

Pastor's Page

Dear UJCC family,

This past week, Rev. Rae and I gathered with United Methodist pastors from our Northern CA-NV Conference for the annual Bishop's Gathering of the Orders. The theme was "Carrying the Cross in Today's America." Our guest preacher was an Arab Palestinian Christian man, Dr. Alex Awad, who reflected on the story of the prophet Jonah. He discussed the ways Jonah was privileged and also challenged. Dr. Awad drew connections between Jonah's privilege and challenges and ours as Christian leaders in this time and place. He spoke about what he calls the Ten Church Mandates: Spiritual Mandate, Evangelistic Mandate, Discipleship Mandate, Moral/Ethical Mandate, Devotional Mandate (worship, praise, liturgy), Economic Mandate ('Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, give to God what is God's'), Humanitarian Mandate, Environmental Mandate, Social/Societal Mandate, and Political/Prophetic Mandate.

In addition to several keynote speeches, we also heard updates from the Commission on the Way Forward as our United Methodist denomination continues to wrestle with critical issues of LGBTQ inclusiveness and the position of our Annual Conference. We heard reflections from diverse voices regarding this discussion: the Wesley Covenant Association, the Uniting Methodists Movement, and the Queer Clergy Caucus.

On Sunday, January 21, UJCC was blessed to welcome Rev. Roger Morimoto to the pulpit to share the Good News! I can only imagine how glad you all were to see him again! I've already heard many reports of the wonderful energy and joy he and his wife Chris brought to our church family. Meanwhile in Palo Alto, I had the honor of preaching at Aldersgate United Methodist, the church Rev. Roger currently serves. Their church family welcomed me so warmly and I was delighted to meet members with connections to the Valley and to UJCC. This pulpit exchange was a fun adventure and, personally, a blessing for me. Stay tuned for more as we continue to coordinate with other former pastors to share the Gospel with us!

It's been fun being immersed in United Methodist World for a week and it makes me realize what a special and unique body UJCC is. Many people ask questions about our bi-denominational heritage and I'm always delighted to share how our congregation honors both our UMC and UCC heritages. Praise be to God!

This month marks the beginning of Lent for Christians. On February 14, we will commemorate **Ash Wednesday** and gather for a **7pm service** at UJCC. This year, we will worship together with our sister church, Community UCC. Their pastor, Rev. Chris Breedlove; Rev. Rae; and I will be offering “**Ashes To Go.**” Please stop by on your way to work or as you run errands. Please invite your friends. We will be offering ashes (and biodegradable glitter, UCC style!) at Community UCC (on Fresno St. between Bullard and Barstow) from **7-10am** and then at UJCC from **11am-1pm**. Please stop by to remember your mortal nature and God’s immortal and never-ending love.

Our Lenten theme this year will be “The Tragic Gap: Between Reality and Possibility.” Inspired by Parker Palmer’s concept, we will explore how God is calling us to stand in this gap. Stay tuned for more during Sundays in Lent, beginning February 18! A **Lenten Study** will also be offered this season: **Thursdays February 22-March 22; 6:30-7:45pm**. All are welcome. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office (322-0701).

Blessings, Peace, Love! Akiko

Joys and Concerns

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

This month, we celebrate love! We give thanks for God’s steadfast and unshakable love. We rejoice in the love we share. We express our love for others as we lift prayers for...

Elaine Omachi
Frances Kurushima
Hisaye Naito

June Kishi
Paras Family
Yoshiko Baba

We pray for concerns in our church community...

- For all struggling with health concerns, including Clint Page, Norma Uragami’s son, suffering from Valley Fever and chronic pain; Mrs. Scott’s mother, Mavis Taylor, and Brian Whitehead (loved ones of the Swezey’s); and Darlene Matsumura;
- For those on hospice care, including Bea Kashiwagi (Brenda Nagata’s mother);

For those who grieve...

- For the family of Herb and Mickey Barry, Hanford friends of the Eberly family, who passed in January;
- For the family and friends of Lucy Hall, Neil Campbell's sister, who passed away in January;
- For the loved ones of Rev. Lloyd Wake, Nisei United Methodist pastor;
- For the family, friends, and community of Jennifer, Melanie Sembritzki's friend;
- For the loved ones of Yo Misaki, mother of Rod Misaki, Marsha Okada, and Kerri Katayama, who passed away on December 25;
- For the family of Robert Quon who passed away December 25;
- For the loved ones of Joyce Quan, Robert Chung's aunt;

For our wider community and world...

- For all those affected by the fire in the Bronx and those whose lives were lost;
- For peace, especially in Afghanistan and Iran;
- For our United Methodist Conference "Praying Our Way Forward;"
- For more rain in the Central Valley;
- For the people and areas affected by the floods in Southern California;
- For the places filled with pain and hurt in our world and for hope in the midst of difficult circumstances;
- For increased understanding between people of different political and social perspectives and increased empathy and compassion between people;
- For all people and places affected by violence and natural disaster;
- For all who experience trauma and fear due to war;
- For those who struggle with mental illness and those who care for them, that the system might be easier for folks to receive the care they need and deserve;
- For refugees all over the world;

For God's goodness in our community...

- Joy for Rob Yang who started a new job in Carpenteria!
- Gratitude for the AO Retreat and for our young adults to have an opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship; gratitude for Rev. Rae's leadership at the Retreat;
- Joy for the Rise Against Hunger event January 6: 48 people from our United Methodist Circuit (and 6 from UJCC) gathered to prepare 10,000

packages of dry protein, rice, dehydrated veggies for hungry people around the world;

- Joy at the arrival of Christopher Carroll, Carolyn Scott's grandson, born on December 29th, 3 pounds 14 ounces. Both mother and child are doing very well;
- Praises for all celebrating, including Marion Masada who celebrated her 85th birthday in January;
- Prayers of gratitude for Toban B and C for their hospitality and love during January!

If we have made any errors, we apologize and would appreciate any corrections! If you have any changes or additions to our list, please let Akiko know (322-0701 or akiko@ujcclife.com).

LAY VISITATION TEAM NEWS

Team members will be visiting seniors this month working in conjunction with Tomodachi seniors on their annual visitation day, Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, in the morning. Later that day, the LVT will be conducting a service at Vintage Gardens Senior Residences at 4 p.m. All are welcome to bring cheer and spread some post Valentine's Day love to everyone.

Our card ministry continues to keep in touch with many seniors in our church community, as well as plans for a Reedley Fellowship group service in the near future. Representatives from LVT are also part of the planning for the community Senior Resources Fair, to be held in October, 2018. Look for more information on the Fair as time nears.

As always, the LVT encourages all who wish to join us to do so. The gift of your time in visitation is so appreciated by all the recipients. Hope to see you soon.

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LVT Co-Directors*

“GAMAN DISPLAY” DEDICATED TO WWII CAMP SURVIVORS

A visual art project entitled, “GAMAN,” meaning “Enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity” was created by McClane High School’s ArtVenture Academy. This year’s overarching theme was “Displacement: Leaving Home, Finding Home.” The 75th Anniversary of the Japanese American Incarceration which has at its core leaving home was the perfect project to represent the Displacement.

This Gaman project is dedicated to the survivors of the mass incarceration of Americans and legal alien residents, only of Japanese ancestry, who were living primarily on the West Coast in 1942. This is the worst violation of our Constitution in America’s history.

Students participated in class and after school classes studying the history of Japanese immigration as background for the project, and invited several camp survivors to speak to students. 45 students and staff spent two days visiting the Manzanar site on the east side of the Sierras. In the classroom art students developed a 50-foot mural (door panels) incorporating five historical sections: In Community, Pearl Harbor, Evacuation/Relocation, Concentration Camp Life and lastly, Survivor Portraits. There are portraits of Robert Yano, Yutaka Yamamoto, Helen Shirakawa, Hope Kawashima, Susie Nakagawa, and Marion & Saburo Masada, stenciled on doors done by students and words of interviews. More may be added.

Visual Arts Teacher Marc Patterson and some students provided a special Tour of the display for UJCC people last week.

This traveling Gaman Display is currently displayed for the public to see at the Fresno School District Office at Tulare & M Streets.

Sunday School

In December Sunday School presented the Christmas Program: Star Our Faith Awakens Trip, under the Direction of Rev. Rae, Kathie Sakamoto, Mary-Kay Watkins and Rana Yamamura. Star Our Faith Awakens trip was about: Men from the east believe they have found the answer. These men – who some call wise, some call Magi, some say they were kings – they spot a new light in the night sky. They follow this star believing that it will lead them to another light. A light for all men and women. The light of the world – the one sent of God.

Thank You to the following for their participation in the Program:

Youth Band: Ashley Lum, Alex Nii, Brandon Nishimoto, Drew Yamamura, Halle Sembritzki, Isabela Hamasaki, Jonah Wong and Ryan Nishimoto

Worship Leader: Ashley Lum

Advent Candle Lighters: Sofia Hamasaki, Daphne Kuzma and Kaylee Wong

Speakers: Jonah Wong, Isabela Hamasaki, Brandon Nishimoto, and Drew Nishikawa,

Bible Readers: Kiara Kreller, Kahlan Kreller, and Kairyn Kreller

Narrators: Katelynn Jones and Madison Chung

Only One Kenobi: Grace Uyesaka

Yoma: JJ Kuzma

Luke Skywatcher: Ezekiel Crowder

King Herod (Looks like Darth Vader): Mariah Decker

Mary(Looks Like Princess Leia): Carly Decker

Stormtrooper: Advisers: Makena Naoe and Chloe Uyesaka

Guitar Band: Alex Nii, Brandon Nishimoto, Drew Yamamura, Halle Sembritzki, Isabela Hamasaki, Jonah Wong, and Ryan Nishimoto.

Bell Choir Director: Carly Thelander

Pre-School- 2nd grade:

Teachers: Tina Chan, Cathy Elmler, Kiesha Oliver, Carol Visitation (Also, Nursery) Carolyn Scott, and Joyce Dessert (Sub)

Choral reading of Mathew 2:1-8

Bell Choir

Song: Baby Jesus We Love You!

3rd-6th Grade:

Teachers: Melanie Sembritzki, Kathie Sakamoto, Beverly Hamasaki, Becky Wong, Michael Swezey and Mary-Kay Watkins

Song: Light of the World

Junior High/High School:

Teachers: Rev. Rae and Rana Yamamura

Speakers and Bible readers

Video Technician: Rev. Rae

Thank You to all the teachers students, parents who made this program possible. A special thanks to Lance Pearce/Lance Pearce Photography for use of Green Screen and Lights.

Now that we have enjoyed the Christmas Season. It is now time to start thinking about Easter. Once again we would greatly appreciate donations of plastic eggs filled with candy (Please no Chocolate). Also, we are asking that you tape the eggs. The donation of the eggs will be collected the week of March 18, 2018-April 1, 2018.

Upcoming days/Events:

Scouting Sunday: Family Worship: February 25, 2018

Palm Sunday: March 25, 2018

Easter Sunday: April 1, 2018

Mary-Kay Watkins and Rana Yamamura

Sunday School Co-Superintendents

DECEMBER 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

	General Fund	Restricted Ministerial Fd	Youth Leader Fd	Building Fd	Total
12/31/16	192,585	39,118	56,877	181,298	469,878
12/29/17	517,017	35,581	18,470	75,575	646,642

Since the last Treasurer's report, you will note that there has been a great increase in the General Fund balance. This is due in large part to 1) Transfer of 13,359.50 from the Memorial Brick Fund and 2) A donation of 250,000 from Tomi Minabe. Excluding these one-time revenue sources, the General Fund still grew by 35,144 since November. For the year, the General Fund balance has increased by 324,432. The Building Fund had a marked decrease because the final payment of 98,561.04 for the Solar System was made this month.

INVESTMENTS

During the year, all of our investments were transferred to Vanguard Index Funds. The General Fund is now in Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund (VTSAX) and the Building Fund is in the Vanguard 500 Index Fund (VFIAX)

GENERAL FUND	12/31/16	12/29/17	GAIN
	35,294.99	45,749.17	10,454.18 (29.6%)
BUILDING FUND	58,312.57	72,994.30	14,681.73 (25.2%)
TOTAL	95,824.93	118,743.47	25,135.91

COMBINING THE BANK AND INVESTMENTS ASSETS

GENERAL FUND RESERVES:	12/31/16	12/29/17
	227,880	562,766
BUILDING FUND RESERVES	239,611	148,569
TOTAL RESERVES	467,491	711,335

Prepared by Ken Kurokawa

Tomodachi Seniors Group and Friends

ALL are welcome to join in on any of our activities that will fit into your busy schedules!

Ongoing Activities

Fitness Class: Monday's 9:30-10:30 AM – Luvena Jacobsen, Instructor

We'll meet every Monday in February EXCEPT for February 19th (the office will be closed in observance of Presidents Day). Join us...we'll help you stay fit this year!

Knitting Circle: One Monday in February at 10:30 AM

We'll meet on **February 5th** to share our knitting techniques and patterns. All knitters and "want to be" knitters are very welcome to join us!

Game Day: One Wednesday in February at 10:00 AM

Join us on **February 28th**. Enjoy a round or two of dominoes and fellowship...all newcomers are welcome!

**Past Event**

Special Fitness Presentation: "Chair Yoga"

Many thanks to Lucy Wells, our yoga instructor for this informative chair yoga presentation. Lucy's gentle, relaxed teaching style was soothing as we learned and benefitted from exercises and balance and breathing techniques that can be done in a seated position.

Thank you's to Marcia Chung (reception, set up help), Joyce Imai (reception, set up and clean up help), Mel Imai (lunch pick up, clean up help), Rev. Rae Kim (lunch/dessert server, clean up help), Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner (devotional prayer), Gregg Saito (set up help, food pick up, clean up help), Kathie Sakamoto (audio technician) and Helen Shirakawa (reception).

**Future Event**

February Visitations

Wednesday, February 21st
9:30 AM

As we have done in the past years, we'll once again be visiting and delivering well wishes to our friends. If you or a family member would like a visit, please contact the Church office.

We'll meet at the Church at 9:30 AM and carpool to our visitations. After our visits, we'll meet for lunch and fellowship.

We hope that you'll be able to join us on this very special day. A sign up form is located in the Church fellowship hall.



Day(s) of Remembrance with the Yonsei Memory Project, Feb 17 and 19

Join Brynn Saito and Nikiko Masumoto of the Yonsei Memory Project (YMP) for a special weekend commemorating the signing of Executive Order 9066.

On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9:30AM-11AM, YMP and Fresno Mindfulness Walks will co-lead a special walking tour of sites of Japanese American culture and history in the Fresno Area. To join the walk, please arrive at Central Fish Market (1535 Kern St.) at 9:30AM for this walking tour. Visit fresnomindfulnesswalks.org for more information. No need to RSVP!

On SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1PM-3:30PM, join YMP facilitators, Nikiko Masumoto and Brynn Saito for a bus tour of significant historical sites related to Japanese American struggle and resilience in the Central Valley of California. Together, we will visit the Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial and the Soul-Consoling Tower built from barrack wood by valley farmer, Dennis Simonian. Please RSVP by WEDS, FEB 7th at yonseimemoryproject.com

On MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 (the anniversary of E.O. 9066), 10AM-NOON, all are invited to a special community gathering at the Fresno Fairgrounds Assembly Center Memorial, where over 5000 people of Japanese ancestry were detained in the months leading up to the mass incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese immigrants and citizens in 1942. Together, we will listen to stories, poetry, and testimonies, then engage in a participative collective art-making activity. Drawing on Brynn and Nikiko's "Hold This Stone" performance, we will co-create a special Stone Mandala specially designed by yonsei artist, Patricia Wakida. No RSVP required for this unique community gathering—and all are invited!

Questions? Please contact Brynn at brynn.saito@gmail.com and 510-367-2664. We hope to see you there!

NIKIKO MASUMOTO & BRYNN SAITO INVITE YOU TO

YONSEI MEMORY PROJECT'S

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE



Memory tours, gatherings, and
collective art-making honoring
Japanese American histories

FEB 17 & 19, FRESNO, CA

Saturday, Feb 17: Memory Tours

9:30-11am: YMP & *Fresno Mindfulness Walks* lead
tour of Japanese American cultural sites. Meet at Central Fish.
No RSVP needed. Visit fresnomindfulnesswalks.org for info.

1-3:30pm: Join the YMP memory bus! Visit powerful
Central Valley memorials on this *memory bus tour* open to all.
RSVP at yonseimemoryproject.com by **FEB 7TH**.

Monday, Feb 19: Stones, Art, Stories

10-Noon: A special community event featuring poetry,
testimony & collective *art-making with memory stones*
at the Fresno Assembly Center Fairgrounds Memorial
All are invited, no RSVP needed!

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE
FRESNO ARTS COUNCIL, THE
C.A. STATE LIBRARY, THE
FRESNO FAIR, AND OUR
MANY SUPPORTERS!



Visit YMP's website
& Facebook page
for "important info" on
parking, locations,
updates & more details!

UJCC Agape Ministry

February 2018

Agape Mission Statement:

“To explore and learn how to create safe space for people to share struggles and hopes honestly; respectfully; non-judgmentally; and, most of all, lovingly. We want to be able to have honest conversations in spite of our different perspectives and for everyone to know that they are accepted and loved by God, including people of all races, national origins, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, mental health conditions and economic status.”

Agape Report to the UJCC Board December 10, 2017:

- Since our last report to the Board in May, 2017, we have held nine meetings.
- The Agape Ministry report was included in UJCC’s Annual Report booklet prepared for the 2017 Charge Conference/Annual Meeting held on November 12, 2017
- On November 20, Agape members attended the Transgender Day of Remembrance at CSUF. It was an opportunity for communities to come together and remember those who lost their lives to anti-transgender violence and suicide in 2017.
- We presented our first **“Agape Presents”** event on December 3rd. It was entitled “Agape Presents: Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”. Our goal: to get to know our friends and neighbors better here at the UJCC. We hosted a “mixer” craft, followed by “Speed Sharing” (share your thoughts/answers to questions such as “What would your perfect day be?” “Who are your heroes and why?” “Share one of your biggest regrets in life”) and a time for reflection.
 - There were 17 in attendance; 3 generations were represented at the event. Reflections post event: positive energy; great sharing in a non-threatening atmosphere; this was an exercise in both sharing and listening; “magical” time of sharing and interaction.
 - Attendees suggested that we host more Speed Sharing opportunities.
 - We plan to offer “Agape Presents” events throughout the year at which time we’ll present different topics.
 - Our goal with “Agape Presents” is to create fun, meaningful opportunities to have deeper conversations as we get to know one another as members of the Body of Christ.

An Agape meeting was held on January 22, 2018; **our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 18th at 11:45 AM at the UJCC.** All are welcome.

The Agape ministry is a group in process, learning and discovering, guided by faith and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We continue to ascertain how to journey through this evolving world with compassion and grace.

Everyone is welcome to become a part of Agape.

*Respectfully submitted,
UJCC Agape Ministry*

Women's League Spring Fling

Save the Date - March 14, 2018

Is winter getting you down, need a lift from the fog? Join the UJCC Women's League for a Spring Fling! We will be creating a beautiful spring bouquet at Kiku Floral, on Wednesday, March 14th. Cost for the making the bouquet is \$20 for each person. Refreshments will be served. Meet at UJCC at 4:30 to carpool or meet at Kiku Floral at 5:45. Invite Friends! More details to follow or contact Kathie Sakamoto at the church office for more information.





Central California Nikkei Foundation Excursion to Las Vegas, NV

Date: April - 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2018

| Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday |

Double

Donation: \$160.00

| Per person |

Transportation, (2) Nights Stay at the Golden Nugget Hotel, Casino & Food Credit.

Single

Donation: \$190.00

| Per person |

Transportation, (2) Nights Stay at the Golden Nugget Hotel, Casino & Food Credit.



Departure Information:

Monday, 4/2/18

**Please arrive 30 minutes before departure time(s).*

- 7:00 am 1st Departure - Fresno Dharma Center
2690 E Alluvial Ave, Fresno, CA 93720
- 7:30 am 2nd Departure- Fowler Buddhist Church
210 S 9th St, Fowler, CA 93625
- 8:00 am 3rd Departure - Wyndham Visalia
9000 W Airport Dr, Visalia, CA 93277

Wednesday, 4/4/18

- 7:00 pm Return back to Wyndham Visalia
- 7:30 pm Return back to Fowler Buddhist Church
- 8:00 pm Return back to Fresno Dharma Center



Reserve your spot...

Please contact Gale Nakai or Blake Honda
Office: 559.252.4036 | blakeh@ccnf.org



Troop 199 Welcomes New Scoutmaster

Boy Scout Troop 199 began 2018 with a new Scoutmaster, Kevin Murai. He is a transportation engineer for Caltrans and has been an Assistant Scoutmaster for the last three years. He plans to serve one year in hopes of finding a Scoutmaster for the long-term. Ralph Kuramoto stepped down after serving the troop for four years as their Scoutmaster. He plans to continue to be active with the troop and serve as an Eagle Scout advisor to the scouts. Thank you Mr. Kuramoto. Mr. Murai's goal as Scoutmaster is to ensure every scout develops into a great leader.



On December 3, 2017, Troop 199 with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts helped re-landscape the Pinedale Assembly Center Memorial. The scouts relocated plants and also put in new plants. There were five scouts that helped with this community service project, Evan Murai, Christian Navarrette, Derek Woo, Masao Gonzalez and Jackson Yebisu.



On January 20, 2018, Troop 199 cleaned up the UJCC vegetable/herb garden. The scouts had to remove stakes and strings, pull out the old vegetables and remove the drip lines. There were six scouts that helped with this community service project, Christian Navarrette, Evan Murai, Ryan Naoe, Derek Woo, Kyle Wong and Jonathan Heffron.



In December, the troop also welcomed 3 new scouts into the troop, Jonathan Heffron, Zachari and Jacob Levy. Troop 199 is always looking for more scouts to join them. If interested, please contact the church.

Girl Scout Troop 305

By Kathie Sakamoto

First I would like to give a HUGE thank you to the Boy Scouts for pulling out the plants in the Community Garden. You don't know how much I appreciate their hard work in getting this task done. I owe them Girl Scout cookies!! As a leader its nice our three scouting programs can come together to help each other out. Again, thank you Boy Scouts for your hard work and dedication!!

On January 21, 2018 the 8th grade Cadettes presented "A Day with the Cadettes" to the second grade Brownies, Fourth and Fifth grade Juniors. This event was for their Silver Award Project. The day was filled with fun and laughter. They made a no sew pillow out of fleece material, a shrink a dink bracelet and charm, a smoothie and a "YUMMY" trail mix. They also received a handmade cook book. Congratulations to Jillian Hoover, Daphne Kuzma, Maddy Riojos, Maile Urabe and Kaylee Wong. Very proud of each of you for reaching your goal.



Girl Scouts COOKIE SEASON is coming Feb. 4 – Mar 18. Please contact a Girl Scout for details.

COMMUNITY CARE

Coming Events

Friday, February 9, 2018 @ 8-10am @ Pinedale Community Fellowship

(7061 N San Pablo Ave, Pinedale, CA 93650) You are invited to come help pack and distribute food boxes for our friends in Pinedale. This is a service of the Community Food Bank. We will be partnering with Good Neighbor Center, Inc., an organization which supports the community of Pinedale through relationships, mentoring, food, and clothing. For more information, please contact Ken Kurokawa.

FIRM Christmas Festival

UJCC had about 65 gifts for the children. We had dozens and dozens of cookies. Probably 100's from the Girl Scouts alone. We had four tables of crafts going. We were done by 12:00, as there was a call for Santa and children's gifts. For leading the crafts, we had quite a number of volunteers from UJCC in addition to 4 young people from Central High School:

Joyce & Nolan Dessert
 Bev and Isabela Hamasaki
 Stephanie Kaku
 Rev Sungrae Kim
 Ken Kurokawa
 Rev Akiko Miyake-Stoner
 Alyssa Nakaguchi
 Glenn & Fay Nakaguchi

Lauren Nakaguchi
 Alex Nii
 Carolyn Scott
 Carol Visitacion
 David & Becky Wong
 Jonah, Luke, Matthew Wong
 Drew Yamamura

Rise Against Hunger Formerly called, Stop Hunger Now. The UMC circuit food-bagging event took place January 6, 2018 at 9am at New Community UMC in Oakhurst (49223 Road 426, Oakhurst, CA 93644). There were around 48 persons from area churches, including 6 from UJCC.

Martin Luther King Breakfast

Clovis Police sponsored the Annual Community Breakfast honoring Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building. The keynote speaker was Vong Mouanoutoua, City of Clovis Councilmember, who had a fabulous message about the legacy from Dr Martin Luther King, Jr and our response today of continuing to work for peace, harmony and community. UJCC had two tables reserved.

Team Membership If you are interested and want more information about Community Care, please contact someone on the CC Team or chair Ken Kurokawa.

Manatsu no Gakko

By Kathie Sakamoto

Manatsu no Gakko will be the week of June 11 – 15, 2018. Theme for this year is “mochi”. Looking for volunteers in all areas: kitchen, crafts, recreation, and language. Also, looking for someone to teach “mochi” making. If you or you know of anyone, please let me know. I’m in the planning stage for a field trip to Kiku Floral. Kids will learn to make a floral arrangement to take home. I’m excited about this field trip and should be lots of fun!! Thank you everyone for the kamaboko boards.

UNITED JAPANESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS****12/25/17 thru 1/28/18****SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

Iris Hiraga: In Memory of Catherine Hirage
 Vicky Tsutsui: In Memory of Marvin & Aiko Tsutsui
 M/M Jaime Visitacion: In Memory of Rose Komoto

Yoko Emerson: NJAUMC
 Joyce Kaufman: Get Well DAR Matsumura
 Rodney Misaki: Appreciation for the UJCC kind hospitality
 M/M Walter Mizuno: Bless the Wedding of M/M Gregory Mizuno
 Mae Morita: In Loving memory of Corey Mikami’s Tai Tai, Kitchen Supplies
 Sally Nagata: Building Fund, Sunday School
 M/M Henry Naito: End of the year gift
 Easter Najarian: Tomodachi
 M/M Wesley Yang: In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Wallace Yang

Wilma Elliott: Donation
 Jo Ann Griffin: Donation
 M/M Robert Hamasaki: Donation
 Jo Anne Kagiwada: Donation
 M/M David Kreller: Donation

Tamiko Mimura: Donation
 Rodney Misaki: Donation
 D/M Tom Nakagawa: 2017 Donation
 Audrey Shoji: Donation
 M/M Clarence Suzuki: Donation

IN MEMORY OF YOMISAKI

M/M Dick Naito
M/M Dan Eberly
Mr. & Mrs. Don Katayama

IN MEMORY OF PATRICK CHIAMORI

Donna Chiamori
Mine Ikeda
M/M Tony Ishii
M/M Gus Pendleton
R/M Kay Sakaguchi
M/M Victor Takeda
M/M Yukio Tani
M/M Ron Uragami
M/M Jaime Visitacion

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Anonymous: Christmas Eve Offering
M/M Mike Alexander: Remembering Alvin Togo
M/M Robert Chung: Christmas Eve Offering
Joyce Dessert
Dorothy Hirasuna
Roy Kawagoe
Hanako Lord
R/M Saburo Masada
M/M Garrett Masterson
Brenda Nagata
Mitzi Noda
M/M Paul Nesley: In Memory of Robert Sakai
Toshi Sakai
Helen Shirakawa
M/M Michael Swezey: Christmas Eve Offering
D/M Ken Tsutsui
M/M Kevin Watkins
M/M Michael Yamamoto

FRIENDS CARE

Anonymous: In Memory of Jack & Faye Harada
Fibber Hirayama
Ken Hori
Helen Ikawa
Yukio Ikuma
Eujeanne Kawasaki

FRIENDS CARE (Continued)

Amy Kiritani
 Tracy Kiritani
 Kazuo Komoto
 Shizu Kunishige
 Lisle Funeral Home
 Carole Masumoto
 Mae Matsunaga
 Tom Miyake
 Mae Morita: Thank you to Mrs. Tomoko Naito for all her “goodies.”
 Brenda Nagata
 Haruye Nagata
 Jane Nagata
 Sally Nagata
 M/M Gregg Saito: In Memory of Patrick Chiamori
 Stephanie Sumi: In Memory of Patrick Chiamori
 Mary Tanaka
 Kay Teraoka
 Carol Teraoka
 Teruko Tsuji
 Jack Urabe
 D/M Wallace Yang
 Itsuko Suehiro: Thank you for the delicious “bentos.”

NICHIGOBU

R/R Mas Kawashima: Christmas Offering
 Rodney Misaki: Appreciation for the flower arrangement

VORP

M/M Robert Chung	R/M Sungrae Kim	Mae Morita
M/M Dan Eberly	Amy Kiritani	Susie Nakagawa
Jo Ann Griffin	D/M Ken Kurokawa	M/M Glenn Nakaguchi
M/M Dale Ikeda	R/M Saburo Masada	M/M Emery Sagrado
M/M Mel Imai	M/M Joseph Matsuo	M/M Gregg Saito
M/M Tony Ishii	Kaye Migaki	M/M Michael Swezey
D/D Ernest Kazato		D/M Paul Yamashita

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Sally Nagata
 M/M Gregg Saito: In Remembrance of Jamie Dessert