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Join us for Worship!

Sunday, May 2 10:30 am

Communion and Spirituality and Personality Types Sermon
Series - Feeling (F) & Thinking (T)

Sunday, May 9 10:30 am

Family Worship, Mother's Day and Spirituality and Personality
Types Sermon Series - Judging (J) & Perceiving (P)

Sunday, May 16 10:30 am

Sunday, May 23 10:30 am

Pentecost, Reception of New Members and Baptism.

If you are interested in joining our congregation or of being baptized, please contact Rev. Motoe.

Sunday, May 30 10:30 am

Memorial Day, Rev. George preaching

Upcoming Events

- * May 1 - UMW Spring Rummage Sale 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- * May 2 - Membership Class II
- * May 8 - Lay Theological Day here at SJUMC
- * May 16 - Membership Class III
- * May 16 - Emergency Preparedness Training
- * May 30 - UMW Meeting



Invitation to Worship

May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 9, 2010

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Family Worship

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

May 16, 2010

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97 (UMH 816)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

May 23, 2010

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 30, 2010

Trinity Sunday (First Sunday after Pentecost)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8 (UMH 743)

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Greeters for May

May 2- Christy Monlong &
Jean Kanamoro

May 9- Kathy Sakamoto &
Mickey Yamadera

May 16- Sandy & Eddie Koshino

May 23- TBA

May 30- Betty Lim Silvernail, Lori Lee

Ushers for May

May 2- Karen Fong & Joyce Kimura

May 9- Norman & Tsukiko Robinson

May 16- Winston & Loretta Ashizawa

May 23- Art Imagire & Les Wataji

May 30- Yvonne Kato & Elaine Maeda

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES AND ALL INDIVIDUALS

The Board of Trustees is in the process of reorganizing, clearing out and cleaning up old files, outdated materials, broken equipment, long unused items, and a mountain of "stuff". We need your help. There are areas throughout the church filled with a variety of "things" that we don't know who or what committee it belongs to or where it belongs. Some of these items may be important to you or to your committee and should be saved and stored in an area to keep it safe. It would help us greatly if the various committees/persons could label the items they wish to keep. The Board of Trustees will then designate one area (closet(s), room, shelf/shelves) for your committee to store these items. At the Board of Trustees discretion, all items not labeled will be thrown out, set aside for the rummage sale, or donated. Deadline to have your labels in place is May 23, 2010. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Notes from the Pastor

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:13&14)

It is hard to believe that I have been working at SJUMC for 10 month. Everyday I thank God for this blessing to work at this church! It gives me a joy to see many of us are growing closer to Jesus. One of the church members told me that he started to read the bible and now he is encouraging others to read. He was amazed how much he learned by just reading the bible. Yes, you can learn so much by reading the bible!

Thank you so much for your participation during Lent and Easter. Many of you gave up something, added something, and did something in the community for God. I was told how the small sacrifice you did during Lent reminded you of Christ sacrifice for us. I hope you know more about *24 hours that changed the world* after my Lenten preaching series. Many of the Lenten Bible Study students said that they have new eyes to read the Passion story. They have better ideas of why disciples acted that way, the meaning behind what Jesus said (often reflecting Old Testament), and Jesus' love for us. I pray that we will continue to grow together!

Now I am getting ready for the summer! Starting from the mid June, the summer is filled with events; California Nevada Annual Conference, Sr. High Mission Trip to New Orleans, Jr. High Camp, Japanese Film Festival, Jr. High Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, National Federation of Asian American United Methodists Conference, Asian Camp and Aloha Sunday. Please feel free to talk to me if you would like to participate any of them.

I try to be careful what to write in the prayer corner. Some people are private about what is going on in their lives. If you would like to be added to the newsletter prayer, I would appreciate if you could notify me (generally I assume it

is alright to share in the newsletter when the prayer was raised during a worship service). I continue to pray for the families who are grieving from the loss of their loved ones.

Are you aware that the church has a care giving group to visit people at home and care facility? They have been visiting people regularly for a long time. As much as I would like to visit all 600 members, I realized it is not possible. I try to visit people in hospitals as often as I can. For those who are at home and care facility, the care giving group goes to see them regularly. Would you like us to visit you? It will be our pleasure to do so!

I have been offering a special healing prayer service for those who are sick, facing surgery and recovering from surgery. As the scripture [pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord] tells us, Christians have been practicing the healing ritual for many years. Healing service includes scripture reading, singing hymn, anointing of oil (from Jerusalem), and healing prayer.

I really appreciate people who give rides to people on Sundays and I have heard there are more people who need rides. The church has decided to provide transportation through ACC. If you know someone who may need a ride to the church on Sunday, please let me know so we can arrange something.

Please feel free to ask me or the care giving ministry group to visit you or/and have a healing service. We are a part of Jesus' body and I care about you. *(I am very thankful for the care giving group: Jean Kanemoto (leader), Etsu Yui, Amy Kawahara, May Ukita, Grace Kono, Emma Nakamura, Mary Yokomizo, Lois Yuki, Joy Yee, Judy Raska.)*



Sacramento Japanese Film Festival Friday, July 9 - Sunday, July 11, 2010!

DEPARTURES (2008)

Opening Night Film - Friday, July 9, 2010: 7:30pm

Winner of 2009 Oscar for the Best Foreign Language Film and five major Japanese Academy Awards. A wise, funny, and absorbing movie about an unemployed concert cellist who finds work as a funeral worker. (Japanese with English subtitles) 130 minutes



K-20: LEGEND OF THE MASK (2008)

Saturday afternoon, July 10, 2010: 3:45pm

A film in the spirit of Raiders of the Lost Ark. It is 1949 in Teito (Tokyo) and WW11 never took place. A poor circus acrobat climbs buildings and soars from bridges in his quest to bring down K-20 and save the world. (Japanese with English subtitles) 137 minutes



THRONE OF BLOOD(1957)

Saturday evening, July 10, 2010: 7:30pm

One of Akira Kurosawa's great films, THRONE OF BLOOD, combines Japanese Noh theatre, and the samurai code with Shakespeare's Macbeth. Considered by many to be the best film adaptation of Shakespeare ever made.

(Japanese with English subtitles) 110 minutes.



WHITE ON RICE (2009)

Sunday afternoon, July 11, 2010: 1:30pm

David Boyle's Japanese American comedy stars Jimmy (Hiroshi Watanabe) as a clueless 40-year old from Japan who relocates to Salt Lake City find a wife and a new life for himself. (English) 85 minutes.



2nd Sunday afternoon film: TBA

*SINGLE TICKETS and ALL FESTIVAL passes available for sale at
SJUMC on May 21, 2010. 10.*

Jr High Camp - incoming 6th -9th grade
July 4-9 \$400/camper (including T-shirts)
Scholarship Deadline May 2 to Rev. Motoe
Application Deadline May 16 to Gayle

Asian Camp - incoming 10th grade -sophomore
in college, Aug. 8-14 \$400/camper
Scholarship Deadline May 23 to Rev. Motoe
Application Deadline June 6 to Gayle

**Faithful Living in Fateful Times
Economy, Sacred Work
and Community
May 8, 2010
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Lynn Rhodes, professor emeritus of field education at Pacific School of Religion (PSR) and author of *Mending Severed Connections: Theological Education for Communal Transformation*, will be the featured speaker at a Faith in Life Education Series Workshop held May 8, 2010 at Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, 6929 Franklin Boulevard in Sacramento. Sponsored by the Office of Community and Continuing Education at PSR, "Faithful Living in Fateful Times: Economy, Sacred Work and Community" is a daylong exploration of such questions as: How is your faith weathering the storms of our current economic climate? And: Where do congregation and community resources meet to offer hope to families in crisis? Pre-registration fee is \$20 which includes lunch. Contact Rev. Motoe to register, and Ann Jefferson at 510/849-8284 or ajefferon@psr.edu for more information. <http://www.psr.edu/public-events>

All Church Open Gym

1st and 3rd Sunday after fellowship is All Church Open Gym. All of you (all ages) are invited to play in the gym!

We have been playing basketball on the 1st Sunday of the month and Volleyball on the 3rd Sunday of the month.



Please Join us!
(2nd and 4th Sunday will remain as Youth Open Gym)

Youth News

We had a fantastic month! Kicking off with Easter and our Pancake Breakfast, the youth group managed to raise over \$400! Thank you for your support on this fundraiser! I want to thank all the youth, parents, and volunteers who came out to help prepare and cook early that morning!!

Our MYF group had a lock-in with Parkview Presbyterian church the last weekend of March on Good Friday. They played some "getting to know you games", stuffed Easter eggs, and had a blast dyeing real eggs (and their fingers). We then piled into cars and went to play laser tag and after working up an appetite, had delicious fries at Willies.

The Jr. High group also had a lock-in at Wesley UMC in San Jose! The theme of the lock-in was "Connect". They explored different ways we communicate, and how we can all stay connected to each other and God. After playing some games, we went out to the ice rink to play some broomball! The kids run around on the ice in their shoes and try to score a goal on the other team. It was a weekend filled with good fellowship and fun!

The summer is approaching very quickly and our calendar is packed with lots of activities and good fun! Please stop by the youth room to pick up any forms or drop off completed ones! The deadlines for Junior High Camp (JHC) and Asian Camp (AC) are almost upon us so be sure you get those in to me as soon as you can!

We will be continuing open gym. Youth Sundays are the 2nd and 4th of every month. In addition, we would like to invite the whole congregation to come out the 3rd Sunday of the month for Volleyball! Hope to see you out on the court!!

Faithfully,
Gayle

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

(As of March 21, 2010)

Appreciation for special prayers for Susan
Kato, Keiko

Appreciation of Wellness Month
Nakamura, Mary

In Celebration of birthday
Sakakihara, Ben
Takechi, M/M Curtis

In Celebration of successful cataract surgery
Kazato, Rev/M Shiro

In Honor of boutique group from Ruth Shimizu
Shimizu, Wayne

In Memory of Bessie Matsuo
Fujii, M/M Ai
Matsuo, M/M Ben
Toyama, M/M Kenneth

In Memory of Wayne Ishihara
Ishihara, Ruli
Matsushino, Tomoye
Miyai, Amy
Sato, M/M Roy
Sunahara, Gail
Uchida, Mel
Ueda, Barbara
Yamadera, M/M George
Yamamoto, M/M Isao

In Memory of Judy Dong
Koshiyama, M/M Ai
Ouchida, Donna

In Memory of brother Harold Kujubu
Miyasaki, Anne

In Memory of Sam Oda
Ouchida, Donna

In Memory of Sue Sakakihara
Sakakihara, Ben

In Memory of Roy Sakamoto
Sakamoto, Katherine

In Memory of Mary Ann Marubachi
Sato, M/M Roy
Yoshikawa, Teruko

In Memory of Ruth Shimizu
Shimizu, Wayne

In Memory of Seda Shizuko Suzuki
Tekawa, Irene

EASTER OFFERING

Asahara, Francis
Hayashi, Alice
Honbo, Dr/M Wesley
Kado, M/M Clarence
Kaminaka, Luri
Kobayashi, Richard
Kunibe, M/M Thomas
Mikami, Joanne
Mizuno, M/M Tom
Nakao, Kimiko
Niya, M/M Herbert
Nitta, Audrey
Sato, M/M Roy
Sugiyama, Grace
Suzuki, M/M Stimson
Takehara, M/M Jerry
Taketa, M/M Bill
Tanaka, M/M Ryu
Tateishi, Seiko
Toyama, M/M Edwin
Uno, M/M Dick
Yamadera, M/M George

CHOIR FUND

Ito, M/M Paul

UMCOR

(Chile)
Tateishi, Seiko
Matsuoka, M/M Walter

(Haiti)
Kanemoto, Jean

LEGACY FUND

In Celebration of Mitchell's 15th Birthday
Takechi, M/M Curtis

In Memory of Mrs. Bessie Matsuo
Tanaka, M/M Ryu

In Memory of Sam Oda
Imagine, M/M Art
Toyama, M/M Kenneth

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ACKNOWLEDGE- MENTS (con't)

- In Memory of Mary Anne Marubashi Harrington
Imagire, M/M Art
Taketa, M/M Bill
Taketa, Catherine
- In Memory of Wayne Ishihara
Murakami, M/M Sam
- In Memory of Russell Fong's Dad
Shibata, M/M Victor
- In Memory of Pete Takuma and Frank & Aya
Morimoto
Takuma, Fumi
- In Memory of Yasuka Akamatsu
Uchida Family
- In Memory of Gordon Fong
Yamada, Rev. Motoe
- In Memory of Yasuka Akamatsu
Yokoi, M/M Fred

Community Prayer Corner

Comfort and Prayer for the families of

- * Mrs. Akamatsu (3/2/10)
- * Lee Masao Mizutani (3/9/10)
- * Marque Johnson
- * Mel Muramoto (3/30/10)
- * Alvin Seno (3/30/10)
- * Midori Osumi (4/10/10)
- * Victims in West Virginia Mine Explosion
- * Victims in China's Earthquake



Special Prayers

- * People in Poland
- * People who are affected by Iceland's Volcano
- * Francie Teitelbaum who had surgery on brain.
- * Rev. Harry Murakami who is not doing very well in Kent, WN
- * Russell Kanemasu who had a surgery
- * Evelyn Akiyama undergoing tests

Thanksgiving Prayers

- * Izumi Yamada's baptism on Easter

UMW REPORT

UMW Quarterly Mtg on May 30

At our first quarterly meeting, Rev Khan Lolly will be sharing a powerpoint presentation about her mission experience in India. We will also be discussing the requirements to become a 5 star unit and additional items if time permits.

The April Tobans have been very busy during the month hosting the Akamatsu and Seno funeral. They also hosted June Zhu's Appreciation celebration held on April 11. Thank you April Tobans: Jayne Rasmussen, Fumiko Williams, Hiroko Arimoto, Shizue Ito, Betty Kimoto, Michiyo Laing, Kiyo Miller and Keiko Nakata.

Your UMW Co-Presidents
Elaine Maeda and Yvonne Kato

United Methodist Women Event

II 2010 California – Nevada Conference
School of Christian Education / Mission Education Event

Please come and join the UMW School of Mission which will be held the following days:

- * July 23—25, 2010, Reno, Nevada July 23-25
- * August 6—8, 2010, University of Pacific, Stockton, CA
- * August 28, 2010, Milbrae, CA—One day event
- * September 18, 2010, Merced, CA—One day event

The 3 study topics are (1)Sudan, (2) Mission & Evangelism: Joy to the World -Social Issue, and (3) For the Love of God: Johns Letters – Spiritual Growth.

For more information please contact Shigeo Shibata as she has registration forms and there are scholarships available through our UMW.

WESLEY HOUSE U.C. Berkeley

WESLEY HOUSE & CAMPUS CENTER is a campus ministry of the United Methodist Church which has served UC Berkeley students since 1925. This Fall 2010, 90 Cal students will live, study, and grow at Wesley House. The center will include a multi-media room, library, lounge, and country style kitchen. One of U.C. Berkeley's missions is to develop national and international thinkers and leaders. The United Methodist Church supports this goal through Wesley House by creating a spiritual community which will equip Berkeley students to be citizens with high moral values, personal integrity, and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

SJUMC is invited to become a FOUNDING MEMBER OF WESLEY HOUSE & CAMPUS CENTER. For a donation of \$500 or more, Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church will be engraved in the Giving Circles displayed in an architectural niche in Wesley's House's entry way. Funds are needed for building costs and to complete the furnishings of the common areas. The suggested donation for individual SJUMC members ranges from \$20 to \$50 per donation. Please contact Barbara Kado 530 - 758 - 7339 or Lester Ouchida, 916 - 421 - 6028 if you would like to be a donor. Checks should be made out to Wesley Foundation and are completely tax deductible. More information is available at www.wesleyberkeley.org.



SJUMC Issei Garden Waterfall

The SJUMC Issei Garden waterfall is finally completed. New specimens of Japanese red cut leaf maples, other plants, and rocks have been added to the garden. Now as you look at the garden, you can see the beautiful seasonal changes with the serene sound of the waterfall in the background.

The SJUMC Garden Angels would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Sakauye
 Yasushi Ito
 George Yomogida
 Mary Ann Nakashima
 Winston Ashizawa
 Japanese Film Festival
 Frances Sumida
 Max Mizoguchi
 Victor Shibata
 Bill Taketa
 Bert Shikasho
 May Ukita
 Jean Kanemoto
 Kiku Ito
 Helen Blaisdell
 Bernice Dingley
 Brian Masunaga
 Sonoda Nursery

.Arigato

Thank you to all who stayed for our All-Church Clean Up Sunday. We got so much done in an hour and a half. The windows look fantastic, the MCH kitchen is spectacular, the pews shine, the entire church looks great. Thank you also to the March toban for the delicious lunch. All this is possible, because all of you pitched in, worked hard, and did a great job. Thank you so much.

Interested in **Baptism and Church membership**? We may have 20 people joining us on Pentecost Day (May 23). If you do not have * by your name on the directory, you need to join us!

Session 1(Baptism only) April 25, Sunday 12:00pm—2pm or April 28, Wednesday 7pm—9pm

Session 2(Baptism only) May 2, Sunday 12:00pm—2pm or May 4, Tuesday 7pm to 9pm.

Session 3 (Baptism and Transferring membership) May 16 Sunday 12:00pm—2pm or May 13, Thursday 7pm to 9pm.



To offer flowers for morning worship, take note of the new Flower Chart on the wall in the entryway. You may offer flowers as a remembrance or in celebration. Instructions are available in the old library, off the narthex..

SECURITY CODES CHANGING!



In order to improve the security of the Church property, the Board of Trustees has voted to change all of the code numbers for the alarm system. In that regard, all persons wishing to retain their keys must fill out a form and turn into Art Imagire (Security Toban) or Robyn Jovalis (church office manager) by April 30. Also the current generic number will be eliminated and new codes issued after April 30 as recommended by Astro Security. Those of you who currently have keys but no longer wish to do so, also please contact and return your keys to either Art or Robyn in an envelope with your name. *If you try to use an old code after the changes are made, you will not be able to disable the alarm! Please contact the office or Art if you have any questions.*



SJUMC Design Group

Did you know that SJUMC has a Design Group? The Design Group's purpose is to coordinate needed renovations around the church campus. The Group is comprised of members from the various church committees; Loretta Ashizawa, Joanne Mikami, Rev. George Nishikawa, Jayne Rasmussen, Betty Silvernail, Les Wataji, Rev. Motoe Yamada and Tule Yomagida. Our first priority is looking at the needs of the Sanctuary, Fireside Room and Narthex. If you have any input or suggestions, please contact any one of the Group members.

SJUMC Children and Youth Summer Activities



Pre-K to 6th Grade
Vacation Bible School
9am to 1pm (lunch included)



**Bible
VOYAGE**

**Ship Rec
GAMES**

**Clipper Ship
CRAFTS &
MISSIONS**



**Goodies From
THE
GALLEY**

**Sing & Play
SPLASH**

**The Floating
FINALE**

*Vacation
Bible School
July 19th
to 23rd*

**Sail Away
CINEMA**



**Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church
Finance Recap
March 2010**

General Fund

Beginning cash balance 02/28/10	\$ 28,026.20		
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	13,545.00		
Offerings	7,017.15		
Other Receipts	3,907.95		
Passthroughs	(500.00)		
Total cash inflows	23,970.10		
Cash Outflows			
Capital Improvements & maintenance	-		
Apportionments	(3,488.00)		
Operations	(18,316.70)		
Total cash outflows	(21,804.70)		
Ending cash balance 02/28/10	<u>\$ 30,191.80</u>		
		<u>General Fund Restrictions</u>	
		Unrestricted Cash	\$ 12,740.72
		Youth Group Funds	8,919.40
		Paint Fund	8,531.48
		Total Cash Balance	<u>\$ 30,191.80</u>

Legacy Fund

Beginning cash balance 2/28/10	\$ 57,449.01		
Cash Inflows			
Pledges	3,875.00		
Interest & Dividends earned	312.50		
Total cash inflows	4,187.50		
Cash Outflows			
Multi-cultural hall mortgage payment	(8,320.00)		
Dividends Reinvested	(34.42)		
Bank Charges	(4.00)		
Total cash outflows	(8,358.42)		
Ending cash balance 03/31/10	53,278.09		
03/31/10 fair market value of stocks	<u>97,237.29</u>		
Total Assets in Legacy	<u>\$ 150,515.38</u>		
		<u>Multi-Cultural Hall Mortgage</u>	
		02/28/10 Principal Balance	508,339.72
		Ad principal pmts per stmts	144.32
		March 2010 principal pmt	5,794.52
		March 2010 interest pmt	2,525.48
		03/31/10 Principal Balance	<u>\$ 500,889.52</u>

Special Events

Beginning cash balance 02/28/10	\$ 339,034.01
Fair Market Value of Stocks 03/31/10	187,809.41
Money Market 03/31/10	101,008.04
Parsonage Loan balance	16,562.12
Checking Account	<u>37,902.61</u>
Total Assets in Special Events	<u>\$ 343,282.18</u>



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