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SAKURA DAYORI



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Upcoming Events

- **October 2** - Annual Fall Bazaar - 11:00am - 3:30pm
- **October 3** - World Communion Sunday
- **October 10** - Mission Sunday, Family Worship, Crop Walk, Stewardship
- **October 17** - Laity Sunday, Stewardship
- **October 24** - Stewardship, Ukulele 101
- **October 31** - Children's program and Family Worship -led by Children's Ministry of Music
- **November 6** - UMW Annual Rummage Sale, items may be donated by arranging with the church office 421-1017



Invitation to Worship

October 3, 2010

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Luke 17:5-10

October 10, 2010

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Mission Sunday - Family Service

Stewardship

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12 (UMH 790)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 17, 2010

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Stewardship

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalms 19

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 24, 2010

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

Stewardship

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

October 24, 2010

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Family Worship - Children's Ministry of Music

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Greeters for October

October 3—May Ukita & Bell Ito

October 10—Yoshiko Nishikawa & Marie Okino

October 17—Kimi Ronay & Jill Kanemasu

October 24—Irma Hanni & Frances Lee

October 31—Yasushi Ito & Bernice Dingley

Ushers for October

October 3—Joyce Oshiro & Richard Yang

October 10—Norman & Tsukiko Robinson

October 17—Kathy Gosney & Laura Katayama

October 24—Yasushi Ito & Les Wataji

October 31—Phillip & Lois Yuki

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10**

Articles may be left in the church office or e-mailed to Joanne Mikami at hankojo@starstream.net.

SSIP Food Closet update

Our congregation is a part of the South Sacramento Interfaith partnership (SSIP) which ministers to people in our area through the Food Closet which is housed at the Bethany Presbyterian Church at Fruitridge and 24th Street. Our congregation supports the Food Closet and SSIP through monetary donations, food donations, as well as volunteer giving through service in the Food Closet and on the SSIP Board of Directors and supporting committees.

In our church narthex (foyer) is a large plastic container to receive your gifts of non-perishable food stuffs for the Food Closet. Each Sunday check the "SSIP bag" in the worship folder to learn what food items is currently needed at the Food Closet. There is always a need for general and miscellaneous non-perishable food items, but the items in the bag each week are the current needs. The Food Closet also accepts brown grocery bags. SSIP is currently not collecting egg cartons at this time.

During the month of August, 2010----the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 5,457 persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,432 unduplicated households. The number of person served and the food delivered express the importance of this ministry.

In May, 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, Katie Marshall, Reverend Yamada, Brian Lewis, Michael Gei, Samantha Fong, Jan Muraki, Cecil Combs, Meg Tanaka, Kimi Ronay, Mike Yui, Jason Chan, Yoshi Nishihawa, Margaret Saito, Yvonne Kato, Ray Kato, and Shisuko Kurosawa.

We are still in need of volunteers to work inside the Food Closet on Mondays or to work in the metal shed storage locker bagging USDA commodities. Worker inside the Food Closet do a specific task; worker #1 prepares Bag#1 and worker #2 prepares Bag #2, worker #3 adds fresh produce and gets the number of USDA bags needed from a bin and worker # 4 adds rice, additional breads and pastries to the bags and call the client to the window. Workers who bag USDA commodities place 7-8 items in a doubled plastic bag and the tie the bag closed. The items vary each month depending on what is received from Food link and may include: a can of beans, fruits, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, a bag of pasta, powder milk, etc. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis or as a substitute, please call Francis Lee 427-7983, Jane Combs 443-2839 or June Tanihana 395-1355.

Church Planning Day - December 4 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

All outgoing, current and incoming committee members are required to come to our Church planning day. All church members are invited to come. We will be discussing the future of the church. If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Rev. Motoe or your committee chair.



CHURCH PLANNING MEETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

as of August 29, 2010

In Appreciation
Williams, M/M Frederick
In Celebration of Victor & Shigeo Shibata's dedicated church work
Honbo, Dr/M Wesley
In Celebration of Aloha Sunday
Kashiwagi, M/M George
Kubo, M/M Edwin
Sumida, Frances
In Celebration of sale of Mary's home
Shikasho, Sumiko
Wedding Anniversary
Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
Special offering for tables & chairs
McLean, Mark
In Celebration of Anniversary
Takechi, M/M Curtis
In Memory of Daniel Fujimoto
Fujimoto, Mary
Hironaka, Sally
Honbo, Dr/M Wesley
Iwata, Grace
Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
Radich, Joe
In Memory of Gary Nishite
Fukushima, M/M Roy
Sato, M/M Roy

In Memory of Takaji Dan
Inouye
Inouye, Margaret
Inouye, Tim
Nagasaki Bomb Services
Kato, Keiko
In Memory of mother Yoshiko
Kujubu
Miyasaki, Anne
In Memory of Gary Wayne
Kozono
Sato, M/M Roy
In Memory of Carol Matsukawa
Suyenaga, Sumiko
In Memory of Mary Fujimoto's grandson
Wechsler, M/M B. G.

UMCOR

Kazato, Rev/M Shiro
Laing, M/M Carl
Nakamura, Mary
Nishizaki, Tom
Sakamoto, Sayuri
Pakistan
Ito, M/M James
Kawahara, M/M Yoshio
Mizoguchi, M/M Max
Nishikawa, Rev/M George
China / Pakistan
Matsuoka, M/M Walter

CHILDREN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kanemoto, Jean

YOUTH MISSION FUND

Imagire, M/M Art
Kanemoto, Jean
Kushi, M/M Tom
Lee, Frances
Okino, Maria
Saito, Margaret
Sakamoto, Sayuri
Sumida, Frances
UMW

LEGACY FUND

In Memory of Takaji Inouye
Inouye, Tim & Andrew
In Memory of Daniel Fujimoto
Ito, M/M Paul Ito
In Memory of Rose Fujita
Kawahara, M/M Yosh
In Memory of Carol Asahara
Matsukawa
Nishikawa, Rev/M George
In Memory of Gary Nishite
Shibata, M/M Victor
In Memory of Feliciano Rios
Shibata, M/M Victor

Notes from the Pastor

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him (Ephesians 1:15-17)

I have just returned from the General Commission on Status and Roles of Women (GCSRW) Board of Directors Meeting, in Nashville, as their preacher for the week. I led and preached 7 worship services in four days and I felt very uplifted! I learned a lot from their process of discernment for their future and I hope to use the discernment process for our church planning day! (December 4th, Saturday 9:30am to Noon) I am so thankful for Rev. George Nishikawa for encouraging me to take the opportunity to participate in the GCSRW to bring a perspective from Asian American community.

Where I was staying was right next to the Upper Room Publisher which publishes little devotion books you receive at the church every two month. There was even an Upper Room Museum, Chapel and Book Store. The Upper Room is celebrating it's 75th anniversary this year. It started during post-war depression when people were struggling to find hope. It is amazing that it is continuing to touch people's lives. Now 2.5 millions copies are sold in 39 different languages. I encourage you to take 5 minutes aside everyday to read the devotion book (also available on SJUCM website!)

I also picked up some books there and one of the books was about an Older Adult Ministry and I was pleasantly surprised to find out how SJUCM is already doing many of things the book suggests. *Fully Alive As We Age* workshop (see the picture) has been great and 50 people were at the last session on Spirituality. We are looking for drivers and escorts for our Sunday Senior Ride Program so that seniors who are waiting for it can really embrace to come to the church on Sundays!

Our Young Peoples ministries are going well. The church now has a kids' room/nursery by the narthex so that parents have a place to go for kids even during the service. Sunday School attendance is up and the SS rooms look very welcoming (many thanks for Candace Wong who helped me to decorate the rooms!)

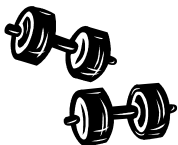
We are in the middle of Garden Series II, Care for Creation. I am glad to see differences on the church campus and people using the SJUCM water bottles. Please also join us for the CROP Hunger walk to stop hunger on October 10th after the service.

Bazaar is around the corner and I am so looking forward to seeing/meeting people. I will wear a balloon so that it will be easy for you to spot me. Please say hi whenever you see me. May God continue to bless you!

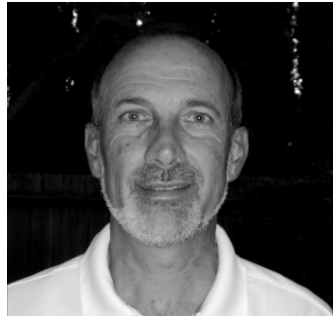


Senior Open Gym - Every Thursday from 9:30am - 11:00 am

If you are a senior citizen and would like to exercise with others, please join us Thursday mornings in the gym. We exercise every part of our body while having fun and keeping in shape!



Meet Your Lay Leaders



Dear
SJUMC
family,

SJUMC.

I have been active in our children's activities by coaching soccer, Little League baseball, and being a Boy Scout leader. I work for the State where I am a manager at the Franchise Tax Board in charge of administrating their computer systems.

My name is Jim Williamson and join Mary Nakamura serving as your Lay Leaders for 2010. We were asked to share a little about ourselves. You can read about Mary in last month's edition of the Sakura Dayori.

I grew up in a small town outside of Dayton, Ohio where my family was very active members in the Lutheran Church. When I was 25, the computer company I was working for (NCR) transferred me to their division in San Diego. This is where I met my wife Carol Kondo and started to raise our two children Krista and Bret. In 1995, we moved to Sacramento, to be nearer to Carol's family. Carol was raised in Loomis where she attended the Loomis United Methodist Church. We visited several different churches but felt welcome at

Since becoming a member of SJUMC, I have taught High School Sunday School, served on the Staff Parish Relations Committee as well as Board of Trustees. Carol as taught Sunday School for 12 years and both our children have enjoyed playing in the basketball program. My entire family went on the Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans this summer. This was a great opportunity for us to help someone in need, realize how fortunate we are, and to grow spiritually. I would highly recommend you go on a mission trip if at all possible.

SJUMC not only helps meet my social needs of belonging to a community, but even more importantly my spiritual needs. I have learned and continue to learn how faith has a positive influence on the quality of life.

UMW Report

The Welcome Back Luncheon held on September 12 was very successful due to the coordination of your September Tobans. There were many delicious dishes brought and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the following ladies for their efforts: Caroline Ouchida, Emi Alicaya, Sue Fong, Namie Kubota, Florence Mizoguchi, Mary Nakamura, Yoshiko Nishikawa, Susan Otani-Curtis and Carol Wong.

UMW Meeting Correction - The next UMW Meeting will be held on **Oct 17**. Doris Young will be the guest speaker. Doris Young is the

California-Nevada United Methodist Women's Communications Team Web Editor.

Are you Interested in holding an officer position within UMW? Leader Training will be held on November 6 in Oakdale with registration due by October 30. Please contact Yvonne or Elaine for registration form.

Save the Dates:
Fall Rummage Sale - November 6

YOUTH NEWS

There's a lot going on this month for our youth group. The church Bazaar is coming up at the beginning of the month and the youth will be taking shifts selling sodas and helping with clean up. We hope to see you out at the church from 11am-3pm enjoying the fellowship and food.



The following weekend we will be participating in the Crop Walk 2010. The Crop Walk is a walk that was created to help bring an end to world hunger. We hope you will join us on the west steps of the state capitol at 12:30pm and if you are not able to make it out we would love to have your support in prayer.



The SJUMC t-shirts are in! There will be a table in the social hall every Sunday after service until 12:30 for those of you who ordered a shirt to pick it up. If you didn't get a chance to order your shirt this time around, we will be taking more orders until November 7th.



We have gotten back into the gym and the youth will be in there every 2nd and 4th Sundays showing off their incredible ball handling skills and superb jump shots at Open Gym! At the end of the month we are looking forward to having a lock-in with some friends from both Junior High Camp and Asian Camp for the Halloween weekend. We will partake in fellowship, worship, and way too much sugar. Trick or Treat!



Transportation Escort and Driver needed

We will need a driver and an



escort in order to provide a ride every Sunday. We are hoping to have a group of people so that each person only does it once a while.

Will you let the office or Lori Lee know if you are interested it?

Lori Lee and June Tanihana will be coordinating rides on Sundays with ACC. If you need a ride, please contact the office or Lori. The form will be available next week. The cost will be covered by the church (any donation is welcome)

Check out our new Kid's Room and Nursery! We have designated the old library as room for families with toddlers and babies.



CALLING ALL KIDS AND YOUTH to sing in our new Children's Music Program!

We will be meeting together to sing, move and praise God! We will meet on Sunday Mornings from 9-9:30am or right after children's message during service - your choice! We will be working to lead worship on October 31st. If you have any questions or want more info, call Robyn at 601-6549 or email robyn@sacjumc.com.



Community Prayer Corner

Comfort and Prayer for the families and friends of

- * Joe Saito
- * Ken Namimatsu
- * Kevin Imura
- * Gary Nishite
- * Danielle Fujimoto
- * Krystal Nakamura
- * Jean Yoshiko Dokuzaku Kaku
- * Woody Ishikawa

Special Prayers

- * Etsu Yui
- * Russ Kanemasu
- * Florence Shikasho
- * Aaron Owada
- * People in San Bruno, CA
- * People who were affected by flood in Pakistan, & Earthquake in New Zealand
- * Miners in Chile
- * people, looking for a job

Thanksgiving Prayers

- * Alyssa Emil Hirata was born to Vickie and Eric Hirata, her big sister expecting their second child on Sept. 10
- * a baby boy was born to Shoko (Rev. Motoe's sister) and Shigeo Yasuda on Sept. 18
- * a baby, Jaya Gosney was born to Vicky Gosney on Sept. 26

Would you like someone to **pray for you?**

Every Sunday at 9:40am, Prayer group meets to pray. If you want someone to pray for you, please join us in the Merwin Chapel (the last room in the education building)



Please join us as we walk together to raise awareness and funds to help people who must walk miles to get clean water and food. All ages are welcome! This year, the CROP Walk will take place on 10/10/10.

Registration opens at 12:30 pm near the west steps of the Capitol and the walk begins at 1:00 pm. All walkers will need to bring a canned good in lieu of a registration fee.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from this walk will go to hunger relief agencies in the Sacramento and surrounding area: Carmichael Food Bank, St. Matthew's Food Closet, South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership Food Closet, and the River City Food Bank.

If you would like to sign up, please contact Mary Nakamura after church service. If you wish to sponsor a walker, you may do so online or give the donation to the walker in person.

This year there will be two routes: a 6.5 km (4 mile) walk through downtown and Land Park, or the Executive WALK (1 mile) around Capitol Park.

Here is the link to the SJUMC team page:

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/sacjumc>

Asian Food & Cultural Bazaar

**Saturday
October 2,
2010
11 am 3 pm**



- Teriyaki Chicken
- Sushi, Udon
- Sesame Chicken
- Chow Mein
- Manju
- Boutique

Sacramento Taiko Dan
Raffle:

\$1,000 1st Prize And Much, Much More

**Sue Teranishi will lead
a mission trip to
New Orleans, Louisiana
for Hurricane Recovery.
This Fall (November)**

(Everyone is invited!!!)

Cost, including *airfare, ground transportation, meals, lodging, insurance*)

- ◆ \$\$400- 600 for adults
(if they apply Cal/Nev scholarship)

*If you have questions, please contact
Sue Teranishi sue328ter@gmail.com*



Would you like to join the choir?

SJUMC Choir does not meet during July and August. They will practice on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary starting **September 8th**. They will sing on Sundays during worship and meet at 10:00am in the Choir Room



NOVEMBER RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time of year again. We will be having our November Rummage Sale on Saturday November 6. It's the perfect opportunity to clean out your closets, cupboards, garage, and storage areas. We really appreciate all your useable furniture, kitchen items, clothes (men's, women's, children's), workable small appliances (no TV's please), toys, and whatever you do not need or use anymore.

Also, if you can, we would love to have you join us on Friday, November 5, anytime from 9-5pm, to sort all our donations. See you there ...



Garden Series II - Care for Creation

Become a better steward of the earth and our environment! SJUMC efforts to be "greener" and reduce energy already taken place include: We encourage members to become more educated and aware of what each of us can do to reduce our impact on the environment to "reduce, reuse and recycle" and what we can do to reduce air pollution and minimize our carbon footprint.

Free SJUMC Water Bottle for you— As a part of the Garden Series, SJUMC gave out a SJUMC free water bottle on Sept 19. Now it's available for \$7.

able for \$7.

Recycle Bins Available at the church—Please throw the bulletins (if you don't need it) to the recycle bin!

Fundraiser for Mission Trips and Reduce Waste! To help you reduce waste and also to raise funds for future mission trips, SJUMC will be offering a tote bag (which you can take to the grocery store and re-use) and an insulated tumbler for your coffee/hot tea (which you can bring to coffee hour and reduce use of throwaway cups). Suggested donation will be \$7 for the tote bag, \$10 for the insulated coffee cup, or \$15 for both.

*Would you like to receive SJUMC **newsletter by e-mail** so that we can reduce the amount of paper? Please let Robyn know (421-1017 or robyn@sacjumc.com)

SJUMC has gone greener in 2010

This year the Trustees took advantage of SMUD's Energy Conservation Program which enabled SJUMC to convert 71 T-12 fluorescent lights to the newer energy efficient T-8. The replacement fluorescent tubes and electronic ballasts will use approximately 1900 fewer watts of energy. In addition, 11 Exit Signs with 5 - 3 watt LED bulbs replaced the incandescent 40 watt bulb for an energy savings of 25 watts per fixture or a total of 275 watts. All together the energy usage saved was approximately 2200 watts. In October 2014, SJUMC's Solar Power Agreement with SMUD to offset its electricity bill by the solar power generated will begin.

Light rail field trip on Sunday Oct 24

after church Did you know that cars and other vehicles produce about 40% of the ozone pollution in this region? To familiarize you with riding light rail, we'll be taking a light rail field trip on Sunday, October 24, after church from the 47th Avenue light rail station. Depending on the interest of those planning to participate, we'll choose a destination in October. Email Sue Teranishi at sue328ter@gmail.com, talk to her after church or call her at 443-5657 if you're interested in joining this field trip!



Advent Team Forming

We are starting an Advent Team to plan for the Advent season, Please contact Rev. Motoe, if you are interested or have some ideas.



Be sure to visit our remodeled website at www.sacjumc.com!

We want to thank both our anonymous previous webmaster and our new webmaster and designer, Betty Silvernail



Look for an article in the INSIDE newspaper for Pocket and Land Park about SJUMC! If you didn't get a hard copy, you can check it out online, by going to our website: www.sacjumc.com and clicking on the link or go to: <http://www.sacjumc.com/Pocket%20News%209-16-10.pdf>



PAKI-STAN: WORST FLOODING ON RECORD; 2 MILLION AFFECTED

At least 1,200 people have died and 2 million have been displaced from their homes by the most severe flooding on record in northwest [Pakistan](#). At least 29,500 homes have been completely destroyed by the floods that followed on the heels of extremely heavy monsoon rains that particularly affected Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is reaching out to partners in Pakistan, including Church World Service, Muslim Aid, and the Peshawar Diocese of the Church of Pakistan, and preparing an initial grant to assist in relief efforts.

Please support UMCOR's response to the crisis in Pakistan with your gift to SJUMC. Please write UMCOR on the memo line of your check.



Join us for a Women of Faith conference (you can attest to the renewing energy and joyous spirit that floods the arena through the inspirational speakers, music, and humor)

Sacramento 2010 Women of Faith "Imagine" Weekend

Location: Arco Arena
Dates: Friday, Nov. 12 & Saturday, Nov. 13

Price: \$89 per person which includes tickets for the entire event and box lunches for Friday & Saturday. Parking at Arco Arena not included.