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Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Newsletter

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July and August Events

- ❖ July 3rd-8 - Jr. High Camp
- ❖ July 8th-10th - 7th Annual Japanese Film Festival - Crest Theater
- ❖ July 17-22nd - Jr. High SSP Mission Trip
- ❖ July 28-31st - Youth 2011
- ❖ July 31st-August 6th - Asian Camp
- ❖ August 7 - Youth Sunday
- ❖ August 14 - Aloha Sunday
- ❖ August 21 - Steve & Anne Japan Relief Concert

www.youth2011.org.

July 27-31, 2011 in Sacramento, CA.

volunteers are needed! Sign up sheet is on the door
from the fellowship hall.

YOUTH 2011

PURDUE UNIVERSITY • JULY 13 - 17 • SACRAMENTO, CA • JULY 27 - 31

Notes from the Pastor

"For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37)

– Bible Verse from the second day of Vacation Bible School

Thank you so much for your support to the Assessment team to Japan. It was good and challenging. It was good to be able to help (digging mud, reminding them that people care), to listen to them, and to share love of God. It was challenging to see the devastating areas and to talk to people who are living with the fear of radiation. I was touched by so many Christians and non-Christians who have been working tirelessly to support the people. I shared my report to the congregation on June 19 during the worship service, and I am planning on sharing again sometime during the summer. I hope you can join us. I know that the recovering will take a long time and SJUMC is planning to send teams (probably next spring when we will receive an official invitation from Japan). Although true damages from the Earthquake, Tsunami and radiation are unknown and scary, I believe that "for nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). One of the churches I visited in Japan, there was a frame on the wall on top of a clock which stopped at 2:48pm on March 11, the day of the Earthquake. The frame had old Japanese writings and the pastor told me that it meant "Although the earth may not last forever, my word will last forever". We have hope in Jesus Christ and I pray that we will continue to share the hope!

On the day of Pentecost, we welcomed 12 new members! (Alyssa Hirata, Robyn Jovalis, Thomas Jovalis, Dustin Kimura, Gail Kurosaki, Kinuye "Kini" Muraki, Linda Joyce Muraki, Kumiko Sakata, Jason Weekley, Tina Weekley, Margo Yu, and Setsuko Nakashima-who was baptized on May 30 and entered God's kingdom on June 6). Praise God that our church is striving and growing. Approximately thirty people from SJUMC attended Pastor Adam Hamilton's lectures during Annual Conference. He shared many great ideas from his book: *Leading beyond the walls*. We will be forming a welcoming team so that our church will be more welcoming and we can share the Grace of God to more people!

Congrats for Frances Lee who received a Bishop Award (Cal/Nev Annual Conference) for her outstanding service for the church and SSIP food closet. We are so thankful for all the people who serve Jesus through the church and community!

A busy summer season is upon us and as I write this article, children are running around the church campus for Vacation Bible School – Hometown Nazareth where Jesus was a kid. Youth are getting ready for a mission trip, summer youth camps, Youth 2011 and youth worship (August 7). A group of people is already planning for Aloha Sunday and SJUMC Ukulele group, Mele Ho'okani, is practicing. We are thankful for Smiley from the Ukulele Source Store who donated three new Ukuleles to our church.

We also started Sing Inspiration to sing contemporary songs once a month after worship. Music speaks to us in different ways and we decided to create a space for those who like contemporary songs. Our Youth director, Gayle Kurasaki plays the guitar for the Sing Inspiration. Join us to praise God!

By the time you will be reading this article, it will be my third year at SJUMC (As of July 1). I thank God everyday for this great congregation. I am so proud of you and it gives me great joy to be your pastor. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful church. May God bless you.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Motoe Yamada



Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church

Finance Recap

April 2011

General Fund		General Fund Restrictions	
Beginning cash balance 03/31/11	\$ 38,483.53		
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	15,545.00		
Offerings	9,781.35		
UMCOR donations	8,724.00		
Other Receipts	959.13		
MYF Receipts	620.00		
Total cash inflows	35,629.48		
Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	(103.17)		
Apportionments	(2,755.00)		
UMCOR payments	(925.00)		
Operations	(19,913.60)		
Total cash outflows	(23,696.77)		
Ending cash balance 04/30/11	\$ 50,416.24		
		Unrestricted Cash	\$ 11,354.81
		Youth Group Funds	9,258.10
		Japan Mission Trip Funds	6,848.00
		UMCOR Offerings	17,829.00
		Paint Fund	5,126.33
		Total Cash Balance	\$ 50,416.24

Legacy Fund		Multi-Cultural Hall Mortgage	
Beginning cash balance 03/31/11	\$ 49,299.70		
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	6,979.91		
Interest, Dividends & Capital Gains earned	273.78		
Total cash inflows	7,253.69		
Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)		
Quarterly Advisory Fee	(267.77)		
Total cash outflows	(8,587.77)		
Ending cash balance 04/30/11	47,965.62		
03/31/11 fair market value of stocks	102,681.54		
		03/31/11 Principal Balance	431,469.91
		Adjust March principal pmt	188.25
		April 2011 principal pmt	4,939.09
		April 2011 interest pmt	2,380.91
		04/30/11 Principal Balance	\$ 426,530.82
		Total Assets in Legacy	\$ 150,647.16

Special Events			
Beginning cash balance 03/31/11			
Fair Market Value of Stocks 04/30/11	216,603.66		
Money Market 04/30/11	89,508.74		
Parsonage Loan balance	10,287.73		
Checking Account	37,644.81		
Wish List Sanctuary	25,000.00		
Automatic gate Opener	1,500.00		
Ashizawa Gift Restricted	12,109.72		
Total Assets in Special Events	\$ 392,654.66		

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Finance Recap
March 2011

		General Fund	
Beginning cash balance 02/28/11		\$	34,090.67
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	10,820.00		
Offerings	7,390.00		
UMCOR donations	18,740.00		
Other Receipts	970.27		
MYF Receipts	40.00		
Total cash inflows		37,960.27	
Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	(2,100.00)		
Apportionments	(2,755.00)		
UMCOR payments	(8,680.00)		
Operations	(20,032.41)		
Total cash outflows		(33,567.41)	
Ending cash balance 03/31/11		\$	38,483.53

		Legacy Fund	
Beginning cash balance 02/28/11		\$	45,675.06
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	11,689.38		
Interest, Dividends & Capital Gains earned	296.26		
Total cash inflows		11,985.64	
Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)		
Dividends reinvested	(41.00)		
Total cash outflows		(8,361.00)	
Ending cash balance 03/31/11		49,299.70	
03/31/11 fair market value of stocks		101,082.10	
Total Assets in Legacy		\$	150,381.80

		Special Events	
Beginning cash balance 02/28/11			
Fair Market Value of Stocks 3/31/11		215,049.32	
Money Market 03/31/11		89,473.12	
Parsonage Loan balance		10,287.73	
Checking Account		31,641.18	
Wish List Sanctuary		25,000.00	
Automatic Gate Opener		1,500.00	
Restricted Ashizawa Gift		12,109.72	
Total Assets in Special Events		\$	385,061.07



Invitation to Worship

July 3, 2011

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Message: "Not 4 Sale"

July 10, 2011

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Family Service/Film Festival Weekend

Genesis 25:19-34; Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto

(missionary to Japan) will be preaching

July 17, 2011

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:12-25

Message: "The Pain/Gain correlation"

July 24, 2011

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31, 2011

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth 2011 report

Isaiah 55:1-5

August 7, 2011

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Summer Sunday/Communion

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 14, Aloha Sunday

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

August 21, 2011

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 28, 2011

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Greeters for July

July 3—Tsukiko Robinson & Fran Sumida

July 10—Chewy Ito & Amy Kawahara

July 17—Judy Raska & Kazuko Matsuoka

July 24—Frances Lee & Margaret Saito

July 31—Nadine & Larry Fong

Ushers for July

July 3—Roger Nakashima & Jason Weekley

July 10—Hiroko Arimoto & Yoshiko Raska

July 17—Lori Lee & Kimi Ronay

July 24—Marie Okino & May Ukita

July 31—Paul Nakamura & Philip Yuki

Greeters for August

August 7—Naomi & Leo Goto

August 14—Judy Raska & Robyn & Thomas Jovalis

August 21—Lois & Philip Yuki

August 28—Susan Otani & Betty Hirata

Ushers for August

August 7—Dale & Sue Fong

August 14—Chiyoko Chida & Yoshiko Harper

August 21—Scott & Jayne Rasmussen

August 28—Jiro Sakauye & Les Wataji



July Fellowship Tobans

July 3—UMW

July 10—Nominations

July 17—UMW

July 24—Membership Care

July 31—Boutique

August Fellowship Tobans

August 7—UMW

August 14—Hawaiian Group—Aloha Sunday

August 21—Finance

August 28—TBD

**July Security Tobans:**

Andy Dong, Lester Wataji and Wes Honbo. Thank you so much for your help!

**Would you like to be acolytes?**

Many thanks for Sachiko Konatsu for coordinating our acolytes! Bernadette Cross will be an coordinator for acolytes as of July, so please contact her (bscross@gmail.com) if you are interested in!

**New Deadline for Newsletter Articles**

In an effort to get the newsletter out earlier, the deadline to submit articles is now the 5th of every month.

Please submit articles to Joanne Mikami at hankojo@starstream.net

Spring Storm Help In the past seven weeks, UMCOR has sent emergency grants to 11 annual conferences that have been ravaged by tornadoes and severe storms in what has been an active and destructive spring storm season. *If you would like to give, make your check out to SJUMC and in the memo put UMCOR-Floods.*

**Fundraising Events**

- July 23, Saturday 9am (SJUMC multipurpose hall) **Sweat for Japan** Various exercise classes
- August 21, Sunday 12:30pm **Concert** by Stephen & Anne Millington & LuAnn Higgs (cello/piano).

Are we welcoming church?

We are forming a welcome team to make our church more welcoming for visitors. If you have any suggestions or you want to join the team, please let Rev. Motoe know.

SJUMC is the 19th largest UM church in Cal/Nev Annual Conference! According to the annual conference statics report 2010, we are the 19th largest church! As of the Pentecost Sunday when we welcomed 12 new members, we are the 16th largest. Our church is growing and we give thanks to God!

Aloha Sunday

August 14

Join us for the Aloha Sunday worship and various activities (Hawaiian lunch, Ukulele music and Hula dance!)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (cont)****UMCOR JAPAN RELIEF**

Brown, Dennis
Bucaria, Charles
Crighton, Robert
Ito, M/M James
Marquand, Elon & Jean
Matsuo, M/M Ben
Oguro, M/M Keith
Teranishi, Sue
Uyeda, Jeffrey

UMCOR JAPAN MISSION

Anonymous
Kawaguchi, Michiko
Sakamoto, Sayuri
Tanihana, June

LEGACY FUND

In Celebration of 58th Wedding Anniversary
Taketa, M/M Bill
In Celebration to Kathryn Mizuno
Takuma, Fumi
In Memory of Takaji D. Inouye
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Diane Marie Inouye
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Midori Osumi
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Taz Adachi

Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Tsuru Nishizaki
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Hanayo Inouye
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Tetsuo Nakamura
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Ray Nishizaki
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Fred Osumi
Inouye, Andy and Tim
In Memory of Henry Yui
Miyasaki, Anne
In Memory of Tomiko Kujubu
Miyasaki, Anne
In Memory of Toyoo Nitake
Miyasaki, Anne
In Memory of Carl Laing
Nakashima, Mary Ann
In Memory of Carolyn Ouchida's Mother
Nakashima, Mary Ann
In Memory of Belle Ito's Brother
Shibata, M/M Victor
In Memory of Joichi & Shizuko Nitta and Mitsugi
Taketa
Taketa, M/M Bill
In Memory of Father and Mother
Taketa, Catherine
In Memory of Dave and Ruth Shimizu
Yamadera, Mickey
In Memory of Ruby Yukinaga
Yee, M/M Wilfred

**Church Photo Directory**

If you did not have your picture taken, please make sure to fill out the form so we can update our church information. Also we are looking for pictures for the directory. Please send them to Gloria or Robyn. Thank you.

Summer Singers Needed!

Do you like to sing? Join the summer singers! For the month of July, join us at the choir room at 9:45am every Sunday to practice. To find more information, please contact Eileen Boyd.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

As of May 28, 2011

In Appreciation of prayers & concern during illness

Ito, M/M Paul

Thankful for Paul Ito's recovery

Kubo, M/M Edwin

In Celebration of Mike Rossi & Jessie Rivera's wedding

Selix Acquisition LLC

In Celebration of birthday

Asahara, Francis

In Memory of M/M H. Honbo, Harry Fujimoto,

M/M T. Hirasawa, M/M H. Kanemasu, Herb

Iwata, M/M Z. Riley, Daniel R. Fujimoto

Fujimoto, Mary

In Memory of Misato Furuie on Mother's Day

Fukushima, Micki

In Memory of/In Honor of Veterans

Fukushima, Micki

In Memory of Masataro & Tomogiku Umeda,

Masao & Lily Umeda, Tom Umeda, Linda

Umeda

Kawanishi, Mary

In Memory of Harry Kohaya

Kohaya, Mae

In Memory of Tomiko Kujubu

Kujubu, Herbert

In Memory of Shigeru & Kiyue Umeda, brothers

Shirgeo & Joe

Nishihara, M/M Susumu

In Memory of Sue Okamoto

Okamoto, Peter

In Memory of of mother-in-law

Takuma, Fumi

In Memory of Katsumi Hashimoto

Tanihana, June

In Memory of Joe Osuga

Uno, M/M Dick

In Memory of Masako Uyeda

Uyeda, Jeffrey

In Memory of Ben Tsutomu Kunibe

Yamadera, Mickey

Memorial Day

Nakao, Kimiko

ADULT MISSION

Goi, M/M George

Nakamura, Mary

CHOIR FUND

In Honor of Paul Ito

Honbo, Dr/M Wesley

EASTER OFFERING

Clark, M/M Jack

Iwahiro, M/M Herbert

Kido, Dr/M Hiroshi

Kimoto, M/M Robert

Kobayashi, M/M Jinji

Koshiyama, M/M Al

Maeda, Dr/M Melvin

Murakami, M/M Sam

Nishihara, Alice

Ouchida, Donna

Saito, Pat

Wong, M/M Steve

Yomogida, M/M George

Methodist Youth Fellowship

Souper bowl

Takechi, M/M Curtis

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Nakamura, Mary

SJUMC GARDEN ANGELS

Lee, Frances

UMCOR

Floods & Spring Storms

Ito, Belle

Ito, M/M James

Kawahara, M/M Yosh

Mizoguchi, Max

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MEMBERSHIP CARE MINISTRY

The Membership Care Ministry is under the direction of Rev. Moteo Yamada and coordinated by Jean Kanemoto. The focus of this laity based group is to provide emotional support to the congregation as appropriate. Physical assistance is provided if needed and as the group is capable. Sympathy and get well cards are sent out to appropriate individuals. Poinsettias are delivered to the home bound at Christmas as well as Easter lilies or mums. Home or hospital visits and phone calls are made especially to those confined to their home or care facilities.

Members of the Ministry attend monthly support meetings at which time the focus is with those requiring support and prayers. Resources and information pertinent to the congregation. are discussed. One to two times a year a workshop is made available to the con-

gregation. The topics relates to health and medical conditions of interest to the congregation. Professionals involved in each arena are invited to present the latest available information.

New members are always welcome to join the group. Our purpose is to act as a supplement to pastoral care and not meant to replace it.

Current members include: Rev. Moteo Yamada, Betty Hirata, Belle Ito, Tina Weekly, Amy Kawahara, Emma Nakamura, Judy Y. Raska, May Ukita, Joy Yee, Mary Yokomizo, and Jean Kanemoto.

We welcome any of you wishing a regular visitation or calls, to please call the church office to request one of the Care Minister's visitation.

UMW Report

At our last UMW General Meeting held on May 22nd over 25 people attended to hear Gloria Imagire speak about her exciting trip to the Holy Land. Thank you Gloria for sharing your adventure and photos with us. Another thank you for the UMW members and friends who prepared lunches for three of the five days at Vacation Bible School.

The annual August outing has not been scheduled yet. We will keep you posted. Also, if you are interested in attending some UMW workshops sponsored by the California-Nevada Conference please check the UMW board.

Save the Date:
Next UMW General Meeting
scheduled for
September 18th.



Summer Sunday school

Starting from June 19, Children (4th grade and under) are dismissed after the children's message to go to the summer Sunday school. It will end on September 4th, and the regular Sunday school will start on September 11.



Summer Singers Needed!

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Youth Events

June begins our exciting, intense summer! We welcome all youth who are interested in attending these activities.

- ☞ June 26th - July 2nd— **High School mission trip to Tucson, AZ**
- ☞ July 3rd - July 8th — **Junior High Camp** will be held at Camp Lodestar in Wilseyville, CA. It will be a great week about the radical transformation through God's grace and love. It is based on the conversion story of Saul to Paul, to illustrate the power of God's love and grace to change and transform each of us and the world.
- ☞ July 14th & 15th — **Rivercats baseball games** against the Fresno Grizzly's here at Raley Field.
- ☞ July 17th - 22nd — **Jr. High mission trip** through SSP in Coarsegold. This trip is for incoming 7th and 8th graders and the cost is \$335 per person.



- ☞ July 27th- 31st — **Youth 2011** is the big youth event where Rev. Motoe will be a keynote speaker! Over 1,000 United Methodist Youth from all over the nation will be coming to the Sacramento Convention Center to participate in workshops, fellowship, service projects, and worship. www.youth2011.org.

- ☞ July 31st - August 5 — **Asian Camp** for incoming 10th grade through incoming Sophomores in college

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- ☞ .On Sunday, **August 7th** we will be having a youth summer service where we will hear testimonies from the different camps and activities over the summer. We will be experiencing worship through their eyes and see how the summer transformed them and brought them closer to God.

☞ **an outing opportunity on August 20th** to Santa Rosa First United Methodist church where they will be having a teriyaki dinner fundraiser! It promises to be a fun dinner where our youth will get to meet some of their youth and congregation.

If you are interested in attending any of these events and want more information please contact Gayle at gayle@sacjumc.com or check out our website for more details!



SJUMC 2011 Focus Areas: Inclusiveness, Security, Youth & Young Adults, and Spiritual Growth

SJUMC Scripture Focus: but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:7-11)



Sun. July 10, 1:00pm ONE BIG HAPA FAMILY

(2010, 48 minutes) Documentary with live anime.

Yonsei Japanese Canadian, Jeff Chiba Stearns, uses anime art to explore four generations of intermarriage in the Koga family. The story of the Canadian Issei, Nisei, Sansei, and Yonsei generations is told through interviews, archival photos, historical film footage, home movies, and animation. Issues of racism, integration, and the instinct to retain the Japanese culture and language are expressed with freshness, sense of humor, and open heart. (English)



Sun. July 10, 2:15pm SEVEN SAMURAI

(Shichinin no Samurai, 1954, 200 minutes, one intermission)

One of Akira Kurosawa's greatest films has a simple story. Farmers approach seven samurai for help in fighting bandits who will rob their barley crop. The samurai agree for daily rice and lodging. The final battle scene of sweeping tides of men moving from a higher to lower plane has been called on of the glories of world cinema.

Movie	Date/Time	# of Tickets	Cost	Total
DEAR DOCTOR	7/08 8:00pm		\$10	
STILL WALKING	7/09 1:00pm		\$10	
TOKYO GODFATHERS	7/09 3:30pm		\$10	
HARIMAYA BRIDGE	7/09 7:00pm		\$10	
ONE BIG HAPA FAMILY	7/10 1:00pm		\$10	
SEVEN SAMURAI	7/10 2:15pm		\$10	
ALL FESTIVAL PASS BEST VALUE!			\$25 by June 21 \$30 after June 21	
			Total	

SACRAMENTO JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL

July 8 – July 10, 2011

6 Movies in 2011!

Opening Fri. Night, July 8, 8:00pm DEAR DOCTOR (Shofukutei Tsurebe, 2009, 127 minutes) winner of 2 Japanese Academy Awards. A village doctor serves 1,500 residents in a small town. He is humble, selfless, and makes house calls. People think Dr. Ino is a saint, but the doctor is a fake, would be physician. The story is about a decent man who is caught in his web of lies and wants out. What counts in life, and how well do we know each other? (Japanese with English subtitles)



Sat. July 9, 1:00pm STILL WALKING (Aruite, Aruite, 2009, 114 minutes) Two adult children visit their parents for a family reunion. Family tensions and old hurts surface in a beautiful seaside town. Grandfather Kyobei hides behind his newspaper and Grandmother Toshiko hustles around the kitchen insulting other family members. Second son, Ryo, lives in the shadow of his dead brother's memory. Brilliantly acted, the movie is reminiscent of TOKYO STORY. (Japanese with English subtitles)



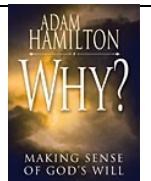
Sat. July 9, 3:30pm TOKYO GODFATHERS (2003, 92 minutes) It's Christmas Eve in Tokyo. An alcoholic, Gin, an aging drag queen, Hana, and a teenage girl, Miyuki, are unlikely friends who are homeless. They find an abandoned baby girl in a trash barrel. In learning how to care for a baby, they learn about themselves. Director Satoshi Kon's animated film is a rare movie which uses anime to tell a story of human suffering, love, and redemption which would be too painful for live action. (Japanese with English subtitles)



Sat. July 9, 7:00pm HARIMAYA BRIDGE (Harimaya Hashi, 2010, 120 minutes) African American Daniel Holder goes to Japan to bring back his late son's artwork. He dislikes the Japanese because his father died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp during WW11. Daniel finds he has a mixed race grandchild and that the Japanese loved his son. Producer Danny Glover has a supporting role in the movie which is in English with Japanese subtitles and in Japanese with English subtitles.



Why? Making Sense of God's Will workshops
When Prayers Go Unanswered
 July 24, Sunday 12:15pm Garden Room **RSVP to Rev. Motee**
(by email) Space is limited for 20 people



SSIP FOOD CLOSET UPDATE

Our congregation is a part of the South Sacramento interfaith partnership (SSIP) which ministers to people in our area through the Food Closet which is housed at the Bethany Presbyterian Church at Fruitridge and 24th Street. Our congregation supports the Food Closet and SSIP through monetary donations, food donations, and volunteers who serve in the Food Closet and on the SSIP Board of Directors and supporting committees.

The new food closet is now in full operation. We thank all of you for the donations and prayers that helped make this new space a reality.

There is a large plastic container in the church narthex (foyer) for your gifts to the Food Closet of non-perishable food stuffs. Each Sunday, check the "SSIP bag" in the worship folder to learn what food items are currently needed at the Food Closet. There is always a need for general and miscellaneous non-perishable food items, but the items in the bag each week are the current needs. The Food Closet also accepts brown grocery bags. SSIP is currently not collecting egg cartons at this time. Kid's CAN supplies are now depleted. We need donations of canned meats (tuna, chicken etc.), canned beans, cereal, peanut butter and ramen-type soup.

During the month of May, 2011----the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 6,643 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,623 unduplicated households. The number of persons served and the food delivered indicates the importance of this ministry.

In May the volunteers who credited their hours to SJUMC were: Lori Lee, Sue Kashiwagi, Frances Lee, Francis Asahara, Lisa Tanaka, Lester Wataji, Meg, Tanaka, Eileen Matsui, Yoshi Nishikawa, June Tanihana and Shisuko

Kurosawa. During the first four months of 2011 the Food Closet has recorded 2,383+ hours of volunteer time. Volunteers will be honored guests at a luncheon, June 29th at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Many thanks to those who attended the annual SSIP Dinner, May 21, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

We still need volunteers to work inside the new Food Closet on Mondays. We also need volunteers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to bag USDA commodities. Workers inside the Food Closet do specific tasks: worker #1 prepares Bag#1 and worker #2 prepares Bag #2, worker #3 adds fresh produce and gets the number of USDA bags needed from a bin and worker #4 adds rice, additional breads and pastries to the bags and calls the clients to the window. Workers who bag the USDA commodities place 7-8 items in a double plastic bag and then tie the bag closed. The items vary each month depending on what is received from Food Link and may include: a can of beans, fruits, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, a bag of pasta, powder milk, etc. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis or as a substitute, please call Frances Lee 427-7983, June Tanihana 395-1355, or Jane Combs 443-2839.



Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of

- * Setsu Nakashima (6/6/2011)
- * Flo Itaye
- * Ben Kunibe
- * Mits Hirohama
- * Mike Kato
- * Theresa Grundman



Special Prayers

- * Sharon Oguro
- * Tule Yomogida
- * Motoko Kobayashi
- * Florence Shikasho
- * Brian Kurasaki
- * Gary Ravel
- * Betty Foor
- * Pat Saito (leaving to Seattle)
- * People Looking for a job
- * People who are facing surgery
- * People who are going through tough time
- * the victims/survivors of natural disaster
- * Traveling mercy during the summer

Thanksgiving

- * Baby Reese Yuki Ogami
- * Rev. Gary and Debbie Grundman's retirement
- * Successful VBS

Letters to SJUMC

We wish to thank everyone for their expressions of condolences on the passing of our brother, Ben Kunibe who is Tom's only close brother. He was called "Mr. Lake Tahoe" as he was a resident and had business there for some time. He was always volunteering for everyone who needed help and raising funds for Lake Tahoe. At Christmas time he was always busy getting a Christmas tree lot to help the children (like playing Santa Claus.) Thank you again and God bless you all.

Lovingly,
Tom Kunibe and Family

THANK YOU SHARON OGURO

Thank you to Sharon Oguro, one of our crafts ladies at SJUMC, for donating a bagful of beautiful, handmade greeting cards to send to our four Adopted Soldiers who are stationed in Afghanistan. They will be well received by our soldiers who can send these beautiful cards to their families and friends. Mahalo, Sharon.

Helen Blaisdell
VFW Post 8985 Auxiliary
Adopt-a-Soldier Coordinator

Would you like to be a part of the team to Japan? Would you like to help out?

Please send an email to JapanRelief@sacjumc.com (with your name, one number, email address). Once we know the details, we will contact you! Orientation for those who want to go to mission trips to Japan.

To support Mission Teams to Japan,
Make a check payable to SJUMC
(memo line Mission Trips)

To support humanitarian needs in Japan,
Make a check payable to SJUMC
(memo line UMCOR or online <http://new.gbmg-umc.org/umcor/>)

SJUMC QUILTERS

We are forming a new quilting group and are in need of 100% cotton material. We will be making lap blankets for children in the hospital and our shut-ins. For more information contact Emi (Gladys) Alicaya at (916) 685-5183 or by email at ealicaya@frontiernet.net.



Sing Inspiration

July 17 & August 14 at 12:15pm in the Sanctuary

Enjoy singing or playing Contemporary Christian Music? Join us in the Sanctuary after worship today. All are welcome!



We will be singing Amazing Grace, God of Wonders, Here I am to worship, Holy is the Lord, How Great is our God ... and More!

Nomination Committee

Are you interested in serving on committees for 2012? Please notify the nomination committee members (this does not mean that you will be asked to serve, but we will take it in our consideration). Class of 2011: Emi (Gladys) Alicaya, Loretta Ashizawa, Victor Shibata, Class of 2012: Joyce Oshiro, Karen Kashiwagi, Kimi Ranay Class of 2013: Austin Takechi, Fran Sumida, Yoshiko Harper

Summer Small Group

Exploring the Way (the repeat of the Lenten group curriculum) led by **Mary Nakamura and Tina Kaneko Weekley** June 26th-July 31 9:00 am - 10:00 Garden Room. RSVP by email to: marynakamura@frontiernet.net.

What Am I Doing in this Pit? - We all face trials and hard times. It may be a pit of our own making or it may be a pit God has allowed. **Sundays 9am-10am** (Garden Room) Aug. 14, Aug. 21, Sep. 4, Sep. 18. If you'd like to sign up or would like more information, please email Mindy at hpyhrts@sbcglobal.net or call 638-2456.

The Walk to Emmaus – A Spiritual Retreat this summer

A three day summer retreat that begins with a Thursday dinner and ends on Sunday evening can be a particularly special time in your life of faith. It is the Walk to Emmaus – a time to “walk” together with other women or men (weekends are separate opportunities for women and men). During the weekend, 15 talks are given that reflect the essence of what it means to be in relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Combined with sharing together, prayer, communion times, singing and lots of laughter, each participant or “pilgrim” on the walk is blessed with time to grow spiritually. The dates are: **Men's Walk - July 21-24** (registration due by July 6th); **Women's Walk - August 4-7** (registration due by July 21) Applications are available from any of the people listed below. There is NO COST to you as sponsors will support you as well as provide transportation. Do consider this step forward in growing as a Christian disciple. Speak to Loretta Ashizawa, Mary Nakamura, Sue Teranishi or May Ukita for more info.

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