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HOLY WEEK



Join us for the Holy Week

April 1, Thursday No Holy (Maundy) Thursday Service this year

April 2, Friday, 7pm *Good Friday Service* at SJUMC with Parkview
Presbyterian Church

April 4, Sunday, 8am	<i>Easter Morning Service</i>
8:30	Easter Breakfast
10:00	Children Easter activities
10:30	Easter Celebration

Upcoming Events

- * April 16 - Film Screening of "Sister's of the Gion" - 7:00 pm Social Hall
- * April 24 - Spring Food Sale—Pre-order only Forms available inside and in office
- * May 1 - UMW Spring Rummage Sale 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Notes from the Pastor

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
(Colossians 3:14-17)

What a busy season of Lent! We had two wonderful SJUMC basketball tournament weekends and I am very thankful for the basketball board members for their hard work! I also appreciate all the volunteers who made the chicken bento, which was very delicious. We just had a church clean up day and the church looks beautiful! We are getting ready for the Holy Week and hope you can join us for the Good Friday service and the Easter service. The bible study during Lent with 25 people are going really well and I heard how people's spirituality were changed through the study, praise God!

Do you act first, and think/reflect later or think/reflect first and act later? Extraverted (E) & Introverted (I). Do you like clear concrete information or are you comfortable with ambiguous information? Sensing (S) & Intuitive (I). Are you naturally sensitive to people needs and reactions or do you naturally notice tasks and work to be accomplished? Feeling (F) & Thinking (T). Do you work best and avoid stress when able to keep ahead to deadlines or are you tolerant of time pressure; work best close to the deadlines? Judging(J) & Perceiving(P). Those are some examples of Myers-Briggs personality types and I will be preaching on *Spirituality and Myers-Briggs Personality* from April 18 for 4 weeks. Please bring your co-workers, friends, relatives and neighbors who may be interested in knowing more about their personality!

Are you baptized? If you were a child when you were baptized, have you been confirmed? Do you remember the moment you were baptized? We need to remind ourselves the commitment we made to Jesus Christ when we were baptized. If you have not been baptized, have you been thinking about it? Pentecost (May 23) is a great time to be baptized and join our church! I have noticed that some regular church goers do not have * by their names in the church directory and that means that they are not official members of the church. I am trying to find out if some people may not know that they need to transfer their memberships even if they were baptized many years ago in a different church! I know several people will be joining SJUMC on Pentecost this year. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the church or being baptized.

Lastly, remember to "*do everything in the name of the Lord and give thanks!*" The day of Jesus resurrection is coming and let us celebrate together!

Grace and Peace, Rev. Motoe
Yamada



Invitation to Worship

April 4, 2010

Easter Sunday - Resurrection

John 20:1-18

April 11, 2010

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 150 (UMH 862)

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

April 18, 2010

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

Psalms 30 (UMH 762)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

April 25, 2010

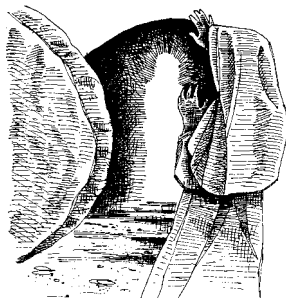
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23 (UMH 754 or 137)

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30



“He has risen,
he is not here.
See the place where
they laid him.”
Mark 16:6

Greeters for April

April 4— Winston & Loretta Ashizawa

April 11— Adriana & Alec Shintaku

April 18— Gloria Imagire &
Frances Lee

April 25— Jean Kanemoto &
Yoshiko Harper

Ushers for April

April 4—Gloria Imagire &
Mary Nakamura
Dale Fong & Roger Nakashima

April 11—Yoshiko Harper &
Kumiko Sakata

April 18—Yosh Kawahara &
Roy Sato

SPRING FOOD SALE, APRIL 24

We will be having a Spring Food Sale on April 24th, with pick-up times between 11am and 2pm. We have changed the food offerings a bit. We will not have maki sushi nor inari sushi; BUT, we will have chirashi (this is a trial run). The maki sushi and inari sushi requires a lot of prep time and a lot of hands-on volunteers; where as, the chirashi will be much easier and less labor intensive. You will also now find Chow Mein on the presale order form. Other delicious items on the presale form are teriyaki chicken, sesame chicken bento, udon, and Korean beef ribs. Manju, as in the past, is not a presale item and will be available until manju sells out.

You will find the presale order forms in this newsletter, in our Sunday program insert, and available online at Sacjumc.com. Also there will be someone available every Sunday to take your order. The last day to order is April 17. Mark your calendar: Spring Food Sale April 24th.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July
19th to
Friday, July 23



7:30am to 9:00 am

Drop off

9:00am to 12:00 pm
Worship and Curriculum

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Optional Activities or pick up

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Field trips to Zoo, Park, Museum

**Counselors (youth and young
adults) and volunteers are
needed!**

Comfort and Prayer for the families of

- * Bessie Matsuo, sister of Ben Matsuo(3/4/10)
- * Donna Gordon's mother (3/7/10)
- * Sam Oda, father of Caroline Ouchida
- * Wayne Ishihara (3/5/10)
- * Gordon Fong, father of Russell Fong
- * Arita Komure (3/15/10)
- * Mrs. Akamatsu (3/2/10), her memorial service at SJUMC on April 17 at 11am
- * Thousands of victims who died in the Haiti and Chile earthquake and tsunami.

Special Prayers

- * Francie Teitelbaum who had surgery on brain.
- * Rev. Harry Murakami who is not doing very well in Kent, WN
- * Bev Draper for her recovery.
- * Russell Kanemasu who is waiting to hear from his doctor
- * Judy Raska who is visiting her sister in Japan

Thanksgiving Prayers

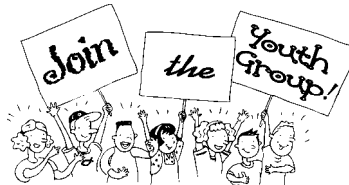
- * Shigeko Shibata who had a knee surgery.
- * Midori Osumi continues to do better.
- * Mel Muramoto is doing much better.

YOUTH INFO:

There's nothing better than ending the month on an empty stomach! The 30 Hour Famine was a fantastic weekend full of videos, games, and discussions (I think it was mostly our stomachs doing all the talking.) We had 6 youth all together, 3 high school (Austin, Mitchell, and Misa) and 3 junior high (Kimi, Tadashi, and Jordan). The 30 Hour

Famine promotes awareness for world hunger and our kids were able to experience firsthand what it's like to 'go to bed hungry'. We had a few counselors who participated in fasting right alongside them. I am very grateful to have had Ricky, Dustin, Candace, and Leslie helping me with this event. What better way to end the fast, than with a feast! Parents and volunteers put together a delicious potluck and we were able to 'talk story' and share in fellowship and food. The Easter Breakfast will be on Easter morning, the first weekend in April! So, rise and shine and come eat pancakes!! There is also a junior high lock-in the second weekend in April that will be hosted by Wesley UMC in San Jose!!

We will keep doing open gym so come out and play!! There a lot of things planned for the summer including camps, mission trips, and lock-ins. The registration forms for both Junior High Camp (JHC) and Asian American Summer Camp (AC) are here! If you are interested please come see me or email me. Keep your eyes peeled and let me know if you're not already on my email list so you don't miss out!!



MEET COACH BRANDON KANEMASU By Betty Silvernail



Team: Girls D-3 and Boys B-1
Age: 22
Family: Russell (Dad), Jill (Mom), Janelle (Sister)

Most of the SJUMC basketball coaches are the players' Dads either in their 30's or 40's or Dads in their 50's that have continued coaching long after their children have graduated from high school. At 22, Brandon Kanemasu is one of SJUMC's youngest coaches. One of the youngest, but he's not a rookie with three years of coaching experience under his belt. He has been coaching the same group of girls since they started playing in the E Division (2nd through 4th graders) three years ago. That says a lot of a coach where a team stays together and remains with their coach. "I decided to coach so I could help players get better. Nobody told me it was this much fun though!" Brandon said.

Not only is Brandon coaching the team of now 5th grade girls in the D Division, but for the first time he is coaching a group of senior high school boys. He is the assistant coach for the boys B-1 team. Busy with his profession as a disk jockey for nightclubs and providing mobile sound and lighting for events and venues, he juggles his schedule to be at the gym twice a week in the evenings for practices and spends

Saturdays and Sundays coaching the games. As one can see, he enjoys coaching players of all ages. "The friends I make is probably my

favorite thing about coaching, but watching the kids grow and mature both on and off the court is by far the most rewarding," Brandon said.

Growing up in a sports family, Brandon played basketball, baseball, bowling, trained in karate, and did a lot of outdoor activities. He played in the SJUMC Basketball Program from the time he was five years old in the Instructional League through his teens in high school. He also played on the Sacramento Rebels competitive basketball team from the age of 13 through 18. Having been a player most of his life, it would seem difficult to transition from player to coach. "The most difficult part about coaching is not being able to play! It kills me! I put it right up there next to losing." Brandon said. It looks like it's time for Brandon to find a team to play on.



Attention Everyone:

For your safety and health concerns there will be a system in place to keep all items in the refrigerators at the church labeled and up to date.

Please label everything you put in the church refrigerator with name, current date, and for what event or group the food item will be used. You will find necessary labels and pen on the

refrigerator. After an event, please take home all leftovers. Do not leave leftover food for "anyone who might want it". The refrigerator will be cleaned out on a regular basis. Anything past its expiration date will be thrown out. Anything not labeled will be thrown out.

Thank you for your cooperation.

2010 Stewardship Pledges

The SJUMC Stewardship Committee gratefully thanks these persons who made pledges to Stewardship from December 1, 2009 – February 26, 2010. The 2009 Stewardship effort ended on December 31, 2009. Stewardship pledges for 2010 will be accepted until December 31, 2010. 2010 pledges received throughout the year will be acknowledged in a special Stewardship insert of the December 2010 SAKURA DAYORI.

2009 Pledges made to both GENERAL & LEGACY FUNDS in December 2009

Mr. & Mrs. Matsuto Fujii

Peter Y. Okamoto

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Shimazu

2009 GENERAL FUND PLEDGES

Mrs. Patty Koyama

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Osuga

2009 LEGACY FUND PLEDGES

Yvonne Kato

2009 TOTAL Household Pledges to Legacy & General Funds: 150 Pledges

GENERAL FUND & LEGACY FUND: 2010 Year-to-Date Pledges

Chuck & Emi Alicaya

Ms. Hiroko Arimoto

Farrington & Helen Blaisdell

Mrs. Kay K. Bradley

Scott Chung

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Clark

Susan Curtis

Mrs. Bernice Dingley

Mr & Mrs. Dale Fong

Lincoln Fujii

Dan & Irene Fong

Mrs. Mary Fujimoto

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gosney

Leo & Naomi Goto

Mark & Arlene Hagiya

Mayumi Hamakawa

Mr. & Mrs. George Hamai

Ms. Irma Hanni

Donald & Yoshiko Harper

Mr. & Mrs. S.F. Hayashigatani

Dr. & Mrs. Wesley Honbo

Ms. Lily Ikami

Art & Gloria Imagire

Mrs. Belle Ito

Jim & Kiku Ito

Paul & Shizue Ito

Yasushi Ito

Joe & Betty Iwata

Henry & Midori Johnson

Barbara & Clarence Kado

Nob & Hisako Kamei

Jill & Russell Kanemasu

Jean Kanemoto

George Kashiwagi

Sue Kashiwagi

Yosh & Amy Kawahara

Bob & Betty Kimoto

Mike & Joyce Kimura

Ted & Tee Kinoshita

Mrs. Mae Kohaya

Eddie & Sandy Koshino

Richard Kobayashi

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kushi

Carl & Michiyo Laing

Frances Lee

Elaine Maeda

Melvin & Marilyn Maeda

Walter & Kazuko Matsuoka

Marion Murai

Sam & Susanna Murakami

Mrs. Emma Nakamura

Mary Nakamura

Nancy Nakamura

Mary Ann Nakashima

Kent & Kathi Nakashima

Roger Nakashima

Mr. & Mrs. Susumu Nishihara

Rev. George & Yoshiko Nishikawa

Mrs. Ruby Nitta

Jiro & Dorothy Sakauye

Peter Okamoto

2010 Stewardship Pledges

Roy & Shigeri Okamoto
 Joyce Oshiro
 Caroline & Lester Ouchida
 Yoshiko(Judy) Raska
 The Rasmussen Family
 Kimi & Kelvin Ronay
 Margaret Saito
 Ben Sakakihara
 Roy & Kiyo Sato
 Kaoru & Mariko Shibata
 Victor & Shigeko Shibata
 Amy Shimada
 Stimson & Betty Suzuki
 Atsuko Takeda
 Bill & Doris Taketa
 Catherine Taketa
 Fumi Takuma
 Russ & Meggie Tanaka
 June Tanihana
 Seiko Tateishi
 Sue Teranishi
 Vicci Uyeda
 Rev. Motoe Yamada
 George & Mickey Yamadera
 Etsu Yui

**GENERAL FUND:
 2010 Year – to – Date PLEDGES**

Nelson & Nancy Akabori
 George & Grace Dakuzaku
 Karen A. Fong
 Sally Hironaka
 Tom T. & Sallie S. Hoshisaki
 Ruby Inouye
 Dr. Ed Ishii
 Hank & Miyuki Ishizuka
 Laura & Lawrence Katayama
 Lury Kaminaka
 Charles & Doris Kobayashi
 Jinji & Helen Kobayashi
 Motoko Kobayashi
 Patty T. Koyama
 Ed & Alice Kubo
 Thomas & Alice Kunibe

Evan & Patti Lum
 Joanne Mikami
 Roy & Keiko Nakata
 Tom Nishizaki
 Marie Okino
 Tom Okubo
 Norman & Tsukiko Robinson
 Mr & Mrs Joseph Saito
 Elaine Sugiyama
 Amy & Ryu Tanaka
 Lisa & Frank Tanaka
 Jun & Margaret Tanimoto
 May Ukita
 Fumiko & Frederick Williams

LEGACY FUND :

2010 Year – to – Date Pledges

Jackie Chinn
 Andrew & Julie Fossum
 Stan & Ellen Hiuga
 Grace Iwata
 Nami Kubota
 Anne Miyasaki
 Herb Niiya
 Marie Okino
 Katherine Sakamoto
 Masaye Tamano
 Sally Taketa

**2010 TOTAL Household Pledges to the
 General & Legacy Funds: 129 Pledges**



*God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever **imagine** or guess or request in your wildest dreams! -- Ephesians 3:20 (Message)*

Have you attended a Women of Faith conference before? If so, you can attest to the renewing energy and joyous spirit that floods the arena through the inspirational speakers, music, and humor. If you haven't yet attended a Women of Faith event, let 2010 be your year!

25 tickets have been reserved for SJUMC ladies, youth, and friends. Is God nudging at your spirit to attend and/or invite someone?...

Sacramento 2010 Women of Faith "Imagine" Weekend

Location: Arco Arena

Date: Friday Nov. 12 and Saturday Nov. 13

(Friday 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

(Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Price: \$89 per person which includes tickets for the entire event and box lunches for Friday & Saturday

Parking at Arco Arena not included

Carpooling available

Women of Faith is an interdenominational women's ministry committed to reconnecting and revitalizing women of all faiths, backgrounds, age groups, and nationalities. If you log onto www.womenoffaith.com/sacramento you can see the details which include the lineup of speakers, inspirational stories, and good buys on Christian books, CDs, and apparel.

Your name and commitment is all that is needed for now because payment is not due until September 3rd. If interested, please let Gloria Imagine know or email her at imaglo@att.net. If you have any questions, please call or email Mindy Takechi at 638-2456 or hpyhrts@sbcglobal.net.

By Mindy Takechi

BOOKS AND VIDEOS AVAILABLE

Please check out our books in the fireside room. There are books written in English as well as Japanese. Please sign out for any books on the sign out sheet. I am also looking for anyone who has information on how to categorize books. If you have any information please contact Shigeko Shibata at 395-2550 or at shigekos@comcast.net.

We also have several Japanese videos that the Nichigo group has graciously put in order. If you are interested in any of these videos please help yourself and keep them.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

(as of February 28, 2010)

In Celebration of 44th Anniversary
Asahara, Frances
In Celebration of Tom's birthday
Kushi, M/M Tom
In Honor of Church Choir
Honbo, Dr/M Wesley
In Memory of Seda Suzuki
Iwata, Grace
Blaisdell, M/M Farrington
In Memory of Judy Dong
Ouchida, M/M Lester
Ouchida, M/M Russell
In Memory of Harvey Fujimoto
Honbo, Dr/M Wesley
In Memory of Ben Yokomizo
Yokomizo, Mary
In Memory of Chiz Ito
Yokomizo, Mary
In Memory of parents
Takuma, Fumi

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Inouye, Andrew

UMCOR

Sakamoto, Sayuri
Fong, Karen
Imagire, M/M Art
Kunibe, M/M Thomas

(Haiti)

Nishikawa, Rev/M George
Nakashima, Mary Ann
Ito, Belle
Ikami, Lily
Teranishi, Sue

LEGACY FUND

(as of February 21, 2010)

In Memory of Pete Takuma
Takuma, Fumi
In Memory of Yuri Ishii
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of Ben Yokomizu
Yuki, M/M Philip

2009 Japanese Film Festival Funds

SJUMC's Sacramento Japanese Film Festival Committee is funding the following with 2009 net proceeds from the 2009 film festival:

General Fund	\$2,000
SSIP Food Closet Building Fund	1,000
Garden Angels Issei Garden Construction Costs	700
Legacy Fund	500
United Methodist Church Overseas Relief Fund (UMCOR)	500
Youth Mission Scholarship Fund (New Orleans – Summer 2010)	500
SJUMC Adult Literacy Program	200
SJUMC Girl Scouts	<u>200</u>
TOTAL:	\$5,600

The operational costs and financial needs of SJUMC, its programs, and its mission of Christian service are many and diverse. The film committee sincerely thanks those who attended and supported the 2009 festival. The 2010 Film Festival takes place on Friday, July 9; Saturday, July 10; and Sunday, July 11, 2010 at the Crest Theatre.

Sacramento Japanese Film Festival Committee

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 February 2010----the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 3953 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,093 unduplicated households. The number of person served and the food delivered express the importance of this ministry.

In February , 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, Jan Muraki, Cecil Combs, Meg Tanaka, Kimi Ronay, Mike Yui, 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.

UMW Report

The UMW would like to extend an appreciation to its members for their generous contributions to Call to Prayer which was held on February 21. We collected \$485.00. The 2010 UMW Pledge so far totals \$850.00. Thank you members for your annual pledge.

Thank you to the March Tobans who hosted the Clean Up luncheon held on March 21. They are Kiku Ito, Karen Fong, Mae Kohaya, Sandy Koshino, Anne Miyasaki, Susanne Murakami, Shiegeri Okamoto, Bev Sato and Sue

Teranishi.

CORRECTION TO UMW MEETING DATE

Our quarterly meeting will be held on May 30 after service. We will **NOT** meet on April 25 as indicated in the March Newsletter.

Your UMW Co-Presidents,
Elaine Maeda and Yvonne Kato

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Finance Recap

February 2010

General Fund

Beginning cash balance 01/31/10		\$ 45,460.32	
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	10,941.90		
Offerings	971.50		
Other Receipts	513.49		
Passthroughs	<u>(5,092.00)</u>		
Total cash inflows		7,334.89	
Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	(7,783.99)		
Apportionments	-		
Operations	<u>(16,985.02)</u>		
Total cash outflows		<u>(24,769.01)</u>	
Ending cash balance 02/28/10		<u>\$ 28,026.20</u>	
			<u>General Fund Restrictions</u>
			Unrestricted Cash \$ 9,837.87
			Youth Group Funds 9,656.85
			Paint Fund 8,531.48
			<u>Total Cash Balance \$ 28,026.20</u>

Legacy Fund

Beginning cash balance 1/31/10		\$ 57,924.83	
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	7,560.00		
Interest & Dividends earned	<u>284.18</u>		
Total cash inflows		7,844.18	
Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	<u>(8,320.00)</u>		
Total cash outflows		<u>(8,320.00)</u>	
Ending cash balance 02/28/10		57,449.01	
			<u>Multi-Cultural Hall Mortgage</u>
			01/31/10 Principal Balance 511,886.99
			Feb 2010 principal pmt 5,547.27
			Feb 2010 interest pmt 2,772.73
			<u>02/28/10 Principal Balance \$ 506,339.72</u>
01/31/10 fair market value of stocks (FMV of stock not updated)		<u>94,439.32</u>	
Total Assets in Legacy		<u>\$ 151,888.33</u>	

Special Events

Beginning cash balance 01/31/10		\$ 332,569.69
Fair Market Value of Stocks 02/28/10	183,518.97	
Money Market 02/28/10	100,944.15	
Parsonage Loan balance	16,562.12	
Checking Account	<u>38,008.77</u>	
Total Assets in Special Events		<u>\$ 339,034.01</u>



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Spring Rummage Sale
May 1



Remember the annual rummage sale when you are doing your spring cleaning!