



# United Japanese Christian Church



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## The Focal Point February 2024



Pastors	Rev. Akiko Miyake-Stoner Pastor Ivana Heang
Church Secretary	Stephanie Sumi
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### Office Hours

Mon-Thu 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

CLOSED ON FRIDAY

REV. AKIKO'S DAY OFF—TUESDAY

PASTOR IVANA 'S DAY OFF—FRIDAY

NATHAN NAKAMURA'S DAY OFF—MONDAY

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### Worship Schedule

In-person Worship: 10:30 am

Online Worship at [www.ujclife.com](http://www.ujclife.com)

## Pastor's Page

Greetings UJCC Family and Friends!

To be alive is to live the love of Jesus! Love is the heartbeat that pumps life throughout the church. A church that isn't loving isn't alive. People of God, we are alive! We are living the love of Jesus! In my first year that I have served with you here at United Japanese Christian Church, or as most of us like to call our church by its abbreviation, UJCC. I have seen the love of Jesus alive in you. As we faithfully pray for those in our lives, in our community, and those in the world who need love in their life. As we gather to be filled with Jesus' love through the gift of his body and blood and grow through many learning opportunities together. As we have remembered and honored those saints before us, sharing our hopes for our lives, for our UJCC family, for the world. As we have welcomed new people to our faith family and continue to care for each other in love. And as we have come together as a church to provide for our many outreach ministries to the community and even more. We are faith in action! We are living the love of Jesus!

Please mark your calendars for **February 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm** for our "**Youth's Fellowship**". Our youths will gather in the fellowship hall classroom for a time of sharing, praying, and games.

"**Parents Night Out**" hosted by our Healthy Church Initiative Committee (HCI) on **February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 9 pm**. Parents & Guardians looking for a free evening to go out or just catch up on errands can sign up your little kiddos, where we will feed them dinner and entertain them in a safe space where they can play with other kids.

Our circuit churches on the United Methodist Church side will be hosting and leading "**Ash Wednesday**" service on **February 14<sup>th</sup> at Memorial UMC at 6 pm**. Join us along with other Pastors in our Fresno Creek circuit, as we gather, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the season of Lent. May this season of Lent be a special time for every one of you to grow in faith and in Christ.

Thank you for your faithfulness, for the ways you live in love, for the many ways you support the ministries of UJCC that spreads this love to those who are most in need of receiving it. We would not be alive without each other nor without the love of God flowing in us and through us.

Let's continue to focus on the ways that we are alive, that we Live the Love, that God is at work in and through us. Let's commit to each other and to God to remain invested in living in love. Part of that investment involves us showing up to receive what we need for life - to be fed and nourished by God in worship and fellowship so that God's love can flow

into us. Part of that investment involves us making time to grow in faith - to learn more about who we are as God's beloved people and how God wants us to share that love with others, through discipleship and outreach opportunities. To be alive is to live the love of Jesus! Show up to Receive, Give what God has Given You, and Grow in Faith!

Live the Love - Pastor Ivana Heang

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## Joys and Concerns

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, "This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight" (1:9). In this month when we celebrate love, may you experience God's love overflowing and may your love overflow for others. It is with these intentions that we together lift our prayers for...

June Kishi

Aaron Smith

We pray for concerns in our church community...

- For all with health concerns, including Dorothy (mother of Staci Lucio's coworker, Savannah, with diabetic ketoacidosis), Tony Joseph (Mike Swezey's brother-in-law, with pneumonia), Pam (Carol Swezey's friend, healing from two broken shoulders and had a pacemaker put in at the beginning of January), Susie Nakagawa (recovering from a fall), Terrence O'Collins (Patraic O'Collins' brother, recovering from shingles);
- For those recovering from surgery, including Becky Wong (knee surgery) and Glenn Nakaguchi (reversal of ostomy surgery);
- For those who have cancer, including Kiyoko Nosker, Glenn Nakaguchi, Kacy (Paul and Adrienne Kim's neighbor), and Emily (Paul and Adrienne Kim's friend) and that their circles of support would know how to anticipate their needs and best offer care;

For those who grieve...

- The family and friends of Ruby Okazaki, Susie Nakagawa's sister, who passed away on December 22;
- The family and friends of Bob Kiyomoto, Marcia Chung's cousin, who passed away December 12. We especially lift in prayer his son, Kevin, and brothers Mike and Jeff. The family remembered him in a private service;

For our wider community and world...

- The Anaheim Church, formerly Anaheim Japanese Free Methodist Church, as it becomes an independent church. May God provide a ministry opportunity for Pastor Kaz Enomoto, who has served as the Nichigo pastor at Anaheim and is currently blessing UJCC with his leadership of Nichigo Bible Study;
- For all places experiencing violence;
- For refugees all over the world;
- For our veterans and service personnel;
- For increased understanding and empathy among people with different perspectives;
- For all who experience trauma and fear due to war;
- For those who struggle with mental illness and for those who care for them;

For God's goodness in our community...

- For the blessing of Friends Care obento that are made lovingly, humbly, and respectfully... and all the people who bless our church and community through it;
- The generosity of UJCC and the estimated 140 Angel Tree gifts donated this Christmas to FIRM (Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries)! Praises for Tina Chan, Larry Honda, Stephanie Kaku, and Fay Nakaguchi for loading, delivering, and unloading the presents;
- Joy for Flora, Brianna Qualls' mother-in-law, who found a lump in her breast and had a biopsy mid-December. Brianna is the daughter of Staci and Debbie Lucio. We give thanks that her biopsy shared good news: she is cancer-free! Praise God!;
- Paul Yamashita, who walked into church on Christmas Eve! Praise God for his continued recuperation!

If we have made any errors, we apologize and would appreciate any corrections! If you have changes or additions to our prayer list, please let Akiko know ([akiko@ujcclife.com](mailto:akiko@ujcclife.com) or 559-322-0701).

## **Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14 @ 6pm @ Memorial UMC (1726 Pollasky Ave, Clovis)

Every year, we gather to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season in which walk with Jesus towards the cross; it is the season in which we are intentional about realigning our hearts to God's and reconnecting ourselves with God's grace and power in our lives. Some people choose to give up a practice or a food that distracts them from knowing God's love in their lives; some people choose to take a practice on to share God's presence and mercy with others.

On Ash Wednesday, we remember our mortal natures and that we are ultimately not in control. It is on Ash Wednesday that we receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, to remind us that death is a part of life and that God journeys with us forever.

This year, we will join with our sister United Methodist churches in the area at Memorial UMC (address above). Please join us for this quiet service of reflection, repentance, and prayer. All are welcome.

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## **Enjoying God's Creation During Lent**

Woodward Park; Saturdays February 17 and March 2; 8:30-10am

Come join your church family in enjoying God's creation this Lent. We will gather at the shopping center across the street from Woodward Park (at Friant and Ft. Washington) and walk over together.

There will be a brief devotional followed by walking and fellowshiping, delighting in the beauty of the natural wonder God has created! We plan to walk about 4-5 miles together.

Please bring your walking shoes and a water bottle. All ages are welcome! Please bring your friends and family! If you have questions, please contact Norman Ocampo.

## Toban Reminders

Thank you to Toban A and Toban B who provided food on January 7 and at the Church Retreat, respectively! We're very grateful for you kicking off this new chapter of Fellowship Time!

A friendly reminder that we will have Fellowship Time (light refreshments) after worship twice a month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

Below is the schedule:

Month (2024)	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Memorial Services
January, April, July, October	Toban A	Toban B	Toban A and B
February, May, August, November	Toban C	Toban D	Toban C and D
March, June, September, December	Toban E	Toban F	Toban E and F

Fellowship Time Duties: Toban Chairs will contact 3-5 families to bring items to share for Fellowship Time. **Keep in mind that not everyone on a Toban will be called upon every assigned Sunday; if you didn't receive a call from your Toban chairs, you do not need to bring food. However, if you would like to, please let your Toban chairs know.** The average number of Fellowship attendance is 75. The assigned Toban will be responsible for set-up and clean-up. **Please make sure that the kitchen is clean after your assigned Sunday** (including emptying the drying rack and taking home any extra food or condiments) as there are other groups who also use the kitchen. There are **kitchen cleaning checklists** on the kitchen bulletin board; please fill one out after every use and turn in to the office. Thank you for your attention!

Food will be served on one table. Toban members are asked to take home their dirty dishes after Fellowship Time. **Please also bring your own serving platters and utensils** and take them home to wash. Some suggestions of food to bring: sandwiches, finger foods, fruit, cookies, cupcakes, crackers, senbei, etc. We strongly suggest that foods/snacks that are brought do not require utensils to eat. Please keep snacks simple.

Memorial Service Duties: When there is a Memorial Service at UJCC, the Funeral Committee will be in communication with Toban Chairs regarding reception needs, which may include set-up, serving, and clean-up. The Toban will not be responsible for bringing food for the reception.

Please contact Toban Coordinator David Wong or Moderator Arlene Eberly if you have any questions. Thank you, David Wong and Arlene Eberly

## **UJCC Mixed Media Art Collage Class and Pot Luck Sunday March 10 12pm - 4pm**

No experience necessary. All supplies will be provided.

What is collage?

Collage is an art form which is made up of overlapping pieces of material, such as paper, photographs, fabric, coloured and textured paper and other types of material and mixed media. The process focuses on the act of selecting materials and cutting them into the desired shape, before arranging them and pasting them onto the chosen surface.

Upon completion of the class the students Art work will be on display in the UJCC Art Show from April 14-21.

To register sign up in the Fellowship Hall or online.

For more information call or text Gary Chong at (559) 840-6903.

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## **UJCC Third Annual Art Show April 7-14 2024.**

Opening night gala Friday April 5, 2024.

UJCC Artists and friends submit your artwork by March 25 2024.

There will also be two art classes, open to adults and children. Bring a smock or apron to protect your clothes.

Collage Mixed Media Sunday March 10, Noon - four. Potluck, please bring food. All supplies will be provided. The class is free and open to all ages. Upon completion of the class, the artwork will be displayed in the art show.

Sea Turtle Art class. Sunday March 17. Noon - four. Lemonade and munchies will be provided. All supplies will be provided. The class is free and open to all ages.

The show is dedicated to Bill Tokumoto.

For artwork submission please pick up a form from the church.

For more information contact,  
Gary Chong - (559) 293-3382 (Landline), (559) 840-6903 (Cell) or  
Jeanette Nishimori (Cell) (559) 304-5779

**Tomodachi Seniors Group and Friends**

Happy February, dear friends! Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day...and a February filled with blessings, JOY, and love.

*"And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

**\*Valentine's Day Blessing & Bento Drive-Thru\***  
**Wednesday, February 14th**  
**11:30 AM Pick Up at the UJCC**

Join us on Valentine's Day as we celebrate the beautiful gift of friendship. A delicious box lunch will be catered from Kenji's Teriyaki Grill Restaurant. Kenji's has been very supportive of our seniors group ministry through these past several years...for which we are thankful. The obento lunch will be comprised of grilled teriyaki tri-tip, chicken katsu, steamed vegetables, gyoza, cucumber namasu and steamed rice. We'll provide a sweet dessert and treats. The lunch is at no cost to you, compliments of donations to the Tomodachi ministry. Simply take part and enjoy!

To order your lunch, please complete the attached RSVP form and return it to the church office by the **RSVP deadline of February 7th** or call Janelle Saito at 313-0489 and leave a message to reserve your lunch(es) by the RSVP deadline.

We heartily look forward to seeing you!

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**Tomodachi Seniors Group and Friends**  
**\*Valentine's Day Blessing and Bento Drive-Thru\***  
**Pick Up at the UJCC on Wednesday, February 14th at 11:30 AM**  
(RSVP Due by February 7th)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Lunches:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please call me regarding my request for delivery arrangements.

(Please mail this RSVP to: UJCC, 136 N. Villa Ave., Clovis, CA 93612)

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**Senior Care Response Team (SCRT) Ministry**

The Church's Senior Care Response Team ministry was created to serve our seniors. Please don't hesitate to call upon us for support.

\*The ministry offers assistance and support to our seniors via Church and community resources upon request and within our scope.

\*The SCRT continues to purchase/deliver groceries and supplies upon request.

\*Apple iPad Outreach: the ministry owns 3 iPads which can be borrowed on a first come-first served basis and utilized to access UJCC's website, online worship, Church meetings via Zoom, and to stay connected with family and friends. The ministry covers the monthly data fee for each loaned iPad.

If you would like support with any of the above outreach, please contact **Arlene Eberly** (960-4044) or **Janelle Saito** (313-0489).

**Mah Jong at the UJCC**

Seniors and Friends: Join in and learn the fun game of Mah Jong at the UJCC. Mah Jong sessions are held every Monday from 10 am-2 pm in the church fellowship hall. You'll learn the National (some call it American) Mah Jong League version, along with the Chinese version of the game. Mah Jong is an opportunity for fellowship--come and have a fun time and be mentally challenged, too.

You're welcome to come check it out...if you're not able to come every week and/or stay the entire time, that is okay. Seniors along with folks of all ages are welcome.

For more information, contact Leslie Shirakawa at (559) 240-1314 ([leslie.shirakawa@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.shirakawa@gmail.com)) or Kathy Hirasuna (559) 260-9550 ([kathyh474@gmail.com](mailto:kathyh474@gmail.com)). You can also find more information in this newsletter.

Sunday School

On December 17, 2023 The Sunday School Presented: **JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS-SIMPLIFIED VERSION. The Cast members were:**

**Narrator 1:** Miles

**Narrator 2:** Philo

**Narrator 3:** Ezekiel

**Mary:** Callie

**Joseph:** Shilo

**Angel Gabriel:** Alakai

**Emperor Caesar Augustus:** Chloe

**Shepherds -** Miwa and Luke

**Angels:** - Dedee, Shilo & Khilo.

**Wise Men-3:** Nana, Kiki & Kahlan

**King Herod:** Gracie

**Bell Players:** Dedee, Cali, Shilo, Nana and Khilo.

**Scripture Readers:**Senna, Nylah, & Ayame Saad

**Scripture Readers in Japanese:** Miwa & Nana

Thank You to Melanie and Thom Sembritzki for setting up the stable during the week and on Saturday December 16, 2023. Thank You to Carol Visitacion, Kiesha Oliver, Loette Zablackis, Becky Wong, Pastor Ivana and Philo and Kathie Sakamoto, and Mary-Kay Watkins for helping with the set up.

Thank You to Mike Swezey and all the Sunday School Teachers mentioned above who helped with practice and presentation of the Christmas pageant.

Thank You to Miko Elliott, Halle North, and Susan Cao for their musical talents during our Christmas Pageant.

This year the Sunday School Mission project is: CASA which stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Please see the flier in this newsletter on how you can help! We started with decorating water bottles on Sunday January 14, 2024, we had 17 Sunday School Students participate. We will be blessing these water bottles in an upcoming service. Our Sunday School offering also helps with our mission project; it is used as a monetary donation.

On another note, if you haven't heard Kathie and I are stepping down from our duties as Sunday School Co-Superintendents and Sunday School Teachers. Our last day will be June 2nd Graduation Sunday. Therefore, we are looking for **Sunday School Superintendents** and **Sunday School Teachers**. For these positions you will need to take the Safe Sanctuary course and AB 506. Please contact Rev. Akiko, Pastor Ivana, Kathie Sakamoto, or me if you would like to put your talents in these positions.

Family Worship date for February is February 18, 2024

Kathie Sakamoto and Mary-Kay Watkins  
Sunday School Co-Superintendents

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## **MESSAGE FORM UNITED**

Dear UJCC Family and Friends

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we seek to maintain unity in our church. This, we believe, is best achieved by maintaining the "All Are Welcome" policy that has been the hallmark of our church. This, of course, includes the welcoming of LGBTQ persons. We believe that the Reconciling Process that is being proposed is an example of identity politics that divides organizations along the lines of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. This, by its very nature, encourages division rather than unity. Although we are all sinners and in need of salvation through God's Grace, we are all God's children created in his image, so let us move forward together.

With Love and Blessings

UNITED

Unity, Nurturing, Integrity, Transparency, Equality, Democracy

Mike Alexander  
Linda Alexander  
Gary Chong  
William Kimoto  
Ken Kurokawa  
Karen Kurokawa  
Marion Masada  
Mitzi Naito  
Dick Naito

Jeanne Naito  
Elaine Renge  
John Sato  
Mike Yamamoto  
Gail Yamamoto  
Carol Yamashita  
Paul Yamashita  
Jean Yang  
Wally Yang



## UJCC Sunday School Mission Project

### We are collecting pajamas!

Please join us in our mission to bring warmth and comfort to the children of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). Every child deserves to feel safe and loved, especially during difficult times.

#### How You Can Help:

☀️ **Donate New Pajamas:** CASA supports children ages 0 to 20, but is in need of pajamas for their teenagers. Adult sizes preferred.

🧦 **New Socks:** Warm & cozy socks for children of all ages.



## **A Note from the Moderator**

Hard to believe that we are already in the second month of the year 2024!!!

Just this past Sunday, we held our first Board of Director's meeting for the new year. Many of the 2023 BOD members returned as they continue to hold their leadership positions on their respective committees.

However, I am pleased to announce that we have several new members to add to the UJCC list of lay leaders.

Please welcome new to the BOD 2024... the following members:

Jill Damrose joins the UJCC BOD as Cochair of Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Tom Wong continues as a member of BOD, but in a different role – Cochair of Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Evan Hamada, Ashley Lum, and Halle North all join the 2024 BOD as Cochairs of Alpha-Omega

We are fortunate at UJCC to have a variety of resources, and knowledge through our leaders. They lead us with their strengths, honesty, motivation, innovative thinking, and commitment to serve the needs of UJCC. I am very grateful for each of them, and all that our Board of Directors bring to the table throughout the year.

### **Info, updates and more:**

- **PHASE 3 Construction – UJCC!!!**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> – immediately following service.**  
**Please join us for a gathering to share information in regard to “PHASE 3” Construction for UJCC.**  
**Immediately following service, there will be a brief presentation sharing information, options, discussions, and finances concerning the property next door.**  
**We look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts as well.**
- **Small Groups – We learned about “Small groups” at the Jan 20<sup>th</sup> all church retreat. If you haven't done so already, Now is the time to sign up for one of the small groups. Let us grow together, deepen our relationships with one another, and with God.**

**The kickoff for Small Groups will be on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, so there is plenty of time to still sign up!!!**

- HCI (Healthy Church Initiative):** HCI is back to planning for 2024!!! Coming up on **February 9th** is a Parent's Night Out!!! As Parent's/Guardians – you can drop your children off and do whatever you want... have dinner... see a movie... go shopping... etc. Snacks and a meal will be provided for the children. Take advantage and have some fun!!!  
On **March 30th**, mark your calendars for a morning of Egg Coloring and crafts at Wesley UMC.
- Reconciling Process:** If you were able to attend the Forum on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, we hope that you enjoyed hearing from the Guest presenter, Reverend Israel Alvaran as he helped attendees learn more about the Reconciling Process and was also able to navigate some key questions from attendees. The next event to share information and to continue to have conversation with one another is soon to be scheduled and announced.
- Friend's Care –** Friend's Care will be preparing and delivering meals to members of our senior community in February and March. The menu is always creative and prepared by the hands of many of our UJCC members and friends.
- Tomodachi Drive Thru –** If you haven't signed up for the February 14 Tomodachi Drive-thru... please do so as soon as possible. We are going with one of our fave locations... Kenjis!!!!... YUM-MY!!!
- All Church retreat-** We had over 70 folks sign up for the All Church retreat held on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.... What a great event. Thank you to the Alpha Omega Praise Band, the multiple presenters, Small Group leaders, and Toban B for coordinating refreshments and lunch. Many thanks to the Primary Coordinators of the retreat – Reverend Akiko, and Pastor Ivana... JOB WELL DONE!!!

### Some Upcoming Events:

- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Phase 3 Construction (property next door), informational meeting immediately following service
- February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - Friend's Care Food Prep and Delivery
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 9pm Parent's night out...
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Happy Valentine's Day !!!... and Tomodachi Lunch Box Drive Thru
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday at Memorial UMC – 6pm

- February 18<sup>th</sup>- Small Group Kickoff Luncheon
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Boy's Scout Crab Feed
- March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - Friend's Care Food Prep and Delivery
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Egg Coloring Party and Crafts at Wesley UMC 10:30am
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunrise Service at UJCC. 6:30AM

Many thanks,  
Arlene Eberly



## Cub Scouts Pack 199

by Jamie Ta – Parent



**Cub Activities:** Troop 199 has been busy learning and having fun. They recently held an indoor camp night where they practiced pitching tents and tying knots. In addition to outdoor skills, they also enjoyed playing board games and collaborated to prepare a complete breakfast, featuring pancakes, sausage, and fresh-squeezed orange juice. These activities contribute to their acquisition of essential camping skills as Cub Scouts.

**Cub Scout Super Bowl Fundraiser:** Please support Troop 199 by purchasing a Tri-Tip Meal (tri-tip, rice pilaf, beans, and dessert for a family of four) for \$65. The meals can be picked up on Super Bowl Day at the United Japanese Christian Church from 11 am to 1 pm. Tickets must be purchased by February 4th. To buy tickets, please contact Julien Ros at 559-834-8312. The troop will work hard to deliver a great meal for your enjoyment.



# Girl Scout Troop 305

By Kathie Sakamoto

It's Girl Scout cookie time. If you would like to purchase cookies, please contact Kathie Sakamoto at [kathie@ujcclife.com](mailto:kathie@ujcclife.com) or (559)352-3750. In advance Troop 305 would like to Thank you for your continuous support.

## ABC Bakers

### 5 Core Classics



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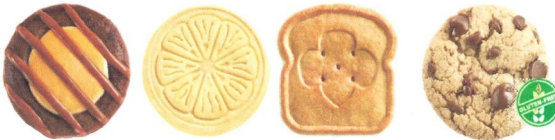
PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH

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PEANUT BUTTER PATTIES

TREFOILS

### +4 More Crowd Pleasers



ADVENTUREFULS

LEMONADES

TOAST-YAY!

CARAMEL CHOCOLATE CHIP

#### ABC Bakers cookies feature

- Kosher
- Zero trans fats
- No partially hydrogenated oils
- No high fructose corn syrup
- Halal certified
- Certified Sustainable Palm Oil/RSPO (exception of Gluten Free cookies)
- Recycled cartons, trays (check your local recycling center)





# Central California Nikkei Foundation



## Shredding Community Service and Fundraiser

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9am to 12 noon

Securely dispose of personal documents, tax papers,  
Books-hardback & paperback.

Limit: 20 Banker Sized Boxes per car

Cost: \$15 per Banker Sized Box

Cash or Check only

Please make check payable to CCNF

Event will be Drive-Thru

Boxes will be emptied from your trunk/tailgate and returned

Held at Vintage Gardens

540 S. Peach Ave., Fresno

Questions contact: Susan Hayashi – 325-1457 or text 906-8540

Seniors who cannot drive to the event, call Susan by **April 6**  
and arrange for pick-up.

## BOY SCOUT

Hello, this is Alexander Miyoshi, the Troop Historian for Troop 199. This month, the troop had a campout at UJCC, an Eagle Court of Honor for the latest Eagle Scout, Nathaniel Rodriguez, and had some Klondike preparations.

The first and second pictures show the troop camping at UJCC. We didn't do much at the campout, but the cub scouts camped with the boy scouts. Since the cub scouts camped with us, we taught the cub scouts how to make a woggle, which is a neckerchief slide made out of a rope.

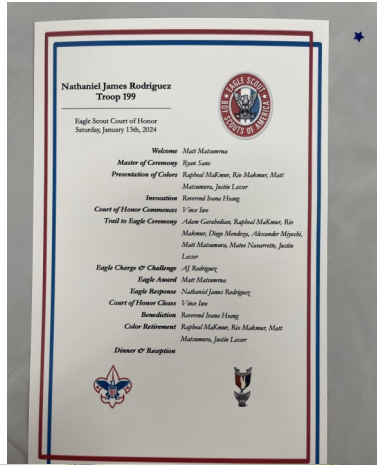
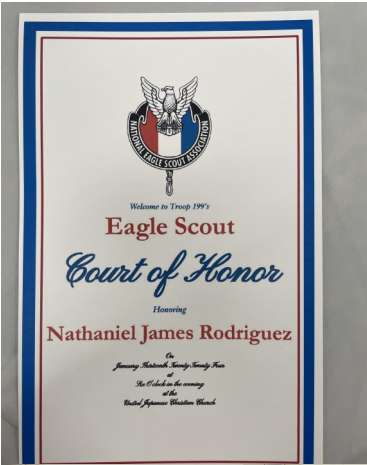
The third, fourth, fifth, and sixth pictures show Nathaniel's Eagle Court of Honor. There, family, friends, and fellow scout mates of Nathaniel gathered to celebrate Nathaniel receiving the highest rank in scouting, which is Eagle Scout.

The seventh and eighth pictures show the troop at Fresno Dharma Center practicing a few events that are going to be at Klondike, which will be fire starting and knot tying. Everyone had fun working together with the knot tying event and competing with each other to see who could light a fire the fastest.

Just a reminder, Troop 199 is having a Tri-Tip dinner and Crab Feed as fundraisers (the pdf). The Tri-Tip dinner includes one whole BBQ tri-tip, green beans, pilaf, and dessert. Tickets are \$65 each dinner, and pickup is on February 11th, 2024. The Crab feed is at UJCC on March 2nd, 2024 and includes all you can eat crab, pasta, salad, and bread. Tickets are \$80 per person. There will also be a Dessert auction and raffle. If you would like to purchase any tickets, please text/call my mom at (559-905-3410). Purchase now because tickets are limited. Thank you in advance for supporting Troop 199 with our fundraisers.

-Alexander Miyoshi  
Troop 199 Historian







## **Boy Scout Troop 199**

First (Post COVID) Revival Annual Crab Feed  
ALL YOU CAN EAT: Crab, Pasta, Salad & Bread  
**Dessert Auction and Raffle**  
(check or cash only for auction and raffle)

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

United Japanese Christian Church  
136 N Villa, Clovis

**Doors open at 5pm, Dinner 6pm**

**\$80 per person**  
No Take-Out



### **For Tickets:**

Contact any Boy Scout, Leader, Parent from Troop 199  
Or Carol Lesser at 559-287-9067 (cell)  
For questions: contact Alice Sano at 559-801-7995 (cell)

## Central California Nikkei Foundation

### *Nikkei Hour*

If You Are A Senior,  
We Would Love To  
Have You Join Us!  
We Alternate  
Between A Crafty  
Service Project, A  
Craft Project For  
Ourselves And,  
Occasionally, A  
Demonstration At  
Our Meetings.



Mochi Manju Demo

Vintage Gardens  
Every Friday  
**12:30-1:30**



Drawing On Quilt Squares  
For Project Linus



Shimekazari Project

Please Let Us Know You Are Coming By Thursday. 559-252-4036, Ext. 250 or [mauram@vintagegardens.org](mailto:mauram@vintagegardens.org)  
Vintage Gardens 540 S. Peach Ave. Fresno, CA 93727



**JAPANESE AMERICAN  
CITIZENS LEAGUE**  
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

# DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Social Time: 11:30 am

Program & Lunch: 12 noon-2 pm

The program will include the CCDC JACL Officer Installation

**EVENT LOCATION: Fresno County Historical Museum,  
Big Fresno Fairgrounds  
1121 S. Chance Avenue (free parking @ Chance Ave lot)**

**2024 Distinguished American Award  
Judge Johnny Gogo**



Guest speaker  
**Kerry Yo Nakagawa**



**NISEI BASEBALL  
RESEARCH PROJECT**

I would like to purchase: \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon ticket(s) at \$40 per person.

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of entrees with salad, rice and dessert: \_\_\_\_ How many vegetarian entrees: \_\_\_\_

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: FEBRUARY 1ST CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CCDC JACL RESERVATIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE DOOR

SEND COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO: TRAVIS NISHI, P.O. BOX 26925, FRESNO, CA 93729

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**UNITED JAPANESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH****ACKNOWLEDGMENTS****12/26/23 thru 1/21/24**

Tara Asami: In Memories of Taro & Joy Asami  
 Jeanne Gore Naito: In Memory of Hisaye Fujinami  
 Jeanne Gore Naito: In Memory of Jeffrey Toru Naito  
 M/M Yukio Inouye: Birth of Great Granddaughter, Colbie Ruth  
 M/M Yukio Inouye: In Memory of Gayle Guenther  
 M/M Yukio Inouye: In Memories of Fukutaro & Haruye Inouye  
 Carrie Sakai: In Memory of Robert Sakai  
 Carolyn Shimizu: In Memory of Mary Shimizu  
 Carolyn Shimizu: In Memory of Day Kusakai

M/M Mike Alexander: Neighbors Group  
 M/M Thomas Bee: Earth Angel Mission  
 Christ Presbyterian Church: Earth Angel Mission  
 M/M Dan Eberly: Love Offering  
 Catherine Giacona: In Appreciation for Mahjong  
 Charlene Kiyuna: Agape  
 D/D Mark Kizior: In Support of Ellen Inouye  
 M/M David Kreller: Remembrance of Choir & Band performance  
 M/M Brian Kurasaki: Agape  
 Aiko Snavely: Senior Care Response Team  
 Kiyoko Taniguchi: Love Offering

Tara Asami: Donation  
 Tamar & Janna Bedoyan: Donation  
 Shelley Kiritani: Donation  
 M/M Terry Leeds: Donation  
 M/M Brian Mimura: Donation  
 Mae Morita: Year End Donation  
 Nobie Osato: Donation  
 Evelia Valdez: Donation

**ALPHA OMEGA**

Tina Chan  
 M/M Robert Chung  
 D/M John Damrose  
 Ivana Heang: All the Saints who have passed  
 D/D Ernest Kazato  
 Dorothy Kimura: In Memory of John Kimura  
 Charlene Kiyuna  
 M/M Brian Kurasaki

Mae Morita

M/M Glenn Nakaguchi: In Memories of Ruth & Tom Nakaguchi

M/M Glenn Nakaguchi: In Memories of Sam & Sumiko Yamasaki

M/M Jaime Visitacion: In Memories of Reno, Al & Frank Visitacion

M/M Jaime Visitacion: In Memories of Cousins Bill, Diane & Robert

M/M Jaime Visitacion: In Memories of All Issei, Nisei, & Sansei

**BUILDING FUND**

M/M Glenn Takayama: In Memories of Shiz & June Takayama

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

M/M Raoul Contreras

M/M Bob Fujita

M/M Robert Hanashiro

Mine Ikeda

Don Laines

Mae Matsunaga

D/M Greg Miyake

Mae Morita

M/M Gregg Saito

Marie Taniguchi

M/M David Toshiyuki

D/M Ken Tsutsui

M/M Tom Wong

D/M Wallace Yang

**FRIENDS CARE**

Tara Asami

D/M John Damrose

Amy Kiritani

Dale Kuey

Rose Kuramoto

Keiko Nishimoto

George Tamiyasu

M/M Marty Trujillo

M/M William Ueki

M/M John Urabe

**LAY VISITATION**

M/M Gregg Saito: In  
Memory of Sally Nagata

**THANKSGIVING**

M/M Mark Asami  
M/M Robert Hanashiro  
Mae Matsunaga

**TOMODACHI**

Tara Asami  
Amy Kiritani  
M/M David Kreller  
Nobie Osato

**VORP**

M/M Dan Eberly  
Mine Ikeda  
Joyce Imai  
Hope Kawashima  
Amy Kiritani  
Charlene Kiyuna  
D/M Ken Kurokawa  
Kaye Migaki  
Evelyn Mitarai  
Akiko Miyake-Stoner  
M/M Phil Shigekuni  
D/M Lindsay Takeda