

# SAKURA DAYORI



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Newsletter

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September 12, 2010

8:30 am - 10:00 am — Final Basketball Registration

9:30 am - 10:00 am — Parents Meeting with Rev.

Motoe Yamada *Parents of Pre-school through Sr,  
High are invited*

9:30 am - 10:30 am — Sunday School Registration

9:30 am - 10:30 am — Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship

11:45 am - Welcome Back & Appreciation Luncheon

## Notes from the Pastor

*A lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." (Luke 10:27 & 28)*

What a busy summer it was! After the California/Nevada Annual Conference, I flew to New Orleans for youth/young adult mission trip. I am especially thankful for adult leaders (Carol/Jim Williamsons & Sue Teranishi) and I pray that our young people will continue to serve God's people! Sue is planning another mission trip to New Orleans this fall. If you are interested, please let her know.

It was my joy to join both Jr. High Camp and Asian American Summer Camp. I was excited to see our SJUMC youth having a great time and singing Christian songs. I appreciate counselors (Katie Marshall, Janelle Kanemasu & Gayle Kurasaki) and the staff, who made our wonderful experiences possible. I hope SJUMC will continue to support the camp ministry. Many youth say that camp is the best place to experience God!

Vacation Bible School! This was the first year we have done it and did you see the excitement on our kids' faces during the VBS Sunday? We had 21 kids, 10 youth, 55 volunteers. Many of adult volunteers including myself were exhausted by the end of the week yet all agree that we want to do it again next year, just to see our kids' faces shine to learn about Jesus!



SJUMC had another great Aloha Sunday (many thanks to all volunteers, especially Lori Lee Lewis – the organizer) with wonderful Ukulele music, the hula dance to How Great Thy Art was amazing and FOOD! I also participated UMW tour to San Francisco. We went to Disney Family Museum in Presidio, Gum Moon Women Shelter in China Town and Japan Town. I could not believe how much we accomplished in 12 hours and I really enjoyed the fellowship with all participants (thank you, Gloria Imageri and UMW toban). It was nice to see Rev. Nobu in Japan Town.

I had a chance to teach a short class for all grades for Jan Ken Po (cultural summer school) and I was happy to meet all children and joined their Gaku Gei Kai (open house) to see their progress. Rev. George and I went to the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists Convocation in San Jose and learned a lot and made many connections. Before the convocation, I was elected as Chair of Asian American Pacific Islander Clergywomen Association (AAPIC), and at the end of the Convocation we celebrated Rev. Lloyd and Marion Wake's contribution for NFAAUM.

We have a very exciting Fall coming up! The church has a new music director (Eileen Boyd) and a pianist (Daniel Skaggs) as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. We feel so blessed to have them both and we are already planning on much wonderful music. Many thanks for Paul Ito who graciously offered to lead the choir for last year! Robyn Jovalis, our office manager who was excellent at leading children's music, will be leading Children Ministry of Music this fall (practice will start on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:30am and after children's message)

By "Welcome Back Sunday", our church website ([sacjumc.com](http://sacjumc.com)) will have a new look. I am very thankful for the former web master (who wants to be nameless) and new web master (Betty Silvernail)! Please check the website!

I will be starting a new series, Garden Series II, care for creation on September 12. As a part of the series, we will be giving out Free SJUMC water bottle on September 19, so please join us!

I am very happy to be your pastor and I thank God everyday for this great opportunity to serve and grow with you.



## Invitation to Worship

September 5, 2010

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Summer Hymn Series: In The Garden*  
 Psalm (UMH 854)  
 Luke 14:25-33

September 12, 2010

*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Welcome Back Sunday - Family Service*  
*Garden Series I - Repent & Reclaim*  
 Psalm (UMH 746)  
 Genesis 1:26-31

September 19, 2010

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Garden Series II - Reduce & Reuse*  
 Psalm (UMH 741)  
 Genesis 2:1-3

September 26, 2010

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Garden Series III - Recycle & Rejoice*  
 Psalm (UMH 810)  
 Matthew 6:19-21



## Greeters for September

September 5—Phillip & Lois Yuki

September 12—Chiyoko Chida &  
 Bill Taketa

September 19—Flo & Max Mizoguchi

September 26—Loretta & Winston  
 Ashizawa

## Ushers for September

September 5—Eddie & Sandy Koshino

September 12—Keiko Kato &  
 Keiko Nakata

September 19—Lincoln Fujii &  
 Roy Sato

September 26—Larry & Nadine Fong

## FALL ASIAN FOOD AND CULTURAL BAZAAR

It's that time of year again. Time for our annual fall bazaar. Our bazaar is scheduled for October 2, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help set up prior to the bazaar as well as the day of the bazaar. Food tickets are available at the church office and in the social hall after worship. Tickets are valued at \$2.00. This year our bazaar is chaired by Chuck Kobayashi and Art Imagire.

Come join us for fun, fellowship and oh yeah work on Friday, October 1, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. in preparation for our annual fund raiser. If you have not been contacted to help the day of the bazaar, please contact one of the committee chairs or the church office.

## Meet Your Lay Leaders



Dear SJUMC family,

My name is Mary Nakamura and together with Jim Williamson, we are serving as your Lay leaders for 2010. We were each asked to share a little about ourselves so that you can get to know us better.

As my heritage is important to me, I wanted to provide a little insight into the meaning of "Third generation" as it relates to me. Third generation applies not only to my racial and cultural identity, but also to my faith. My maternal grandmother lived in Idaho and Oregon for most of her adult life. You can imagine that there were probably not a lot of Asians living in Idaho in the early part of the 1900's. Through the warm hospitality and evangelism of the women at the local United Methodist Church, my Bachan learned about Jesus. She eventually became a Christian and worshiped with her church family at the Ontario UMC for the rest of her life. Her faith had a significant influence on the lives of my uncles and aunts, many of whom also chose to worship at a UMC. Tom Nishizaki and Margaret Inouye are two of my mother's siblings who attend SJUMC.

I was baptized in our sanctuary when I was an infant and confirmed when I was a high school student. God has continued to provide me with opportunities to learn about Him and His unfailing love - from youth trips to Yosemite with

Mary Maaga, to church camps such as Zephyr Cove, Family Camp, Jr. High Camp, and Asian Camp. Bible Studies (in college and at church), trips (Turkey - following the footsteps of the apostle Paul with Rev. Nobu) and retreats, particularly the Walk to Emmaus have also been meaningful to me. My relationship with God and my understanding of His love for me grew deeper during my weekend experience at Emmaus, and I am encouraged spiritually by my Emmaus Reunion Group sisters.

God formed in me a rather analytical mind and a compassionate heart. I have always enjoyed learning about other cultures and am interested in how people perceive the world around them.

In taking the Three Colors of Ministry class with Rev. Debbi, I learned that the spiritual gifts that were most likely manifested in me were Missionary, mercy, wisdom, counseling, music, and organization. Although I consider social work and social justice as my calling and ministry, I am looking forward to participating with other adults in future mission trips. If anyone has questions about the Three Colors of Ministry class, just ask me. Or, if you would like to hear more about what I have shared, please feel free to stop me in the hallways or give me a call.

Jeremiah 29:11 - 13

Grace and peace,  
Mary



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

## SHARING GOOD NEWS

By  
Helen Blaisdell

Last Advent Season our church put together booklets containing beautiful stories of faith of some of the members of our church to be used for Advent Reading. I sent a copy to a niece in Hawaii who is an active member of her church, Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ in Hilo, Hawaii. Impressed with the booklet, she suggested to the Board of Deacons of her church to ask members of their church to contribute testimonials of their faith to make a book of devotionals for the 2010 Advent Season. She wrote, "The main inspiration is from the Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church, which printed 'Our Faith Journey: Sharing Our Reflections and Testimonials.'"

She asked if she could print some of the stories in her article in their newsletter so they can serve as examples. With permission, testimonials of Kathi Nakashima, Stuart Satow, Marie Okino and Helen Blaisdell were included in the church's newsletter, "The Messenger."

What a blessing to experience a touch of serendipity, as our primary goal was to put together testimonials of our members so they can be used for Advent reading. To be used as an example for another church is a plus.

Praise God!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Donnie Matsuda, son of Don & Marcia Matsuda who received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from Stanford University!

## A Tribute to Two Adult Literacy Tutors

At the Sunday Worship Service on June 29, 2010 special awards were presented to Amy Kawahara and Amy Shimada, tutors of the SJUMC Adult Literacy Program. They were praised for their length of service, 15 years for Amy Shimada and 16 years for Amy Kawahara. Praise was also given to them for their dedication to their students, teaching them skills so they would feel comfortable as members of our community, being more efficient at their work place, and even become participating members of our community. They even helped a couple of students to become citizens of this country.

The Church and the SJUMC Adult Literacy Program laud you, Amy Kawahara and Amy Shimada, for reaching out and making a difference in the lives of your students.

God bless you both.



**Sakura Chorus  
Concert DVDs  
Are Now Available**

Thanks to Lester Ouchida's countless hours of hard work and effort, assisted by Art Imagine, DVDs from the Sakura Chorus concert held on June 20 are now available. The group is asking for \$7 donation per DVD. If you are interested, please contact Michiyo Laing at 967-8998 or Ayako Marshall at 422-5848 by Sunday, September 25.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### GENERAL FUND

(As of July 25, 2010)

In Celebration of Sam & Emi's baptism at Chicago	Muramoto, Harumi	Kubo, M/M Edwin
Asahara, Francis	Sakura Chorus	In Memory of Emma Nakamura's sister
In Celebration of the birth of grandchildren Cadena Jan & George Nathaniel	Jan Ken Po	Kubo, M/M Edwin
Ouchida, Donna	Memorial Offering	In Memory of Dr & Mrs. Akamatsu
In Celebration of Ashley's and Corie's Graduations from USC Medical School & San Diego State Univ.	Goi, M/M George	Matsumoto, M/M Richard
Hagiya, M/M Mark	In Memory of Ikuko Asahara	In Memory of Kern Kono
In Celebration of blessing of home	Asahara, Francis	Asahara, Francis
Hirata, Betty	In Memory of Joe Saito	Dakuzaku, M/M George
In Celebration of Kiku's baptism	Blaisdell, M/M Farrington	Fujii, Lincoln
Ito, M/M James	Hagiya, M/M Mark	Fukuda, Masako
In Celebration of Birthday	Ishii, Dr. Edward	Hamakawa, Mayumi
Kobayashi, M/M Richard	Sugiyama, Elaine	Hironaka, Sally
In Celebration of Marie Okino's birthday	Uno, M/M Dick	Hokama, Y.
Kubo, M/M Edwin	In Memory of May Ishida's 7 <sup>th</sup> year	Hoshisaki, M/M Tom
In Celebration of 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	Fong, M/M Sam	Ikami, Lily
Kurosaki, Merry	In Memory of parents & sister	Ishisaka, Mitsue
In Celebration of Edith Oshita's birthday	Hamai, M/M George	JACL Florin Chapter
Yoshikawa, Teruko	In Memory of Kooshi Hirata	Kanemasu, M/M Russell
In Celebration of Austin's graduation	Hirata, Betty	Kashiwagi, M/M George
Takechi, M/M Curtis	In Memory of Dan Inouye father's day memorial	Kashiwagi, M/M Warren
In Celebration of Hana Sakauye's graduation	Inouye, Andrew	Kawanishi, Mary
Sakauye, M/M Jiro	In Memory of Dan Inouye's birthday	Kitade, Mitsuko
In Appreciation	Inouye, Andrew	Kobayashi, M/M Jinji
Kanemasu, M/M Russell	In Memory of Sam Ouchida	Kozono, M/M Ard
Williams, M/M Frederick	Ouchida, Donna	Kubo, M/M Edwin
In Appreciation of New Orleans Mission	In Memory of Donald Yamabe	Kubota, Barney
Takechi, M/M Curtis	Ishisaka, Mitsue	Kubota, Nami
In Honor of Victor Shibata	Matsuoka, M/M Walter	Kunibe, M/M Thomas
Yamadera, M/M George	In Memory of Joseph Saito	Kushi, M/M Tom
Special offering	Ito, Yasushi	Lee, Frances
	In Memory of Wayne Ishihara	Matsuoka, M/M Walter
	Iwata, M/M Joe	Mitani, M/M Dick
	Kubo, M/M Edwin	Mizoguchi, M/M Max
	In Memory of Fumiko Nishizaki	Murata, Betty
	Kasahara, Rosei	Niiya, M/M Herb
	In Memory of Alvin Seno	Nishikawa, Rev/M George
	Kashiwagi, M/M George	Okamoto, M/M Roy
	In Memory of Yukie Higashino	Okamoto, Peter
	Kobayashi, M/M Jinji	Osuga, M/M David
	In Memory of Don Golden	Sasaki, M/M Robert
	Kubo, M/M Edwin	Sato, M/M Roy
	In Memory of of Wayne Ishihara	Sugiyama, Elaine

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (con't)

Sumida, Frances  
 Takai, Barbara  
 Taketa, M/M Bill  
 Taketa, Sally  
 Takuma, Fumi  
 Tanaka, Lois  
 Taniguchi, Judy  
 Umeda, M/M Stanley  
 Uno, M/M Dick  
 Uyemura, Fay  
 Wong, M/M Steve  
 Woo, Jr, Joseph C.  
 Yamadera, M/M George  
 Yokoi, M/M Feb  
 In Memory of Sue Okamoto  
 Okamoto, Matthew  
 Okamoto, Peter  
 In Memory of Roy's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary  
 Okino, Marie  
 In Memory of Carole Shintaku  
 Shintaku, Teruo  
 In Memory of Bob Uyeyama  
 Taketa, M/M Bill  
 In Memory of Midori Osu  
 Vorhies, Gloria

### SPECIAL OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fong, M/M Lawrence  
 Kado, M/M Clarence  
 Kawahara, M/M Yoshio  
 Kubo, Kathy  
 Kubo, M/M Edwin  
 Ouchida, M/M Lester

### METHODIST YOUTH MISSION FUND

Imagire, M/M Art  
 Ito, M/M Paul  
 Johnson, M/M Henry  
 Kashiwagi, M/M Michael  
 Kato, Florence

Mizoguchi, M/M Max  
 Nakamura, Edie  
 Nakamura, Mary  
 Nakashima, M/M Kent  
 Nishikawa, Rev/M George  
 Sakamoto, Sayuri  
 Shibata, M/M Victor  
 Silvernail, M/M Dave  
 Takechi, M/M Curtis  
 Teranishi, Sue  
 Ukita, May  
 Yuki, M/M Philip

### PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Anonymous  
 Kawahara, M/M Yoshio  
 Kunibe, M/M Thomas  
 Lee, Frances  
 Nakamura, Mary  
 Sakamoto, Sayuri  
 Sasaki, M/M Robert  
 Shibata, M/M Victor  
 Sumida, Frances  
 Yokomizo, Mary

### UMCOR

Sakura Chorus

### CHOIR FUND

Zhu, June  
 In Memory of Bob Uyeyamura  
 Matsuoka, M/M Walter

### LEGACY FUND

Celebration of Michael's  
 graduation  
 Oguro, M/M Keith  
 Celebration of Richie's 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Birthday  
 Oguro, M/M Keith  
 Celebration of Roy's Birthday  
 Okino, Marie  
 Celebration of Grandson's

Birth  
 Mizoguchi, M/M Max  
 Celebration of Rev. Motoe's 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Anniversary  
 Ukita, May  
 In Memory of Kimi Harada  
 Dingley, Bernice  
 Mizoguchi, M/M Max In Mem-  
 ory of  
 In Memory of Takaji Dan  
 Inouye  
 Inouye, Margaret  
 Inouye, Timothy  
 In Memory of Dr. Joe Cunha  
 Ito, M/M James  
 In Memory of Sally Inouye  
 Mizoguchi, M/M Max  
 Taketa, M/M Bill  
 In Memory of Sam Oda  
 Nakashima, Mary Ann  
 In Memory of Carol Matsukawa  
 Nakashima, Mary Ann  
 In Memory of Midori Osumi  
 Nakashima, Mary Ann  
 In Memory of Henry Yui  
 Nakashima, Mary Ann  
 In Memory of Kern Kono  
 Oguro, M/M Keith  
 SJUMC Boutique  
 In Memory of Jack Akiyama  
 Oguro, M/M Keith  
 In Memory of William Ya-  
 madera  
 Sakamoto, Katherine  
 In Memory of Gary Nishite  
 Yamadera, M/M George  
 In Memory of Tom Sasaki  
 Yamasaki, Takako  
 In Memory of Joseph Saito  
 Imagire, M/M Art  
 Nakashima, M/M Kent  
 Nishikawa, Rev/M George  
 Sato, M/M Roy Sato  
 Takuma, Fumi

## Interested in a Mission Trip to New Orleans?

By Sue Teranishi

After chaperoning the SJUMC Katrina Recovery Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans in June, I'm now interested in returning to New Orleans with an adult mission team this fall. If you are interested in joining the team or learning more about it, please talk to me after church on Sunday, contact me by email at [sue328ter@gmail.com](mailto:sue328ter@gmail.com) or call me at home at 443-5657.

SJUMC has been supporting youth mission teams for several years, starting with Pastor Gary Grundman taking youth teams to the Sierra Service Project (SSP). I chaperoned an SSP trip to South Central Los Angeles in 2007 and found it to be an inspiring and rewarding experience and thought there should be adult opportunities to serve as well.

During the New Orleans trip, Reverend Motoe learned I had already attended the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) training with Reverend Debbie Grundman a few years ago. She suggested that I take on the role as Team Leader with Jim Williamson for the rest of the trip to prepare for perhaps leading a future mission team. With some initial hesitation, I accepted, saying it would be good to practice while Reverend Motoe was present for guidance. Jim is experienced in doing some home repair/construction-type work so it was great to have him there to advise on the construction work.

Working on a mission trip is a lot of work but very different from being at home working. The group was divided into smaller teams, each with assigned

tasks for the day. I'm not a morning person, but when our team was on breakfast preparation at 5:45am, I was up early and even enjoyed talking and working with my team members Krista Williamson and Mitchell Takechi.

This was my third mission trip, having chaperoned three years ago on the youth SSP trip to LA, then two years ago joining an UMVIM team from San Ramon Valley UMC to Biloxi, MS, also on a Katrina Recovery trip. Being a team leader and learning how to organize a team, the travel, budget, and other details will take more time than practicing on just one trip. However, I'm willing to take on the challenge and know that I find it very rewarding to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in this way. Initial estimates were that it would take 10-15 years to recover from the Katrina disaster and it's been 5 yrs ago now. If you would like to join me, or are feeling even a nudge that you should go on a trip like this, please talk to me in the near future.

Thank you to all the church members who supported our past mission trips and I hope there will be growing support for more mission teams in the future.

Aki Matsuri  
78th Annual Japanese Fall Festival  
Bazaar  
Saturday, September 18, 11:00  
a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
566 North Fifth St.  
San Jose, CA

## YOUTH NEWS

This summer has been non-stop!! Both Jr. High and Sr. High groups have been doing a lot! Things got rolling in June and won't stop again until September!

We kicked off the summer with a Sr. High mission trip to New Orleans for the hurricane Katrina recovery. It was a group of 11 people led by Rev. Motoe Yamada. We had 3 youth in attendance, Mitchell and Austin Takechi, and Bret Williamson.

In July we had 3 weeks in a row of weeklong activities! It started with Junior High Camp the week of July 4-9! We sent one counselor: Katie Marshall, and 3 campers: Tadashi Konatsu, Jackie Noguchi, and Sami Fong. They all had a great time and for the sharing show Sami played guitar!

The very next week, July 11-16 we sent another group of Jr. High youth to SSP mission trip! They went to Indian Valley and helped work on houses doing construction and painting touch ups. Dave Silvernail drove the group up and was the adult chaperone for the 4 youth: Kimi Silvernail, Taylor Chan, Jordan Foote, and Taylor Kim. They all had a wonderful week working side by side and growing together in faith.

The following week we had Vacation Bible School here at the church. The kids had a blast, and so did my youth!! Tadashi, Austin, Kimi, Jackie, Connor, and Alex were "Captains" and "Lieutenants" for the "crews". They took the kids through different stations of crafts, music, and videos. They 'sailed' through the week on a high wind with God navigating them at every turn.

On July 25 we went to the State Fair and had a fun day just hanging out together and enjoying all the fried food! It was a good day of fellowship to bring a close to the month.

The month of August kicked off with Asian Camp! It's for incoming sophomores in high school through incoming sophomores in college! Our church sent 1 counselor: Janelle Kanemasu and 5 campers: Austin Takechi, Mitchell Takechi, Connor Wong, Katie Marshall, and Tori Satow. While Junior High Camp is to set a foundation for faith, Asian Camps' mission is to deepen that faith and help the campers grow in their service to God and their communities.

Sunday School and open Gym will start again in September and we will have many more activities and events including opportunities for community service and fellowship.

### ***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)



### Coming Fully Alive as You Age

Are you looking for creative and fun ways to continue to grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually as you age? Do you want to remain engaged and active in your later years, with a sense of purpose and a high quality of life? If so, join us in an interactive and informal four-session course, *Coming Fully Alive as You Age*.

#### Session One:

September 7, 2010 10:00am - 11:30am

#### Title: Finding Meaning in Life

*Finding purpose; living life to the fullest; positive aspects of aging; brain fitness; passion for life; becoming a "sage."*

#### Session Two:

September 14, 2010 10:00am - 11:30am

#### Title: Being Fully Alive in Body, Mind and Spirit

*Meditation; care of the body, mind and spirit; coping with physical limitations*

#### Session Three:

September 21, 2010 10:00am - 11:30am

#### Title: Aging as a Spiritual Journey

*Finding hope; letting go of expectations; making sense of suffering; forgiveness and healing*

#### Session Four:

September 28, 2010 10:00am - 11:30am

#### Title: The Uplifting Power of Humor

*Uplifting the spirit with humor; enjoying the present moment; looking at the positives in our lives.*

Classes are taught by Rev. Dr. Judith Pruess-Mellow and Jackie Finley, MA, Co-Owners of Gold Country Seniors Alive.

The Cost: Free of Charge (generally it costs \$10, because of Beulah Foundation, it will be covered)

## UMW Report

### Upcoming Events – Save the Dates

- \* Welcome Back/Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Sunday September 12.
- \* Fall Food Bazaar to be held on Saturday October 2.
- \* Quarterly UMW Meeting for all UMW members will be held on Sunday October 10 after service.
- \* Fall Rummage Sale to be held on Saturday November 6. Start rummaging through your closets for items to donate.

The July Tobans were busy serving church members during their coffee hours. Your hosts for July were: Sharon Oguro, Betty Silvernail, Loretta Ashizawa, Frances Kushi, Fumi Takuma, Linda Nakatani, Debbie Takahashi, Judy Sasano, Margaret Tanemoto.

The annual UMW Outing held in August was a success due to the hard work of the August Tobans. Your August Tobans are: Gloria Imagire, Tule Yomogida, Mitzi Ishisaka, Karen Kashiwagi, Amy Kawahara, Kathi Nakashima, Atsuko Taketa, Mickey Yamadera.

Your Co-Presidents  
Elaine Maeda and Yvonne Kato

**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!

## 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.


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 months of June and July, 2010—the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 2,673 in June and 2,637 in July persons which included adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents 1,419 unduplicated households in June and 1,399 in July. 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, Branian 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 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.





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.

**Altar & Flower**  
**Sharing**



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United Methodist Church  
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