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SAKURA DAYORI

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Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- *September 11* -
 Welcome Back Sunday
- *September 18* -
 Church Activity Fair
- Small Groups - See page 7
- Young People's music ministry program - Sunday's after children's message all young people are invited to sing, move and praise with Robyn
- *October 1*
 Annual Food Bazaar - 10:30 - 4:00

ASIAN FOOD & CULTURAL BAZAAR



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September 11, 2011

- 9:30 am - 10:00 am — Parents Meeting with Rev. Motoe Yamada & Sunday School. *Parents of Pre-school through Sr, High are invited*
- 9:35 am - 10:30 am — Sunday School and Basketball Sign-ups
- 10:30 am - Worship
- 11:45 am - Welcome Back & Appreciation Luncheon

Notes from the Pastor

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:38-40)

What a busy summer we had! Starting from the California/Nevada Annual Conference, we had so many events; Vacation Bible School, Sr. High & Young Adult Mission Trip to Arizona, Jr. High Camp, Jan Ken Po-Summer Cultural School, Youth 2011, Asian American Camp, Youth Worship and Aloha Sunday!) Thank you so much for all the volunteers and participants for those events! One of the highlights of the summer for me was to see how excited young people were at the Youth 2011 event! They were singing, dancing and screaming for Jesus! I was so inspired by their energy that SJUMC is in conversation with other churches to start a young people's band to bring young people together for a sacred space.

What was your first experience when you visited SJUMC? Do you remember who greeted you? Have you had an experience of visiting another church and felt that you were unwelcomed? The Welcome Assessment team was formed during the summer to identify our church strengths and weakness of welcome-ness. Jason Weekly will be leading the Welcome Planning Team to come up with more ideas. You may be approached to help us to make this church more welcoming. Jesus told his disciples to welcome strangers. We are a great church and we have wonderful things to share, so let us invite other people to our church community!

Many programs are starting for the Fall. The small groups are back and this time you can pick your own topic and time. Small groups are one of the key elements for the church growth and people to be closer to Jesus. If you had a great time in your Lenten small group, please sign up for another one. If you missed the chance during Lent, please sign up this time. Please be open for the Holy Spirit to move you and transform you through the small group.

After many years of Helen Blaisdell's leadership, the Adult Literacy Program (English As a Second Language) is shifting under the new leadership of Robin Sweany. We appreciate Helen's hard work and we are excited for Robin. If you would like to teach, please join us on Sept. 18, Sunday at 9am for the training.

The Caregiving group is collecting names for the friendly visitor program which only requires one hour per month to visit a person. If you would like to share Jesus love by listening, please let me know. The Caregiving group recently approved the Older Adult Dance Group (starting on Sept. 6, Tuesday morning). We believe in spiritual, emotional and physical health. We are happy to provide this opportunity for Older Adults on top of our regular Thursday Senior exercise class.

Are you having hard time catching up what a kind of groups SJUMC has? We have a perfect opportunity for you! During the Church Activity Fair (Sept. 18, Sunday) you will be able to see displays and talk to people about programs. I am sure that you will find at least one group that you did not know it existed at the church!

Thank you for being a part of such a wonderful church! May God bless you. Looking forward to having the great Fall with you!



Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church

Finance Recap June 2011

| General Fund | | General Fund Restrictions | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning cash balance 05/31/11 | \$ 41,804.46 | Unrestricted Cash | \$ 3,188.56 |
| Cash Inflows | | | |
| Pledges | 10,276.56 | Youth Group Funds | 7,780.70 |
| Offerings | 2,630.00 | Japan Mission Trip Funds | 7,983.00 |
| UMCOR donations & other pass throughs | 895.00 | UMCOR & other passthroughs | 488.42 |
| Other Receipts | 2,203.26 | Paint Fund | 5,126.33 |
| MYF Receipts | 190.00 | Total Cash Balance | \$ 24,567.01 |
| Total cash inflows | 16,194.82 | | |
| Cash Outflows | | | |
| Capital Improvements & maintenance | (1,615.00) | | |
| Apportionments | (2,755.00) | | |
| UMCOR & other pass through payments | (2,345.00) | | |
| Operations | (26,717.27) | | |
| Total cash outflows | (33,432.27) | | |
| Ending cash balance 06/30/11 | \$ 24,567.01 | | |

| Legacy Fund | | Multi-Cultural Hall Mortgage | |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning cash balance 05/31/11 | \$ 44,436.59 | 05/31/11 Principal Balance | 419,237.87 |
| Cash Inflows | | | |
| Pledges | 3,563.00 | June 2011 principal pmt | 6,049.13 |
| Interest, Dividends & Capital Gains earned | 404.91 | June 2011 interest pmt | 2,270.87 |
| Total cash inflows | 3,967.91 | 06/30/11 Principal Balance | \$413,188.74 |
| Cash Outflows | | | |
| Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment | (8,320.00) | | |
| Dividends Reinvested | (51.44) | | |
| Total cash outflows | (8,371.44) | | |
| Ending cash balance 06/30/11 | 40,033.06 | | |
| 06/30/11 fair market value of stocks | 101,416.75 | | |
| Total Assets in Legacy | \$ 141,449.81 | | |

| Special Events | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Beginning cash balance 05/31/11 | \$ 402,263.41 |
| Fair Market Value of Stocks 06/30/11 | 215,947.27 |
| Money Market 06/30/11 | 90,580.93 |
| Wish list Sanctuary | 35,000.00 |
| Automatic Gate | 1,500.00 |
| Restricted Ashizawa Gift | 12,109.72 |
| Parsonage Loan balance | 10,287.73 |
| Checking Account | 27,180.23 |
| Total Assets in Special Events | \$ 392,605.88 |

SJUMC is on Facebook!
Please join us on facebook

| Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|--|
| Finance Recap | | | |
| May 2011 | | | |
| General Fund | | | |
| Beginning cash balance 04/30/11 | \$ | 50,416.24 | |
| Cash Inflows | | | |
| Pledges | 12,698.00 | | |
| Offerings | 11,906.40 | | |
| UMCOR donations & other pass throughs | 2,195.00 | | |
| Other Receipts | 986.28 | | |
| MYF Receipts | 403.41 | | |
| Total cash inflows | | 28,189.09 | |
| Cash Outflows | | | |
| Capital Improvements & maintenance | (1,231.95) | | |
| Apportionments | (3,279.00) | | |
| UMCOR & other pass through payments | (18,924.00) | | |
| Operations | (13,365.92) | | |
| Total cash outflows | | (36,800.87) | |
| Ending cash balance 05/31/11 | \$ | 41,804.46 | |
| General Fund Restrictions | | | |
| Unrestricted Cash | \$ | 17,710.20 | |
| Youth Group Funds | 9,661.51 | | |
| Japan Mission Trip Funds | 7,368.00 | | |
| UMCOR & other passthroughs | 1,938.42 | | |
| Paint Fund | 5,126.33 | | |
| Total Cash Balance | \$ | 41,804.46 | |
| Legacy Fund | | | |
| Beginning cash balance 04/30/11 | \$ | 47,965.62 | |
| Cash Inflows | | | |
| Pledges | 4,563.00 | | |
| Interest, Dividends & Capital Gains earned | 227.96 | | |
| Total cash inflows | | 4,790.96 | |
| Cash Outflows | | | |
| Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment | (8,320.00) | | |
| Quarterly Advisory Fee | - | | |
| Total cash outflows | | (8,320.00) | |
| Ending cash balance 05/31/11 | | 44,436.58 | |
| 05/31/11 fair market value of stocks | | 102,372.79 | |
| Total Assets in Legacy | \$ | 146,809.37 | |
| Special Events | | | |
| Beginning cash balance 04/30/11 | \$ | 362,399.93 | |
| Fair Market Value of Stocks 05/31/11 | 215,047.73 | | |
| Money Market 05/31/11 | 89,546.86 | | |
| Parsonage Loan balance | 10,267.73 | | |
| Checking Account | 36,740.94 | | |
| Wish List | 36,500.00 | | |
| Restricted Ashizawa Gift | 12,109.72 | | |
| Total Assets in Special Events | \$ | 400,232.98 | |



Security Alarm

If you accidentally set off the church security alarm, please make sure to call the Astro Security and Art Imageri immediately - both numbers are on the wall by the security pads. Even if you type your code and the alarm sound stops, the Astro Security will notify the police and we will be charged (more than \$200!)

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 behind 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.

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 July, 2011----the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 7,079 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,818 unduplicated households. The number of persons served and the food delivered indicates the importance of this ministry.

In July 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.

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.



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.



THANK YOU

Thank you to Les Wataji for all that you do around the church. Les is asked to do much around the church and he steps up and does it without question. For those that open the parking lot gates, I'm sure they have noticed how much easier it is now. Les replaced the rollers on both gates. Domo Arigato, Les!



Thank you Garden Angels and the Thursday at the Movies at SJUMC Group for supporting the Youth 2011 weekend in Sacramento. Dinner on Friday and Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday were hosted by Bob and Gloria Sasaki, Fran Sumida and Anne Miyasaki. God bless you.

Sing Inspiration

September 18, Sunday after Church Activity Fair in the Sanctuary. Enjoy singing or playing Contemporary Christian Music? Join us in the Sanctuary after worship today. All are welcome!



SJUMC Ukulele Band Mele Ho'okani

Please join our mixed group of intermediate and beginning players!!! You can borrow our Ukulele to practice for 6 weeks to see if you like it! Practices are held on Sundays after fellowship. Our musical repertoire is church songs, as well as American, Hawaiian, and Asian. **Our primary goal is to have fun playing the Ukulele and increasing our Ukulele skills.** If you are interested in joining this new Ukulele group, contact Mary Ann Nakashima (916-427-5105) or church office (916-421-1017).



UMW Report

UMW General Meeting - October 16 - Items To Be Discussed:

- Presentation of Recognition Pins for several members of SJUMC.
- Introduction of Nominees for 2012 Cabinet. The Installation of the nominees will be held at the January Budget meeting.

UMW Officer Positions

If you are interested in holding a UMW officer position listed above, please contact the nominating committee (Mary Ann Nakashima and Gloria Imagire) by September 15. **After September 15, nominations will be closed.**

Church Activity Fair September 18, Sunday

You will get to see all in one place the many opportunities we have for spiritual growth, fellowship and service!

"The Inclusiveness Task Force (appointed by the Church Council) met and decided to have this Fair so that all members as well as visitors can find out what we do at SJUMC. The fellowship time (the refreshment) will be served in the Multi-Cultural Hall therefore all members can eat and learn about our church activities.



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.

SJUMC Adult Literacy Program

The Adult Literacy Program has been a promising one. It started way back when the Head Start Program was housed at SJUMC in 1993. In speaking with the Head Start teachers, I learned that there was need to help some of the parents with reading, writing and speaking English. Letters of invitation for help were given to all Head Start parents. We received six responses expressing interest. To start, one-on-one tutoring service was offered to six Head Start mothers every Tuesday at church. To be more effective I needed some tutoring help, so I asked some of the church ladies for help. This was the beginning of our Adult Literacy Program. I thank God for being with us for 18 years, leading us all the way.

I attended one of the inspiring introductory workshops for new tutors that Mary Buehler, Director of Sacramento Literacy, conducted for years. I told her of my plans for a tutoring program at SJUMC and was interested in purchasing/borrowing textbooks and manuals. She has shared useful materials and has been of invaluable help to our program. We have been tutoring students she has interviewed and assessed, especially in our area. We are part of Sacramento Literacy. In addition, some of our students have been referred by members of our church, their friends and members of our community.

Our Adult Literacy Program has been a great outreach program, as we not only tutor U. S. citizens, we help students from other countries now living in our community. They have come from Japan, China, Vietnam, Laos, Mexico, India, Lebanon and Afghanistan. What we have learned from them about their cultures is priceless. We learned to accept them as neighbors; in fact, a couple of our tutors have become kinfolks to their students.

Our program would not have possible without the help of the following dedicated caring tutors;

Marian Drown, Amy Kawahara, Amy Shimada; Jean Kanemoto, Meg Goi, Lucy Yokota, Merry Kurosaki, Bernice Dingley, Frances Sumida, Kathi Nakashima, June Tanihana, May Ukita, Gloria Imagire, Arlene Hagiya, Carole Hirano, Gina Kato, Barbara Kado, Laurie Hosoume, Kiku Ito, Betty Kimoto, Margaret Saito, and our departed tutors; Chiz Ito, Mary Shimazu and Melba Kaminaka. My heartfelt thanks to all.

Our purpose has always been to help our non-English and limited English students to become confident, independent, contributing members of our community. I hope to see it continue. A big plus is that is a low cost program. At first our funds came from SJUMC Community Outreach Funds. In the last few years we have been blessed with funds from the Sacramento Japanese Film Festival proceeds.

I have enjoyed every minute of my time with Adult Literacy, and I have truly enjoyed all my students, all the tutors who helped and the willing help of Mary Buehler. But – this June I felt the need to slow down a bit and tend to some things at home – do some serious house cleaning; catch up with correspondence long due, and spend more time with my granddaughters. So – I have decided to pass on this program to someone who is excited about Adult Literacy. **Our new coordinator is Robin Sweany** from Davis, a friend of Barbara and Clarence Kado. She comes to us with lots of experience working with ESL students. Please step right up when she asks for help. Your help is important in continuing the Adult Literacy Program at SJUMC. Join us for the next training on Sept. 18 at 9am in the garden room.

Helen Blaisdell,
Coordinator
(Retired)
SJUMC Adult Literacy Program



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (cont)

Yadao, Roni
Yamada, Rev Motoe
Zane, Kristy

Concert

Hutchinson-Haddad
Jovalis, M/M Robert
Kujubu, M/M Norman
Lewis, M/M Tony
McLean, Matt
Mikami, Joanne
Silvernail, M/M Dave
SJUMC Adult Mission
Takechi, M/M Curtis
Teranishi, Sue
Yamada, Rev Motoe

Sweat for Japan

Curtis, Emily
Farmer, Lynda
Holly, Fong
Ito, Valerie
Johnson, Susan
Kimura, Mike
Masunaga, May
Oshiro, Joyce
Revilla, Linda
Saito, Margaret

LEGACY FUND

Celebration of Birth of Granddaughter
Nakashima, Mary Ann
In Celebration of M/M Paul Ito's Anniversary
Okino, Marie
In Celebration of Bill & Doris Taketa Anniversary
Okino, Marie
Jill's Graduation from Law School
Shibata, M/M Victor
Thank You
Oguro, M/M Keith
Roy's Birthday
Okino, Marie
In Memory of John Edwards
Alicaya, M/M Chuck
In Memory of George Kinoshita

Dingley, Bernice
In Memory of Takaji Inouye
Inouye, Tim
In Memory of Takaji Dan Inouye's Birthday
Inouye, Margaret
In Memory of Patrick Seno
Kanemoto, Jean
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of Paul Nakashima
Nakashima, Mary Ann
In Memory of Roy Sakamoto
Sakamoto, Katherine
In Memory of Walter Hamamoto
Sakamoto, Katherine
In Memory of Linda Umeda
Taketa, Catherine
In Memory of Ikuko Asahara
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of Alvin Seno
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of Setsuki Nakashima
Alicaya, M/M Chuck
Fong, Karen
Imagire, M/M Art
Kanemoto, Jean
Nakashima, M/M Kent
Nishikawa, Rev/M George
Ronay, M/M Kelvin
Sakauye, M/M Jiro
Shibata, M/M Victor

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



Invitation to Worship

September 4, 2011
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149 or Psalm 148
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 11, 2011
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 18, 2011
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 25, 2011
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

To offer flowers for morning worship, take note of the new Flower Chart on the wall in the entryway. You may offer flowers as a remembrance or in celebration. Instructions are available on the table next to the sign-up sheet.



Greeters for September

September 4—Lester Wataji & Laura Katayama
September 11—May Ukita & Margaret Saito
September 18—Curtis & Mindy Takechi
September 25—May Ukita & Joyce Oshiro

Ushers for September

September 4—Andy Foor & Roger Nakashima
September 11—Keiko Kato & Keiko Nakata
September 18—Frances Lee & Margaret Saito
September 25—Lily Ikami & Kiku Ito



September Fellowship Tobans

September 4—SPRC
September 11—UMW
September 18—Trustees
September 25—UMW



September Security Tobans:

Wes Honbo, Les Wataji,
Al Fong



Mission Committee Update

Spring Storm Help IUMCOR 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.*



Thank you to each of you for your part in helping to support the Japan Relief efforts taking place in our community. Thanks to the efforts of many, we raised \$1310 for Japan Mission Trips at the concert on June 25!

Thank you to Spirit Within who helped at the event and to the leads who coordinated various aspects - Eddie Koshino and his crew (Jason Weekley, Eric Hirata, Andy Foor, Ron Trujillo, Dale Fong) for set up and clean up, Joanne Mikami and her crew (Lori Lee, Sandy Koshino, Gina Kato, Tina Weekley) for help with refreshments, Betty Silvernail and her crew (Libby Feil, Ron Trujillo) for handling tickets, and Joyce Oshiro for being the lone toban and for taking the lead on the greeters (Andy Foor, Jason Weekley, Dahlia Eng, Mindy Takechi).

Thanks Smiley Fong for coming to supervise and to help with the laying of the mat and the unrolling of it. And thank you to everyone who helped bring refreshments (Kimi Ronay, Sandy Koshino, Joanne Mikami, Mindy Takechi, Tina Weekley, Karen Kashiwagi, Mark McLean, Rev. Motoe, and Anne Miyasaki). It was also wonderful to see volunteers from the Japanese Film Festival Committee in attendance. Thank you to Cathy Mayeda who developed a display board that we may use to share about the Japan Relief efforts. Special thank you to Robyn for creating the wonderful program while working on VBS, and to Rev. Motoe who made time to finish up the program before heading to her

friend's memorial service in the bay area yesterday morning.

Special thank you to members of the Task Force for Japan Relief who were able to help out - Sue Teranishi for being at the mission table and Lori Lee for helping to make the refreshment packaging so appealing.

This concert would not have been possible had Mark McLean not responded to the nudges he was receiving from his friends outside of church about doing a benefit concert to help the people of Japan. Thank you, Mark for all of your help in coordinating the concert with Roni and for enlisting the help of your nephews, Michael and Matt to patrol the parking lot in the heat! We were all treated to a fabulous concert thanks to the generosity of you, Roni and Rochelle who donated their time and talents to perform. And thank you to Roni who donated half of the proceeds of her cd sales to the Mission Trip fund!

Thank you, again to each of you! We couldn't have done this without all of your efforts! And thank you for responding to God's nudging. =)



May the peace of Christ be with you all,

Mary Nakamura
Chair, Task Force for Japan Relief
Mission & Social Concern Committee



Sweat for Japan

We are also very thankful for the coordinator, Lori Lee, volunteers, our wonderful instructors (Pam, Carolyn and Kerry) for Zumba and Yoga, and participants! We had a great time and we raised for a good cause!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (cont)

Sato, M/M Roy
In Memory of James Tanihana
Tanihana, June
In Memory of Alvin Seno
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of Setsuko Nakashima
Ashizawa, M/M Winston
Fujii, Lincoln
Fong, Carolyn
Kubo, M/M Edwin
Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
Lee, Frances
Miyasaki, Anne
Murakami, M/M Sam
Shibata, M/M Victor

Choir Fund

Hombo, Dr./M Wes

YOUTH MISSION

Sakamoto, Sayuri
Ukita, May
High School. Mission Trip – Tucson, AZ
Kawahara, M/M Yosh

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

Kawahara, M/M Yosh

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Anonymous
Kawahara, M/M Yosh
Miyasaki, Anne
Saito, Margaret
Sasaki, M/M Robert
Shibata, M/M Victor
Shintaku, Teruo
Sumida, Frances
Yamadera, Mickey

SPECIAL OFFERING

Ashizawa, M/ M Winston

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Imagire, M/M Art
Kenyon, M/M Stephen J.

Kimoto-Ross, Diane
Nishimura, M/M Jim
Oyue, M/M N.Y.

UMCOR US Floods

Imagire, M/M Art
Murai, Marion
Sasaki, M/M Robert
Teranishi, Sue

JAPAN RELIEF

Amalia Cardenas (group of 13 children's donation)
Blaisdell, M/M Farrington
Joanne Mikami's Bunco Group
Hosoume, Buro
Teranishi, Sue

JAPAN MISSION

Anonymous
Blaisdell, M/M Farrington
Eng, Dahlia
Hadley, Nathan
Hazel, Darrell B.
Henninger-Metzger, Cynthia
Hutchinson-Haddad
Ida, Keisuke
Johnson, Susan
Kanemasu, M/M Russell
Kanemoto, Jean
Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
Koshino, M/M Eddie
Lee, Loretta
Maeda, Elaine
Mayeda, M/M Mark
Mills, Melva
Morrow, Shaun
Nevares, Chery
Novelli, Yvonne
Sakamoto, Sayuri
Shibata, M/M Victor
Shimoto, Jean
Silvernail, M/M Dave
Smith, Clarence
Teranishi, Sue

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

As of July 31, 2011

Appreciation of Chrysanthemum Plant for
Easter

Kazato, Rev/M Shiro

In Celebration of for all who were baptized &
accepted into membership

Kawahara, M/M Yosh

In Celebration of Yosh's birthday

Kawahara, M/M Yosh

In Celebration of Setsuko Nakashima's baptism

Nakashima, M/M Kent

In Celebration of Baptism of Alyssia Hirata

Ng, Henry

In Celebration of & appreciation for prayers and
recovery from surgery

Kimura, Mike

In Celebration of Paul & Shizue Ito's 65th Anni-
versary

Matsuoka, M/M Walter

In Celebration of Richie Oguro's graduation

Oguro, M/M Keith

In Celebration of baptism of Kumiko Sakata

Sakata, M/M Don

In Celebration of Jill Shibata's graduation from
law school

Shibata, M/M Victor

In Honor of Gary & Debi Grundman's Retirement

Kashiwagi, M/M Warren

In Honor of Paul Ito

Ishii, Dr Edward

Birthday offering

Kobayasahi, M/M Richard

Aloha Sunday

Kubo, M/M Edwin

Care Ministry

Kubokawa, JoAnne

Gift

Perry, Florence

Flowers

Nishizaki, Tom

Sr. High SSP Donation

Rolling Hills Methodist Church

In Memory of Ikuko Asahara

Asahara, Francis

In Memory of Daniel Fujimoto

Honbo, Dr/M Wesley

In Memory of Joe Ikami

Ikami, Lily

In Memory of Dan Inouye

Inouye, Andrew

In Memory of Dan Inouye for Fathers' day

Inouye, Andrew

In Memory of Takaji Inouye

Inouye, Timothy

In Memory of Sadao Baishiki

Ishisaka, Mitsue

Tanihana, June

In Memory of Belle Ito's brother

Ito, M/M James

Kanemoto, Jean

Miyasaki, Anne

Osuga, M/M David

In Memory of Ben Kunibe

Iwata, Grace

In Memory of Theresa Grundman

Kanemasu, M/M Russell

Kubo, M/M Edwin

Miyasaki, Anne

In Memory of Tadakazu Kato

Kanemoto, Jean

Osuga, M/M David

In Memory of Fumiko Nishizaki

Kawahara, Rose

Easter Offering In Memory of Kern Kono

Kono, Grace

Memorial day offering In Memory of Kern Kono

Kono, Grace & Family

In Memory of Caroline Ouchida's mother

Kubo, M/M Edwin

In Memory of Suenari Koyasako

Murakami, M/M Sam

In Memory of Sue Okamoto

Okamoto, Mathew

In Memory of Roy Sakamoto

Sakamoto, Katherine

In Memory of Walter Hamamoto

Sakamoto, Katherine

In Memory of Mits Hirohama

Older Adults Classes

The Artist's Way: **Memoir Writing**. It draws on Julia Cameron's book, The Artist's Way, but plenty of time is given in class to write and share writing. OPEN TO ANYONE. Contact: Jackie Finley at ([916-769-2121](tel:916-769-2121)) (jackie@theunion.net) for registration (strongly suggested). Fee for all the above Memoir-writing classes: \$40 for six sessions, \$35 for five.

When: Tuesdays, Sept. 10:30-12 pm.

Where: Bread of Life, 650 El Camino Ave-

SJUMC Older Adult Dance Group
Hula and Line Dance for Older Adults

Starting form September, every Tuesday morning, there will be a practice. Please contact Fran Sumida for more information.



Older Adult Ministry Council of Cal/Nev Conference presents

**Moving Forward:
Caregiver Support Forum**
September 21, Wednesday
9:30-3:30

UMC Conference Center, West Sacramento
RSVP by Sept. 12—the space is limited.
Rev. Motoe can drive you. Please let her know.

**Senior Open Gym -
Every Thursday
9:30am - Walking
10 - 11:00 am - Exer-
cise**



Wayne Shimizu from ACC, leads us every other Thursday in a fun and energizing program. Alternate Thursdays, a personal trainer, Yoshiko Wood leads us. Both programs will help you stay fit while having fun!

Fall Small Groups!!!

Fall Small Groups are starting in September! This time you can choose a topic you like and also how often you want to meet (once a week, every 3 weeks, some will meet once a month). If you are interested in, please let Rev. Motoe Know.

Do you have a deep longing for **something more**? It may be something you can't explain, but you have moral yearnings and visionary dreams that nothing has satisfied. You're not alone. Exactly what is meant by the *spiritual journey*? Your Small Group will help you understand and deepen **your experience of God**.

Topics are (more will be added later!)

- Why? Series (making sense of God's Will) by Shigeko Shibata, Alice Kubo and Karen Kashiwagi
- Hope Lives (discover God's heart for the Poor)
- Exploring the Way (repeat from the Lent) by Mary Nakamura and Tina Weekley
- Christianity 101 (Confirmation class for Adults) by Rev. Motoe Yamada—Do you have questions about Christianity, God, Jesus and church? This class is very basic class for adult Christian who would like to learn more.
- Why am I doing in this pit? By Mindy-Takechi and Sayuri Sakamoto. We all face trials and hard times. It is safe to say that at some point in life, we will find ourselves in some kind of pit. Every pit has a purpose. Some of our most powerful life lessons are learned during the darkest times of our life. Join Sayuri Sakamoto and Mindy Takechi in exploring God's grace and restoration as we



learn that He sometimes delivers us from the pit and sometimes He delivers us in it. But our loving God will *always* come through.

Youth News

As the summer comes to an end, we make the most of our time before school begins. August was no exception. The month started off great with a wonderful week at Asian Camp! We had 4 high school youth and 1 young adult attend as campers. This year's theme was Connectitude and we were able to explore what it means to make a meaningful connection with God and each other when we have the right attitude. Our theme was based in the book of Psalms to illustrate that we are not disconnected from God's story and that we continue to bring the kingdom as ACTors here on Earth. On the 21st of August, we had the pleasure of cooking for the all church picnic! The youth were able to contribute their time BBQing and helping out with games for the kids. We all had a great time!

We will be starting **open gym** again the **4th Sunday** of every month. The youth will have a **"Back to school!" Lock-in on September 10th and 11th**. We will look at how we can rely on God and how God will provide rest when school seems to consume us. Different methods of stress release and meditation will be explored and we will play with time management and discuss how fellowship can be a tool used throughout the year.

On **September 18th** we will go to **Sky High** after service and have an afternoon of 'bouncing off the walls'. Please keep an eye on our website and Google Group for more info and notifications on upcoming events.



Confirmation class by Rev. Motoe Yamada

Who: incoming 7th grade to 12th grade.
When: 5 sessions and 1 retreat
October 2, Sunday 12:30-2:30pm
October 16, Sunday 12:30-2:30pm
October 30, Sunday 12:30-2:30pm
November 6, Sunday 12:30-2:30pm
November 20, Sunday 12:30-2:30pm

Overnight retreat (we will pick the dates which will work for all on the first session)

Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. Most confirmands are youth who have been nurtured in the church since their baptism as an infant or young child. Most churches offer a deliberate time of preparation before this service. During confirmation class, confirmands learn about the meaning of Christian faith; the history and teachings and The United Methodist Church; and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing.

The registration form will be available at the parents meeting on Sept. 11. If you have any questions, please talk to Rev. Motoe.

Children at SJUMC

Sunday School starts on September 11 – Welcome Back Sunday! It begins with a Welcome from the Pastor in the Fellowship Hall, then you will go with your children's teachers to learn about this year's program. All are welcome to come!



Young People's music ministry program will be starting up on September 11th! Join Robyn after Children's message in the Chapel as we join together in music, fun and praise!



Ice-Cream Social on Sept. 18

After the Activity Fair all young people are invited to the Garden Room for an Ice Cream Social and games! Yum!



Ice Cream Social

Books (English and Japanese) are available to borrow in the Fireside Room
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Prayer for the community

Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of

- * Theresa Grundman
- * Mr. Shikuma (Sakamoto family)
- * Audrey Tsuruda (7/15)

Special Prayers

- * Clif Toyama
- * Jean Shikuma
- * Sharon Oguro
- * Gerry Takehara
- * Motoko Kobayashi
- * Florence Shikashi
- * Brian Kurasaki
- * Betty Foor
- * Shirley Gilette
- * Nancy Kay
- * 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
- * Students and teachers for the new school year



Thanksgiving

- * Brian Gosney and Jasmine engagement
- * Chris & Vicky Gosney is expecting their 2nd baby

4th Annual Sacramento Valley International Gospel Musical

Presents
2011 Evangelistic Musical Explosion
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011
5:00 p.m.

Full Gospel Community Church
9288 E. Stockton Blvd. Elk Grove, CA

This will be a coporate time of worship as the Body of Christ in Sacramento & its surrounding areas congregate to lift up the name of Jesus in songs. It's a Free Concert! For more information call (916) 613-7538.