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SAKURA DAYORI

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Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Newsletter

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February Events

- * **February 6, Sunday**
Souper Bowl Sunday - Fellowship Hall
 - * **February 12, Saturday**
Crab Feed - Multicultural Hall
 - * **February 13, Sunday**
10:30am - Family Worship DS preaching - Sanctuary
- Ongoing - Small group forming now for Lent

SJUMC 2011 Focus Areas: *Inclusiveness, Security, Youth & Young Adults, and Spiritual Growth* (selected on the Church Planning Day)
SJUMC Scripture Focus: but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. **(1 Corinthians 3:7b-11)**



Invitation to Worship

February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-10 (UMH 833)
I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
*Matthew 5:13-20

February 13, 2011

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Rethink Church

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8 (UMH 840)
I Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40 (UMH 840)
I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

February 27, 2011

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:8-16a
Psalm 131 or Psalm 62:5-12 (UMH 787)
I Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

Greeters for February

February 6—Max & Florence
Mizoguchi

February 13—Julie Toyama & Yoshiko
Nishikawa

February 20—Chewy Ito & Kiku Ito

February 27—Richard Yang & Chuck
Alicaya

Ushers for February

February 6—Jim & Brett Williamson

February 13—Norman & Tsukiko
Robinson

February 20—Bev & Morgan Sato

February 27—Lincoln Fujii &
Les Wataji

February Fellowship Tobans

February 6—MYF

February 13—UMW

February 20—Sunday School

February 27—TBA

January Security Tobans:

Scott Chung, Eric Hirata
and Fran Sumida. Thank
you for helping to keep our
facility safe and secure!



Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church

Finance Recap November 2010

		General Fund	
Beginning cash balance 10/31/10		\$ 9,118.98	
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	18,045.00		
Offerings	9,573.60		
From Special Events			Transfer from Spec Events
Fund	25,000.00		
Other Receipts	1,465.28		
MYF Receipts	4,218.00		
Total cash inflows		58,301.88	
Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	(319.00)		
Apportionments	(3,488.00)		
Operations	(8,603.36)		
Total cash outflows		(12,410.36)	
Ending cash balance 11/30/10		\$ 55,010.50	
General Fund Restrictions			
			Unrestricted Cash \$ 37,622.78
			Youth Group Funds 12,261.39
			Paint Fund 5,126.33
			Total Cash Balance \$ 55,010.50

		Legacy Fund	
Beginning cash balance 10/31/10		\$ 43,966.82	
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	11,049.46		
Interest & Dividends earned	234.81		
Total cash inflows		11,284.27	
Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)		
Dividends reinvested	-		
Advisory Fee	-		
Total cash outflows		(8,320.00)	
Ending cash balance 11/30/10		46,931.09	
11/30/10 fair market value of stocks		97,773.84	
Total Assets in Legacy		\$ 144,704.93	
Multi-Cultural Hall Mortgage			
			10/31/10 Principal Balance 460,797.48
			Nov 2010 principal pmt 5,824.01
			Nov 2010 interest pmt 2,495.99
			11/30/10 Principal Balance \$ 454,973.47

		Special Events	
Beginning cash balance 10/31/10		\$ 390,372.40	
Fair Market Value of Stocks 11/30/10	191,559.77		
Money Market 11/30/10	101,434.83		
Parsonage Loan balance	13,464.05		
Checking Account	30,963.56		
Wish List - Sanctuary	25,000.00		
Total Assets in Special Events		\$ 362,422.21	

Basketball Game Schedule is on our website.

Please check the schedule and go to games to cheer for SJUMC teams!



SJUMC is on Facebook!

Please find us and add us to your list!
(We only have 20 friends....)



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.

As the new facility for the Food Closet is nearly complete, we would like to invite all of you to come by and check it out.

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 December, 2010---the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 6,549 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,667 unduplicated households. The number of person served and the food delivered express the importance of this ministry.

In December, 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 Hironaka, Corbin Dahl, Terry Shint, Reverend Yamada, Brandon Lewis, Michael Gei, Samantha Fong, Cecil Combs, Meg Tanaka, Kimi Ronay, Mike Yui, Jason Chan, Yoshi Nishikawa, 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 calls the client to the window. Workers who bag USDA commodities place 7-8 items in a doubled 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, Jane Combs 443-2839 or June Tanihana 395-1355.



Notes from the Pastor

Have you experienced how amazing God's plans are? I have experienced, heard and seen how God works in mysterious ways. Recently I found out that a first pastor of SJUMC, Rev. Hokashichi Kihara was also the first pastor of my stepmother's church!

You may wonder why it is so special about it. Well, let me try to explain.

Rev. Hokashichi Kihara was born in Japan in 1865, came to the U.S. and attended San Francisco Anglo-Japanese School. Although he did not have any intentions to be a Christian, he was baptized by Rev. Harris and went to Drew Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He entered the California Conference in 1985 and was ordained as a Deacon in 1894 by Bishop Fitzgerald. According to the SJUMC article from Pocket News, the first appointed pastor of Pioneer Church (one of two churches merged to become SJUMC) was Rev. Kihara in 1892.

The only reason why I found out about this is that my stepmother checked SJUMC website and saw the Pocket News with my picture so she clicked on it. (Many thanks to Betty Silvernail for her great work). My stepmother recognized Rev. Kihara's name because recently she worked on her church booklet with the grandson of Rev. Kihara.

Our church and my stepmother's church may not exist today without Rev. Kihara, or Rev. Harris who baptized him and helped to establish Pioneer Methodist Church as District Superintendent. We would not have found out if I was not serving at SJUMC, or my step mother was not baptized in the church.

There are so many "ifs" and I see God's plans now! Another incident related to this story is that my first time at SJUMC was about 10 years ago for a special occasion with 5 Asian American bishops and I met the key note-speaker, Dr. Koyama, one of the most famous Ecumenists. It was the beginning of my ecumenical involvement. Rev. Matsumoto, who is a senior pastor of Kyodo Midorioka Church, stayed with him for a year while he was attending Union Seminary in New York. When I was in Tokyo, I went to the Kyodo Midorioka Church for Sunday service and met Rev. Matsumoto. We were amazed how we are connected through God and Rev. Kihara. We talked about possibilities of becoming sister churches! (I am not exactly sure what that means. At this point we are thinking about praying for one another and perhaps to exchange church members to learn from each other). I will pass the idea to SJUMC historians.

As a person who grew up in Japan and had no intentions of becoming a Christian, to find out that the church I am serving in the U.S. is connected to my stepmother's church in Japan is amazing. Probably Rev. Kihara had no idea when I came to the U.S. he would have such a great impact on many people's lives, especially for SJUMC and Kyodo Midorioka Church.

God has plans for you. We may not be able to see the plans right now or as a whole. Surely God has a future with hope. Are you excited for unimaginable possibilities? Come and dream with us! Make the dreams come true with God's Grace.

For surely I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for destruction to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

(Resources: Alumni record of Drew theological seminary, 1867-1905, Kyodo Midori Oka Church website <http://www.km-church.or.jp/>, etc)

UMW Report

January Tobans were busy hosting the UMW Budget Meeting which was held on January 16.

On January 30, UMW member Tani Cantil-Sakauye (Chief Justice on the California Supreme Court) spoke on how she juggles career and family.

All are invited to attend our Call to Prayer 2011

on February 20, 2011. This year we will have a guest speaker talk about Human Trafficking. Perpetrators of Human Trafficking prey on vulnerable men, women and children and coerce them into domestic servitude, migrant work, or commercial sex trade. Come and learn about this modern day slavery that is taking place in Sacramento, and find out what you can do to help combat it.

Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of

- * Aster Kondo (father of Carol Williamson)
- * Henry Ichiho (father of June Tanihana)
- * Donald Yee (father of Randy Yee)

Special Prayers

- * Thomas Jovalis
- * Brian Kurasaki
- * Janis Moore's 11 yrs old grandson
- * Sally Kwong's Sister
- * Jonathan D
- * Lisa Murphy
- * Merry Kurosaki
- * Tule Yomogida
- * Motoko Kobayashi
- * Florence Shikasho
- * people, looking for a job
- * people who are facing surgery

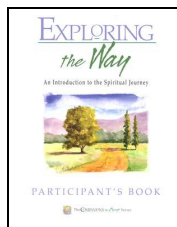
Thanksgiving Prayers

- * Carl Laing
- * Mary Ann Nakashima
- * Amy Shimada
- * Chuck Alicaya
- * Alice Kubo
- * Dakota Henderson
- * Teri Shikasho



Join us for the 6 weeks of Spiritual Journey

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. Even people "raised" in a Christian church can feel disconnected from — and even repelled by — what should be a comforting, constant presence in their lives. It's why so many people today proclaim themselves "spiritual but not religious." But what does that mean? Exactly what's meant by the *spiritual journey*? Your *Small Group* will help you understand and deepen **your experience of God**. You'll be able to ask the questions of issues and faith in a safe place. You'll discover (or rediscover) a way of grace, joy, and peace — indeed, the way of Christ himself. This small group book defines and explains the most basic concepts and language of **the Christian spiritual life**: prayer, the Bible's message for our lives today, spiritual gifts, listening, journaling, and much more. It's the ultimate six-week orientation to spirituality and the essential elements of faith. Stories, scripture, and exercises in each chapter will help connect your beliefs with daily experiences. Feed your hungry soul, using **both** your head and your heart while rejuvenating your own spiritual journey home! An hour for 6 weeks



SJUMC Holy Land Tour September 6-16, 2011

Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Garden Tomb, Last Supper room...

These are some of the familiar places you may have read about in the Bible. This year in September, Rev. George Nishikawa will be leading a group of folks from SJUMC and sister churches who are interested in deepening their faith by traveling to the Holy Land and visiting these and many more places of interest. The pricing has not been finalized as it will depend on the number of travelers. We will provide updates as more information becomes available.

Stay tuned for an announcement about an orientation meeting for those who are interested in this trip. If you would like to learn more about the itinerary, please see Mary Nakamura or send her an email at marynakamura@frontiernet.net.

Day 1: Tuesday 16/ September /2011
Depart from U.S.

Day 2: Wednesday 17/September /2011 Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport , Transfer to Nazareth for hotel check-in. Evening Orientation with UM Liaison, **Janet Lahr Lewis**. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Day 3: Thursday 18/September /2011
Sea of Galilee

Depart Nazareth.Tabgha - Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. Church of the Primacy of St. Peter. Capernaum: Home of St. Peter and center of Jesus' activities in the Galilee. Boat ride. Lunch (St. Peter's fish). Mount of Beatitudes: (Communion Service). Return to Nazareth for dinner and overnight to hotel.

Day 4: Friday 19/September /2011

Ibillin/ Nazareth

Depart for Ibillin and visit to **Mar Elias Educational Institutions***

Meeting with Archbishop Elias Chacour (Subject to availability)
Stella Maris, Tour in Nazareth, Basilica of Annunciation, Church of St. Joseph St. Gabriel's Church (Mary's Well)
Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

Day 5: Saturday 20/September /2011

Coastal Plains

Check out from hotel in Nazareth
Megiddo, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Martima.
Tel Aviv- Jaffa., Depart to Bethlehem
Check into hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 6 : Sunday 21/ September /2011

First Day Jerusalem Depart Bethlehem, Overlook view of city from Mt of Olives, Chapel of Dominus Levitt, Garden of Gethsemane. Walk the Via Dolorosa: includes Church of the Flagellation, Ecce Homo, Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) Western Wall, Time on your own, Depart for Bethlehem for overnight.

Day 7: Monday 22/ September /2011

Second day Jerusalem

Temple Mount ,Mount Zion , Last Supper room, King David Tomb, Garden Tomb, Depart for Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Tuesday 23/ September /2011

Bethlehem

Beit Sahour and Shepherd's Fields. Church of Nativity and Manger Square. Lunch at Dar Annadwa , Tour of **Dar Annadwa* Wi'am*** and Wall Tour. Return to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 9: Wednesday 24 / September /2011

Hebron / Bethlehem

Drive to Hebron , Ibrahim Mosque, Tour Old city. Visit **four homes of mercy.*** Visit and tour **Bethlehem Bible Collage***. Return to Hotel for dinner and overnight

Day10 : Thursday 25 / September /2011

Dead Sea/ Jericho

Depart Bethlehem, Qumran, Floating at the Dead sea, Tel Jericho, Mt. of Temptation (View) , Return to Bethlehem for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: Friday 26 /September /2011

Departure

Check out and depart to the airport

JAPANESE GHOSTS AND SPIRITUALITY

Ghosts are a frequent subject in Japanese literature, art and theater. The lecture will explore the unique spirituality that is behind the popularity of ghost stories as part of the culture of Japan.

Lecture by Rev. Nobu Hanaoka
2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2011
Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church
6929 Franklin Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95823

Presented by Jan Ken Po Cultural Association
\$5 donation

For more information call 395-2589

Ninth Annual Crab Feed

The 9th Annual Crab Feed is coming up on Saturday, Feb 12, 2011. The cost will be the same as last year at \$40.00 per person, \$15.00 for kids aged 5 to 10. Tickets go on sale on January 2nd after Church. Get a group together and start asking friends and family how many tickets they would like.

*Thank you for your prayers and support! My family and I are so grateful to be a part of the loving community of SJUMC. One of our friends commented that she realized through Thomas' ordeal that 'prayer is working'. I agree! Thank you again,
Robyn Jovalis*

Friendly Visitor's Training Program

by Rev. Dr. Judith Preuss-Mellow

Feb. 5, Saturday 9:00am to 2:30pm at SJUMC
Bring your lunch

Do you know what to say or what to do when you visit people in care homes, hospitals, nursing homes?
Come and learn with us.



SJUMC Library

Did you know that our church has a library? Check out our newest addition:

Americans of Japanese Ancestry in the Korean War—Stories of Those Who Served by Robert M. Wada

YOUTH NEWS

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season with your family and friends! We have a lot in store for this New Year! We started off the year right with a day at the snow! As January was wellness month, we followed suit and went up to Tahoe for a day on the hill. Snowboarding, skiing, and inner tubing was in high demand for this snow trip! We came home to a wonderful dinner prepared by Bob and Gloria Sasaki and Betty Silvernail. We watched a movie to unwind and the kids stayed over at the church for the night.

The first weekend in February is Souper Bowl. We will have our pots and youth out to collect donations to be given to SSIP to help ease hunger in our community. On February 14th we will have a babysitting night so that parents might go out and have a wonderful Valentine's Day! It will be a movie night complete with popcorn!! We will be showing the movie Wall-e! The youth will be there to take care of the kids and make them popcorn! Be on the lookout for updates and reports from our events! We also have a website that Betty Silvernail has been keeping for us with a list of events and pictures from our times together!

Altar Flowers

Flowers are placed on the altar every Sunday through your donations. Sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

You may choose the date & give the information:

In memory of..., in honor of..., or in celebration of.... Give your name and phone number, so we may contact you if necessary. Further instructions are posted beneath the Sign-up Sheet in the narthex.

The Sunday Worship Bulletin will carry an acknowledgement of your flowers.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry for beautifying our Sunday Worship. If further information is necessary, please contact Altar Flower Coordinators, Kathi Nakashima or Belle Ito.

Letters to SJUMC

The Yamadera Family would like to thank everyone who attended the memorial service for George Yamadera on November 28th. A heartfelt thank you also goes out to everyone who assisted with the service and those who sent donations to the ACC and SJUMC. Your support helped us get through these hard times and allowed us to enjoy the holidays.

The Yamadera Family



Dear SJUMC Family,

I would like to express my appreciation for welcoming me into your family with such open arms. The wonderful love and support, your patience and understanding during this time of transition have meant a lot to me as well. Another reminder of how the lord works through us and for us! I truly am so blessed!

Cathy Mayeda (temp. office mgr.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

As of December 26, 2010

Akiyama, Toshiko
 Kimura, Utako
 Nakahira-Young, M/M Fred
 Japanese Movies at the Crest
 In Celebration of grandchildren Evan Lum,
 Caitlyn Sauer, Zoe Richardson, & Mika
 Richardson
 Fujita, M/M Robert
 In Celebration of Chief Justice Ani Cantil Sa-
 kauye, Calif. State Supreme Court
 Sakauye, M/M Jiro
 In Celebration of Emma Nakamura
 Nakamura, M/M John
 In Memory of Linda Umeda
 Inouye, Margaret
 Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
 Kinoshita, M/M Ted
 Maeda, Ealine
 Taniguchi, M/M Hiro
 Umeda, M/M Stanley
 In Memory of Ruby Matsuhara
 Ito, Yasushi
 Iwata, Grace
 Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
 Kozuma, M/M Raymond
 Miyake, Richard
 Yokoi, M/M Feb
 In Memory of Aster Kondo
 Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
 Ronay, M/M Kelvin
 In Memory of Iwao Jimbo
 Nagae, Lorraine
 In Memory of Sue Okamoto
 Okamoto, Matthew
 Okamoto, Peter
 In Memory of Mabel Eto
 Takuma, Fumi
 In Memory of sister Tsugiyo Kempton
 Yamadera, Mickey
 In Memory of Henry Ichiho
 Ishisaka, Mitsue
 Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
 Tanaka, M/M Russell

In Memory of George Yamadara
 Arimoto, Hiroko
 Asahara, Francis
 Blaisdell, M/M Farrington
 Carter, Miyoko
 Dingley, Bernice
 Endo, M/M George
 Fong, M/M Bill
 Fujimoto, Mary
 Hagiya, M/M Mark
 Hamai, M/M George
 Hanni, Irma
 Hanson, Mary
 Hara, Calvin
 Hirata, Betty
 Hironaka, Sally
 Honbo, Dr/M Wesley
 Imagine, M/M Bryn
 Ishihara, Ruli
 Ishii, Dr. Edward
 Ishisaka, Mitsue
 Ito, Belle
 Ito, M/M James
 Ito, M/M Paul
 Ito, Yasushi
 Iwata, Grace
 Kado, M/M Clarence
 Kanda, M/M Shig
 Kanemasu, M/M Russell
 Kashiwabara, Mary
 Kashiwagi, M/M Sam
 Kashiwagi, Sue
 Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
 Katayama, M/M Lawrence
 Kato, M/M Raymond
 Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
 Kawate, Nelson
 Kimura, Mike
 Kinoshita, M/M Ted
 Kohaya, Mae
 Kondo, M/M Alan (Wakabayashi)
 Kono, Grace
 Koyama, Patty
 Kubo, M/M Edwin

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YOUTH 2011

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

Every four years, Youth 2011, the National Youth Gathering for the United Methodist Church, brings thousands of youth and youth workers together for four days of exciting programming and connecting with one another.

July 27-31, 2011 in Sacramento, CA.

4000 youth are expected to be there! Great music, worship, workshops, fellowship. Guess what you know one of the key note speakers. Rev. Motoe! So please join to support her! Many Youth and volunteers are needed! Will you be open your house for youth to stay? We are inviting other JA churches Youth to participate in Youth 2011 before they will go to Asian Camp!www.youth2011.org.

THANK YOU TO SJUMC CRAFT CLUB

As the Adopt-a-Soldier person for the Nisei VFW Post 8985 Auxiliary, I send packages on regular basis to our soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq and other areas where our soldiers are in harm's way. In the December packages we sent something special because of the work and donation of the SJUMC Crafts Club ladies. Beautiful, meaningful, one-of-a-kind individual cards were sent to three of our adopted soldiers so they can send them to their friends and families back home. Thank you, Ladies, for your donation. May God bless you for making Christmas special for our soldiers who give their all to our country.

Helen Blaisdell
 Adopt-a-Soldier Program
 Nisei VFW Post 8985 Auxiliary

Baptism and Transferring Membership

Would you like to **be baptized** or join the church officially? This Spring, the membership class will be a bit different! If you are interested, please go to "coffee with Pastor" then find out more. Only requirement is to join the small groups during Lent. Please contact Rev. Motoe if you are interested.



Donations for the Thomas Jovalis Family

At the beginning of December, our church secretary and children's choir director, Robyn Jovalis,' 11-year-old son, Thomas, was hospitalized with Lymphoma. He continues to receive treatment and will remain in the hospital for at least two more months.

In response to church members' concerns about the Jovalis family, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has created an account for members to make donations to help this family in their time of need. If you would like to donate, you may make out a check to SJUMC and note SPRC-Jovalis family at the bottom.

Most of all, thank you for your prayers.

From Winston Ashizawa, Chair, SPRC

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Imagine, M/M Art
Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
Lee, Frances
Nishizaki, Tom
Saito, Margaret

UMCOR Pakistan

Teranishi, Sue

SJUMC Automatic gate

Japanese Movies at the Crest

Walk to Emmaeus

Japanese Movies at the Crest

Choir Fund

LEGACY FUND

Japanese Movies at the Crest
Legacy Fund
In Celebration of Tim Inouye's birthday
Inouye, Margaret
In Memory of Diane Marie Inouye's birthday
Inouye, Margaret
In Memory of Aster Kondo
Kanemoto, Jean
Shibata, M/M Victor
Takuma, Fumi
Wong, M/M Steve
In Memory of Sumiko Sakakihara
Sakakihara, Diane
In Memory of Takaji Dan Inouye and Diane Marie Inouye
Inouye, Margaret
In Memory of Henry Ichiho
Kanemoto, Jean
Miyasaki, Anne
In Memory of Roy Sakamoto
Sakamoto, Katherine
In Memory of Walter Tsukamoto and Kotaro Kobayashi

Kobayashi, M/M Charles
In Memory of Gary Kozono
Sakauye, M/M Shoji
In Memory of Joan Kawamura
Yuki, M/M Philip
In Memory of George Yamadera
Alicaya, M/M Chuck
Ashizawa, M/M Winston
Goi, M/M George
Ikami, Lily
Imagine, M/M Art
Kanemoto, Jean
Kobayashi, M/M Charles
Mizoguchi, M/M Max
Nishikawa, Rev/M George
Okino, Marie
Ouchida, M/M Lester
Shibata, M/M Victor
Taketa, M/M Bill
Taketa, Catherine
Takizawa, Hagumi
Toyama, M/M Kenneth
Yuki, M/M Philip

Christmas Offering

Fernandez, M/M Richard
Fujii, Lincoln
Okino, Marie
Takehara, Gerald
Yuki, M/M Philip

Best Gifts

"Alternative Holiday Fair"

Thank you for your generous support of the "Best Gifts" project sponsored by Church World Service. As a congregation, we donated \$1,757.00 to support the life-changing ministry efforts of Church World Service. We hope that the people who received one of your "Best Gifts" took joy in knowing that a gift was given in their name to help another.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Kubota, Nami
Kunibe, M/M Thomas
Kushi, M/M Tom
Maeda, Elaine
Matsuoka, David
Matsuoka, M/M Walter
Miyasaki, Anne
Mizuno, M/M Tom
Nakakihara, Karen
Nakamura, Emma
Nakamura, Mary
Nakashima, M/M Kent
Nakashima, Mary Ann
Nakata, Keiko
Nishihara, Alice
Nishite, Julie
Ohs, Adele
Okamoto, M/M Hitoshi
Okamoto, M/M Roy
Okamoto, Peter
Okubo, Tom
Opie, Shirley
Osuga, M/M David
Osuga, M/M Joseph
Oto, M/M Alan
Ouye, Bernice
Quinn, Sandy
Rymer, M/M Bruce
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