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Newsletter

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Join us for
Holy Week Events

March 28	Passion Sunday	Worship	10:30 am	SJUMC Sanctuary
April 2	Good Friday Noon <i>(with SSIP Churches)</i>	Worship	12:00 pm	
	Good Friday Evening <i>(with Parkview Presbyterian)</i>	Worship	7:00 pm	SJUMC Sanctuary
April 4	Easter Sunday	Worship	8:00 am	Issei Garden
	Easter Pancake Breakfast		8:30-10:00 am	Social Hall
	Children's Event		10:00 am	Multi-Cultural Hall
		Worship	10:30 am	SJUMC Sanctuary



Notes from the Pastor

After Jesus had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. (John 13:12-15)

Some people may be surprised to see the foot washing scripture for March newsletter since there is one more newsletter before the Holy Week. SJUMC is focusing on *24 Hours That Changed the World* (a book by Adam Hamilton) for this Lenten season. When I was thinking about having a pantomime group for Good Friday, some people told me that people may not understand what each act would mean from scriptures. For many people, they come to Palm Sunday and see children wave palm leaves saying "Hosanna," rejoicing Jesus' entry to Jerusalem. Then on the following Sunday they see the Easter service to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

How well do you know the story between the Palm Sunday to Jesus' resurrection? Last 24 hours Jesus lived as a human and his resurrection are THE most important story for us as Christ's followers. This is why I will be breaking down the 24 hours to each Lenten Sunday so that we can learn in more depth. In order to follow the story of 24 hours of Jesus life, we will not have Palm Sunday Service (We will have 6th Sunday of Lent on that day). On the second Sunday of Lent I will be preaching on the Last supper, Jesus had already been in Jerusalem. Therefore it does not make sense to celebrate Jesus' entry to Jerusalem 4 weeks later. I hope this does not disappoint you and you will still come to the service.

I love the season of Lent to reflect my life and evaluate how I can be a better disciple for Jesus who gave up everything for me. The church members are asked to give up something, add something and do something in the community for God as Lenten commitments. We have nailed the commitment cards to the cross to show our dedication. The season of Lent is the 40 days (and Sundays) period of repentance and renewal. Lenten daily devotional booklets were distributed for the congregation, and Lenten Small Groups, Bible reading group and Bible studies are offered. If you truly follow what we are committed to do as a community of faith, this year Easter will be a different celebration for you.

As the scripture tells us, Jesus is our example. He shows us his love to each one of us every step of his journey toward to the cross. Please join us for our Lenten Sunday services to learn and grow together.

Rev. Motoe Yamada





Invitation to Worship

March 7

Communion

The Garden of Gethsemane

*Mark 14:32-42

March 14

Girl Scout Sunday/Family Worship

Condemned by the Righteous

*Mark 14:53,55,61-68,70-72

March 21

Jesus, Barabbas and Pilate

*Mark 15:1-15

March 28

Passion Sunday

*The Torture and Humiliation of the King/
Crucifixion*

*Mark 15:15b-23; 23-39



Greeters for March

March 7 - Frances Lee & Belle Ito

March 14 - Yoshiko Nishikawa &
Marie Okino

March 21 - Kimi Ronay &
Jill Kanemasu

March 28 - Margaret Sato &
May Ukita

Ushers for March

March 7 - Eddie Koshino &
Richard Yang

March 14 - Yurie Harvey &
Keiko Nakata

March 21 - Chewy Ito & Bill Taketa

March 28 - Mitzi Ishisaka &
Joyce Kimura

ALL-CHURCH CLEAN UP SUNDAY

There will be an "all-church clean up" on Sunday, March 21. Time to get rid of those cob webs, clean the windows, polish, dust, and shine, shine, shine ... the Board of Trustees would greatly appreciate your help. A sign up sheet will be posted in the social hall. AND, UMW will prepare a delicious lunch for you after the house cleaning.



Letters to SJUMC

Dear Sacramento Japanese UMC Members,

Thanks so much for the lovely get well card for my mom! She is doing much better, so thank you fro your prayers and get well wishes!

Gloria Vohies

Thank You!

The Youth Sesame Chicken Bento Sale was a huge success. The sale profit of \$1800 was divided between MYF and the Girl Scouts, \$1300 to MYF and \$500 to the Girl Scouts. Thank you to all her helped and supported the SJUMC Youth.

Bob S.

Arigato!

Thank you to all the people came and ate and to those who helped with our 8th Annual Crab Feed last Saturday night. The food was good, the company congenial, the airplanes slow and the raffle prizes great. This function could not happen without all of the people who give of their time and effort to help put it on. Thanks to Art Imagire for the posters, Robin Jovalis for the tickets, Lincoln Fujii for the wok set up and tear down, Eddie Koshino as head spaghetti cooker, Bob Sasaki as the rice maker and Sharon Oguro as the raffle prize purchaser and organizer with the help of Lori Lewis and Jill Kanemasu. However the Basketball parents organized by Evan Kanenaga deserve a big round of applause as they supplied most of the raffle prizes and the labor for cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up for the Crab Feed. They did a wonderful job and were a pleasure to work with and we simply could not do it all without them. Thank you also to all of you who sold tickets and came and helped clean up afterwards. We'll see you all next year.

Janet & Jerry Takehara

56th Annual Oriental Food Bazaar

Saturday, March 6, 2010

(lunch/dinner line) → 11:00 to 6:00

(take out line) → 10:30 to 6:30

Del Oro High School
3301 Taylor Road, Loomis



Chicken Teriyaki Kushiyaki Chow Mein
Sushi (Inari and Bara) Baked Goods

More Info: www.loomisfumc.org

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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 not currently egg cartons at this time.

During the month of January 2010----the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 4534 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,209 unduplicated households. The number of person served and the food delivered express the importance of this ministry.

In January, the volunteers who credited their hours to SJUMC were: Jane Combs, Richard Yokoi, Audrey Yokoi, June Tanihana, Sue Kashiwagi, Frances Lee, Franscis Asahara, Lisa Tanaka, Lester Wataji, Steve Muraki, Millie Wataji, Jan Muraki, Cecil Combs, Meg Tanaka, Kimi Ronay, Mike Yui, Yoshi Nishihawa, Margaret Saito, Yvonne Kato and Ray Kato.

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 Francs Lee 427-7983, Jane Combs 443-2839 or June Tanihana 395-1355.

UMW Report

As stated at the UMW Budget Meeting held on January 31, 2010, our vision for UMW is improve communications with UMW members. To accomplish this goal, we would like to begin conducting quarterly meetings. The first meeting will be held on April 25, 2010 after service. We will be discussing the requirements to become a 5 Star Unit, supply purchases for fellowship and a brief discussion and resolution for the 2009 Bento Sales. Additional items may be discussed as time permits.

Thank you to the February Tobans who hosted another successful Call to Prayer. Your February Tobans were: Nancy Akabori, Bernice Dingley, Lily Ikami, Belle Ito, Jean Kanemoto, Alice Kubo, Judy Raska, May Ukita and Joy Yee.

Your UMW Co-Presidents
Elaine Maeda and Yvonne Kato

**MEET COACH
EVAN KANENAGA**
By Betty Silvernail



Team: Boys C-4
Age: 48
Wife: Deann
Children: Jeremy (17),
Alyssa (16), Justin (12), and Alayna (9)

Life can be a bit hectic for Evan Kanenaga, a busy father of four children, vice-president of the SJUMC Basketball Board, basketball parent volunteer coordinator for the Fall Bazaar, Crab Feed, and Spring Food Bazaar, active member and volunteer at Xaris Church, and coach of the C-4 boys team. Never mind that he's also a full time Sacramento Police Officer. He is passionate about working with communities and people, especially kids.

Evan has coached basketball for his children's teams for the last 10 years. "I like to be part of my kids' basketball experience. My goal is to teach them the value and importance of being part of a team," Evan said. He says that watching the boys improve from week to week and the physical exercise he gets from running around with them at practice are his favorite things about coaching. He said that that the most rewarding aspect of coaching the C-4 team is the quality time he gets to spend with Justin and his basketball team friends.

Evan's advice to new coaches is "Make practices fun. Be patient, not everyone plays like Kobe Bryant. It takes time to teach the elements of basketball to kids."

Life may be busy but not so busy for Evan to enjoy a round of golf or participate in his children's activities.



Join us at the Movies!

The Jan Ken Po Cultural Association and The Sacramento Japanese Festival Committee invite SJUMC members, Jan Ken Po Association members, film festival sponsors and friends to a screening of a 1936 Japanese classic film by the great director Kenjo Mizoguchi. **SISTERS OF THE GION** tells the story of two Kyoto sisters who are geishas and are trapped by the strict traditions and limitations of pre war Japan. The showing will show in the SJUMC Fire Side Room at SJUMC on Friday evening, 7:00pm, April 16th. Admission is free. Refreshments and a social hour follow the movie.

The San Francisco Foundation 2010-2012 Multicultural Fellowship

Dear Friends:

The San Francisco Foundation has begun recruitment for our Multicultural Fellowship Program. We are currently recruiting in the areas of Arts and Culture, Education and **Environment**. Please feel free to forward the attached recruitment information to any individuals, associations and/or listservs that you think may benefit from this information. Please note this information is also on our website: www.sff.org.

And, especially, if you know of any potential candidates to work with me in the Environment Program, please encourage them to submit an application. Help me find the right fellow for the Environment Program!

Thank you.

Arlene Rodriguez
Program Officer, Environment
The San Francisco Foundation
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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

4:00pm to 6:00 pm

Pick up and free time

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



Get ready for Summer!

June 15 - 19: Annual Conference

June 19 - 26: Senior High Mission

July 4 - 9: Jr. High Camp at Camp Lodestar

July 9 - 11: Sacramento Japanese Film Festival

July 11 - 16: Jr. High SSP Mission Trip

July 19 - 23: Vacation Bible School

July 29 - 31: National Federation of Asian American United Methodist Convocation

August 8: Aloha Sunday

August 8 - 13: Asian Camp



Spring Food Sale

April 24

Pick up only

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Forms and information will be available in the office and Sunday morning inserts.

Spring Rummage Sale

May 1

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



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of Stimson & Betty Suzuki
 Kokka, Harvey
 In Celebration of Russell Kanemasu
 Kinoshita, M/M Ted
 In Celebration of daughter Tori's Birthday
 Kobayashi, M/M Gordon
 In Celebration of Birthday offering
 Kono, M/M Kern
 In Celebration of grandfather Francis' visit to Chicago
 Mohler, M/M Scott
 In Celebration of 84th birthday
 Okamoto, Peter
 In Celebration of Emma Nakamura's 80th birthday
 Okino, Marie
 Thank you for prayers
 Osuga, M/M David
 In Celebration of Granddaughter Lindsay's birthday
 Ouchida, Donna
 In Celebration of Baptism of Ricky Kimura
 Sumida, Frances
 Special Offering
 Takechi, Mitsuya
 In Memory of Sue Okamoto
 Okamoto, Peter
 In Memory of Edith Ouchida
 Ouchida, Donna
 In Memory of Pete Takuma
 Takuma, Fumi
 In Memory of Alice Kawada
 Yui, Etsu

Christmas Offering

Fujii, Lincoln
 Fujita, M/M Robert
 Hiruo, M/M Harry
 Inouye, M/M Takaji
 Itano, M/M Dean
 Iwata, M/M Joe
 Kashiwagi, M/M George
 Kashiwagi, M/M Isamu
 Kashiwagi, M/M Warren

Kobayashi, M/M Jinji
 Kono, M/M Kern
 Maeda, Dr/M Melvin
 Nishihara, Alice
 Okimoto, M/M Thomas
 Ouchida, M/M Ken
 Saito, M/M Joseph
 Sakauye, M/M Shoji
 Shimazu, M/M Glen
 Shiba, K
 Sugiyama, Grace
 Suzuki, M/M Stimson
 Toyama, M/M Edwin
 Uyeda, Vicci
 Yamada, Rev Motoe
 Yee, M/M Randy

UMCOR (Haiti)

Anonymous
 Ashizawa, M/M Winston
 Blaisdell, M/M Farrington
 Fong, Alvon
 Fong, Karen
 Fong, M/M Larry
 Hagiya, M/M Mark
 Hirata, Betty
 Imagire, M/M Art
 Iritani, Joanne
 Ito, M/M James
 Ito, Yasushi
 Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
 Kohaya, Mae
 Koyama, Patty
 Kushi, M/M Tom
 Laing, M/M Carl
 Lee, Frances
 Matsuoka, M/M Walter
 Miller, Kiyoko
 Miyasaki, Anne
 Mizoguchi, M/M Max
 Murai, Marian
 Nakashima, M/M Kent
 Nakamura, Mary

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 Okino, Marie
 Omoto-Lee, Kalli
 Ronay, M/M Kelvin
 Sakamoto, Sayuri
 Sasaki, M/M Robert
 Sato, M/M Roy
 Sumida, Frances
 Takechi, M/M Curtis
 Taketa, M/M Bill
 Tanaka, M/M Russell
 Tateishi, Seiko
 Teranishi, Sue
 Toyama, M/M Kenneth
 Ukita, May
 Yamada, Rev. Motoe
 Yamadera, M/M George
 Yamamoto, Doris
 Yang, M/M Richard
 Yee, M/M Randy
 Yuki, M/M Philip

(Philippines)

Ikami, Lily
 Kanemasu, M/M Russell
 Mikami, Joanne
 Mizoguchi, M/M Max

LEGACY FUND

In appreciation for Brian Gosney
 Takechi, M/M Curtis
 In Memory of Brother, Thomas Sasaki
 Dingley, Bernice
 In Memory of Takaji Dan Inouye
 Inouye, Margaret
 In Memory of Diane Marie Inouye
 Inouye, Margaret
 In Memory of Fumi Okamoto
 Takuma, Fumi
 In Memory of William Capell
 Yamadera, M/M George

Pilgrimage to Israel/ Palestine?

Would you like to follow the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem?



Rev. Motoe and Rev. George will lead a spiritual journey for Israel/Palestine in the fall of 2010 or spring of 2011. **The special presentation and Q and A session is scheduled for March 14 after service in the**



Mission Opportunity March 7, Sunday after service

We are going to use the "Bags of Grace." We'd like to begin taking donations immediately of the following items: Bottled water, non-perishable food items (Granola bars, cookies, chips, fruit bars, etc...), Jam/Jelly and Peanut Butter for sandwiches, Plastic Grocery Bags, Other food items that will assist the homeless & personal hygiene items. On Sunday, March 7, after church, we'll assemble the bags and take them to downtown Sacramento or into West Sacramento and distribute to the homeless. They are welcome to contact either Laurie Hosoume at brentho897@sbcglobal.net or Lori Lee at shoppinglori@sbcglobal.net or call 730-0601.

Introducing Gayle Kurasaki - our new Youth Leader:

Hello everyone! My name is Gayle Kurasaki and I'm the new Youth Director here at SJUMC. I was born and raised in Clovis, Ca and attended church from when I was very young. United Japanese Christian Church (UJCC) was my home church, where I first started getting into camps and youth work. I attended Junior High Camp (JHC) as a camper in 1996, a counselor 2000-2004, and a director 2005-2008. While I was going to JHC I was introduced to Asian Camp (AC) and was able to attend for one year as a camper in 2002. I loved it so much that I went back and counseled 2003-2008 and have been a director of the camp for the past two years. I started getting into youth work at UJCC after I graduated high school in 2001 and have been a youth advisor for UJCC and Wesley UMC in San Jose.

While I am new to this position, I am not new to SJUMC. After JHC in 1996 I participated in the Sac State Fair and Rafting Trip, a reunion of sorts for the camps in the summers of 1997-1999. I just moved up to the Sacramento area in November and started a job at an internal medicine clinic in Folsom. I'm also going to school to be an Emergency Medical Technician at Consumnes River College. I am very excited to be here and can't wait to meet all of you! I want to thank you all for your support and for this opportunity to work with the youth and this congregation.

This month has been non-stop! We started out with the Ninja Tournament which was an extremely fun filled night! It was hosted by St. Marks UMC and in attendance were other churches in our circuit including Hope UMC and First UMC. We started out with getting to know you games that worked up quite an appetite for the pizza dinner! Immediately following digestion we jumped straight into the ninja tournament! "Ninja" is an exciting fun action packed game. We had 3 skilled, adventurous youth, Austin and Mitchell Takechi and Misa Rasmussen who were able to participate in the fellowship and fun!

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Finance Recap

January 2010

		General Fund		
Beginning cash balance 12/31/09		\$ 22,187.05		
	Cash Inflows			
Pledges	23,637.00			
Offerings	3,019.64			
Other Receipts	2,643.05			
Passthroughs	5,457.00			
	<u>Total cash inflows</u>	34,756.69		
	Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	(458.15)			
Apportionments	-			
Operations	(11,027.27)			
	<u>Total cash outflows</u>	(11,483.42)		
Ending cash balance 12/31/09		<u>\$ 45,460.32</u>		
			<u>General Fund Restrictions</u>	
			Unrestricted Cash	\$ 28,770.24
			Youth Group Funds	10,158.60
			Paint Fund	8,531.48
			<u>Total Cash Balance</u>	<u>\$ 45,460.32</u>

		Legacy Fund		
Beginning cash balance 12/31/09		\$ 57,721.81		
	Cash Inflows			
Pledges	8,358.48			
Interest & Dividends earned	331.63			
Sale of Stock	14,517.61			
	<u>Total cash inflows</u>	23,207.72		
	Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)			
Purchase of stock	(14,426.70)			
Bank charges	(8.00)			
Qtly brokerage fee	(250.00)			
	<u>Total cash outflows</u>	(23,004.70)		
Ending cash balance 01/31/10		57,924.93		
01/31/10 fair market value of stocks		<u>94,439.32</u>		
	<u>Total Assets in Legacy</u>	<u>\$ 152,364.15</u>		

		Special Events
Beginning cash balance 12/31/09		\$ 330,953.25
Fair Market Value of Stocks 01/31/10	181,598.93	
Money Market 01/31/10	100,889.97	
Parsonage Loan balance	16,565.12	
Checking Account	33,520.87	
	<u>Total Assets in Special Events</u>	<u>\$ 332,572.89</u>



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