francis Asahara
Keiko Nakata
Catherine Taketa
World Situations
People who are facing surgery
People who are recovering
People who are going through difficult times
Victims of Natural Disasters
For our Music Ministry

Thanksgiving
Great Easter Day!
Baby Riley (granddaughter of Lori Lee and Tony Lewis)
Baby Isla Rose (granddaughter of Eileen Boyd)

For our Music Ministry

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Wichita.

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The Older Adult Ministry Committee wants to provide people an opportunity to ask questions to help think through these most challenging of life’s changes. Planning ahead of time is invaluable because you can consider these difficult decisions before it becomes an immediate and urgent need. Please come join us! Everyone is welcome.

Essential Life Planning Workshops!
SJUMC will be offering the final workshop to assist seniors and their family members in planning for the future. This workshop will address how to preplan for one’s own obituary and Memorial Service. It will be on May 1 at 12:15 pm.

GiveLocalNow, in partnership with your local community foundations - Sacramento Region Community Foundation, Placer Community Foundation, and Yolo Community Foundation, are very excited to announce that the 2016 BIG Day of Giving for our community will take place on May 3, 2016. Last May, our community came together for 24 hours to support the work of non-profits. We are thrilled to be able to provide this opportunity once again. The Sacramento region will once again join hundreds of community foundations across the country in a 24 hour giving challenge through the national campaign called “GiveLocalAmerica”. Our region's BIG Day of Giving raised over $3 Million and ranked #2 in the nation. We believe we can make it to #1 in 2016! 2016 is slated to be BIGGER and BETTER than ever!

Small Groups @ SJUMC!
1. 1st Sunday at 9:15am in the Office Classroom - Facing Life’s Changes Together (led by Rev. Peter Willms)
2. 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the Garden room - Caring for One Another Group (Led by Mindy Takechi & Mary Nakamura)
3. 2nd Sundays at 12:30pm-Fireside-Japanese Bible Study Group (Led by Rev. Takiya)
4. Sunday Small Group at 7pm at Belle Ito's 5 & 6. Two Walk to Emmanuel Groups
7.UMW Reading Group
8. Bible Survey - Sundays at 9:15am in the Office Classroom except the 1st Sunday

Relieve Editorial Stress!
Turn in your articles EARLY!
Reminder: Deadline for Newsletter Articles is May 5 for the June issue.
Please submit articles to Joanne Mikami at hankojo@starstream.net

Vacation Bible School
July 25-29
9am - 1pm or full day options!
At Surf Shack, kids will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to catch God’s amazing love. After a high-energy opening assembly at the Surf Shack, the Surfers make their way to the Story Deck. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Wave Words for following God’s plan for our lives, and your Surfers will discover Pop-Up Verses (Bible memory verses) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS. The students will expand on what they’ve discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at the Craft Hut, singing new music at Tidal Tunes, exploring science activities at Discovery Dunes, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Shack Snacks. Along the way, the Surfers will hear about our mission project and enjoy being active!

Vacation Bible School!
Come join us for the Bowling Green Family Lunch on Saturday, May 28! Volunteers are needed to help prepare lunch at church, starting at 9am, then servers and greeters at Chacon at 11:45am. The free lunch is served from 12-1pm to Bowling Green students and their families.
Please email Sue Teranishi at sue328ter@gmail.com or talk to her after church if you can help.

Join us in Family Worship: 2nd Sunday of each month!
On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we offer a family service where all ages can worship together.
Bring your whole family!

Japanese Speaking Outreach Program for Children
水曜日 Wednesday 10:00am ~ 10:45am
無料 Free!
場所 サクラメント日系合同メソジスト教会ガーデンルームにて 6929 Franklin Blvd, Sacramento CA 95823
10:00am - 子供の歌、お話、ゲーム
11:00am - 帰りランチ
対象 小さいお子さん（0歳から）とそのお父さん、お母さん
参加者数 30名
 Organizer: 田村牧師

日本語聖書の学び
毎第2日曜日（礼拝後）ポットラック ファイアーサイドルームにて
Japanese Language Bible Study - Every 2nd Sunday of the month with a potluck in the fireside room
聖書は自分一人で読んでいて意味のわからない箇所に遭遇することがあります。毎回、聖書の学びの会の後、皆さんと感想や意見を交わし合い、聖書を学びあうのも楽しいものです。

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14, Walk on the Wildside -
Join with SJUMC families at the Regional San’s Bufferlands for the annual Walk on the Wildside event at 9:45.
This is a FREE family-oriented event that includes presentations, a live animal show by Wildthings, Inc., music by Cliff Compton and Mountaintop, children’s hands-on activities, informational exhibits, hiking tours of local wetlands and forests, and more!

27 - Movie Night: VeggieTales - The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything 6pm - dinner; 7pm - movie. A boatload of VeggieTales pals embark on a fun pirate adventure with their trademark humor and silly songs in this theatrical hit movie. It’s a swashbuckling good time for the whole family!
SAVE THE DATE FOR MISSION U!

The women of our California/Nevada Conference are excited to invite you to our four 2016 Mission U Events:

- Weekend, August 5-7, United Methodist Church of Merced
- One-day, August 13, Visalia United Methodist Church
- One-day, August 20, First United Methodist Church of San Rafael
- One-day, August 27, First United Methodist Church of Roseville

For more information contact Shigeko Shibata at shigekos@comcast.net.

Annual Memorial Day Inter-Religious Service

May 30, 2016
9:00 am
Odd Fellows Lawn
Cemetery 2720 Riverside Blvd

60 Days of Prayer for General Conference

While not every United Methodist will be in Portland, every United Methodist can engage in prayer for God’s will to shape the future of our church! Join other United Methodists in 60 Days of Prayer for General Conference. It began March 31 and continue though May 29: 40 days prior to the conference, 11 days during, and 9 days following the event. Upper Room staff, authors, and leaders in the church, including the bishops who will preach during the conference, wrote the daily meditations, based on the themes established by the Worship Team.

The prayer book is available free in several formats and languages. At the supporting web site http://60daysofprayer.org, you can join the prayer community to download the PDF, read the meditation online, or sign-up to receive the daily email or text version. The book is also in a print and epub format for $1.99 or print on demand for $5.99. With your help, we can establish a community that will prayerfully engage us in God’s mission during and beyond this General Conference.

On the 15 there will be a Parent Connection meeting with the Director of Christian Ed. as well as with Nursery and Children Ministry staff. There will be a lite breakfast @ 9:45am; we will start @10am in the youth room.

Beginning this May, Youth Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays @ 2pm to 4pm.

Need to connect with other young men like yourself? Do you like to hoop or looking to hang with wise(er) men? Well the gym will be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm for Guys Basketball Fellowship.

YA Missional Road-Trip

Four days away to breathe, reflect, and have the opportunity to share the love of God to others. August 5-8

REOCCURING EVENTS:

- Youth Sunday school—Sundays @ 10:30am (except 2nd Sundays—Family service)

Contact Shaday Bryant to sign up or for more information at sade@sacjumc.com or 916-949-6783.