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

**SJUMC, the Garden Church**
Senior Pastor: Rev. Motoe Yamada Foor
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. George Nishikawa
Pastor of Visitation: Rev. Peter Willms
Director of Education: Shaday Bryant
Office Manager: Robyn Jovalis
Choir Director: Lyssa Ogilbee
Phone: (916) 421-1017  Fax: (916) 391-3620
Website: www.sacjumc.com  Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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**Asian Food & Cultural Bazaar**

Entertainment: Sacramento Taiko Dan and Ace Pocket Pickers and Much More!

Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church
6929 Franklin Blvd—421-1017
www.sacjumc.com

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**SSIP Churches Together!**
Crop Hunger Walk

October 8, 2016
Registration Time 9:30 am
Start Time 10:00 am
West Steps CA State Capitol
Cost – 1 can of food
Contact: Shigeko Shibata
shigekos@comcast.net, (916) 395-2550

Ending hunger one step at a time!

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**Children & Youth**

8th—Crop Walk (Mission)
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**Chancel Choir is back!**
Come! Share!
Rejoice!

Rehearsals are on Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30pm,
and before worship on Sunday mornings.
Invitation to Worship

October 2, 2016
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2016
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Family Sunday
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 18:1-8

October 16, 2016
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Remembering Saints/Laity Sunday
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
or Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23, 2016
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday
Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30, 2016
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sanctuary Series Part 1
Children’s Harvest Party
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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Oct. 9—Sunday School
Oct. 16—Ted Narasaki, Bill Taketa
Oct. 23—Karen Fong, Frances Lee
Oct. 30—Winston & Loretta Ashizawa

Greeters
Oct. 2—Emi Alicaya
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Oct. 16—Mary Ann Nakashima
Oct. 23—Kiku Ito
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Welcome Table
Oct. 2—Wayne Shimizu, Kathy Marquardt
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October Security Tobans:
Winston Ashizawa, Dale Fong
The Welcome Team at SJUMC is there to make everyone attending our church feel welcomed and supported! You will see us on Sunday morning greeting you, helping you find your nametags, and providing you with materials regarding our church’s activities. But we really do much more than this! We are there to welcome visitors and help them feel comfortable in our church. We try to either have a welcoming congregant or one of the welcome team members sit with our visitor during the church service. We are there to explain parts of the service to them, such as our communion, and to introduce them to members of our church. We explain about our church vision statement and our church activities. We invite them to the fellowship time and sit with them and try to make a connection with them.

As part of our welcoming, we give each visiting family a welcoming gift, a mug with the SJUMC logo and website. We also follow up with a handwritten card thanking them for attending our service and welcoming them back for future Sundays. Our cards are made and donated by the card group, so they are very special! So far, during 2016, we have welcomed at least 46 visitors to our church! When the youth mission teams came to church, we did not get all of their names, so the actual number is much greater. In 2016, we welcomed 58 visitors to our church. Some were here visiting with family or friends. Others have been looking for a new church. Several of our visitors have become regular church attendees and we have been enjoying their presence and spirit! We thank God that each of them has found a church family here at SJUMC!

In our attempts to make SJUMC more welcoming, we provide headsets for those with hearing impairment and ensure that they are working properly. We have also requested that the threshold for the narthex entry be adjusted so that those with wheelchairs and walkers can enter without being lifted over a bump. There is now a wheelchair available by the nametag board should an occasion arise for someone to need this assistance. We have provided step stools for the bathrooms so that children can easily reach the sinks. We had the Vision Statement printed and placed in the narthex for all to see on entering our church! If there is any other service that we can provide to make SJUMC more welcoming, please let one of the members know! And if you would like to be a part of this team, please let us know...we are always looking for people who would like to contribute to God’s church in this way!

The members of the Welcome Team are Kathy Gosney, Yuki Kozuma, Wayne Shimizu, Julie Nishite, Keiko Kato, Yoshiko Harper, Kyung Chang, Lorenzo Moreno, Clarence Kado, Chris Matsumoto, and Kathy Marquardt.

**Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church**

**Finance Recap**

July, 2016

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**Improvement Fund**

| Beginning cash balance July 1, 2016      | 40,913.77                 |
| Deposit                                 | 5,692.15                  |
| $2782.15 Proceeds from CD               |                           |
| Expenses                                 | 0.00                      |
| Ending cash balance July 31, 2016        | 45,605.92                 |

**Kingdom Fund**

| Beginning cash balance July 1, 2016      | 28,041.20                 |
| Deposit                                 | 4,032.15                  |
| $2782.15 Proceeds from CD               |                           |
| Expenses                                 | 0.00                      |
| Ending cash balance July 31, 2016        | 32,073.35                 |

**Special Events**

| Beginning cash balance July 1, 2016      | 374,878.33                |
| Fair Market Value of Stocks              | 58,171.00                 |
| Checking Account-Bank of America         | 39,093.24                 |
| Money Market Checking - CBT              | 249,968.33                |
| Transfer to Endowment                   | 0.00                      |
| Wish list Sanctuary                      | 0.00                      |
| Restricted gift - Parsonage Maintenance  | 0.00                      |
| Restricted gift - Signage                | 0.00                      |
| Restricted Member Gift                  | 11,857.58                 |
| Restricted Member Gift                  | 1,836.59                  |
| UMW Gift AV System                      | 3,000.00                  |
| Ending cash balance July 31, 2016        | 351,527.73                |

| Other Assets-Loan to GF, June 2016       | 20,000.00                 |
| Total Net Worth July 31, 2016            | 351,527.73                |

**Stewardship Sunday’s in October.**

You should receive a letter in early October asking for your pledge for 2017. Pledging is important as it gives Church Council an amount that they can use to budget for the next year. Please prayerfully consider your giving for SJUMC in 2017, fill out the pledge form and bring it to worship or send them into the office. All pledges will be blessed on our third Stewardship Sunday October 23.
UMW Bus Trip

The day started out with most of us hoping to escape the Sacramento heat and I think that wish was granted as we spent the day in San Francisco and Berkeley. It started out on Thursday morning, everyone lined up waiting for the bus. Gloria said to be there no later than 7:15 as the bus was leaving at 7:30 sharp! As usual, people started arriving at 6:45 because they didn’t want to be the one person that the bus was waiting for. As it turns out, the bus was a few minutes late, so those arriving after 7:15 had nothing to worry about.

We arrived at the Golden Gate Park Botanical Gardens and headed straight for the bathroom. Once the important business was taken care of, we took off to explore the beautiful gardens. After the gardens we headed for Nihonmachi so that we could shop. Most of us spent our allotted time at Daiso, buying whatever we could for $1.50.

After shopping, we headed for Epworth United Methodist Church in Berkeley where we were kind enough to open their Social Hall and serve us tea as we ate our delicious obento from Tokyo Fish. Once we were nourished, we got back on the bus and headed for 4th St., another shopping area in Berkeley. After we shopped until we dropped, we got back on the bus and headed back to SJUMC and arrived just as our itinerary stated at 6:30, tired, but happy, after a wonderful trip to the Bay Area.

Many thanks to Gloria and her toban for making the arrangements, the goodie bags and bottled water, to Art for doing (as he put it ) the grunt work and to our wonderful bus driver, who even though this was one of her first trips, maneuvered the bus in San Francisco traffic and the narrow streets of Berkeley!

Bring the Church to Them

If members are not able to come to church, we can bring the church to them!

We will have opening prayer, brief introductions, devotional, hymns, prayer requests, closing prayer.

Place: Carlton Plaza, 6915 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove, CA 95758 (next to Nugget Market)
Room: Craft Room, 2nd floor (midway down the hall)
Meet: 2nd Sundays
Time: 12:45-1:30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As of August 31, 2016

Marie* Okino
Joyce* Oshiro
Susan* Otani
Kelvin Ronay & Kimi Kanemasu
Roy* & Kiyô* Sato
Stuart* & Arlayne Satow
Victor* & Shigeko* Shibata
Teruo Shintaku
Frances* Sumida
Stimson* & Betty* Suzuki
Curtis & Mindy Takechi
Bill* & Doris* Taketa
Frank & Lisa* Tanaka
Seiko Taiteshi
Sue* Teranishi
Linda Tomita
Rick & Tami* Tomlinson
Cliff & Julie* Toyama
James & Wendy* Umino
Frederick & Fumiko* Williams
Mickey* Yamadera
Isao Yanagisawa
Richard* Yang

IMPROVEMENT FUND PLEDGES

Scott* E. Chung
Richard & Ruby Fernandez
Karen* Fong
Lincoln* Fujii
Naomi* Goto
Judie* Higaishi
Art & Gloria Imagire
Belle* Ito
Henry & Midori Johnson
Russell* & Jill* Kanemasu
Raymond & Yvonne* Kato
Amy* Kawahara
Bob* & Betty* Kimoto
Yukiko Kozuma
Jane* Kurosawa-Combs
Frances* Lee
Elaine Maeda

KINGDOM FUND PLEDGES

Scott* E. Chung
Dale* Fong
Belle* Ito
Grace* Iwata
Bob* & Betty* Kimoto
Mary* Nakamura
Joyce* Oshiro
Susan* Otani
Margaret* Saito
Roy* & Kiyô* Sato
Stuart* & Arlayne Satow
Sue* Teranishi

Place: ACC Care Center Dining Hall, 7801 Rush River Dr, Sacramento, CA 95831
Meet: 4th Wednesdays
Time: 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Matsuo
Joanne * Mikami
Kent* & Cath* Nakashima
Mary Ann* Nakashima
Herbert & Julia Niiya
Julie Nishite
Marie* Okino
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Mickey* Yamadera
Philip* & Lois* Yuki
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GENERAL FUND
In Celebration of 50th High School Reunion
Teranishi, Sue
In Memory of Lawrence Katayama
Kashiwagi, M/M George
Yomigida, M/M George
In Memory of Warren Harada
Nishite, Julie
Teranishi, Sue
In Memory of Warren Shibata
Shibata, M/M Victor
In Memory of Evan Toyama
Toyama, Toshi
In Memory of Robert Imagire
Yamadera, Mickey
In Memory of Carole Shintaku
Shintaku, Teruo
In Memory of Warren Harada
Harada, Patricia
In Memory of Elsie Matsumoto
Kusaka, M/M Bennie
In Memory of Masao & Setsuko Nakashima
Yokotobi, Mitsuko

UMCOR
Italy Earthquake
Fong, Karen

GENERAL FUND PLEDGES
Nelson and Nancy Akabori
Chuck & Gladys* Alicaya
Kyuung Chang
Scott* E. Chung
Richard & Ruby Fernandez
Dale* Fong
Karen* Fong
Larry* & Nadine Fong
Ron Fong
Lincoln* Fuji
Micki* Fukushima
Megumi* Goi
Mark* & Arlene* Hagiya
Mayumi* Hamakawa
Donald & Yoshiko* Harper
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Hoig
Lilly* Ikami
Art & Gloria Imagire
Andrew* Inouye
Mitzi* Ishisaka
Belle* Ito
Henry & Midori Johnson
Russell* & Jill* Kanemasu
Keiko* Kato
Michiko Kawaguchi
Julie Kawahara
Bob* & Betty* Kimoto
Mike & Joyce* Kimura
Yuri* Kimura
Patty* Koyama
Edwin & Alice Kubo
Norman Kujubu
Frances* Lee
Dr. Ernest Lehr
Tony & Lori Lee* Lewis
Evan & Patty Lum
Elaine Maeda
Bon Mamauag
Kathy* Marquardt
Ayako Marshall
Christopher* Matsumoto
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Matsuo
Mark McLean
Joanne * Mikami
Mary* Nakamura
Nancy A. Nakamura
Kent* & Kathi* Nakashima
Mary Ann’ Nakashima
Ken & Nadine Namikawa
James Newsome
Rev. George & Yoshiko Nishikawa
Curtis & Josefina Notsinneh

Did you know?
- Our SMUD bill for 2016 was almost $15,000; other utilities (gas, water, sewer, phone, trash) totaled $17,000; that’s $2,670 monthly for utilities.
- Salaries and benefits for our 7 paid positions (Pastor, secretary, Director of Christian Education, Children’s Ministry Director, Choir Director, Organist, Childcare) are $170,000 annually ($14,200 monthly); 50% of our annual budget.
- Every church in the Cal-Nevada District pays an “apportionment” to the district for its operating costs; SJUMC is in this district and therefore apportions 10% of specified income (general fund pledges, offerings) to the district. SJUMC’s apportionment for 2016 was $28,100 or $2,342 monthly.

If you have a specific question regarding church operations and finances, please submit it to the editor (by email: hankojo@starstream.net or put a note in the “newsletter” mailbox in the church office).

Annual Charge Conference
Sunday, November 20, 2016
1:00 p.m. at SJUMC
All reports due NOW!

Come join us for the Bowling Green Family Lunch on the last Saturday of the month October 29! 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.

Items Needed for Fall Rummage Sale!
The UMW rummage sale is quickly approaching on Nov. 5th. We would appreciate any donations of items you no longer need or use.

Gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, table linens, household items, kitchen goods, purses, toys, jewelry, books, CDs, and small working appliances are all popular items with our customers. We also accept e-waste: electronics such as TVs, computers, cell phones and microwaves, working or not.

Rummage sale items can be brought to the church from Sunday, October 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., M-Th 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Fri 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We are often here at other times, so please call 916-421-1017 to arrange drop-off or pick-up outside of Church Office hours.
 SJUMC Prayers
Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of:
- Kimiko Nakao
- Nancy Lew
- Leland Tom
- George Iseri (Dorothy’s older brother)
- Warren Harada (Lisa and Tom Poon)
- Bert Shikashо
- Masako Yokomichi
- Cathy Takeda
- Debbie Blaisdell (service Oct 1)

Special Prayers
- Roy Sato
- Lorenzo Moreno
- Sandra Coronado & Vasuano Williams (parents of Shaday Bryant)
- Bob Jovalis
- Kathy Nakashima
- Tom Nishizaki
- Jean Kanemoto
- May Ukita
- Farrington & Helen Blaisdell
- Marion Murai
- Chewy Yasushi Ito
- Francis Asahara
- Keiko Nakata
- All those who are affected by the bomb incidents of NY and NJ
- World Situations
- People who are facing surgery
- People who are recovering
- People who are going through difficult times

Thanksgiving
Great Summer SJUMC Passport series
Welcome back Sunday luncheon
Robyn as a Children Ministry Coordinator

The SSIP Top 6:
- CANNED FRUITS
- TUNA
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- SOUP
- PEANUT BUTTER
- CASH

Or donate online at SSIPfoodcloset.org.

Blessings and thanks to you!

*Paper and plastic grocery bags and egg cartons also appreciated.

c/o Bethany Presbyterian Church
2625 - 24th Street, Sac 95822
**Nominations for 2017**
The Nomination Committee is currently working on selecting people for our committees. The committees are: Church Council, Board of Trustees, Committee on Finance, Committee on Stewardship, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, Christian Education Committee, Committee on Worship, Committee on Mission. If you are willing to serve, please contact Rev. Motoe.

**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. Sunday **Small Group** at 7pm at Belle Ito’s House
4-5. Two **Walk to Emmaus Groups**
7. **UMW Reading Group**
8. **Bible Survey** - Sundays at 9:15am in the Fireside room except the 1st Sunday (led by Rev. Peter Willms)

**Meeting on the first Sunday of every month starting again in Sept at 9:15am in the Office Classroom. Everyone is warmly invited to join us whenever we meet. Whether you are grieving a loss or going through a major change in your life, blessings await you when you attend.**

**Give the unto the Lord**

**Books (English and Japanese) are available to borrow in the Fireside Room**

**Bags of Grace at SJUMC**

Are available in the Social hall to give out to people in need.

Please take a couple and keep them in your car.

**Bishop Minerva Carcaño**

**Assigned to the California-Nevada Conference**

Bishop Minerva Carcaño was assigned by the California Nevada-Conference (San Francisco Episcopal Area) to be the resident bishop starting September 1, 2016. She is a native of Edinburg, Texas. A third generation Methodist she experienced the call to ordained ministry as a child though at that moment in her life she only knew that she felt called to live in the church. The church has been her home throughout her life.

**Receptions for Bishop Carcaño:**

- Sunday, October 2
  - South Reno UMC
  - 200 De Spain Lane
  - Reno, NV
  - 2 p.m.

- Saturday, November 19
  - Los Altos UMC
  - 655 Magdalena Ave.
  - Los Altos, CA
  - 2 p.m.

**CROP Hunger Walks**

CROP Hunger Walks are community fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), an international relief, development, and refugee resettlement agency. Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide is used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for needy people around the world. Up to 25% of the money raised in our CROP Hunger Walk is distributed to local hunger-alleviating agencies in Sacramento, including SSIP Food Closet! Ways to Participate - There are many ways you can participate in the CROP Hunger Walk:

- Walk the designated route: 1 mile Capitol, 1.25 mile Capitol mall without Old Sac or 2 miles Capitol mall, loop, Old Sac
- Support a Walker with a generous donation
- Use the online CROP Walker option [http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/SSIP](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/SSIP)
- Be a Spirit Walker – raise funds for those unable to Walk
- Pray for the CROP Hunger Walk and for the poor and hungry.

**SSIP Churches Together Crop Hunger Walk**

**October 8, 2015**

- Registration Time: 9:30 am
- Start Time: 10:00 am
- West Steps CA State Capitol

Contact: Shigeko Shibata
shigekos@comcast.net
(916) 395-2550

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The 2016-17 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to honor a loved one or give flowers in their memory on Sundays. The Chart will show what Sundays are available. Please take a moment to look at it and consider giving to the church in this way. Thank you for helping to beautify the sanctuary for worship with your Altar Flowers!
REOCCURING EVENTS:

Sunday school: Sundays @ 10:30am
(except 2nd Sundays- Family service)
Youth Group—1st/3rd Sat. @ 2pm-4pm
Contact Shaday Bryant to sign up or for more info @ sade@sacjumc.com or 916-949-6783.

1st: Fall Bazaar 11am to 3pm @ SJUMC
5th: Teen Girls Hangout @ 4pm to 5:30pm Youth Room
8th: Crop Walk (Mission) Register @ 9:30am;
     Begins @ 10am
9th: Car Wash Fundraiser for children & youth after service!
15th: Multicultural Festival @ 1:30pm Florin UMC
19th: Teen Girls Hangout @ 4pm to 5:30pm Youth Room
24th: Youth Skype Fellowship @ 6:30pm Youth Room
21st-22nd: Family Retreat @ Samuel P Taylor Camp Ground
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     11:30am to 1pm - Bowling Green Hall
TBA: Fall Festival / Pumpkin Patch @ 12noon to
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10:00am the walk begins!

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Call Shaday at 750-6218 for more info.