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What is God Seeking?



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Lent, Spring, Sukiyaki: What is God Seeking?

By Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Senior Pastor

There are clear signs that Spring is approaching as cherry blossoms bloom sparsely among the trees in the neighborhood. Spring screams renewal, regeneration, and new beginnings, with a sudden burst of fresh energy, after the carefully considered and controlled conservations of winter. However, I feel a great sense of tension. American musician Henry Collins once said, “In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move.” Blaine Memorial continues to be a vibrant place with new ideas and ministry activities, while reviving much loved events hosted prior to 2020.

After a three-year hiatus, our Sukiyaki Benefit Fundraiser will return to Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, April 29 from 2pm-6pm, take-out only. This year’s benefit recipient will be the Rainier Valley Food Bank. Invite your family and friends for a delicious homemade meal!

As we enter the second week of Lent, I hope it is meaningful for you. Just as Jesus prepared for ministry through prayer and fasting for 40 days, we have sought to further open ourselves to God’s presence, work, and vision for us and for this world. Our Lenten programs are yielding the fruit of the Spirit in the lives of those who are participating in-person, online, through service or by way of prayer and support.

This year’s Lenten theme is “Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith”. We’ll continue to use Lectionary A which offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking:

- *Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night*
- *Jesus approaches a Samaritan woman at a well*
- *Jesus heals a man born without sight*

In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, and a deeper faith. Often, an unveiling occurs — assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows. This year’s Lenten series is founded on many questions. Some feel restorative (Can these bones live?). Some feel like a charge or challenge (Who will you listen to?). Some questions are hopeful and curious (How do we begin again?). Our questions won’t necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, and a wider grace.

We are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. During the last few years, many of us have asked big questions about our lives and our faith. If you are returning to church, you probably have more questions and a critical lens. We hope this series

will help unpack some of those questions in honest and faithful ways. We hope you will continually ask yourself, “What am I seeking? What is God seeking?”

Blaine Memorial continues to seek answers and dig deeper into our faith as the Reconciling Ministries (RM) Team continues to offer safe spaces for conversations about human sexuality. The RM Team will facilitate a 3-part Bible Study about Reconciling Ministries on March 15, March 22, and April 5 from 7pm-8:30pm. Subscribe to our weekly emails for updates.

Save the Dates for Holy Week in early April:

- **Palm Sunday Service, April 2, 10am:** We will have a procession of palm leaves into the Sanctuary.
- **Good Friday Service, April 7, 7pm:** Join us at Blaine Memorial as we collaborate with Japanese Baptist Church as we reflect on how Jesus bore the full brunt of our violence, sin, weaknesses, and pain. A simple soup supper in the Social Hall will be at 6pm.
- **Easter Sunday Service, April 9, 10am:** Celebrate and worship God’s love, grace, new life, and the miracle of the resurrection! We’ll have the flowering of the cross and an Easter Egg Hunt for our children and youth!

We invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking during Lent. Stay curious, open, and nimble. Soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore — to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God. 🌸



Rev. Karen, Rev. Angeline Lau (JBC), Rev. Mia and Rev. Samuel Kim (JBC) at Japanese Baptist Church on Good Friday 2022.



Anniversary Sunday: We honored our 88+ church members in worship on January 29.



Real Influencers: The Revs. Karen and Ken Miyake (previous Blaine Memorial pastor) with his daughter, Washington State Representative Sharon Tomiko-Santos.



Smiles all around: Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn addresses the congregation with a greeting.

CELEBRATING 119 YEARS OF BLAINE

By Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Senior Pastor



Saints: Ron Nobuyama rings a bell for each of our beloved 88+ saints who passed away in 2022.



Newly-Minted: Mike Takahashi (L) and Tom Kometani (R) celebrate their new induction into the 88+ club with Janet Kometani (M).



Cake to Celebrate: Pam Ikegami helps out by giving our 88+ elders a piece of celebratory cake. Delicious chocolate and vanilla cakes were offered. 🍰



Remembrance: Eugene Tagawa and Sharon Maeda attend the Day of Remembrance Ceremony at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup, Wash.



Listening In: Blaine Memorial UMC church members critically listen to Kiku Hughes, a cartoonist. She reads her poetry and complements her readings with illustrations of her late grandmother, Ernestina, who was incarcerated in one of the 10 camps.



Representation Matters: Members from Blaine Memorial UMC attended the Day of Remembrance Ceremony at the Washington State Fairgrounds on February 18, 2023. Many of the members were either survivors or have family members who were sent to the Puyallup Fairgrounds 81 years ago when it became an Assembly Center before heading to the Minidoka Incarceration Camp.

PHOTOS



THE DAY OF

By Rev. Karen Yokota Love



In Solidarity: Day of Remembrance Part II included a caravan to the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Wash. The solidarity with the Japanese American community and those who are in the NWDC link the past and present injustices, drew attention to worsening conditions inside NWDC.



Family Names: Marina Kozu and Ron Nobuyama look for their family names on panels. The Day of Remembrance Ceremony honored 81 years since the issue of Executive Order 9066. Over 7600 Japanese and Japanese Americans were incarcerated behind barbed wire fencing on the Puyallup Fairgrounds, now known as the Washington State Fairgrounds. The majority of the population was from Seattle, but people from Fife, Puyallup, Kapowsin, Eatonville, Snohomish, and Alaska were forced to live in horse stalls, animal pens, or barracks. This assembly center was open between April to September 1942.



The Beat of the Drum: Seattle Kokon Taiko opens and closes the ceremony with a few powerful musical pieces.



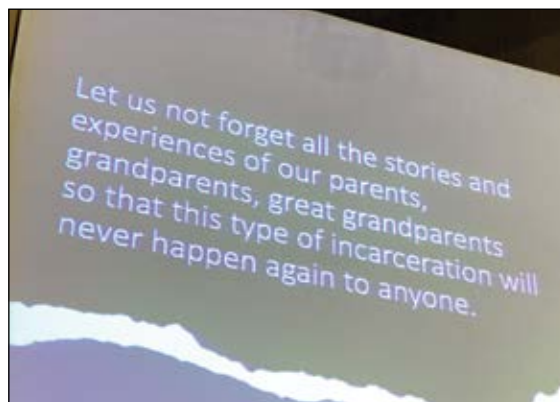
Cranes: Shig and Rae Nishida receive tsuru (cranes) because they are "Camp Survivors."

REMEMBRANCE

Photos by **Ryan Kozu**, additional photos by **Jesse N. Love**



Sharing of stories: On February 19, Blaine Memorial remembered 81 years since the issuing of E.O. 9066. Church members including Donna Sekijima, Pam Ikegami, Jerry Ikegami, Dorothy Rutherford, Shizue Watanabe, Dale Watanabe and Nina Chinn shared their stories about camp life, their parents' experiences in camp or their experiences living in the "Free Zone." Thank you to Gail Nomura for your strategic planning and organizing of this special worship service. 🍡



Blaine Memorial Educational Scholarships 2023

By Michelle Vaughan, Scholarship Chair

Applications for Blaine's Educational Scholarships is now open through May 17, 2023!

The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church through supporting a multitude of educational opportunities. We

are proud to have helped students in their pursuit of continuing education since 1968. We encourage all applicants; from those just entering their next phase of education to those returning to complete or pursue continued education.

We are blessed to offer the following scholarships: the Vera Ing Scholarship, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship, Yasuda Scholarship, William S. Yorozu Scholarship, and the Robert S. Sato Scholarship. The Scholarships will be awarded under the following criteria:

Vera Ing Community College/Trade School Scholarship

Established in 2016. Award(s) will be made to those pursuing continued education through community colleges and/or technical/trade schools. Other Eligibility Opportunities/Community Based Internships: For students who choose to intern at a nonprofit or community organization, where little or no compensation is offered, a scholarship is available. The internship period could be during the school year and/or summer months. Applicant will provide description of their opportunity.

Robert S. Sato Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to a college undergraduate and/or graduate student pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics or related fields of study.

Yasuda Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors or college undergraduate.

William S. Yorozu Scholarship

Two award(s) will be made, one for a college sophomore, junior or senior, then to a graduate student.

Blaine Memorial Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school senior, community college, technical/trade school, college undergraduate or graduate student.

Email BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com or contact the church office to access scholarship information. All scholarships will consider, but are not limited to, elements such as grades (if applicable), personal essay and church participation.

Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be received no later than May 17, 2023 for consideration. We are looking forward to applicants excited about pursuing their education. 🇺🇸

Michelle Vaughan serves as Scholarship Chair for Blaine Memorial UMC.



SUKIYAKI DINNER RETURNS!

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Rainier Valley Food Bank

✳️ **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2023** ✳️ **MORE INFO TO COME!**



B.Y.G. UPDATE BLAINE YOUTH GROUP

The Blaine Youth Group serves delicious snacks for sale after worship service, along with scented candles. They raised over \$1000 to fund future camping experiences that will enrich their spiritual journeys.

Bake Sale raises hopes, funds for young people

By Lawrence Paltep, B.Y.G. Co-Director

Camping is an important part of our youth ministry. Developing deep relationships with other youth is an opportunity for all attendees to experience. These camps are held in California, the Blaine Youth Group makes great efforts to ensure that we attend. Last year, BYG covered costs for flights, charter bus, hotel, and COVID-19 exposure related costs. To raise funds, we hosted pop-ups and bake sales last year. Before the pandemic, we hosted annual banquets with auctions that took months of planning and organizing.

Knowing the financial responsibilities of sending a youth to camp, BYG and families have been proactive in raising funds. Earlier this year, our youth hosted a bake sale along with hand-crafted candles for church members to purchase. Co-Director Lynne Onishi and I

have been very impressed with the ways that youth and parents have stepped up to lead these events. For the bake sale, youth, leaders, parents, and congregants prepared various baked goods such as cookies, mochi, and brownies. Everyone who contributed sweets put great thought and care in making their items.

On Friday, February 10, our youth made 40 candles, enjoyed potluck, and prayed together for the work that's dedicated for summer camps. BYG came up with this brilliant idea to have a purposeful gathering to benefit camping ministries and create candles for others to enjoy. On Sunday, February 12, youth created signs and designed the presentation of the bake and candle sale, which generated over \$1000.

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Scented candles were handmade by the B.Y.G. using their time and talent to raise funds for camping. Thank you to the Blaine congregation for supporting this ministry with its treasure.

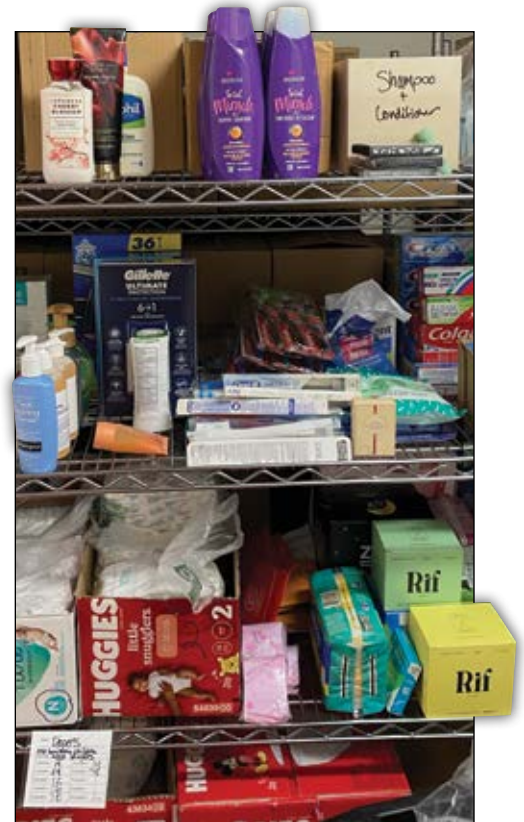
Blaine collects hygiene products for Seattle Children's

By Kaylee Yokoyama

Thank you Blaine for supporting Seattle Children's Food Security Program with your new, unused hygiene products. This collection of hand soap, dish soap, menstrual products, underwear, diapers, toothpaste, and more will be vital for supporting our local community - all thanks to you! Your participation has positively impacted the lives of our greater community. Want more information or want to see more future community involvement? Contact Kaylee Yokoyama. 🇺🇸



Donations were collected at Blaine in the narthex outside of the sanctuary from December 2022 through January 2023. Blaine Memorial generously donated a variety of hygiene products. The items were sorted and organized at Seattle Children's hygiene donation center by type of product and for the availability of individuals in need.



The Blaine Youth Group welcomes the congregation for delectable snacks and fragrant candles during it's Bake Sale fundraiser

Supporting youth is an investment in Blaine's future

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As co-directors, Lynne and I oversee the extensive amount of coordination, support, and people-power to make these events happen. It is humbling to be part of a community that goes through great lengths to ensure the growth of our young people. Without the continued investment of the Blaine Memorial community, we would not feel secure in sending our youth to camp and continue our BYG programming. We greatly appreciate your continued love and support for this ministry.

The Blaine Youth Group meets on Sundays at 10:00am in the sanctuary then in the Nishida Room. If you are interested in growing spiritually, learning acceptance of self and others, and developing a love for God and neighbor, contact Lynne Onishi & Lawrence Paltep - co-directors of Youth Ministry at Blaine Memorial UMC (lynneonishi@gmail.com or lawrence.byg@gmail.com respectively). 🇺🇸

Hi, Blaine Memorial family! It's been awhile since this project took off, so I thought it would be a good time for a quick refresh on the Innovation Hub.

Who are we? What are we doing? And why are we doing this work?

In Fall of 2021, our multi-generational team of congregation members started learning about church innovation through a curriculum program through Wesley Theological Seminary. We met every few weeks over Zoom to learn about the design thinking process and how we might apply principles of design to a ministry context. Over the last year, the Innovation Hub team at Blaine Memorial has been researching, prototyping, and implementing new ministries focused on young people.

This research was, and continues to be, grounded in empathy (one of the key concepts of human-centered design). We learned about young people through interviews and survey responses from folks in our congregation and beyond, and these findings offer the church a chance to listen and respond. The Young Adult hiking group, our film and discussion events, and the reconciling ministries team are all ways we're responding to these needs and concerns heard from young people in our community.

Empathy-based research is where innovation begins. Innovators seek to problem-solve, but to understand and identify problems, the innovator must listen deeply and let go of assumptions. In a



During a Day of Remembrance film screening, a multi-generational audience gathered to discuss social issues. Events such as this bring together church for deep dives into historical injustices to help understand and hopefully heal. Want support the Innovation hub? Check in with Lynne Onishi!

Innovation Hub Update

EMPATHY

is where innovation begins

By **Lynne Onishi**, B.Y.G. Co-director

ministry or church context, listening isn't often our first instinct. Blaine Memorial is an active church! We're always doing something. But in this Lenten season especially, I wonder how we might create more opportunities for deep and radical listening.

Blaine's young people held a special Lenten Bible Study and a Day of Remembrance film screening and discussion. We reviewed scripture,

history, and social issues through the eyes of folks who have been harmed by the church. These programs provide spaces to encounter familiar stories through new perspectives and to listen carefully and deeply to whose story is told or untold.

Recently, we've celebrated Blaine Memorial's 119th anniversary. One of the sermon questions asked was, "How are you helping to pass along your faith to

the next generation? Why do you think this is so important?" The Innovation Hub is not simply tasked with creating new ministries for young adults. Rather, our overarching task is learning about innovation and applying those processes and skills in this ministry context. Our hope is that our whole faith community can come together to listen, create, and innovate for our present and our future.

We as a community of faith have survived through unimaginable hardship and continue to provide a spiritual home for generations of people. As the world has changed, so too have the needs of our congregation and neighborhood. As we consider what it looks like to pass along faith to the next generation, may we listen to where the Spirit is calling us individually and collectively.

The Innovation Hub team and Reconciling Ministries Task Force are always looking for new folks to join us. If you feel called to lend your voice to these important ministries, we invite you to join us at our next team Zoom meeting. Please contact Lynne Onishi (lynneonishi@gmail.com) or any of the other team members for more information. 🌈

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **RM Bible Study:** Weds. March 15, March 22, and April 5 at 7:00 PM (Zoom)
- **Young Adult Activity, Whirlyball:** Sun., March 26, 4:00 PM 🌈

Lynne Onishi serves as co-director for the Blaine Youth Group.



Associate Pastor's Spiritual Reflection Reflecting on Ordination: a long and prayerful journey

By Pastor Mia MiKyung Park

The Blaine Memorial UMC congregation raise hands and pray over Pastor Mia as she embarks on a week of interviews with the Oregon-Idaho Conference's Board of Ordained Ministries - as they will determine if she will move forward with the ordination process.

Editor's note: Pastor Mia MiKyung Park has passed the initial stages of the ordination process. Let's continue praying as Pastor Mia enters the next phases on her ordination journey!

I mentioned unexpected pause as a holy interruption in my article in the last issue of the newsletter.

We experience a continuation of pause. As I write this article, I am preparing to go to my interview with the Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Conference's Board of Ordained Ministries in Eagle Creek, Oregon. This interview is one of the most important interviews in my life, not only to move forward with my ordination status, but to reaffirm my commitment to this spiritual journey. These three days of the interviews will be a significant pause in my ministerial journey and I ask your prayer support.

I'm reflecting deeply on one of questions that will be asked during this process:

"For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel and in consideration of your influence as an ordained minister, are you willing to make a complete dedication of yourself to the highest ideals of the Christian life; and to this end will you agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to physical health, intentional intellectual development, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, integrity in all personal relationships, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God?"

This is a serious and deep question – one that feels heavier the more I read it. For a while, I couldn't write my answer - but after a great intentional pause, I prepared my response: "There is a saying in Korea: becoming an ordained minister is like burning

the bridge after crossing the bridge. I believe that the life of an ordained minister requires complete dedication and commitment to the highest ideals of the Christian life. Dedication and commitment indicate complete acceptance of the call to serve and love God and people. Being an ordained minister is a lifelong journey which is a continued process of developing and growing into the fullness of Christ. It is an honor and a privilege to commit a life to God and for people. Therefore, I will continue to exercise my responsibility for self-control through personal habits conducive to physical health, intentional intellectual development, fidelity in marriage, integrity in all personal relationships, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God."

When I declared my candidacy in 2016, I never imagined myself applying

for ordination. I'd never met a female ordained clergy in person until I moved to Seoul at 18, so I had not envisioned it before. This journey has been a long and complicated one - one, that I have could not have walked alone. I've learned it takes more than a village to be a pastor. This sacred time has been significant with God's presence and intervention. I will treasure each moment as I prepare for these interviews. Thank you to the Blaine Memorial community - who have been graciously ministering, supporting, and encouraging me all the way!

The February memorization verse for Church School is Joshua 1:9, "I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Every Wednesday evening, our Church School teachers gather to plan upcoming activities and pray together. I am so inspired by their dedication and love for our children and I pray that we invite many others to our Church to be nurtured and guided in Christian education.

I am grateful for walking on this faith journey with you all, especially during the 40 days of Lent as we reflect on the journey that Jesus took. During this time, I pray that our thoughts are attuned with God's will and that our actions become God's compassion. May God continue to guide and bless our church and transform each of us into the fullness of Christ. 🇺🇸

Pastor Mia MiKyung Park serves as the Associate Pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC.

Spiritual Formation Center

Preparing for Easter

By Anne Arakaki-Lock, photo courtesy of Wikipedia

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain...”

-Revelation 21:4

I have been praying and looking for inspiration regarding my Lenten practice this year. My radar has been up as I listen for God to tell me what I should do during the 40-day period before Easter. How does He want me to prepare my heart? For my faith development, for me to grow closer to Him, it would involve discipline and being intentional.

For the last few weeks, I have wondered why God kept bringing up the subject of pain to me so often? I have been wondering what the subject of pain has to do with Lent. I hear the word pain on my various Zoom meetings or whenever I'm talking to my friends or relatives. I read about

pain in Scriptures during my routine devotions. Recently there have been visible signs brought to my attention -- Reverend Karen's arm wrap, Jill's crutches, Steve's foot brace. Yet very often the pain is invisible too, whether physical or emotional.

We have many, many prayer requests in our Small Group and in Coffee and Prayer with Rev. Karen for pain related issues. We know that behind each described pain, there is worry, frustration, and even costs. It can be temporary, or it can be chronic. But it's all pain. It all hurts.

So, what am I supposed to do with pain as I prepare for Easter? What can I do for Lent? Let me share what I have been inspired by God to do:

- I can step up my exercise routine. I can personally do something for my own pain that will remind me to think about Him.

- I can write up a prayer list and every morning pray for others in pain. I can also deliver a meal, share a bag of oranges, or run an errand for someone on the list.
- I can spend time in the Word highlighting and journaling and creating a list of verses that show how God is the Mighty Physician, the Healer, so that I can readily disciple when called.
- I can get together with others in my Small Group and share pain, talk about our hurts, and encourage each other.
- I can do more almsgiving to organizations like South King County Response Center, our sister church who works with our refugee, unhoused, hungry neighbors or King County Youth Chaplaincy who serves our incarcerated youth in pain.

I have a lot to do this Lenten season to prepare my heart for Easter. 🇺🇸

Anne Arakaki-Lock is a member of Congregational Care Ministries of Blaine Memorial UMC.



As we prepare for Easter, what ways will you prepare your own heart this Lenten season?

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia. Learn more about this image at bit.ly/easter_egg_.

Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023	Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023	Fourth Sunday in Lent March 19, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 121 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 • John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5:1-11 • John 4:5-42 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Samuel 16:1-13 • Psalm 23 • Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41
Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2023	Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023	Sixth Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday April 2, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 7:10-14 • Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10 • Hebrews 10:4-10 • Luke 1:26-38 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 130 • Romans 8:6-11 • John 11:1-45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11

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Events on this calendar may have changed during time of publication. Contact the Blaine Office for questions.
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If you have questions, please call 206-723-1536 or email blaineoffice@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/ Rev. Karen 10:30am, Pickleball DUE: Newsletter Submissions for April issue! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12pm, B.U.G.S. Ukulele 7pm, Basketball 	 HINAMATSURI (GIRL'S DAY)	4
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Have a recipe of your favorite, homemade entree, drinks, or dessert? Share your submissions for the 120th Anniversary edition of our Blaine Memorial cookbook!

Let's Dine: 120th Anniversary Edition!

Your favorite recipes and stories are needed for our new cookbook! Send in your submissions by May 31, 2023!

By Marina Furuta, photo by Ryan Kozu

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church will release a 120th Anniversary Edition of "Let's Dine!", the latest in a series of cookbooks produced by Blaine Memorial over the past 70 years. This cookbook will commemorate the 120th Anniversary of Blaine Memorial, with a scheduled release of January 2024. We are seeking submissions for the 2024 cookbook and are calling on you to contribute!

During the pandemic, many of us turned to the

kitchen for comfort as well as survival. Old recipe cards were pulled out of boxes and dusted off in an effort to seek comfort as we adapted to a new normal. This inspired "Let's Dine 2020", which combined the greatest hit recipes from the Blaine Memorial archives, as well as some new recipes from the congregation. Interwoven with these delectable dishes were historical memories, stories, and photos from the past century. It also showcased a timeline illustrating

how Blaine Memorial has persevered through many generational hardships by connecting with family, friends, and food.

The cookbook inspired a new generation to create some of their favorites to eat as well as trying new recipes to share with friends and family. Many of the recipes also included personal stories or memories of why their dish was meaningful, bringing forth a feeling of nostalgia.

For the 120th Anniversary cookbook, we are calling on you to share your favorite recipes! This can be your go-to potluck dishes, your toban specialties, that dessert you bring to every sukiyaki and bazaar bake sale, the easy weeknight meal you keep in the freezer or even those special family recipes that you've never made but love! With each recipe, please share a story or memory

(long or short!) and a photo if you would like to share one. Contributions will be accepted until May 31, 2023. Remember, you don't have to share all your recipe secrets (but please feel free to share some!)

Let's Dine 2020 sold out quickly, however more copies will be printed this Spring. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Let's Dine 2020: Quarantine Edition, the cost is \$40 per book. Please send an email with your name, address, phone number and the quantity you wish to order to blaineumccookbook@gmail.com. Books can also be shipped directly to you for a flat \$15 postage fee or picked up in the office. We look forward to receiving your submissions and thank you in advance! 🍴

Marina Furuta is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC.



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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Our core belief is that each person is a beloved child of God - whose giftedness we value and whose presence and participation are a blessing to our community, and to the Kin-dom of God in the world.

Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church affirms our core value of Radical Hospitality, and as a community, we are an inclusive Church that welcomes and extends every part of its ministry to all persons regardless of race, ethnicity, income, age, generation, political affiliation, theological stance, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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WAYS TO GIVE! "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

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