

# SAKURA DAYORI



## Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## SUNDAY

**September 13, 2009**

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 and Basketball Sign-ups

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

10:30 am - Worship

11:45 am - Welcome Back & Appreciation Luncheon

## Notes from the Pastor

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." -John 15:5*

It has been a wonderful two-months at SJUMC! I really started to love the people and the church. I am very thankful for everyone who made me feel so welcome. I appreciate the Board of Trustees who put tremendous efforts to get the parsonage is ready and comfortable for me and the Staff Parish Relationship Committee who organized the "Meet and Greet" gatherings so I can meet with everyone.

We have been receiving many people at our worship services, Praise God! The Aloha Sunday was especially amazing with our special guests, the Hongos from Hawaii and the lunch was wonderful, made by Chef Bob and his friends. Helen Blasdell did an excellent job coordinating the event. The newly formed Ukulele group practiced many times and are willing to play more often. Helen and I have already started to talk about the next year's Aloha Sunday.

September 13<sup>th</sup> is Welcome Sunday and we are adding extra an 50 chairs so that we will have enough seats for everyone. Please bring your friends and neighbors! We are a great church and let us share that with others. A Special Sunday Series entitled "The Garden" will be starting on that day and continue for four weeks. Naomi Goto will create a spiritual atmosphere for the sanctuary. Please send pictures of your garden to the office. We will show them during the series.

It was my joy to join the Jr. High youth for the Sierra Service Project Mission trip to Covelo, CA, Native American Reservation and our youth and young adults for the Asian American Summer Camp at the Camp Lodestar. I will be teaching the Sunday School for Sr. High youth and I will participate in upcoming youth events. I hope to get to know the Sr. High youth better and I am very thankful for the wonderful parents' support. The Church Council voted to hire two part-time youth directors for Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Ministry and I know that having two staff will really help to provide closer attention to our youth and more leadership and spiritual opportunities for them.

On September 19 & 20, SJUMC will be hosting a special pre-event for Exploration (an event for high school seniors to 24 year olds who are considering ordained ministry) on September 19 and 20. This pre-event is specially designed for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, Asian American Pacific Islander Clergywomen Association, and National Japanese American Clergy Caucus. It is an honor to host the event at our church and Bob and the Garden Angels are going to cook meals for the participants! I pray that many young people will find calling from God to pursue the ordained ministry.

The Bazaar is only a month away and our co-chairs, Chuck Kobayashi and Art Imagire and Bazaar committee members have been working hard. Please join us for this special cultural and food event on Saturday, October 3.

I explained my name meant John 15:5 in my first Sunday at SJUMC. I pray that no matter what I will do at SJUMC, I will abide in Jesus and do the ministry according to his will. Please join me in this great church and wonderful ministry. Let us abide in Jesus together.

Rev. Motoe Yamada

P.S. Starting in July, you will **not** get a letter and a pledge envelope from the pastor about the church finances. The envelope will be enclosed with the Sakura Dayori which includes occasional reports from the Finance and Stewardship Committees. Thank you for your support for the church.



## Invitation to Worship

**September 6, 2009**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Communion*

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125 or Psalm 124

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Message: "For saying that, you may go"

**September 13, 2009**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Welcome Back Sunday*

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Message: Garden Series 1

**September 20, 2009**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1 (UMH 738)

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Message: Garden Series 2 - Leaves

**September 27, 2009**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124 (UMH 846)

James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Message: Garden Series 3 - Fruits

## Greeters for September

September 6 - Lester Wataji &  
Irma Hanni

September 13 - Margaret Saito &  
Ann Miyasaki

September 20 - Irene Osuga &  
June Tanihana

September 27 - Kiyo Sato &  
Mayi Ukita

## Ushers for September

September 6—Winston & Loretta  
Ashizawa

September 13—Chiyoko Chida &  
Yoshiko Harper

September 20—Art & Gloria Imagine

September 27—Kathy Gosney &  
Joyce Kimura

## Welcome Back/Rally Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>

The summer is almost over and it's time to get back into that routine again...Sunday school, choir, worship, basketball, MYF, committees, etc.

Please join us after worship on Sunday, September 13, 2009 for our infamous Annual Welcome Back/Rally Sunday luncheon! Please bring a main dish or salad (to serve 8-10) to share. Cake and beverages will be provided. Fresh flower donations from your garden will also be appreciated for table decorations.

DON'T FORGET....SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH. SEE YOU THERE!

Thank you,  
September Tobans

## LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES COURSES

Two lay speaking ministry courses are being offered by the California Nevada Conference. The first one is a course in Hermeneutics, offered on September 26, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Conference Center in West Sacramento. Registration deadline is September 22.

By one definition, hermeneutics is a methodology for Biblical interpretation. This course will introduce you to that methodology. The Bible is also written in human language (Koine or Hellenistic Greek, Ancient Hebrew and Aramaic). If we want to correctly interpret the Bible we must understand its historical background and context. We must also understand the language (ie. word meanings and grammar) in which it is written. By examining the nature of the Bible, the events it records and how it was written, it is possible to come up with a method of interpretation that is sensible and understandable. This course will be useful for anyone with a serious interest in Biblical study. This is also a required course for certified lay speakers.

A Story Telling course will be offered on November 24, 2009 at the Conference Center in

West Sacramento. Registration deadline is October 20. Storytelling is a useful skill in many venues and interesting in its own right. This course qualifies as an optional advanced course for lay speakers.

Those interested in attending either of the two classes should pre-register with Cindy Buna at the district office. Pre-registration allows for the coordinator to have enough class materials and for the participants to time to complete a reading assignment prior to the beginning of the course. The \$25 course fee includes materials and meals unless otherwise specified. Cindy can be reached by email at [cindyb@calnevumc.org](mailto:cindyb@calnevumc.org) or by mail at Cindy Buna, P. O. Box 980250, W. Sacramento, CA 95798-0250, (916) 374-1501, FAX, (916) 372-5527. Questions can be directed to: Kathy Griggs, Deta District Lay Speaking Ministries Chair at: Sacramento Wesley UMC, P.O. Box 246897 Sacramento, CA 95824 PH: (916) 991-6604 [dkgriggsy@softcom.net](mailto:dkgriggsy@softcom.net) or Paul Hampson, 209-474-3393, [paul@rph-consulting.com](mailto:paul@rph-consulting.com).

## UMW REPORT

Welcome Rev Motoe Yamada to SJUMC! The July Tobans, members and friends of SJUMC provided a wonderful "welcome" to our new pastor the first week of July. They continued to serve the church assisting the memorial service for Kooshi Hirata. Thank you July Tobans for your busy month.

The UMW Board met to discuss the upcoming 2010 Cabinet and Recognition Pins which will be awarded soon. They also introduced themselves to Rev. Motoe on August 16th.

In August, the August Tobans hosted a trip to San Francisco. It was an exciting trip for everyone. More to come on this event.

The 2009 School of Christian Education / Mission Education Event is September 18-20 in Santa Nella. They have already completed the three day event in Reno, Nevada and the one day event in Merced and San Jose. There is still time to enroll in the Santa Nella school of mission. This year's mission study will be "Sudan" – Geographic Study, "Food and Faith" – Spiritual Growth Study, and "Giving Our Hearts Away Native American Survival" – Current issue. Please ask any of our officers from UMW for scholarship applications or for registration information from Shigeko Shibata.

### Letters to SJUMC

Dear SJUMC:

Thank you for your gift to mission.

We acknowledge with gratitude your gift received recently in this office. The money was designated to Nothing but the Nets project and Disaster Response, United States. Should you have any questions or concerns we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. Our gift processing office can be reached at (212) 870-3611.

Again, thanks for your generous support to mission.

### San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles of JCCCNC Offer Scholarship

One \$2000 scholarship is being offered by the San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC).

An applicant must be a member of a single-parent household and a graduating high school senior or post-secondary student planning to attend or currently attending an institution of higher learning or a business or vocational college in the 2009-2010 academic year. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic talent, social and community affiliation and economic need.

Application forms may be requested by writing to the San Francisco/Bay Area Nikkei Singles of JCCCNC Scholarship Committee, c/o Bill Sakai, Chair, 316 Creekside Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306 or by calling (650) 493-2406.

### Methodist Youth Fellowship

The MYF has been busy with service projects and camps. Mitchell Takechi, Jackie Noguchi and Tadashi Konatsu attended Jr. high camp in Palmdale, CA. Janelle Kanemasu, Tori Satow, Shelli Kashiwagi, Candace and Connor Wong, Austin Takechi and Misa Rasmussen attended Asian camp in Wilseyville, CA. Thank you to parents and Rev. Motoe who helped transport the youth back and forth.

Tadashi Konatsu, Kimi Silvernail, Brennan Yamamoto-Chan, Jackie Noguchi and Jordan Foote along with counselors Dave Silvernail and Sharon Noguchi spent a week in Covelo, CA working on houses and schools on the Round Valley Indian Reservation. Austin and Mitchell Takechi, Misa Rasmussen, Kevin Kato, Connor Wong, Brett Williamson and Alec Shintaku along with counselors Jill Kanemasu, Curt Takechi, Lori Lee and Adriana Macias-Shintaku served a week in South Los Angeles working on various projects and providing lunches on skid row.

A big thank you to the congregation for the continued financial and moral support! The cards and notes of encouragement were wonderful and appreciated. These are great opportunities for the youth to serve, grow their faith and fellowship with others; without you, these trips would not be possible. Thank you so much!



Save the Date  
September 12, 2009  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACC  
Nursing Home  
Fundraiser

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### GENERAL FUND

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|---|--|
| In Celebration of Granddaughter's "Professor of the Year Award" | Okino, Marie   |
| Mizoguchi, M/M Max  | In Memory of Dr. Stephen Osuga (David's brother)                     |
| In Celebration of safe return from trip                         | Osuga, M/M David   |
| Hamakawa, Mayumi  | In Memory of Sakakihara Families, George & Kiyoko Miyai and son Gary |
| In Celebration of Reverend Motoe                                | Sakakihara, M/M Ben  |
| Kinoshita, M/M Ted  | In Memory of Frances Kondo   |
| In Celebration of birthday                                      | Takuma, Fumi   |
| Kobayashi, Richard  | In Memory of George Hamatani   |
| Baptism of James Johnson and Confirmation of Henry Johnson      | Takuma, Fumi   |
| Nakashima, M/M Kent   | In Memory of Pete Takuma   |
| Thanks for God's blessing                                       | Takuma, Fumi   |
| Blaisdell, M/M Farrington                                       | In Memory of Yukiye Hamatani (Combs)                                 |
| In Memory of Yoshiko Nishimura                                  | Takumi, Fumi   |
| Anonymous   | In Memory of Karen Miyagawa  |
| Fukuda, Joseph  | Tanaka, M/M Frank  |
| Yamadera, M/M George  | In Memory of Robert Ashizawa   |
| In Memory of Ikuko Asahara                                      | Tsukamoto, Marielle  |
| Asahara, Francis  | In Memory of Bill Wong   |
| In Memory of Kooshi Hirata                                      | Ashizawa, M/M Winston  |
| Hirata, M/M Eric  | Burnett, Phyllis   |
| Chung, Scott  | Coleman, George  |
| In Memory of Dan Inouye for Father's Day                        | Combs, John R.   |
| Inouye, Andrew  | Grundman, Rev/M Gary   |
| In Memory of Dan Inouye's birthday                              | Hamasaki, Alice  |
| Inouye, Andrew  | Hamasaki, Bobby  |
| In Memory of Jack Akiyama                                       | Hamasaki, M/M Hats   |
| Kado, M/M Clarence  | Ikami, Lily  |
| Mikami, Joanne  | Iwata, Grace   |
| In Appreciation of Rev Gary & Rev Debbie Grundman               | Jan, David   |
| Jovalis, Robyn  | Kado, M/M Clarence   |
| Okamoto, Matthew  | Lee, Mary  |
| Teranishi, Sue  | Leong, Lorina  |
| In Memory of Fumiko Nishizaki                                   | Oshiro, Joyce  |
| Kasahara, Rose  | Richardson, B. K.  |
| In Memory of Loved ones   | Ryugo, Jim   |
| Kinoshita, M/M Ted  | Sakakihara, M/M Tom  |
| In Memory of Sue Okamoto's birthday                             | Soko Hardware  |
| Okamoto, Matthew  | Taketa, Dr. David J.   |
| In Memory of Sue Okamoto  | Teranishi, Sue   |
| Okamoto, Peter  | Toyama, M/M William  |
| In Memory of Roy's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary                  | Wong, Jack   |
|   | Wong, Lily C.  |
|   | Wong, W.   |

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (con't)

### EASTER OFFERING

Jackson, Ernest  
Suzuki, M/M Stimson

### PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

DeGuzman, Francisca  
Imagire, M/M Art  
Ito, Belle  
Kawahara, M/M Yoshio  
Kunibe, M/M Thomas  
Lee, Frances  
Laing, M/M Carl  
Otani-Curtis, Susan  
Saito, Margaret  
Sakamoto, Sayuri  
Shibata, M/M Victor  
Sumida, Frances  
Suzuki, M/M Stimson  
Yamadera, M/M George  
Yokomizo, Mary

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Suzuki, M/M Stimson

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Suzuki, M/M Stimson

### Methodist Youth Fund

Williamson, M/M James

### LEGACY FUND

In Memory of Jack Akiyama  
Akiyama, Evelyn  
Oguro, M/M Keith  
Yuki, M/M Philip  
In Memory of Kooshi Hirata  
Alicaya, M/M Charles  
Fong, Karen  
Hirata Family  
Imagire, M/M Art  
Kanemoto, Jean  
Yamada, Rev. Motoe  
In Memory of Toshio Sakai  
Dingley, Bernice  
In Memory of Yo Nishimura

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Honbo, Dr/M Wesley  
In Memory of Bill Wong  
Fong, Karen  
Imagire, M/M Art  
Kanemoto, Jean  
Nishikawa, Rev/M George  
Okino, Marie  
Shibata, M/M Victor  
Taketa, M/M Bill  
Yui, Michael  
In Memory of Frank Miwa  
Hiuga, Stanley  
In Memory of Miyoko Ozawa  
Imagire, M/M Art  
In Memory of Takaji Inouye, Appreciation of  
Mother, Memorial Day, Father's Day  
Inouye, Andrew  
Inouye, Tim  
In Memory of Dan Inouye, Diane Inouye  
Inouye, Margaret  
In Memory of Tsuru Nishizaki & Hanayo Ito,  
Mother's Day Donation  
Inouye, Margaret  
In Memory of Kinji Kurosaki  
Kurosaki, Merry  
In Memory of Henry Yui  
Kushi, M/M Tom  
Nakashima, Mary Ann  
In Memory of Tomiko Kujubu  
Miyasaki, Anne  
In Memory of Dr. Stephen Osuga  
Nakashima, Mary Ann  
In Memory of Suichi Matsunaga (Kazuko Ma-  
tsuoka's brother)  
Nakashima, Mary Ann  
In Memory of Paul Nakashima  
Nakashima, Mary Ann  
In Memory of Bob Ashizawa  
Nishikawa, Rev/M George  
Roy's Birthday  
Okino, Marie  
In Memory of Koki and Mitsugi Taketa  
Taketa, Catherine  
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## On The Go

Board of Trustees recently:

- Finalized an agreement with Jan Ken Po Gakko before the beginning of Gakko's summer program on June 29, 2009.
- Negotiated a parking agreement with neighboring Sacramento Glass Company to rent parking spaces during the work week at the north end of the SJUMC parking lot.
- Remodeled the parsonage in a timely manner for Reverend Motoe's move-in on July 6, 2009. Under the capable leadership of Dale Fong, the parsonage has a new look of fresh paint both exterior and interior, a new refrigerator, garbage disposal and hardware. Chuck Kobayashi worked with AstroSonics to install a new security system. Francis Asahara continued to work on the front landscaping and miscellaneous items in the parsonage. Thank you to Dale, Chuck and Francis for their hard work and restoring the parsonage to a 'home'.
- Gave the green light for the painting and new flooring for Reverend Motoe's office and church office, and an office (formerly occupied by Head Start) for paper supplies storage and archival documents/materials after shelves are installed. The remodeling began on July 1st with anticipated completion date of August 13, 2009.
- Began the implementation of an Open/Close Toban system to open and secure down the SJUMC facility on Sundays. Three-person teams will be responsible each month. Trustees are in need of volunteers from congregation.
- For more detailed information, see Trustees meeting minutes posted in a binder in the Narthex.

Board of Trustees: Chair Jonathan Sakakibara, Dale Fong, Wes Honbo, Chuck Kobayashi, Mary Ann Nakashima, Joyce Oshiro, Irene Osuga, Gregg Shibata, Mike Yui.

## 2010 Changes for JAPANESE MOVIES AT THE CREST

The Japanese Movies at the Crest Film committee reports that the festival will make the following changes for 2010:

- \* We now have a new name – *The Sacramento Japanese Film Festival*. Using the words Film festival makes it easier to locate us on the internet.
- \* Our festival has a new date and will take place on July 9, 10, & 11, 2010. Reason: The 2010 Amgen Classic Bicycle Race will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May, and access to downtown Sacramento will be very restricted for motor traffic.
- \* The Sacramento Japanese Film Festival will grow from a 2 to 3 day event. The All Event Pass has always been our biggest ticket seller. Some movie patrons see all 5 films from Friday evening to Saturday evening, but it makes for a long Saturday. Movie goers will be able to spread their movie viewing over 3 days in 2010.

The committee is pleased that the 2009 festival netted \$5,000 in spite of a lower 2009 attendance and a 35% increase in film rental and shipping costs. The audience for each of the 5 films applauded at the end of each screening.

## Arigato

Thank you to all who folded and submitted cranes for the "August Peace Event" to be held at CSUS Alumni Center on August 9.

On behalf of the Florin JAACL and Kazuyo Morishita, we thank the following individuals: Brent Kurosawa, Tsukiko Robinson, Yoshiko Harper, Yurie Harvey, Keiko Nakata, Fumiko Williams, Mayumi Hamakawa, Kimiko Nakao, Yoshiko Raska, Sachiko Kona-tsu, Tadashi Headley, and Kenji Ellswerty.

## 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>. 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 tote 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 the food items are 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 and egg cartons.

During the month of June 2009 the SSIP Food Closet served a total of 4,145 persons and in July 2009 served a total of 4,341 persons of which were adults, seniors, children and infants. This represents unduplicated households. The number of persons served and the food delivered expresses the importance of this ministry.

Since November 2008, the SSIP Food Closet has been distributing USDA commodities to each person who qualifies to receive food under the program. Each bag may contain 7-8

canned foods plus a bag of rice, beans or noodles. We have also received frozen chicken and turkey, fresh tomatoes and frozen blueberries. The food is received from Foodlink and varies each month. At the present time we are giving one bag to 1-2 persons, two bags to 2-4 persons, etc. Many bags are needed each day to distribute daily. The food is double bagged in plastic bags.

There is always a need for volunteers to staff the Food Closet. Food Closet volunteers can offer to work regularly one morning a week or be willing to serve as a substitute when a regular volunteer is unable to be present. Volunteers may work in the Food Closet or in the USDA storage locker bagging food. You may also have interest in serving on the Board of Directors or one of the supportive committees of SSIP. There is also a need for person who would like to drive and pick up food on a weekly basis or a substitute. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Frances Lee 427-7983.

Currently Francis Asahara, Sue Kashiwagi, Frances Lee, June Tanihana and Les Wataji have been volunteering regularly at the Food Closet. Thank you for your dedication and support to this ministry.

### UC Honors Interned Students

Many thanks for the answered prayers of Japanese and Japanese Americans who were removed from University of California campuses and sent to camps. UC leaders have decided to lift a ban on honorary degrees and will award them to those students who were unable to complete their UC educations because they were interned.

The UC schools are asking for help in identifying those who were affected by the internments. Information can be sent to [honorarydegree@ucop.edu](mailto:honorarydegree@ucop.edu) or called in to 510-987-0239.

## 2009 Stewardship Update

By July 29, 2009, 127 SJUMC households pledged a total of \$190,130. By July 29<sup>th</sup>, the SJUMC office has recorded \$111,950 in quarterly and monthly pledges. These generous pledges are the financial backbone of Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church and benefit both SJUMC and the larger community. Our November SAKURA DAYORI will have a 2009 stewardship insert which will list members and friends who pledged in 2009 and include United Methodist Church information on stewardship. Pledge cards which are received in 2009, unless designated otherwise, will be listed as 2009 pledge contributions. 2009 cards need to be received in the church office by October 1, 2009, in order to be acknowledged in the insert. To better help church families plan their 2010 giving, and to better enable SJUMC to anticipate church income for 2010, SJUMC members and friends will receive 2010 Stewardship packets in late 2009.

The SJUMC Stewardship Committee acknowledges the many SJUMC members and friends who donate regularly in various ways to the church during the year. Memorials, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas donations are examples of this giving. All of these gifts are a part of stewardship and are listed as unpledged gifts and are also acknowledged in the SAKURA DAYORI. The Rev. Motoe Yamada and the SJUMC 2009 Stewardship Committee thank the many Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church members and friends who so faithfully give and serve our church in so many ways throughout the year!

The 2009 Stewardship Committee

## Finance Committee Report

Enclosed with this month's Sakura Dayori is the 6 month recap of our financial activities for the General Fund, Legacy Fund, and Special Events Fund. reserve fund due to the early decline in market conditions, but our reserves are still very healthy at \$159,559.

General Fund -We were able to show a \$14,191 gain in our net income over expenses. However, let's not get too excited because there are some major expenses that we incurred in July - Parsonage remodel and Multicultural Hall Air Conditioning system was approximately \$13,000. With everyone's continued support and effort we should be fine for the balance of 2009.

Special Events Fund - Without a Spring Food Sale this year, there has been little activity in Special Events. Our current balance is \$315,137.

Victor Shibata,  
Finance Committee Chair

Legacy Fund-As anticipated, we are dipping into our reserves to keep up with our mortgage payment for the Multicultural Hall (\$2,989). We did lose approximately \$6,000 or 4% in our

***Fall Bazaar off and running!***

Under the co-leadership of Chuck Kobayashi and Art Imagire the 2009 Fall Bazaar is under way.

Chairpersons are:

Chicken	Gordon Low and Cliff Nakatani
Age Zushi	Joyce Kimura and Jill Kanemasu
Maki Zushi	Bev and Morgan Sato
Udon	Shigeko Shibata and Janet Takehara
Manju	Emma Nakamura and Kuniko Sakata
Sesame Chkn Bento	Gloria Imagire and Dorie Kobayashi
Korean Short Ribs	Joanne Mikami
Kahlua Pork	Gordon Low and Cliff Nakatani
Drinks/Ice Cream/etc	Sachiko Konatsu
Boutique	Emi Alicaya and Frances Kushi
Cashiers	Wes & Patty Honbo
Chow Mein	Tule Yomogida and Laura Katayama
Chicken Salad	Tule Yomogida and Laura Katayama
Basketball Volunteers	Evan Kanenaga
Construction/Arrangements	Lincoln Fuji
General Arrangements	Lester Ouchida and Andy Dong
Raffle/Purchasing	Victor Shibata
Vendors/Exhibits	Laurie Hosoume
Rice Cookers	Jonathan Sakakibara
Nursery (plants)	<b><i>We are in need of a chair for Nursery/Plants</i></b>
Entertainment	Curt Takechi

Posters have been printed and food tickets are available for sale each Sunday or purchased from the Church Office. Tickets are \$1 each and buy anything sold at the Bazaar.

Sacramento Taiko, and ACC Pocket Pickers will be performing. Other groups such as Hula, and JKP Kids have been contacted to perform.

The Bazaar will be Saturday, October 3, 2009, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

### **Desperately Needed Chair for Nursery/Plant Sales**

Call Art Imagire  
(art.i@att.net or 916.955.4901)

or

Chuck Kobayashi  
(dobisco@sbcglobal.net or  
916.395.5940)

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

In Memory of Connie Yamada  
Taketa, M/M Bill  
In Memory of Joichi & Shizuko Nitta and Mitsugi Taketa  
Taketa, M/M Bill  
In Memory of Roy Okino  
Taketa, M/M Bill  
In Celebration of 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Taketa, M/M Bill  
In Celebration of birthday  
Yokomichi, Masako

## BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Basketball registration and parent participation/volunteer sign-ups for the 2009-10 basketball season will be held at SJUMC on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 1, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, SJUMC Social Hall
- Thursday, September 3, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, SJUMC Social Hall
- Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am, SJUMC Multi-cultural Hall/Gym (Final registration)

The SJUMC basketball program is open to youth entering kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The divisions are:

- Instructional: Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- E Division: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- D Division: 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- C Division: 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- B Division: 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Please go to the basketball website ([www.sjumcbasketball.org](http://www.sjumcbasketball.org)) to register on-line; print your forms and bring them with your checks (three checks per player – one each for registration, uniform deposit, and parent participation deposit) to one of the registration dates above. Forms will also be available during the registration days.

Cost for registration is:

- \$60 for Instructional
- \$100 for B – E Divisions
- \$250 for family of three or more players

The basketball program actively uses the website, which includes information such as gym addresses, schedules for all divisions, NCCL Rules, season calendar of events, board member contact information, registration information, code of conduct, attendance and volunteer requirements, handouts, forms, news, and Parent Meeting notices.

This year's Basketball Board members are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Russ Fong	President
Evan Kanenaga	Vice President
Jill Kanemasu	Treasurer
Betty Silvernail	Secretary
Kevin Wong	Boys Coordinator
Sid Fong	Girls Coordinator
Smiley Fong	Gym Coordinator
Pete Ingravallo	Equipment Coordinator
Margaret Ching-Ho	Attendance Coordinator
Sheri Wong	Tournament Co-Chair
Mel Melliza	Tournament Co-Chair
Evan Kanenaga	Tournament Co-Chair
Kevin Wong	Tournament Co-Chair

### Care Corner

Our sympathies to the Hirata family on the passing of their husband & father, Kooshi Hirata. Services were held at our church in July.



September 10

Articles may be left in the church office or e-mailed to Joanne Mikami at [hankojo@starstream.net](mailto:hankojo@starstream.net).



### SJUMC Choir Begins!

Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning on August 27, 2009. We welcome all who enjoy music and wish to lift their voice in praise! Paul Ito will be directing the choir.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Paul Ito, Amy Kawahara, or call the church office at 421-1017.

### Adult classes starting this fall -

- **Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahm's Requiem** - 2 Groups  
Group A - Sundays, Sept. 20 - Nov. 1, 12:15 pm to 1:30  
Group B - Wednesdays, Sept. 23 - Nov. 4, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- **The Light Will Shine: A study for Advent** - 5 sessions  
Sundays, Nov. 8, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13  
1:00 pm



### Starting in spring -

- **Into the World: The Acts of the Apostles** - 14 sessions

### Sharing Our Reflections and Testimonies

One of my most meaningful undertakings at SJUMC was in the years 1993-1995 when members of our church family were given an opportunity to share their personal testimonies and reflections which were made into booklets for Advent and Christmas readings. I kept a copy of each issue and have been reading each one occasionally throughout the years. Every story is special, heart warming and beautiful. Sad to say, some of the writers have left us, but we remember them by reading their testimonies.

What the project did was wondrous. It helped us to understand and appreciate our church family. Those who wrote had an opportunity to look within, reflect and articulate their faith, and the readers got to understand and appreciate the faith of a fellow Christian.

I would like to undertake this project again, but this time with an interested group of SJUMC family. I'm afraid this senior citizen needs better vision, better hearing and more energy. We need some "encouragers" who can encourage members to contribute their stories, interviewers, a couple of typists, cover designers and anyone who can contribute to help with this project.

If you are interested and want to participate in this meaningful project, please let Helen Blaisdell (427-2259) or the church office know. Mahalo

## The National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus

To: All Interested and Potential Camping Leaders  
 Re: Application for **2009-2011** Design and Directing Teams for Junior High Camp (JHC)  
 & Asian American Summer Camp (AC)

Greetings from the NJAUMC Camping Board! Hopefully you have had time to rest and renew yourself spiritually after this past year's Junior High Camp and Asian Camp. We have heard wonderful things about this summer's camps and are thankful that God's presence accompanied both programs. We know much dedication and hard work go into both camps to help make them successful year to year. So, **thank you** for the ways in which you contributed to either or both camps.

It is now time to look forward to the **2010** camps. While there are returning Design and Directing Team Members, we are inviting applications from other interested persons to help us compose the best possible leadership teams for each camp.

Therefore, if you are interested in being either an AC Design Team member OR a JHC Director, please review the requirements and qualifications necessary to be considered. Complete and submit the attached forms by **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009** in order for the Directing/Design Teams and Camping Board to consider your application.

Completed applications must be sent to:  
 Rev. Kathleen Weber  
 Camping Board Chair  
 Blaine Memorial UMC  
 3001 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S  
 Seattle, WA 98144

Applications packets available  
in the church office.

### Brain Fitness and Memory Class

SJUMC members and other interested persons are invited to participate in a Brain Fitness & Memory Class offered by SJUMC in conjunction with the Asian Community Center. This class offers participants techniques to support their short-term memory within a holistic approach to brain fitness. Participants will receive information about eating well, exercising the body, staying socially active and exercising different parts of the brain. In the class, each person will develop a personal brain fitness plan. If you are looking to exercise your brain and get some tools to help your memory, check out the class. Class is limited to 10-12 participants.

*Instructor:* Wayne Shimizu

*Cost for six-week session:* \$24.00

*Dates of classes:* Sept. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Oct. 7 & 14

*Hours:* 1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

*Location:* SJUMC Garden Classroom

*Sign-Ups:* Please sign up on clipboard located in church narthex. Checks or cash will be accepted on the first day of class.



**Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church  
Finance Committee Recap of Operating Activities**

**General Fund  
Income & Expenses Budget vs. Actual  
January through June 2009**

	Jan-June		\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
	Jan - Jun 09	Budget		
<b>Income</b>				
Pledges	78,489.00	101,000.02	(22,511.02)	77.71%
Offerings	45,507.48	27,000.06	18,507.42	168.55%
Youth Programs Income	2,603.00	0.00	2,603.00	100.0%
3300 · Building Usage	7,651.54	7,149.98	501.56	107.02%
3400 · Parsonage Rental	2,548.51	6,500.02	(3,951.51)	39.21%
3700 · Comm on Education	0.00	2,500.02	(2,500.02)	0.0%
3800 · Interest Income	49.38	300.00	(250.62)	16.46%
3804 · Misc. Refunds & Reimbursements	65.00	0.00	65.00	100.0%
3900 · Pass Through Income	340.00	0.00	340.00	100.0%
4900 · Paint Fund Residual	0.00	15,700.00	(15,700.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>137,253.91</b>	<b>160,150.10</b>	<b>(22,896.19)</b>	<b>85.7%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & MAINT	900.00	40,700.00	(39,800.00)	2.21%
CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	22,693.76	23,000.50	(306.74)	98.67%
COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES	6,093.35	7,503.00	(1,409.65)	81.21%
LOCAL BENEVOLENCES	2,000.00	2,100.00	(100.00)	95.24%
OPERATING EXPENSES	23,571.68	26,504.00	(2,932.32)	88.94%
SALARIES & ALLOWANCES	56,726.81	70,910.80	(14,183.99)	80.0%
TAXES AND INSURANCE	1,909.35	1,899.98	9.37	100.49%
PARSONAGE	3,780.00	5,399.98	(1,619.98)	70.0%
MYF EXPENSES	5,387.55			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>123,062.50</b>	<b>178,018.26</b>	<b>(54,955.76)</b>	<b>69.13%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>14,191.41</b>	<b>(17,868.16)</b>	<b>32,059.57</b>	<b>(79.42%)</b>

LEGACY FUND	Jan - Jun, 2009	SPECIAL EVENTS FUND	Jan - Jun, 2009
California Bank & Trust		Beginning Balance - January, 09	309,258.69
Money Market - beginning balance (Jan)	64,134.74	Checking Account	
Total Income	51,150.51	Checking Account Balance	24,086.30
Total Expense - Payment	54,136.00	Checks Outstanding	1,000.00
Net income	(2,985.49)	Deposits Outstanding	
Money Market - ending balance (June)	61,149.25	Canopy Donation	
Total assets (Jan)	165,558.98	CBT Money Market Checking	100,455.69
California Bank & Trust - CD	5,447.97	Wachovia Account	170,010.81
Well Fargo Advantage Fund	2,407.92	Parsonage Loan Balance	19,583.84
Wachovia Securities (June)	90,486.30	Ending Balance - June, 09	315,136.64
Total assets (June)	159,491.44		
United Methodist Development Fund			
Balance - Beginning (Jan)	581,883.04		
Total Interest Paid	21,559.82		
Total Principal Paid	32,013.48		
Balance - Ending (June)	549,869.56		



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