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(L-R): Rev. Cruz Santos, Alma Santos, Rev. Karen, Rev. Mia, Rev. Jeney and Rev. Mark eat together on Pastor Appreciation Sunday and enjoy Chef Joshua's Tortilla Soup. It went well with the onigiri. Thank you!



Jordan sells Suno Dogs at Bazaar!

News from our Senior Pastor

Gratitude & Stewardship: Together for Joy!

By Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Pumpkin spice lattes, turkey and gratitude. The eleventh month is now upon us, drawing us closer to the end of 2023. It is a transition month, a month between autumn and winter, when the leaves get raked, and the crops have been harvested. We "fall back" from Daylight Savings Time and revert to Standard Time. It is Election Month and it's a month of many community gatherings. Most of us prepare for rain, snow and winter storms. November is also a month that reminds us to be grateful which is so fundamental to our faith and Christian stewardship.

I'm grateful for so much. I'm grateful for the recent Pastor's Appreciation Lunch which was kindly dreamt up from Chef Joshua Santos. Thank you and thank you to Edwin Santos and the entire SPRC Team. What a wonderful celebration. I loved the homemade tortilla soup with onigiri! I'm also grateful for the Harvest Festival and the Trunk-or-Treat last month. Thank you to Susan Lee and Kim Furugori who came out to prepare such a wonderful event and did an abundant amount of preparation work. I also loved the costumes! What joy!

This month, we express our gratitude for our saints, the witnesses to the Gospel who challenged us to find our own path to holiness. We continue to be grateful for the lives of all who have gone before us to meet the Lord, especially those we know and hold dear ... our Issei, Nisei and some Sansei. We thank our veterans who have offered their lives

on our behalf. And of course, in the United States, there is Thanksgiving Day, a holiday that is all about gratitude.

The month of November is an ideal time of the year to focus our spiritual lives more intently on being grateful for the blessings of our God. I challenge you to:

Pray with gratitude.

Set aside some time for prayer each day. If you are new to the habit of daily prayer, find 10 minutes in your daily schedule. Pray as a family as well. And begin with a prayer of gratitude.

Put gratitude into action.

Do something at Blaine Memorial UMC or in your neighborhood to share your material blessings with those who might otherwise go hungry. Contribute to the Rainier Valley Food Bank or help deliver food to Tent City 3 or to the Kimball Elementary School families.

Make gratitude a habit.

Find ways to thank others for their generosity and kindness toward you every day. The late spiritual writer and theologian, Thomas Merton, once wrote that "to be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything."

Let us use the month of November as an opportunity to grow in stewardship which, simply put, means living a life



Joe, Lauren and Terri Adolfo decorate their vehicle with a Halloween-theme for the Trunk-or-Treat and are ready to receive children and give them candy.



Office Assistant Yuki Sofronas, Rev. Karen and Rev. Mia celebrate at the Harvest Festival.

of gratitude. And as the psalmist encourages us to do: “O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love endures forever” (Psalm 107:1).

It’s for this reason that our journey begins with stewardship. Keeping this moment in mind, the theme for the 2024 Stewardship Campaign is *Together for Joy*.

Psalm 98 tells us to “Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.” Staying together through the delights and struggles of life — being “together for joy” — has never been more important. And while change brings financial challenges in its wake, it also brings fresh opportunities to sing to God a new song, for God has done — and will do — marvelous things.

Stewardship is the generational cornerstone of the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church community. Without fail, those who grasp and practice the depth and joy of faithful stewardship have almost always learned it, not from a book or seminar, but from our faithful mentors — our beloved Issei and Nisei — who’ve paved the way for us. Those who’ve followed them: the Sansei, Yonsei, Gosei, Asian American and a variety of multiracial families that are a part of the Blaine family must continue to uphold their legacy and pave the way for generations to come.

November 5: All Saints Day

We will kick off our stewardship campaign while we celebrate All Saints Day. We will light candles for those who have departed and honor those in our community who have passed during this last year.

November 12: New Music!

We will look at all the ways we have found “new songs”

to sing over the last couple of years: hybrid worship, the creative ways in which our Choir adapts with change, ways of continuing to serve the community, serving the vulnerable and isolated, speaking out for justice through education and action and so much more! This is who we are, and who we’ll continue to be and become. The church was made for times such as these — not times of ease and tranquility, but times of difficulty and struggle.

November 19: Dedication and Thanksgiving Sunday

We will conclude our Stewardship series, *Together for Joy*, by looking ahead to what the church will do in the year ahead. I invite you to bring your commitment cards to church and we will bless and consecrate them on Sunday, November 19. This is why all of us, as a community, ask each other to share our treasure and invest in our mission as a church. Now more than ever, your generosity can and will make an enormous difference. In a time of injustice and struggle, we are a community of love and justice. We are and can continue to be a community of gathering, a community of song, of new songs and new ways of singing, new ways of being God’s church for God’s world, together for joy! What kind of new song are you visioning?

We are all a piece of that final tapestry for generations to come. When we give to others, we get back far more than what we originally gave. As you discern, please know our gratitude for your generosity, your faithfulness and your love. It’s your response to God’s gracious invitation that will make this next chapter our best one yet. Be the hope for generations to come!

Rev. Karen Yokota Love serves as the Senior Pastor of Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

Poinsettias on the Altar

Advent season is here and it is time to sign up for poinsettias for the altar. You may dedicate a poinsettia in celebration of a person or an event, in memory of a loved one or to honor God's glory. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve services. **Each plant is \$12.00.**



The deadline for Poinsettia Orders will be **Sunday, December 17, 2023.**

The order form below should be filled out and mailed to:

Blaine Memorial UMC
Attn: Poinsettias
3001 24th Ave South
Seattle, WA 98144



You may also fill out this form and place in the offering plate on Sunday after worship service.

Scan the QR code above to download this form. Please share!



Poinsettia Order Form

**Please print
very clearly**

I would like to order ____ (qty.) poinsettia plant(s) for the Christmas season.

Your Name:

Phone:

In loving memory of:

In celebration of:

In honor of:

I have enclosed \$ ____ (\$12 per plant)

(Checks or online payments preferred. Please note "Poinsettias" in the memo.)



Our young folks and parents prepare peeled apples to make apple crisp as part of a hearty Thanksgiving meal for Kimball Elementary School families.

Thanksgiving and Giving Tree Ministries 2023

By Terri Adolfo with Rev. Mia MiKyung Park



Terri Adolfo hangs Giving Tree gift tags for the Blaine Memorial community.

We are partnering with Kimball Elementary School this year to provide Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts for underprivileged students and families. Kimball is anticipating a greater need from their student community this year due to the increased number of students experiencing homelessness. These students in need are part of the McKinney-Vento program (a national homeless assistance program for students and youth).

Thanksgiving Meal

Thanksgiving meals will mostly be store-bought, and we will gather to make apple crisps and mashed potatoes. Everyone is welcome, so please come join us to prepare food.

Apple Crisps & Mashed Potatoes

On Sunday (11/19) after Fellowship Hour, we will prepare apple crisps in the LAC Kitchen. On Monday (11/20) at 6:00PM, we will begin our evening together with a light dinner in the Social Hall. Afterwards, we will make mashed potatoes and bake apple crisps in the LAC Kitchen.

Please contact the BYG Directors at blainememeyouth@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree (Christmas Tree) will be in the Social Hall from November 12-26, dressed with gift tags. Please reach out to the Blaine Office to arrange tag pickups during Office Hours (Tuesday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM) if you are not able to pick up after worship. Gift tags that are not taken by Sunday (11/26), will be collected and distributed to volunteer shoppers. If you are not able to take tags but would like to participate or help, we gratefully accept donations. ***Please return wrapped gifts with tags securely attached no later than Sunday (12/3).*** Donations for the Thanksgiving Meal and the Giving Tree can be made through Blaine's website, text/SMS, cash/check, and Realm. Please indicate your offering as "Special Donations/Other" and memo it as "Thanksgiving Meal" or "Giving Tree."

Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support to help bless those in need in our community!

Please contact Terri Adolfo at loket@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Innovation Hub Update

Will we join the Reconciling Ministries Network?

By Lynne Onishi, photos by Aiden Lew and Kai Yamamoto



Our young adults made the journey atop Poo Poo Point, while engaging in meaningful conversation about social and spiritual ideas to help healing and growth.

October Recap

Our October was certainly a busy one. Along with the return of beloved community events like the Benefit Bazaar and Harvest Festival, the Blaine young adults also cheered on the OL Reign at Lumen Field and hiked many miles at Poo Poo Point!

The Reconciling Ministries Team also had a busy month preparing for the upcoming vote. We hosted a Gender and Faith Workshop over Zoom on October 24, where we talked about binaries, sex and gender and what it might look like for Christians to love our neighbors. We also encouraged folks to register to vote on November 5. All those who completed a registration form have been sent a mail-in style paper ballot. Ballots must be returned to the church by November 5 (must arrive in the mail by November 4).

Reconciling Ministries Vote – Important Information!

Since June 2022, the Reconciling Ministries Team has been leading the congregation in study and discernment about what it means to be an open and affirming church. One of the most important ways we can align ourselves with justice and reconciliation is to affiliate with the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), an organization of United Methodist congregations committed to the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in The United Methodist Church. After over a year of questioning, learning, and discussing,



Blaine Memorial's Young adults checked out the OL Reign at Lumen Field to help nurture its fellowship with fun and soccer.

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Kobe Yamamoto, Joshua Santos, and Edwin Santos hiked steep paths toward Poo Poo Point to get some blood flow and fresh air. If you are interested in joining our Young Adults, contact Lynne Onishi for more info!

it's time to take our vote – will we join the Network?

Affiliation with RMN requires that at least 75% of our congregation votes to adopt a Reconciling statement. We will be voting on this statement of reconciliation on Sunday, November 5:

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

If you are planning to attend church on November 5, you may register and vote in person on that date. Ballots will be counted after worship on Sunday, November 5.

The IH team and RM 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 or any of the other team members for more information.

Questions? Send an email to lynneonishi@gmail.com



Pam Ikegami and Donna Sekijima learn how to make manju.



Rev. Karen Yokota Love catches up with Judy and Bruce Yasutake and Wendall Watanabe.



Photo above: Bazaar Chair Lesley Okura. Large photo: Stephanie Nishida, I

Gratitude for our Blaine's Bene

By Lesley Okura, photos by Kai Yamamoto, et. al.

On October 7, 2023 Blaine Memorial UMC resurrected the Benefit Bazaar after a three-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic! This year's beneficiary was Maui Recovery and Relief through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

With the help of those who donated time, talent, and hard-work, we were able to receive donations of plants, get good deals on meat and chicken for curry (as well as rice). Also, because of our volunteers, delicious menu items such as udon, ohagi and other delights were available. It's these wonderful volunteers who really made this year's Bazaar a success I hoped it would be.

Thank you, Rev. Karen, for making your first Blaine apple and blueberry pies, and for bringing your pastoral leadership and wisdom to us. Thank you, Rev. Mia, for shepherding our young people (which was kind of like wrangling kittens). Thank you, Yuki Sofronas, for taking care of the many inquiries, the posters, and for facility support.

Last but not least, I would like to give a big "Thank You" to our Blaine Family, specifically to our the list of volunteers. Listing all of our helpers would take six pages, so I will feature our "headliners" here and when possible, throw out hugs and pats on the backs for jobs well done



Roberta Yoshioka and Julie Shiohita make pie dough.

Benefit Bazaar!

in every committee. Your time and dedication are always welcome. You are absolutely necessary for success and your hard work is a heartfelt gesture toward UMCOR's Maui Relief effort.

God answered my prayers. Thank you all for a wonderful community-based event that we have welcomed back at Blaine Memorial UMC!

Lesley Okura and Ron Nobuyama served as Co-Chairs for this year's Benefit Bazaar at Blaine Memorial UMC.



Bazaar 2023 Supporters

Tsukemono

- Jim Okura and Dave Hayasaka

Grill Pit Masters

- Joe Adolfo
- Jason Lew
- Tim Ikegami
- Howard Nakase
- Steve Sofronas



BBQ Marinade

- Steve Sakahara

Rice

- John Hodge

Poster Design Team

- Allyson and Steve Sofronas

Farmers Market

- Wendy Yates

Produce Donation Support

- SK Produce

Plant Donations

- Dave Yorozu, T. Yorozu Gardening

Curry Meat & Chicken

- Red Apple Market

Curry Prep

- Tina Fujii

Rice & Food Storage

- Uwajimaya

Bakery Sales

- Julie Lock

Pie and Ohagi Sales

- Terri Adolfo

Ohagi Makers

- Donna Sekijima and friends

Pie Masters

- Ruth Watanabe
- Tom and Roberta Yoshioka

Set-Up

- Lynne Onishi and the youth leaders and helpers

Signage

- Kim Furugori

IT Support

- Susan Lee

Paper Goods Shoppers

- Ron Nobuyama
- Barbara Nagaoka

Cashiering

- Barbara Nagaoka
- George Yates

Take-Out Support

- Dale Watanabe
- Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Udon Bowl Support

- Lisa Mar

Bazaar Committee

- Lesley Okura
- Ron Nobuyama
- Barbara Nagaoka
- Sally Sekijima
- Anne Arakaki-Lock

Procurement, Etc.

- Brian Okura

Dishwashing

- Joel Ing and his dishwashing crew

Pastoral & Staff Support

- Rev. Karen Yokota Love
- Rev. Mia MiKyung Park
- Yuki Sofronas



Blaine Memorial Youth peel and chop apples to make apple crisps. Their work will help support families at Kimball Elementary School.

BYG UPDATE BLAINE YOUTH GROUP

BYG focuses on gratitude and service

By Kaylee Yokoyama, photos by Kai Yamamoto

Upcoming Events

Nov. 5 Reconciling Ministries Vote	Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Meal	Nov. 19 Apple Crisp Making	Nov. 20 Mashed Potato Making	Nov. 21 Kimball Delivery
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As autumn leaves are falling down, we are putting the pieces into place and focusing towards acts of service. As the Blaine Youth Group has been known to do in the past, we've begun honoring Thanksgiving as a time of gratitude and service.

During mid-November, BYG will prepare and serve Thanksgiving meals for families at Kimball Elementary. We encourage the youth to extend grace to our community through acts of service.

This time of the year is a busy time for lots of families. As we approach the season

of giving, Thanksgiving is a time for our youth to remember what they are most thankful for and how they can use their gifts to serve others.

With our youth balancing school and extracurriculars, it can be difficult to manage our priorities and maintain our faith. BYG intends to

continually remind the youth to give grace to others, whether at church, school, or home. We should always give thanks. BYG wants to emphasize the fact that stewardship should not only be highlighted in our faith during the month of November, but year round. We plan to continually remind and offer opportunities to be stewards through various projects throughout the year.

Thank you Blaine congregation for continuing to support youth throughout various Blaine events! Please make sure to keep a look out for upcoming BYG events, news, and announcements.

BYG meets on Sundays at 10:00 AM. We will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship service before transitioning over to the Nishida Room for BYG time after the children's message.

Blaine Youth Group (BYG) is a place where youth (6th-12th grade) are invited into a loving community and celebrated as they are. BYG provides a safe environment for youth to build lasting friendships, grow spiritually, learn acceptance of self and others, express compassion for the world, and develop a love for God. BYG has a space for any person who is interested and all are welcome.

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 Associate Directors of Youth Ministry: Kai Yamamoto and Kaylee Yokoyama,
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Associate Pastor's
Spiritual Reflection

Gratitude is an Attitude

By Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

The Revs. John Go and Mia MiKyung Park and Nooni enjoy a day at Kubota Garden.

November ushers in a season of richness and abundance that naturally generates gratitude. Before I wrote my November newsletter article, I decided to scan through all the Beacon newsletters of 2023. As I flipped through the pages, I was reminded of the many wonderful ministries that unfolded over this year. Thank you all for your heartfelt ministries! On a personal note, it has been an eventful and meaningful year as well. My heart rejoices at the visits of my in-laws and my family. It seems that I still smile when I wake up from a sweet dream. My Ordination Service in 2023 was a highlight, marking a new beginning that fills my heart with gratitude.

Gratitude is more than a feeling; it's an attitude that can transform our lives and our community. Gratitude

is a confession that God's grace reaches out without any limitations. It is a belief in God's sovereignty and an acknowledgment that even when things don't go as we desire, God is with us and carries us through. It's a contagious force that revives our souls.

As we gear up for a month of Stewardship, I reflect on a conversation I had with a good friend who is a Christian and raised four wonderful children who are now grown. My friend is also a retired teacher, making it easy for me to discuss family matters with her. During our conversation, I expressed my concerns for my daughters, and she responded, "Mia, your children are not just your children; they are God's children entrusted to you and John. God loves them more than you do, and God knows them better than you

do. Trust God to lead their lives and believe in your daughters; they will grow up to become great adults." This was an epiphanic moment for me, realizing that I am not only a steward of my time, treasure and talents but also a steward of all the relationships and responsibilities I have with people.

As I reflect on my Christian life as a steward, I pray and hope to encourage not only adults but also our youth and children to become more faithful stewards. I have come up with two thoughts on this. First, acknowledging the resource. When we understand that something is not truly ours, our attitude changes. We sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow ... Praise God, the source of all our gifts" every Sunday. Singing the doxology is a humbling reminder that

we are entrusted with an abundance of blessings that we can't even count. Second, it's better to practice the life of a steward from a young age. As a grown-up, it's challenging to instill one practice as a habit, and we need to teach children and youth the value of being stewards from a young age. We are stewards of all our blessings, including our responsibilities.

Our Church School's memorization verse for November is from the Apostle Paul: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This verse serves as a powerful reminder that gratitude is not limited to times of abundance and joy; we are encouraged to give thanks in all circumstances.

As we step into November, let us carry this attitude of gratitude with us every day. Let us remember to rejoice always and to give thanks, not just when things are going well, but in all circumstances. It is in cultivating this spirit of gratitude that we come to understand the richness of our lives and the boundless blessings that surround us. Let us continue to build a community of faith, hope, and love where gratitude overflows in each of our hearts. May your November be blessed and abundant, filled with moments that inspire thankfulness and joy.

The Rev. Mia MiKyung Park serves as the Associate Pastor of Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.



Steve Sofronas prepares charcoal in preparation for grilling.



Volunteers shred chicken for udon.



Volunteers grill delicious chicken teriyaki during Bazaar.

Spiritual Formation Center

The hands and feet of Blaine

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

Whether it's rinsing out the coffee pot after Social Hour, folding newsletters for mail out, boiling noodles for Bazaar, trimming the overgrown trees in the parking area, working on the soundboard at worship, ushering, or counting the offering, God really likes it when we do things for Him and celebrate our blessings at the same time. Contrarily, the Spirit grieves when we complain and do things begrudgingly, reluctantly, critically. Even we enjoy it when someone does something for us with a happy attitude.

Most recently, we all worked together on the Bazaar to help our Maui family. We did it willingly and had fun serving together. Sure, it was strenuous at times, and we learned what we want to do next year, but we kept our eye on the ball. Most importantly we knew our mission — that God needed us to be his “hands and feet” to sincerely greet and serve the community from which the pandemic had kept us apart for several years. God wanted us to acknowledge the person working on our sides. In fact, many people just came and said, “We are so glad Bazaar is back.” Then there were folks who said, “Here I am. I'd like to volunteer.” I have no doubt God was pleased.

So now I say, let's carry this wonderful giving spirit into our Stewardship Campaign, *Together for Joy*. After all, not only are time and abilities gifts from God, but everything we have is really from Him — the cookies and blueberry pies, the plants, the air we breathe, our homes, the church, our jobs. Yep, even “our” money is really God's. You may want to pause for a moment and quietly pray about this means. When you hear His voice and think about all that God has asked you to steward on this earth, you will know what you should give back to Him as a follower of Christ to help build His Kingdom. My prayer for you is that you return much of what you have with a cheerful heart. Amen?

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Anne Arakaki-Lock is a member of Blaine UMC's Congregational Care Ministries team.

Lectionary

Season After Pentecost

November 1, 2023

All Saints Day

(Sometimes on the first Sunday in November)

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 5, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37

Micah 3:5-12

Psalms 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

(If All Saints not observed on this day)

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms 123

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalms 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19

November 26, 2023

**Reign of Christ
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

*As a Church and people who believe in the power of prayer,
let us continue to lift up these persons in the joys and concerns
that they are experiencing in their lives.*

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Katie Tat, Rev. Karen and Jesse's niece
- Jennifer Lew • Tony Yasuda
- Lesley Cunninham • Duong Nguyen
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer • Linda Perry
- Doris Fraley • KT Aegerter
- Chuck Sitkin • Dean Tsuchida

Those in nursing homes or care facilities

- Dorothy Akiyama

Those with health concerns, recovery

- Madison Kelly • Bernie Pitts • Greg Ogata
- Suma Yagi • Connie Sekijima • Wyman Martin
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating **November birthdays and anniversaries!**
- Congratulations to **Blaine Memorial UMC** and to the **volunteers** on a fun Harvest Festival and Trunk-or-Treat! It was exciting to see the creativity and joy that our community creates together.
- Congratulations to **Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Rev. Mia MiKyung Park, Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn, Rev. Dr. Mark C. Hearn** and **Rev. Cruz Edwin Santos** for being our pastors who serve us tirelessly. We are grateful for your witness in ministry and for your dedication and service to Blaine Memorial UMC.
- Congratulations to everyone who came to volunteer, support, purchase food, produce, or goods at the **Blaine Memorial Benefit Bazaar!** We had an amazing Bazaar on Saturday, October 7 and we appreciate every single person who came to support our beneficiary, Maui Relief and Recovery through United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Thanks to all for your generous heart and for the ways in which you serve the Lord!

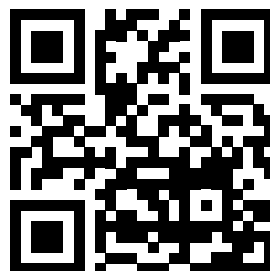
For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for the safety of our LGBTQIA+ siblings and for a just, inclusive future within The United Methodist Church. We pray that we are guided by love and the hope for a world where all people are celebrated and loved, where their rights are secured and where their sexual and gender diversity is valued.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for **candidates** running for Office on Election Day. We pray for everyone running for office, whether they win or lose. Refresh their spirits and encourage them during this election. Give them the strength to make good decisions both in and out of the public eye.
- Prayers for **comfort and relief for those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses.** We ask that they receive help and support. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.
- Prayers for the **18 people in Lewiston, Maine** who died in a mass shooting on October 25, 2023 at two different locations; a bowling alley and at a restaurant. Our hearts are broken with pain and the senseless deaths caused by gun violence. Let our voices be raised by asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable.
- Prayers for the **people of Israel and Palestine** amid the escalating violence and war. We pray for those who are dead and for the families who grieve. We pray for peace between the two regions.
- Prayers for our **unhoused siblings** in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in our state, and across the country. May we improve systems so that our unhoused can be housed. May they receive the care and support necessary to find adequate housing.

Save the date!
November 14
All-Church Conference
7:00pm • Blaine Memorial UMC



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November 2023

Events on this calendar may have changed during time of publication. Contact the Blaine Office for questions. The Church Office is open Tuesday-Friday (10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm). If you have questions, please email blaineoffice@yahoo.com or call 206-723-1536.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 All Saints Sunday Stewardship 2024 Campaign Begins Reconciling Ministries Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Worship with Holy Communion • 10am, Church School • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	30	31	1 Native American Heritage Month Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am Pickleball • 7pm, Zoom SPRC Meeting • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm, Volleyball 	4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
5 All Saints Sunday Stewardship 2024 Campaign Begins Reconciling Ministries Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Worship with Holy Communion • 10am, Church School • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	6 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting 	7 Election Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal • Newsletter articles due! 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am Pickleball • 7pm Zoom Ad Board Meeting • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	 <p>Veterans Day (sub.) and Veterans Day Veterans from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team attend the World War II Nisei Veterans Program National Veterans Network tribute. Photo by US/DOD.</p>	
12 Veteran's Day Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 10am, Church School • 12pm, Girl Scouts Mtg. • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	13 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm, SPRC Meeting • 7pm, All Church Meeting 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am Pickleball • 6pm, SASC Meeting • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5pm, Volleyball 	18
19 Consecration Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 10am, Church School • 11am, Gratitude Meal • 1pm, Kimball Meal Prep • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	20 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6pm, Kimball Meal Prep • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am, Thanksgiving Meal Deliveries to Kimball Elementary School 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting 	23 Church Office Closed Campus Closed for Thanksgiving 	24 Church Office Closed Campus Closed for Holiday	25
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 10am, Church School • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	27 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	Dates to Remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 14: All Church Meeting, 7:00PM • Dec. 2: Greening of the Church • Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent • Dec. 16: BYG Christmas Gathering • Dec. 20: Blue Christmas Service • Dec. 24: Christmas Eve 	

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