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# SAKURA DAYORI

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## Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

#### March 9, Wednesday

7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service - Centennial UMC  
Small Groups Begin



#### March 25, Friday

7:00 pm - 2011 Spring Screening - "MacArthur's Children"

#### March 27, Sunday

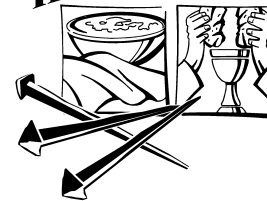
All Church Clean Up  
Confirmation Class Begins



#### April 9, Saturday

11:00 - 1:30 pm - SJUMC Spring Food Sale Pick-up

## HOLY WEEK



## AND EASTER SCHEDULE

#### April 17, Sunday - Palm Sunday

10:30 - Worship

#### April 21, Thursday - Holy Thursday

7:00 - Worship

#### April 22, Friday - Good Friday

12:00 - Worship with SSIP  
7:00 - Worship with Parkview Presbyterian

#### April 24, Sunday - Easter Sunday

8:30 am - Worship - Issei Garden  
8:30 - 10:00 am - Easter Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 am - Worship



**Invitation to Worship**

**MARCH 6, 2011**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21;

Matthew 17:1-9

**MARCH, 2011**

**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17;

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**MARCH 13, 2011**

**First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7;

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19;

Matthew 4:1-11

**MARCH 20, 2011**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;

John 3:1-17

**MARCH 27, 2011**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

**Greeters for March**

March 6—Kathy Sakamoto & Bell Ito

March 13—May Ukita & Atsuko Takeda

March 20—Lily Ikami & Mickey Yamadera

March 27—Eddie & Sandy Koshino

**Ushers for March**

March 6—Roger Nakashima & Richard Yang

March 13—Yoshiko Harper & Kumiko Sakata

March 20—Leo & Naomi Goto

March 27—Betty Hirata & Lily Ikami



**March Fellowship Tobans**

March 6—UMW

March 13—Girl Scouts

March 20—Garden Angels

March 27—UMW-All Church Clean-up



**March Security Tobans:**

Winston Ashizawa, Victor Shibata and Kent Nakashima. Thank you for helping to keep our facility safe and secure!



**Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church**

**Spring Food Sale, Pre-Sale Only**

**Order before April 3, 2011**

**Pick-up on April 9, 2011 – Saturday**

**11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**6929 Franklin Boulevard, Sac, CA 95823**

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Sesame Chicken Bento	@ \$ 6.50 = \$
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[www.sacjumc.com](http://www.sacjumc.com)

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Please send your check payable to SJUMC with this part of your order form before April 3, 2011, to:  
 6929 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento CA 95823.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

The new facility for the Food Closet is completed, and we are in the process of moving in. Please come visit!

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 January, 2011---the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 5,999 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,542 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, Francis Asahara, Lisa Tanaka, Lester Wataji, Derek Heronaka, Corbin Dahl, Terry Shint, Reverend Yamada, Branian 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 new Food Closet on Mondays. And we 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 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.



## Notes from the Pastor

*"Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)*

Lent is coming! As you probably know this by now, I take Advent and Lent seasons very seriously to focus on Jesus Christ and grow closer to him. (We should do this all time, however it is good to give special attention) Starting on Ash Wednesday (March 9<sup>th</sup>, this year), we have many things set up for YOU to be in spirit of Lent.

First, we will have Ash Wednesday Service, Taize Meditation Service, Holy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service, and Easter Celebration on top of our regular Sunday worship services. That means we can come together more to worship our God!

Second we will pass out Lenten Commitment cards on Feb. 27 and March 6 for what you will give up for God, what you will start for God, and what you will do for Community for God. Please start to think what is distracting you from God and what you need to do to focus on God.

Third, each church member will receive a Lenten Daily devotion booklet (*Spring of living waters* for Adults and *My ABC journey through Lent* for kids). This does not stop you reading Upper room daily devotion. You can read two daily devotion booklets during Lent in the morning and at night.

Fourth, mission committee is working on a brochure with many service opportunities during Lent such as sorting for Bags of Grace (with non-perishable food for people in need), Weekend Volunteer In Mission trip, different help for our SSIP food closet, support for our church refugee sponsored family (through Open Doors), 30 hours famine program to fast, and more!

Lastly (but NOT least) we are starting many small groups. Please PLEASE join us! There will be more than 10 small groups for you to join. We are only asking an hour each week during Lent. Many people graciously accepted to be small group hosts. In a small group, you will pray, read scriptures, and share your spiritual journey. Do you feel like you do not know enough about the Bible and/or Christianity? This is a group for you. Will you try this as one of your Lenten commitments?

Rev. Renae Extrum-Fernandez District Superintendent of our district, Bridges District came to our church to preach. During the Q and A after the service, she reminded us American Methodism was built on small groups. In early American Methodist history, clergy were called circuit riders and they went around different churches and meanwhile there were lay leaders who did everything (preaching, visiting sick, leading bible studies). (if you saw a movie, *True Grit*, one of the characters says "my brother is Methodist preacher", that's a circuit rider!) Methodists grew because of small groups!

You're still not sure if you want to sign up? Please come to all church small group orientation to find out more! Let us be ready for the season of Lent so we can truly celebrate Easter, resurrection of Jesus Christ together!

Grace and Peace, Rev. Motoe Yamada

## UMW Report

March is here and that means SJUMC Basketball Tournaments. Help will be needed to ensure the bentos are a success as they have been in year's past. More information will be available in the church weekly bulletins or on our website.

In preparation for Easter in April, clean up day will be held during the month of March as well.

As I write this message, February Call to Prayer have not met yet. See next month's Newsletter for information on Call to Prayer held on February 20.

Save the Dates:  
Spring Rummage Sale Saturday, May 7th.



### Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of

\* Bob Yamamoto (2/19/2011)

### Special Prayers

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

## Letters to SJUMC

Dear Rev. Motoe & Members of the SJUMC Congregation,

Thank you for the card of blessings as Stim recovers from his hematoma.

Always,  
Stim & Betty Suzuki



## ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP

A year has already past and it's time again for our annual "ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP" on Sunday, March 27, following the worship service. Come dressed to work. With all of us working together it takes less than 90 minutes to clean the windows (inside and out), miniblinds, wainscoting, kitchens, classrooms, and sanctuary. Board of Trustees will provide the cleaning materials and UMW will provide a delicious lunch after we are done cleaning. Come join us, cleaning can be fun ... especially when we laugh, socialize, and work as a team. Thank you ...

Board of Trustees

## 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](mailto: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

### SJUMC is on Facebook!

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



### Basketball Game Schedule is on our website.

Please check the schedule and go to games to cheer for SJUMC teams!  
www.sacjumc.com



### 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

### Strive for Strength Retreat

Where: SASF gym 9040 High Tech Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758

When: April 18, 2011

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm (check in starts at 8:30)

Registration: \$35 per participant before April 1. \$45 at the door.

Open to: Girls only from 12-18 years of age.

For more information contact [Striveforstrength@yahoo.com](mailto:Striveforstrength@yahoo.com) or 916.595.5999

### Save the Date! Spring Food Sale April 9, 2011

Pre-order only  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Food items include chicken teriyaki, sesame chicken, Korean short ribs, chow mein, udon and sushi (maki sushi and inari sushi)



## Ukulele Group at SJUMC

Are you looking for a new hobby or interest? Would you like to play the friendly ukulele and make new friends? Then you will enjoy becoming a member of the newly formed SJUMC ukulele group. The group currently practices on Sundays after fellowship. The members are from SJUMC's youth, young adults and seniors. With a mix of intermediate and beginning players the more experienced encourage and support the neophytes. Our musical repertoire includes church songs, as well as American, Hawaiian, and Asian music. The SJUMC will occasionally request the group to play during church service and/or to accompany the SJUMC Choir. Our primary goal is to have fun playing the ukulele while increasing our ukulele skills. Membership is NOW open and you are invited to join. All ages, youth (minimum age 11 years old) and teens are also invited. Please stop by (usually Garden Room) and check us out.



Let us know if you're interested and if you have a ukulele or can borrow one. If there are a number of interested members without ukuleles, a fundraiser may be held to purchase ukuleles and music stands for the church. The plan is for the church to start a SJUMC member's ukulele loan program. Interested SJUMC member(s) would borrow church ukuleles for six weeks (max) while learning to play. Our second future goal is to hold a six-week basic beginners ukulele class. Another planned possibility is to organize a Youth ukulele group – their venue of more up to date songs. Current (and Youth) ukulele Club would provide a wholesome, enjoyable, and learning experience, and most importantly provide an experience in working together, musically and socially.

If you are interested in joining this new ukulele group—or in trying out the ukulele—contact Mary Ann Nakashima (916-427-5105) or church office (916-421-1017). Please provide information, see [ukulele Club sign up form](#), as to whether you are interested in a beginners class and whether you have an ukulele. ALL SJUMC members and friends are all invited.

## 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.



## Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together understands the importance of a safe and healthy home for all people. Safe at Home is a program providing safety assessments and modifications for individuals. This enables many individuals to live independently and safely at home. Services are free or a fee depending on the eligibility. One of our congregation members, Lester Wataji is a volunteer through this program. Please join us March 20th following fellowship in the Garden Room to hear if you might benefit from his agency.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### GENERAL FUND As of January 30, 2011

Appreciation of poinsettia plant  
for Katherine Mizuno  
Mizuno, M/M Tom

In Celebration of Brian's ap-  
pointment to Medical Director  
of the John Muir Behavioral  
Health Center in Concord

Honbo, Dr/M Wesley  
In Celebration of Paul Ito's  
birthday

Kobayashi, M/M Charles  
In Celebration of Tom's birth-  
day

Kushi, M/M Tom  
In Celebration of 85<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Okamoto, Peter

In gratitude  
Nakashima, Mary Ann  
For Garden Angels

Takeda, Catherine  
In Memory of Henry Ichiho  
Dingley, Bernice

Hamakawa, Mayumi  
Okino, Marie  
Osuga, M/M David  
Ronay, M/M Kelvin  
Sato, M/M Roy  
Taketa, M/M Bill

In Memory of George Ya-  
madera

Endo, Kenneth  
Nakata, Mildred  
Nunaly, Susan  
Shimizu, M/M Wayne

Tica, Fumiko  
Yamada, Alice  
In Memory of Donald Yee

Honbo, Dr/M Wesley  
Kanemasu, M/M Russell  
Kashiwagi, M/M Warren  
Kawanishi, Mary

In Memory of Linda Umeda

Imagire, M/M Art  
In Memory of Fred & Jean  
Wakita

Mineta, Elizabeth  
In Memory of Tsuguo & Ya-  
suko Okamoto

Okamoto-Porras, Alice  
In Memory of Dave, Ruth,  
Craig & Linda Shimizu  
Shimizu, M/M Wayne  
In Memory of Linda Umeda  
Yamadera, Mickey  
In Memory of Teruo Asahara  
Yuki, M/M Philip

### ADULT MISSION TRIP

Kato, Gina  
Nakamura, Mary Jane  
Oshiro, Joyce  
Teranishi, Sue  
Sakamoto, Sayuri

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Clark, M/M Jack  
Fujimoto, Mary  
Goto, M/M Leo  
Iwahiro, M/M Herbert  
Kido, Dr/M Hiroshi  
Kobayashi, Motoko  
Koshiyama, M/M Al  
Nitta, Ruby  
Ouchida, M/M Kenneth  
Tanimoto, Dr/M Jun  
Toyama, M/M Kenneth  
Yee, M/M Wilfred  
Yomogida, M/M George

### UMCOR

Fong, Karen  
Teranishi, Sue Haiti

### LEGACY FUND

In Memory of Henry Ichiho  
Dingley, Bernice  
Ichiho, Alice

Nishikawa, Rev/M George  
Okino, Marie  
Taketa, M/M Bill

In Memory of Linda Umeda  
Imagire, M/M Art  
Nakashima, Mary Ann

In Memory of Donald Yee  
Kanemoto, Jean  
Nakashima, Mary Ann

Tanaka, M/M Russell  
In Memory of Rose Fujita  
Kawahara, M/M Yosh

In Memory of George Ya-  
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Oguro, M/M Keith

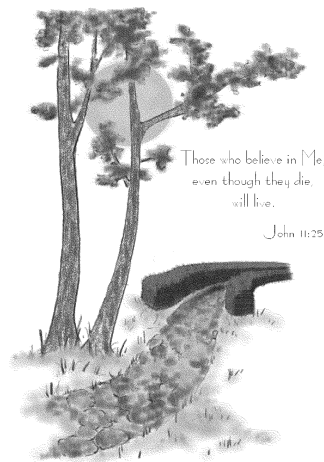
In Memory of Edith Hisako  
Ouchida  
Ouchida, Donna & Family

In Memory of Teruo Asahara  
Yuki, M/M Philip  
Special Offering

Shibata, M/M Victor

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Kashiwagi, M/M George



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.  
Thank you.

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. Instruc-  
tions are available on  
the table next to the  
sign-up sheet.



### Join us on St. Patrick's Day!

Thursday, March 17th

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Games  
12:00 noon - Lunch (\$5.00 donation)  
Cornbeef and Cabbage

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 - Movie:  
'Snow Falling in Cedars'

In 1950, A fisherman is found dead off the  
waters of Washington state. Was he mur-  
dered? Post-war anti-Japanese sentiments  
are still running high and a murder suspect is  
found in the local Japanese-American com-  
munity. Movie based upon a true story.

This program is an outreach ministry spon-  
sored by the SJUMC Garden Angels . Con-  
tact: Bob Sasaki at 428-4180 or  
421-1017



June 15-18 Cal/Nev Annual Conference

June 20-24 Vacation Bible School

June 27-July 15 Jan Ken Po

June 25-July 2 Senior High and  
YA Mission Trip

July 3-8 Jr. High Camp

July 8-10 Sacramento Japanese  
Film Festival

July 17-22 Jr. High SSP Mission Trip

July 28-31 Youth 2011 (Sacramento)

*Volunteers Needed for this  
national conference of 4000  
youth.*

July 31 to August 6 Asian Camp

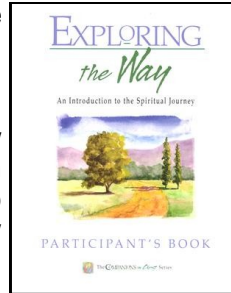


### Exercise your Brain and Body

Your brain is like the muscles in your body--  
you either use it or you lose it. The benefits  
of physical exercise have positive effects on  
brain function. Even exercising for 20 min-  
utes helps your brain process information  
and remember things. Exercise increases  
heart rate, which pumps more oxygen to the  
brain and stimulates the growth of new con-  
nections between cells in the brain. Take a  
walk, exercise at home, come to Wednesday  
or Thursday exercise at the Church (see the  
SJUMC Calendar) and benefit your brain at  
the same time. Be sure to check with your  
doctor before you start doing new exercises.

### 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 during Lent. Please sign up for your small group for your convenient time, let Rev. Motoe or Mary Nakamura know.



#### 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 3:7-11)**



#### Junior High mission trip:

The Jr. High Sierra Service Project 2011 will be the week of 7/17-7/22. We will be doing a hands on project working with tools and construction. A deposit of \$50 is required. The cost this year will be \$335 paid in installments. We will have scholarships available for those who apply. We will be going to Coarsegold, CA it's about 3 hours South of Sacramento and an hour North of Fresno.

#### High School mission trip:

Our High School mission trip will be in Tucson, AZ coupled with Blaine UMC youth group in Seattle, WA. Their youth have been to Asian Camp and Jr. High Camp with many of our youth. I am waiting for confirmation from their youth director on prices but I will get those out to you as soon as I can. Please keep checking the Google group page for updates.



### Summer Camps are Here!

Ever wonder what you are going to be doing this summer? How about attending one of the many camps that the Methodist Church has scheduled for July? Camps are held at Monte Toyon in the middle of the Santa Cruz mountains and at Lodestar in the middle of the Sierra Foothills. Whether the beach or the mountains is your favorite spot, the Methodist Church has a camp and a location for you.

In addition, the Methodist Church has a camp for families and adults. Family Camp sponsored by the California-Nevada Annual Conference has been around for over 40 years. It is held at the Silver Spur Conference Center near Sonora, California. Family Camp is from June 19 through 26, 2011.

Shasta Camp held from July 23 – 29, 2011 at Mt. Shasta, California. Camp is themed "Where God Happens." For more information contact Jerry Wrenn at drjwrenn@jwrenn.com.

Check out the following websites for more information:

<http://cnumc.org/pages/detail/1221>  
[http://calnevumc.org/console/files/oFiles\\_Library\\_XZXLCZ/Brochure\\_JZMUVWDX.pdf](http://calnevumc.org/console/files/oFiles_Library_XZXLCZ/Brochure_JZMUVWDX.pdf)

# YOUTH 2011

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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](http://www.youth2011.org).

#### Sacramento Japanese American Citizens League 2011 Scholarship

Sacramento JACL is now accepting applications for their 2011 Scholarship. Applications are due March 1, 2011. Information packets are available at the church office. If you have questions please call (916) 391-5323 or email: rogerg33@gmail.com or bettyroger123@yahoo.com.

## Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church

## Finance Recap

January 2011

## General Fund

Beginning cash balance 12/31/10		\$ 39,806.51
Cash Inflows		
Pledges	23,883.00	
Offerings	2,827.62	
Other Receipts	348.52	
MYF Receipts	50.00	
Total cash inflows	27,109.14	
Cash Outflows		
Capital Improvements & maintenance	769.04	
Apportionments	(3,174.40)	
Operations	(14,314.46)	
Total cash outflows	(16,719.82)	
Ending cash balance 01/31/11		\$ 50,195.83

## General Fund Restrictions

Unrestricted Cash	\$ 34,549.43
Youth Group Funds	10,520.07
Paint Fund	5,126.33
Total Cash Balance	\$ 50,195.83

## Legacy Fund

Beginning cash balance 12/31/10		\$ 48,050.29
Cash Inflows		
Pledges	8,272.53	
Interest, Dividends & Capital Gains earned	403.82	
Total cash inflows	8,676.35	
Cash Outflows		
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)	
Qtrly Advisory Fee	(261.56)	
Total cash outflows	(8,581.56)	
Ending cash balance 01/31/11		48,145.08
01/31/11 fair market value of stocks		100,187.50
Total Assets in Legacy		\$ 148,332.58

## Special Events

Beginning cash balance 12/31/10		\$ 367,904.89
Fair Market Value of Stocks 01/31/11	211,895.92	
Money Market 01/31/11	101,510.41	
Parsonage Loan balance	10,287.73	
Checking Account	31,432.81	
Wish List		
Automatic Gate	1,500.00	
Sanctuary	25,000.00	
Ashizawa Gift - Restricted	12,109.72	
Total Assets in Special Events		\$ 393,736.59

## Sacramento Japanese Film Festival &amp; Jan Ken Po Cultural Association

presents

## 2011 Spring Screening

Friday, March 25, 2011

7:00 PM

## MacArthur's Children

Starring Masako Natsume, Shima Iwashita, and Hiromi Go.

Mac Arthur's Children begins with Emperor Hirohito's radio speech announcing Japan's defeat. The Japanese face profound change and the American occupation. The movie is seen through the eyes of two boys in Awaji, a small fishing village on Japan's Inland Sea. Young men return as wounded soldiers; lives are shattered; there are would be Yakuza's. There is also Glen Miller and American baseball. Director Masahiro Shinoda's film is a rare gem which tells the story with compassion and humor. (1984, 120 minutes, color). PG

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