

## **Pastor's Page**

Dear Friends,

A few years ago, an artist named Candy Chang did several public art installations in which she covered abandoned houses with chalkboard paint. On them, she invited people to write their answers to the prompt "Before I Die, I Want To..." Her motivation was to get people to dream. She wanted people to think about the possibility within each moment and within every space. It was intended to bring a sense of hope to people.

At this year's Ash Wednesday service, Rev. Rae led our congregation through this exercise and throughout the season of Lent, we invited folks to add their responses to our UJCC board. (Your responses are below.) Chang says, "Thinking about death clarifies your life." Indeed, during this holy season, we reflected on our mortality and on our dependence on God...and in doing so, the gift of life strikes us as all the more precious.

Yesterday, we celebrated the Risen Christ! By his death and resurrection, we are reminded of the hope Jesus brings to us. We also rejoice that Easter is not the end, but the beginning! That being said, how can we start exploring and fulfilling these goals and aspirations we reflected on during Lent? All these things bring us closer to God; all these things give us a sense that we are part of something greater than ourselves; all these things remind us of our responsibility to one another and the very important place we reside in as an essential part of the Kingdom of God. I join you in continuing to reflect on this.

Rejoice, dear Easter people! Life is precious...this is something we know all the more fully through our bold, loving, justice-seeking Savior!

Akiko

The UJCC Edition: Before I Die, I Want To...

- Be a better husband to my wife, a better friend to my friends, a better Christian to the world.
- Develop a spirit of generosity.
- Be more patient and understanding with family members and others.
- Learn humility; have compassion to all persons; travel to Australia, Italy, Japan, Africa, South America.
- Make a difference to my life.
- Write a book series.

- Know that I was a beacon of light to the many who dwell in darkness. I want my husband to know how much I cherish him.
- Go on a mission trip.
- Make a difference in the world.
- Change the world!
- Be debt-free.
- See, truly see, Jesus.
- Be braver and kinder; be more selfless and do more good works for others; have more patience.
- Be a blessing to others. (2)
- Make an impact on the world.
- Attend one more church meeting 😊
- Make someone else's life truly easier and sincerely forgive someone dear to me who has hurt me.
- Write my reflections about how God has blessed my life with family, friends, and even strangers.
- Deepen my relationship with my family.
- Pray continually for those who are sick, suffering besides our loved ones.
- Visit my singer's grave.
- See more of the United States.
- Catch a bonefish or permit with my grandson.
- Be a good father, a loving husband, and a humane pastor.
- Know that God used me & my life to draw somebody back to Him who was lost.
- Give to those less fortunate. I want to share God's love through my actions.
- Learn to live abundantly, deeply, authentically, and without regret.
- Truly know God's mercy and grace, learn about God's character, to live in God's will.
- See the whole world that God created.
- Lead others to Christ, be more bold and tell about Jesus and how he saved me from worldly desire.
- Swim with the dolphins and do a family tree. I want to conquer my fears.
- Go on a Mission Trip where I can use my talents to help others in need.
- See all my grandchildren finish college with honors and be happy and have a love of God.
- Pay respect to my ancestors in Japan and spend time with the people I love.
- Give all my love to my children and all my friends.
- Make a positive difference in someone's life. Know my purpose.
- See my children find true happiness and fulfillment in the power of forgiveness and the inner peace that I've found in Christ my Savior. He is my strength, my rock!!

- Thank all the people who have been so helpful and supportive to me and my family.
- Write my will and bequeath and exchange ideas as well as monetary items to my family, acquaintances, and others.
- Be simply grateful to God.
- Visit all 10 Japanese American internment camps with my wife.
- Travel to many places with my wife for mission, discover other God-given gifts I have, go back to simple life/country life and continue serving.
- Help others enjoy life as much as I have.
- Go with and share Israel with my granddaughters.
- Rescue one in need, provide what I can, do what I can, live life Jesus has provided.

## Joys and Concerns

In the Book of Common Prayer, it is written: "God, extend our faith so that even when we fail to see the fruit of our planted seeds, we may have the assurance that every inch of soil overturned will lead to a harvest someday." In this spirit, we lift prayers for...

Elaine Omachi

Foon Lau

Frances Kurushima

Hisaye Naito

June Kishi

Marge Sanbongi

Paras Family

Roy Omi

Yoshiko Baba

We pray for concerns in our church community...

- For all on hospice care, including Marge Sanbongi and Ben Honda;
- For all recovering, including Felicidad (Norman Ocampo's colleague, Joann's, aunt who was hit by a drunk driver in Lemoore in April), Janice Hironaka (Jody Juteau's aunt recuperating in a care center with goal of regaining strength to return home), and Justina Lowe (from back surgery); Mary Tanaka; and Pastor Richard Amparano;
- For all undergoing treatment, including Paul Ocampo (halfway through his 2 year treatment, ending in April 2018);
- For all undergoing cancer treatment, including Joan Karasaki, Dana Riley's mom, and Vicki Chung (Robert's sister);

For those who grieve...

- For the loved ones of Tomiye Minabe who passed away mid-April;

- For the family of Jenny Nakasone (Jody Juteau's auntie) who passed away April 9;
- For the family of Ethel Tashiro who passed away March 29;
- For the loved ones of Mitzi Iwamura who passed away March 27;
- For our brothers and sisters in Macoa, Colombia; more than 250 people confirmed dead after flooding and landslides at the beginning of April;
- For the loved ones of Francisco (uncle of Joanne, Norman Ocampo's co-worker) who was killed by a drunk driver in Lemoore in April;

For our wider community and world...

- 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 including London, Las Vegas, Mosul, the Coptic Christian churches in Egypt, and Syria;
- 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 all celebrating birthdays, including Sab Yamada who celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> on April 12 and all celebrating birthdays at the end of March and beginning of April, including Rev. Kay Sakaguchi, Neil Campbell, Doug Kuey, Stephanie Sumi, Rev. Hope Kawashima, and Rev. Rae Kim;
- Thanksgiving for the marriage of Iris Hiraga and Ian Hata on April 8;
- Gratitude that Jodene Tanaka is able to drive now;
- Praise for Joann (Norman Ocampo's colleague) being cancer-free;\
- Gratitude for Mitsuo and Emiko Kobayashi in our midst and traveling mercies as they return to Japan;
- Blessing for the UJCC Community Garden that the Sunday School planted April 9;
- Gratitude for the Church Women United Scholarship Luncheon on March 25, for all who contributed and supported, and for the Women's League under the direction of Carol Yamashita who made it happen!;
- Gratitude to Toban E and F for their hospitality in April!

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@ujclife.com](mailto:akiko@ujclife.com)).

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## **MEMORIAL BRICKS**

We hope everyone with ties to our church will submit an order for a Memorial Brick. Here are a few things to remember when ordering.

1. For \$12 you can order an extra brick which you can keep for yourself by checking the box "extra tile" on the order form.
2. The space for words is limited but here are some phrases people have added:
  - a. Committed Christians
  - b. Founders of J. Cong. Church
  - c. Pioneers: UJCC
  - d. To Honor and Remember
  - e. Members Christ U.M. Church
  - f. Born & Raised: UJCC
3. You can order and pay directly by going on-line to

<https://polarengraving.com/UnitedJapaneseChristianChurchinfo@ujclife.com>

or you can submit your hand written order form and we will work with you.

Orders for the first batch of bricks will be submitted on June 1. We will be able to order others later, but it will be extra work for the boy scouts installing them

If you have questions, talk to , text or email Ernie Kazato  
559.978.7857 [ekazato@icloud.com](mailto:ekazato@icloud.com)

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## **FRIEND'S CARE**

**FRIEND'S CARE** will deliver obento to our seniors on May 12, Friday. Please mark your calendars.

We acknowledge the generous donation by Lillian Garrigus of a case of food bags used monthly to deliver food to our seniors. Thank you, Lil!

## **COMMUNITY CARE**

### **Coming Events for Community Care**

**Friday, May 12, 2017 @ 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.

**Fifth Sunday Fundraiser in July** Community Care will be having a Fundraiser on Sunday, July 30 to support ongoing projects with FIRM, Pinedale School, etc.

**Team Membership** If you are interested and want more information about Community Care, please contact someone on the CC Team or chair Ken Kurokawa. The next meeting will be held at UJCC on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at noon.

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## **Sequoia Association Annual Meeting**

Sunday May 7th; registration at 3pm @ Grace Community Church, UCC (56442 Road 200, North Fork, 93643)

Join us for this great opportunity to learn more about our UCC connections and fellowship with our UCC brothers and sisters!

Our sister churches in the area (which make up the Sequoia Association) come together every spring for a time of worship and an annual business meeting. This year, the Rev. Daniel Ross-Jones, our Associate Conference Minister, will speak to us on our new Fair & Just Compensation for Church Workers document and the new Call Agreement Workbook. He will give tips on how Local Church Profiles can be used as great tools and resources for local churches to take a deep dive of their own mission, vision, and staffing responsibilities in light of their purpose and calling. There will also be an update on Camp Tamarack.

Dinner will be served following the meeting. The cost will be \$7.00. RSVP to Pat Brown at 877-7590 or let Akiko know you're interested in attending!

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The spring series of Bible studies for women will be concluded this month. It was a privilege to study "Seamless" by Angie Smith, and "Finding I Am" by Lysa TerKeurst during these past 13 weeks. There will be a break in the studies for the summer months, and begin again with some new series TBA beginning in the fall. Please be looking for information during the summer months for new topics and studies.

June Sakaguchi and Diane Honda wish to thank all those who participated, studied and shared their lives weekly. Suggestions for new studies are appreciated. Please relate them to June or Diane. During the break, we recommend reading a chapter or 2 of the Bible to begin to get the flow of the "story" and see the connections from Genesis to Revelation. HAPPY READING!!!

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## LAY VISITATION TEAM NEWS

During the past month, the Lay Visitation Team presented an Easter Worship Service at Vintage Gardens, visited seniors in their residences, and sent cards of greetings to shut-ins and those we haven't seen often in church. Many team members also visited Aiko Uyeoka at Shinzen Gardens when she came to visit Fresno in April. Her visit coincided with the annual bonsai festivities at the gardens that featured many of Aiko's late husband's creations in the past.

Future activities will include fellowship meetings with the Reedley and Selma communities. These special gatherings will bring together many friends who have not seen each other recently and who have not worshipped together for many years. On Monday, May 15, a fellowship service will be held at Sierra View Homes in Reedley at 10 a.m. Carpools will be arranged from UJCC. All are welcome to attend.

The LVT continues to perform a ministry of presence, extending Christ's presence to those in the community who may be lonely and isolated. We surround them with the love of Christ by praying with and for them, and check in with them regularly. If you know of people we need to contact, please let Marcia Chung ([r\\_mchung@yahoo.com](mailto:r_mchung@yahoo.com)) or June Sakaguchi ([junekaysak@gmail.com](mailto:junekaysak@gmail.com)) know. We appreciate your help.



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December 10, 2016

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Dear Akiko:

Advent greetings to you.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus. Your church's contributions have been particularly helpful as the caucus has assumed a greater responsibility for the support of the various camping programs for junior high, senior high, and post-college young adults. This year the caucus supported a leadership retreat for camping leaders and clergy to discuss the future of camping ministries. In 2017, another leadership retreat is planned to discuss the future of youth ministries.

In May, our clergy and laity met in Portland, OR during the first week of General Conference. It was a rare opportunity to witness a General Conference in the Western Jurisdiction, particularly under the leadership of the host bishop and caucus member, Bishop Grant Hagiya. We convened a meeting at Epworth UMC in Portland with several of our JA bishops present. The caucus provided scholarships for clergy and seminarians to attend this event.

Please consider having your church make a donation to the caucus in 2017. Donations traditionally have been in the \$500 range for larger churches and \$250 range for smaller churches. However, any sized gift would be welcomed. If your church is able to support the work of the caucus this year, please make checks payable to NJAUMC and send to "Caucus Treasurer" in care of the address below.

Again, thank you for your support. We give God thanks for this common ministry and history we have together.

Sincerely,

Gary Oba  
JAUM Caucus Treasurer  
West Los Angeles UMC  
1913 Purdue Ave.



## **National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 4; 5-8pm @ M St. Gallery (1419 M St., Fresno) (in conjunction with ArtHop)

Sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Central California

Come join in prayer with our interfaith brothers and sisters this year as we pray for each other and our world at prayer stations. Refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome! Please contact Akiko if you have any questions!

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## **Movie Showing: The Sultan and the Saint**

Thursday, May 18 @ 6pm; UJCC Sanctuary

Come join the interfaith community for a special film viewing of "The Sultan and The Saint." This is the true story of the relationship between St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt; it is a story of peace and bridge-building.

For more information, please visit <https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/>  
Admission is free. Sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Central California.

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## **UJCC Community Mission Garden**

By Kathie Sakamoto

Well, the community mission garden has been planted. Thank you to the Sunday school kids, teachers, Gregg and parents. Rev. Rae did a blessing of the garden. Planted were: eggplants, squash, zucchini, cilantro, jalapeno pepper, tomatoes, strawberries and watermelon. If you are out by the garden look at the strawberries that are coming out. They have a rich red color. Can't wait for the first harvest.

A BIG thank you to Ruri Honda for donating strawberry and tomato plants. Appreciate the contribution to the garden.

A HUGE thank you to Gregg Saito, Ralph Kuramoto, Tom Wong and the Boy Scout dad's. They all helped in getting the ground ready for planting, laying out drip lines, and after planting putting the finishing touch on the garden. Without all the helping hands the garden would not have been ready for planting. I appreciate all your hard work.

# Itadakimasu

## United Japanese Christian Church Wednesday Night Dinners Spring 2017 edition!

Join us for 6 consecutive Wednesdays

Casual dinners starting April 19, 2017.

**First 3 dinners** start at 6pm at UJCC.

- Adults \$5
- Children \$4
- Whole family maximum of \$20.

**April 19:** Nishimoto family and friends  
Fried chicken with pomegranate sauce

**April 26:** Dan Eberly and friends  
Delicious BBQ

**May 3:** Vivian Takeuchi  
Secret Renge family recipe

**Last 3 dinners** are fundraiser dinners for the youth group at participating restaurants, from 5-9pm. **Bring copy of the flyer** ( available at church or via email) and a percentage of proceeds will go to the UJCC Youth Group. Dates are definite but participating restaurants are pending approval.

**May 10:** Youth fundraiser at **Habit** Clovis, Fig Garden and Friant locations  
(**confirmed**).

**May 17** Youth Fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes 7114 North Fresno St., 559-435-5797  
(**tentative**)

**May 24:** Youth fundraiser at **Tahoe Joes**. **Tickets required (tentative)**

# Support our Youth!



**Sunday School  
Newsletter Article for  
May**



On April 8, 2017 also known as Palm Sunday. The Sunday School students from Pre-Kindergarten - High school and teachers marched into service with palms and placed the palms on and around the altar. Also, on this day under the direction of Kathie Sakamoto the Sunday school students and teachers planted the garden. After planting the students were rewarded for their hard work with donuts provided by Kathie S. Thank you Kathie for the donuts and your leadership also thank you to all the adults who helped the Sunday School students plant the garden.



In Easter Sunday the Sunday School Students from Nursery to High School did our tradition of flowering the cross. The Jr. High and High School students helped with counting and hiding the eggs.



After service the Sunday School students from Nursery to 6th grade did the Easter egg hunt.



**Upcoming Events:**  
May 7, 2017 WJCC Picnic  
June 4, 2017: Graduation

Thank you to everyone who donated candy filled Easter eggs. There were approximately 600 plus Easter eggs.

Thank you for all your support of the Sunday School Students.

Mary-Kay and Rana  
Sunday School Co-Superintendents

## Tomodachi Seniors Group and Friends



### Ongoing Activities

**Fitness Class: Monday's 9:30-10:15 AM** – Luvena Jacobsen, Instructor

We'll meet every Monday in May except for Monday, May 29th—the office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

**Knitting Circle: Two Mondays in May @ 10:30 AM**

We'll meet on **May 1st and May 15th.**

**Game Days: Two Wednesdays at 10 AM**

We'll meet on **May 10th and May 31st.**



### Past Event

**Tour of the Greek Monastery of the Holy Theotokos-Dunlap**

Many thanks to Jeanette Nishimori for her assistance and support in planning this outing. Thank you to our transport crew: Tina Chan, Marcia Chung, Joyce Fadenrecht, Donna Hopson, Jeanette Nishimori and June & Rev. Kay Sakaguchi.

### Future Events

**Movie "Queen of Katwe" and Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 24th**

**10 AM at the UJCC**



Join us for this 2016 colorful true story about 10 year old Phiona Mutesi, a Ugandan girl living and struggling in a slum in Katwe. Her world changes one day when she meets a missionary who teaches children to play chess. She becomes fascinated by the game and soon becomes a top player. Her success in local competitions and tournaments opens the door to a golden chance to escape from a life of poverty for herself, her mother and her siblings.

The film was produced by Walt Disney Pictures and stars Oscar winner and Tony award nominee Lupita Nyong'o, Golden Globe nominee David Oyelowo and newcomer Madina Nalwanga.

We'll have lunch following the movie. A sign up form will be located in the Church fellowship hall. Invite a friend!



**\*Save the Date\***

**Wednesday, June 28th**

**Outing to Fresno Flats (Oakhurst) Historic Village and Park  
and Lunch at the Chukchansi Gold Buffet**

Did you know that Oakhurst before 1912 was known as Fresno Flats?

We'll be taking an outing to Oakhurst to visit the Fresno Flats Historic Village and Park, a site that recaptures the flavor of 19th Century life in the Sierra Nevada foothills. The museum complex is built around two restored and furnished homes dating to the 1870's. Both have been designated by the State of California as Points of Historical interest for their unique construction styles. The site also includes a library and several restored buildings including one room schools and jailhouses.

Mr. Don Ashton, our AARP Driver Safety Course instructor, is the Director of the Sierra Historic Sites Association—Don will be our outing docent. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our June outing.

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## **Girl Scouts Troop 305**

By Kathie Sakamoto

CONGRATULATIONS! Madison Chung, Mariah Decker, Caroline Keppler, Makenna Naoe, Alyson Tinseth and Mia Urabe 5th grade Juniors for earning the Bronze Award. They each received an official letter from the Girl Scout Council office stating they have successfully completed all the Girl Scout Bronze Award requirements. They will be recognized at the council office Highest Awards Ceremony on May 13, 2017. As their leader, I am so proud of each one of them. As stated in the last newsletter they cooked dinner for Ronald McDonald House for 35+ people and made a cookbook for the 18 families that stay there. The menu theme was "Fiesta" a nacho bar, taco/ taco salad bar and Tortilla chicken soup. Dessert was ice cream topped with your favorite Girl Scout cookie.

Our end of the year Bridging High Honor Award Ceremony will be held on May 7, 2017. Can't believe we are at the end of the year already. The girl's year end trip for this year will be at Wild Water Adventures on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Without your continuous support during nut sales and cookie sales the girls would not be able to take a year end trip we thank you all.

# United Methodist Church Day



## Calling all UM folks in Grizzlies' Territory:

This year's fundraiser for Imagine No Malaria will be Saturday, June 3 - 7:05 start time

\$15/person - includes a free hat - this year with the Grizzlies "G" on it.

### Plus:

**LEGO BUILD NIGHT!** All folks get a free Lego toy when they enter.

And: For those who can use a break from watching the game - come to the concourse and help with the massive group Lego building project!



### NEW FOR THIS YEAR BONUS:

We will auction off three unique opportunities and proceeds will benefit Imagine No Malaria

1. The opportunity to throw out the first pitch
  2. The opportunity to actually DO the manual scoreboard for the 2nd inning
  3. The opportunity to actually DO the manual scoreboard for the 4th inning
- The auctions will happen in early May. Information on how to participate in the auction will be available after Easter.

**Do you like to sing?** Join our combined choir for the singing of the National Anthem. (There will be one rehearsal prior to the game.). NOTE for folks with mobility challenges: There are a LOT of stairs to reach the field and back up.

**Tickets go in sale April 23rd.**

**Last day to purchase a ticket will be Mothers' Day, May 14.**

**How do you get tickets?**

Contact your church office

**OR**

Contact: Memorial United Methodist Church of Clovis  
1726 Pollasky Ave, Clovis CA 93611  
(559) 299-4615  
[memumc@mem-umc.org](mailto:memumc@mem-umc.org)

## **Matsuri of Faith**

Faith UMC - Torrance  
Bus Trip - May 20, 2017

The UJCC Women's League invite you to a day of fun and fellowship! We have chartered a bus to visit Faith UMC in Torrance for their Matsuri of Faith. This fundraising event is Saturday, May 20th starting at 10:00. The day will be filled with crafts, games, delicious foods and cultural demonstrations. We will also be stopping at Marukai for shopping. There are 50 seats available, no cost for the bus ride, all are welcome to come, church members, family and friends. Sign up in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Kathie Sakamoto in the church office, 322-0701 .

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## **Historian Report Troop 199**

By: Garrett Takeuchi

In the month of March, Troop 199 helped with the set up and clean-up of the FBBWA Craft Faire at the Fresno Dharma Center. On March 11 2017, Drew Nishikawa completed his Eagle Scout Project at "The Field of Dreams" located at Gateway High School in Clovis. At Gateway, Drew oversaw the scouts refurbish the backstop of "The Field of Dreams" where special needs kids play baseball. On March 22, Troop 199 had a Court of Honor. At this Court of Honor, Evan Murai and Ryan Naoe received six merit badges. Also, Jonah Wong and Christian Navarrette received their Star rank. Lastly on March 24-25, Troop 199 participated in the SJ Camporee at Lost Lake.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Pilgrimage to Manzanar

Date: Saturday, May 27, 2017

Donation: \$75.00

Time: 6:00am to 8:30pm

Location: Fowler Buddhist Church  
210 S 9th St, Fowler, CA 93625



### Father's Day Steak & Eggs Breakfast

Date: Sunday, June 18, 2017

Donation: \$12.00

Time: 8:00am to 11:00am

Location: Fowler Buddhist Church  
210 S 9th St, Fowler, CA 93625

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### 25th Annual Swing For Seniors Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2017

At the Riverside Country Club



Please Contact Blake Honda for Tickets and Information  
Office: 559-252-4036 | Email: [blakeh@ccnf.org](mailto:blakeh@ccnf.org)  
Address: 540, S Peach Ave, Fresno, CA 93727





Our UJCC family celebrates the great accomplishments of these graduates! We pray God continues to uphold and guide them as they begin this new chapter in their lives!

High School Graduates

Kalen Abe  
Ellen Inouye  
David Ishihara  
Siera Morizono  
Jon Sakaguchi  
Halle Sembritzki  
Megan Yamamoto

Middle School Graduates

Isabela Hamasaki  
Nicholas Ishihara  
Erik Kizior  
Ryan Naoe  
Alex Nii  
Ryan Nishimoto  
Paean Ocampo  
Makayla Oh  
Isaiah Plum  
Ki Riley  
Emmalynn Sagrado  
Elijah Takeuchi  
Taylor Tanaka  
Jonah Wong  
Landon Yamada  
Drew Yamamura

On **Sunday, June 4**, we will celebrate these graduates with a blessing and recognition during worship and a barbeque following worship and the congregational meeting.

## **Agape Dinner and Discussion**

Who: Chairpeople of administrative committees and ministry groups, members at-large of Admin Council

What: Dinner and Discussion with the Agape Group

When: May 9; 6-7:30pm (note date change)

Where: UJCC

Why: Agape wants to share its ministry with leaders in our church and also hear from them in honest, open conversation; educate church leaders so they can share what Agape is about with their groups/committees

Please RSVP to Kathie in church office ([kathie@ujcclife.com](mailto:kathie@ujcclife.com)) by May 1.

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## **UJCC QUILTERS**

UJCC Quilt Group meets the second Monday of the month from 10:00am-12:00 pm. Anyone interested in having fun and showing your creative side, please come to our next meeting May 8th.

**UNITED JAPANESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS****3/27/17 thru 4/23/17****SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

Jeanne Gore: In Memory of Toru Naito 30 year anniversary  
 Bobbi Hanada: In Memory of Steve Hanada & Dexter Kim  
 Yukiko Hijioka: In Memory of Chame Hijioka one year anniversary  
 Paulette Hiraoka: In Memory of Verne Kiraoka  
 Fibber Hirayama: In Memory of Bill Lockie  
 Mine Ikeda: In Memory of Fumio Ikeda  
 Duane Iwamura: In Memory of Mitzi Iwamura  
 M/M Yukio Inouye: In Memory of three year anniversary for Gayle Guenther  
 Amy Kiritani: In Memory of Ethel Tashiro  
 Mae Matsunaga: Benny's 4<sup>th</sup> year anniversary  
 Rolene Shimoda: In Memories of Yoshio, Chizuko, & Robert Inouye  
 Wayne Tanaka: In Memory of Joe Tanaka  
 M/M Yukio Tani: In Memory of Tomiye Minabe  
 M/M Jaime Visitacion: In Memories of Warren Urata & Lori Visitacion

M/M Jack Coon: Youth Leader Fund  
 M/M Yukio Inouye: Haruye Inouye 104 years old Birthday!  
 Etsu Katsura: In Appreciation for Mark Muzyka's dedication service  
 D/M Ken Kurokawa: Community Care  
 Sally Nagata: Building Fund, Community Care  
 M/M Bob Okazaki: Kitchen Supply Fund

Jeanne Gore: Donation  
 M/M David Kreller: Donation  
 Irene Leach: Donation  
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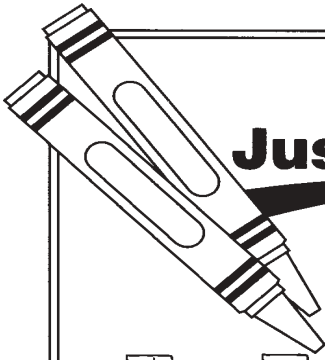
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## Psalm 33:1-3

Use the code to find the words to this joyful song.

=A	=B	=C	=D	=E	=F
=G	=H	=I	=J	=K	=L
=M	=N	=O	=P	=Q	=R
=S	=T	=U	=V	=W	=X
=Y	=Z				

A series of musical staves containing a code of symbols (notes, clefs, accidentals, and instruments) that correspond to the legend above. The symbols are arranged in a way that, when decoded, they spell out the words of Psalm 33:1-3.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.