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SAKURA DAYORI



Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- * November 6 - Fall Rummage Sale
- * November 7 - All Saints Day -
Merwin Chapel Service
Fried Rice Fundraiser
- * November 14 - Basket Ball Sunday and Family Worship
- * November 12-13 - Women of Faith
- * November 21 - Holiday Boutique
Kid's Book Drive
- * November 25-26 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed.
- * November 28 - Advent Begins,
Family Worship





Invitation to Worship

October 10, 2010

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
*All Saints Sunday (naming all saints),
 Merwin Chapel Special Service*

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 14, 2010

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Basketball Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118 (UMH 839)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 21, 2010

Last Sunday after Pentecost
*Christ the King/Reign of Christ
 Thanksgiving Sunday*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 28, 2010

1st Sunday of Advent
United Methodist Student Day

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 100 (UMH 821)

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

Greeters for November

November 7—Kiyoo & Roy Sato

November 14—Naomi & Leo Goto

November 21—Gloria Imagine &
 Kent Nakashima

November 28—Margaret Saito &
 Fran Sumida

Ushers for November

November 7—Jill Kanemasu &
 Kimi Ronay

November 14—Yoshiko Harper &
 Kumiko Sakata

November 21—Lily Ikami &
 Joyce Kimura

November 28—Richard & Ruby
 Fernandez

NOVEMBER RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time of year again. We will be having our November Rummage Sale on Saturday November 6. It's the perfect opportunity to clean out your closets, cupboards, garage, and storage areas. We really appreciate all your useable furniture, kitchen items, clothes (men's, women's, children's), workable small appliances (no TV's please), toys, and whatever you do not need or use anymore.

Also, if you can, we would love to have you join us on Friday, November 5, anytime from 9-5pm, to sort all our donations. See you there ...

Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church

Finance Recap August 2010

		General Fund		General Fund Restrictions	
Beginning cash balance 07/31/10		\$	28,198.49		
Cash Inflows					
Pledges	12,330.00				
Offerings	3,278.76				
Other Receipts	3,457.05				
Total cash inflows			19,065.81		
Cash Outflows					
Capital Improvements & maintenance	-				
Apportionments	(3,488.00)				
Operations	(13,602.15)				
Total cash outflows			(17,090.15)		
Ending cash balance 08/31/10		\$	30,174.15		
				Unrestricted Cash	\$ 18,028.20
				Youth Group Funds	7,019.62
				Paint Fund	5,126.33
				Total Cash Balance	\$ 30,174.15

		Legacy Fund		Multi-Cultural Hall Mortgage	
Beginning cash balance 07/31/10		\$	54,338.46		
Cash Inflows					
Pledges	4,594.07				
Interest & Dividends earned	257.84				
Total cash inflows			4,851.91		
Cash Outflows					
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)				
Dividends reinvested	-				
Advisory Fee	-				
Total cash outflows			(8,320.00)		
Ending cash balance 07/31/10			50,870.37		
07/31/10 fair market value of stocks			92,788.41		
				07/31/10 Principal Balance	478,051.10
				Aug 2010 principal pmt	5,730.55
				Aug 2010 interest pmt	2,589.45
				08/31/10 Principal Balance	\$ 472,320.55
				Total Assets in Legacy	\$ 143,658.78

		Special Events	
Beginning cash balance 07/31/10		\$	363,612.17
Fair Market Value of Stocks 08/31/10	185,798.46		
Money Market 08/31/10	101,306.40		
Wish List Sanctuary	25,000.00		
Parsonage Loan balance	13,464.05		
Checking Account	35,933.11		
Total Assets in Special Events		\$	361,502.02
			(243.03)

Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church			
Finance Recap			
July 2010			
		General Fund	
Beginning cash balance 06/30/10		\$	31,829.88
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	14,110.00		
Offerings	3,383.47		
Other Receipts	7,671.26		
Total cash inflows			25,164.73
Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	(6,824.89)		
Apportionments	(3,488.00)		
Operations	(18,483.23)		
Total cash outflows			(28,796.12)
Ending cash balance 07/31/10		\$	28,198.49
		General Fund Restrictions	
		\$	16,532.54
			6,539.62
			5,126.33
		\$	28,198.49
Legacy Fund			
Beginning cash balance 06/30/10		\$	57,836.08
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	4,700.00		
Interest & Dividends earned	372.38		
Total cash inflows			5,072.38
Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)		
Dividends reinvested	-		
Advisory Fee	(250.00)		
Total cash outflows			(8,570.00)
Ending cash balance 07/31/10			54,338.46
07/31/10 fair market value of stocks			93,684.04
Total Assets in Legacy		\$	148,022.50
Special Events			
Beginning cash balance 06/30/10		\$	357,128.57
Fair Market Value of Stocks 07/31/10	186,996.80		
Money Market 07/31/10	101,255.90		
Wish List - Sanctuary	25,000.00		
Parsonage Loan balance	13,464.05		
Checking Account	36,895.42		
Total Assets in Special Events		\$	363,612.17

Church Planning Day - December 4

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

All outgoing, current and incoming committee members are required to come to our Church planning day. All church members are invited to come. We will be discussing the future of the church. If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Rev. Moteo or your committee chair.



CHURCH PLANNING MEETING

Notes from the Pastor

The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." (John 4:19)

We had another successful bazaar at the church! Great foods and great people! Thank you so much for all the volunteers, coordinators (Chuck Kobayashi & Art Imageri) and all participants! I also appreciate Lance Armstrong, a writer for our church articles for Pocket news which brought tons of people to bazaar!

The following day, SSIP (South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership) Food Closet had a celebration for new building's Groundbreaking. It was really nice to see Revs. Gary and Debbie there! (See the picture below) SSIP Food close served 6000 families who needed food last month and it is our church commitment to support its ministry. Church missions are going strong and we reminded us what Jesus taught us how to serve people on Mission Sunday. I was so proud to see 35 people who participated in the CROP Hunger Walk. SJUMC brought the most people at the event and I enjoyed walking one mile with SJUMC kids and girl scouts.

"Moving Forward Together With God's Grace" is the theme for SJUMC Stewardship 2011. What a perfect theme for us! (Good job, Stewardship committee!!). New families began to come to join us, the design team is working on renovation of sanctuary, and the church may be able to hire a part time Associate pastor. It is exciting time to be at SJUMC and we are growing closer to Jesus together.

We will be celebrating the Merwin Chapel on November 7th, all Saints Sunday and if you know anyone who used to be a part of Merwin church, please make sure to invite them. We are so grateful for Merwin people who gave us the beautiful campus to SJUMC.

By the time you are reading this article, "Why Church?" sermon series will be over. More I studied, prayed and preached about *Why Church*, I am convinced that our church is making a difference in many different ways and this is a great place to be because of each one of you! One of the church members told me "I feel movement at the church and I want to support it" Do you feel the movement? We are moving forward together with God's Grace. Please join our wonderful church! May God bless you!



UMW Report

The
Fall

Food Bazaar held on October 2 was a great success due to the assistance of many volunteers. Thank you to all who came to help.

On October 17, the UMW held our 3rd meeting for the year. At the meeting, four individuals received the 2010 UMW Outstanding Mission Award. The recipients for 2010 are: Mary Fujimoto, Joe Osuga, Shigeko Shibata and Victor Shibata. Congratulations to all for your dedication and service.

The UMW meeting also had Doris Young as the guest speaker. She is the California/Nevada UMW conference web editor. She explained the missional work of UMW.

October was another busy month, please thank the October Tobans who help make October a success. They were: Sue Kashiwagi, Laura Katayama, Edith Oshita, Kathy Gosney, Meg Tanaka, Yoshiko Harper, Elaine Sugiyama and June Tanihana.

More information to come on the following:
UMW Reading Program (Identified Books and Group Discussion)
Service Project in December

ANNUAL UMW OUTING TO SAN FRANCISCO

This is a little late because our trip was in August, but "better late than never"! On August 18, 2010 a full busload of 56 folks boarded the bus from our church, eagerly anticipating our annual trek to the cool confines of the bay area. We arrived at the Walt Disney Museum just before it opened at 10 a.m., and museum staff were waiting for us when we arrived. The museum has a timed entry so they let half of us enter first, then 15 minutes later the other half. The exhibit focuses on the life of Walt Disney, and one marvels at what a genius he was. An interesting tidbit was that I asked why his museum was in northern California instead of in L.A. Their response was that he had had two daughters.....one owns a winery in the Napa Valley and was storing much of his material at the old Presidio buildings so it made sense to just open the museum on those grounds.

Afterwards we drove over to Gum Moon, a women's residence in Chinatown which has been around since the gold rush days, and one which our UMW helps support. After a short quick visit, we hurried over to Benihana in JapanTown where we enjoyed delicious meals of salmon, beef, and chicken. We were joined by Rev. Nobu Hanaoka so everyone was happy to see him looking so good.

After lunch everyone was on their own, wandering about J-Town. On the way home the bus driver took us on the scenic route over the Golden Gate Bridge. It was a gorgeous day, and the view was terrific! The bus driver was then good enough to take us to the Veggie Patch in Suisun so we were able to buy fresh veggies and fruit there.

On the way home traffic got a bit congested around Davis so we got home a little before 7 p.m. We were tired, but everyone seemed to enjoy the trip so it was another fun outing!

Gloria Imagire



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, as well as volunteer giving through service in the Food Closet and on the SSIP Board of Directors and supporting committees.

In our church narthex (foyer) is a large plastic container to receive your gifts of non-perishable food stuffs for the Food Closet. Each Sunday check the "SSIP bag" in the worship folder to learn what food items is 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.

During the month of September 2010---the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 5,647 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,462 unduplicated households. The number of person served and the food delivered express the importance of this ministry.

In May, the volunteers who credited their hours to SJUMC were: Jane Combs, Richard

Yokoi, Audrey Yokoi, June Tanihana, Sue Kashiwagi, Frances Lee, Francis Asahara, Lisa Tanaka, Lester Wataji, Derek Heronaka, Corbin Dahl, Terry Shint, Katie Marshall, Reverend Yamada, Brian Lewis, Michael Gei, Samantha Fong, Jan Muraki, Cecil Combs, Meg Tanaka, Kimi Ronay, Mike Yui, Jason Chan, Yoshi Nishihawa, Margaret Saito, Yvonne Kato, Ray Kato, and Shisuko Kurosawa.

We are still in need of volunteers to work inside the Food Closet on Mondays or to work in the metal shed storage locker bagging USDA commodities. Worker inside the Food Closet do a specific task; 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 call the client to the window. Workers who bag USDA commodities place 7-8 items in a doubled plastic bag and the 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 Francis Lee 427-7983, Jane Combs 443-2839 or June Tanihana 395-1355.

Food Closet News

Construction started Wednesday, Oct 5, on the new Food Closet building. The foundation and initial plumbing have been done. The concrete floor will be poured soon.

On a more critical note: In September, the Food Closet again broke the record for the number of people served. Five thousand six hundred thirty seven people were given food. In order to have enough we spent \$4,300 on food alone. This is the most spent ever in one month. We have already spent what was budgeted for food for the entire year (\$25,000). We still have the rest of October and most of November before the donations of Kids Can becomes available to us. Donations of food and money are critically needed to maintain our ability to provide for those in need in South Sacramento. Donations can be sent directly to SSIP, 5625 24th Street, Sacra-

Community Prayer Corner**Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of**

- * Joe Saito
- * Danielle Fujimoto
- * Krystal Nakamura
- * Jean Yoshiko Dokuzaku Kaku
- * David Matsuoka
- * Woody Ishikawa (9/4/10)
- * Kojiro Kawaguchi (10/06/10)
- * Linda Umeda (10/18/10)

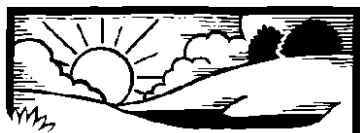
Special Prayers

- * Alice Kubo
- * Tule Yomogida
- * Etsu Yui
- * Motoko Kobayashi
- * Russ Kanemasu
- * Florence Shikasho
- * a baby, Jaya Gosney
- * People in San Bruno, CA
- * People who were affected by flood in Pakistan, & Earthquake in New Zealand
- * people, looking for a job
- * People who are facing surgeries

Thanksgiving Prayers

- * Kent Nakshima, his biopsy was negative!
- *Miners in Chile

Medical Decisions When You need them Most
Workshkop for the end of life.

**Wesley House & Campus Center Sponsors**

UC Berkeley Wesley House and Campus Center is a Christian U.C. Berkeley Student Housing & Support Center adjacent of the U.C. Berkeley Campus on Bancroft Way. SJUMC members made financial donations to the construction of Wesley which totaled \$500. Because of these gifts, the name of Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church has become a Founding Member of Wesley House & Campus Center.

The name of SJUMC will be inscribed in a special architectural niche in Wesley House's entry foyer. The following SJUMC members who made individual donations:

Clarence & Barbara Kado
Amy & Yosh Kawahara
Charles & Doris Kobayashi
Lester & Caroline Ouchida
Edith Oshita
Scott & Jayne Rasmussen
Margaret Saito
Rev. Motoe Yamada

Because of many gifts from many persons, Wesley House & Campus Center will be able to serve its mission of helping to develop international thinkers and leaders in a supportive Christian living environment.

Merwin Chapel Special Service

Nov. 7, Sunday immediately after the worship service

Members of the Merwin Church gave us this SJUMC campus. We resurrected the original Merwin chapel and we want to celebrate with Merwin members. If you know anyone who used to belong to the Merwin Church, please invite them and also let Frances Lee know. (We will have lunch (Fried Rice) for them!)

YOUTH NEWS

We are very blessed and have a lot to be thankful for this month. The church Rummage Sale will be on Saturday Nov. 6th. We hope to see you out there, if just for fellowship. The Sunday after the Rummage Sale, the youth group will be having a Fried Rice Fundraiser. They will be selling fried rice for \$5.00 each and all proceeds will go to future



activities and adventures for the youth group.



November 7th is also Daylight Savings! It's time to "fall back" and gain that extra hour of sleep we all need!

We will be continuing Open Gym this month following service at 12:30 pm. Nov. 14th and 28th will be Open Gym dates for the youth group.



There will be a lock-in the weekend of Nov. 20th-21st here at SJUMC. There will be discussion, games, fellowship time, and lots of good food for the High School and Jr. High participants. As we are approaching

the holidays it is a time for us to not only be grateful for the many blessings God has provided, but also a time for us to remember those with whom we may share Gods love and blessings. We are very fortunate to be in fellowship with each other in this wonderful family of faith.

I thank God for putting each of you in my life and for your continued support of the youth in their spiritual growth and exploration.

- Gayle

Kids Program**November 21, Sunday**

Thanksgiving Kids Program

Children Book Drive and Bags of Grace



- Wrap the books with paper and ribbon and make cards for another child (In the Mustard Seed School (a school for homeless children) and Sacto. Children's Home.

- Sort Items for Bags of Grace for homeless people

Oct. 17 to Nov. 14:

Receiving donation of used, children's books & Bags of Grace materials (Bottled water, non-perishable food items (Granola bars, cookies, chips, fruit bars, etc....), Other food items that will assist the homeless & personal hygiene items.)

Karin Nakahira-Young,
684-7084 or Diane Kimoto for this proram

December 12, Sunday School Christmas Program and Christmas Party for Kids

children's program



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

As of September 26, 2010

In Celebration of birth of Jaya Gosney
Gosney, M/M Michael

In Celebration of Amy Shimada's 80th birthday
Koshino, M/M Eddie
Takechi, M/M Curtis

In Memory of Woodrow Ishikawa
Ishii, Dr. Edwin
Ito, M/M Paul
Kashiwagi, M/M George
Kubota, Nami
Kunibe, M/M Thomas
Robinson, M/M Norman
Tanaka, M/M Ryu

In Memory of Rose Fujita
Kawahara, M/M Yoshio

In Memory of mother Nuye Kobayashi
Kobayashi, M/M Richard

In Memory of son Gary Kozono
Kozono, Ard

In Memory of Daniel Fujimoto
Kunibe, M/M Thomas
Maeda, Elaine

In Memory of Bob Uyeyama
Kunibe, M/M Thomas

In Memory of Kazie Murata
Kunibe, M/M Thomas

Crop Walk

Nishizaki, Tom

Literacy Program

SJUMC Film Festival

Side By Side Ministry

Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
Nakamura, Mary
Taketa, M/M Bill
Yamada, Rev. Motoe

UMCOR

Rasmussen, M/M Scott -Umcors Paskistan

Vacation Bible School

SJUMC United Methodist Church

Youth Mission

Sakamoto, Sayuri
In Memory of father Frank Y. Teranishi
Teranishi, Sue



SJUMC Water Bottle

— If you would like to purchase it, please go to the office (\$7). "If something is wrong with your water bottle, please bring it back. We will give you a new one."

Fundraiser for Mission Trips

a tote bag (which you can take to the grocery store and re-use) and **an insulated tumbler for your coffee/hot tea** (which you can bring to coffee hour and reduce use of throwaway cups). Suggested donation will be \$7 for the tote bag, \$10 for the insulated coffee cup, or \$15 for both.



FLOATING SAINTS

The Christian Martyrs of Nagasaki

More than four hundred years ago in February 1597, Hideyoshi the supreme military ruler of Japan banned Christianity and ordered the execution of 24 Christians (six Franciscan missionaries from Spain and Portugal and 18 Japanese Christians). They were arrested in Kyoto and led to Nagasaki on foot. Thousands who watched the procession were converted to Christianity because of their courage and faith in God. Two Christians came forward to offer water and were arrested making the number of executions 26. They were the first Christians to be crucified although thousands who refused to renounce their faith were soon to follow.

In 1862, Pope Pius the Ninth canonized these 26 martyrs as saints of the Church. You can find a monument depicting the crucifixion in the Vatican and also on the hill outside Nagasaki.

This fall we honor the 26 Christian Martyrs by representing each of them with a hanging yukata. The yukata on the cross represents the crucified Christ and the three streams of fabric the Holy Trinity. We are reminded of Christ's suffering on the cross for us, as well as of His presence with all who suffer, anywhere and at any time.

2010 Sacramento Japanese Film Festival

Attendance at the 2010 Sacramento Japanese Film festival was up 41% over 2009 attendance. This was due to adding a 3rd day, Sunday afternoon, to the old Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening screenings. Also, more people seemed to want to see the films this year. The Sacramento Japanese Film Festival had a net revenue of \$9,000 and will be able to fund the following:

General Fund	\$2,300
Legacy Fund	\$1,000
Funds held for possible future	
SJUMC automatic front gate	\$1,500
Children's Programs,	
Vacation Bible School	\$1,500
SSIP Food Closet	\$1,000
Garden Angels	\$1,000
Walk to Emmaeus	\$300
SJUMC Girl Scouts	\$200
Adult Literacy Program	\$200
TOTAL	\$9,000

The 2011 SACRAMENTO JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL will add a 6th feature film in 2011. Festival dates are Fri. July 8, Sat. July 9, and Sun. July 10, 2011. See you at the movies!

Letters to SJUMC

Thank you on behalf of Jean Kakuyaku Kaku's family for notifying us of the donation made by Bill and Doris Taketa in memory of Jean. A note of thanks has been sent to the Taketas.

Jean grew up attending the old Japanese Methodist Church in Florin. Those early childhood experiences were important in giving her a strong faith in her adult life as a wife and mother in Tracy, CA. She was an active member of the Tracy First Methodist Church

Sincerely,

Marielle Tsukamoto

**Advent starts on
November 28**
Advent Conspiracy

Nov. 28
Worship Fully
Dec. 7
Spend Less
Dec. 14
Give More
Dec 19 *Love All*

