Announcements Continued

BLAINE MEMORIAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024! (Registration will open soon.)

-Date: Sundays, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, and 8/18 -Time: 10 am ~12:30 pm (including lunch)

-Theme: Operation Restoration - Mending God's World

-Registration: Each Sunday, each child \$20 (siblings will have a different fee.)

NJAUMC YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS: Jr. High Camp (incoming 6th to 9th graders) is scheduled for June 23-28, 2024, at Camp Lodestar, and Asian Camp (incoming 10th to 2nd year college) is scheduled for July 14-19, 2024, at Camp Gilmore. For any questions, please contact the BYG Directors at blainememyouth@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND COFFEE ON ZOOM, MAY 1, 9:00AM: Join Rev. Mia for prayer and community on Wednesday (5/1) at 9:00AM on Zoom. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/98548175708

Meeting ID: 985 4817 5708

RECONCILING MINISTRY ZOOM BOOK STUDY THURSDAY, MAY 2 AT 7:00PM!

The Reconciling Ministry Team is reading *Outside the Lines* by Author and Pastor Mihee Kim-Kort. Please read Chapter 7 (*The Friend Zone*) to prepare for our discussion! Please contact Lynne with questions: lynneonishi@gmail.com

Thank you, Miriam, for the beautiful flower arrangement!

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 UMC celebrates God's gift of diversity and values 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.

Ministry Staff Team

Senior Pastor: Rev. Karen Yokota Love Associate Pastor: Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Choir Director: Eugene Onishi

Church School Superintendent: Sai Hanaoka

BYG Director: Lynne Onishi

BYG Associate Directors: Kai Yamamoto, Kaylee Yokoyama

Pianist: Kathy Onishi

Office Assistant: Yuki Sofronas

Bookkeeper: Mimi Mar

Lay Leadership Team

Administrative Board: Brad Miyake Staff Parish Relations: Arlene Naganawa

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Kathy Onishi

Worship on Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 at 10:00AM

(* indicates rise in body or spirit.)

Prelude Joyful, joyful, We Adore Thee

BY Ludwig von Beethoven and arranged by Edward Hodges

Welcome of Grace and Greeting Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

* Call to Worship Bob Sekijima

*Opening Hymn This Is God's Wonderous World Kathy Onishi
UMH #144 Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer Bob Sekijima

First Scripture Reading ヨハネの手紙 I 4:7-16 (JLB) Tsutomu Nagoya 1 John 4:7-16 (CEB) Bob Sekijima

Children's Message Sai Hanaoka

Special Music You Are The Vine Blaine Memorial Choir

By Danny Daniels and Randy Rigby

Prayers of the People Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Second Scripture Reading ヨハネの福音書 15:1-8 (JLB) Tsutomu Nagoya

John 15:1-8 (NRSVUE) Donna Sekijima

Sermon Abide Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Hymn of Reflection Abide with Me Kathy Onishi UMH #700 (vs 1-3) Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering Bob Sekijima

*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Kathy Onishi

UMH #94 Eugene Onishi

*Prayer of Dedication Bob Sekijima

Announcements Rev. Mia and Friends

*Closing Hymn Blest Are They Kathy Onishi

TFWS #2155 (vs. 1, 4 &5) Eugene Onishi

*Benediction Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Postlude Alleluia Kathy Onishi

By Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

*Passing of the Peace Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

Thank you for worshiping with us and please join our fellowship in the Social Hall!

Zoom Break Out Room Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 28, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8; Acts 8:26-40

Monday, April 29, 2024: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18

Wednesday, May 1, 2024: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

Thursday, May 2, 2024: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, May 3, 2024: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

Saturday, May 4, 2024: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45

BLAINE MEMORIAL UMC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW! SAVE THE DATE! 34TH ANNUAL ACRS WALK FOR RICE: The ACRS will host the Walk for Rice on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at Seward Park starting at 9:00 am. Please visit www.walkforrice.org (you'll be directed to the ACRS WFR event page) and search for "Team Blaine" to donate online! Alternatively, you can mail your donation (checks made out to "Walk for Rice", memo: "Team Blaine") to the Blaine office. Thank you for your continued support! Please contact Justine Ing for more details.

MISSION GUATEMALA MEETING, TODAY AFTER THE WORSHIP:

Join us for the Mission Guatemala Meeting **today at 11:45am** after the worship service **in the Webb Room**. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Bob or Donna at d_sekijima@comcast.net.

ZOOM CHRISTIAN PARENTING WEBINAR ON THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT 7PM: This is an opportunity for all Church School and BYG Parents on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Mia.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Join us as celebrate Mother's Day at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, May 12 from 8:30am-10am and then again, after worship. We need your help, all men and those who identify as men at Blaine Memorial to prepare the breakfast beginning at 6am. Thank you to Howard Nakase for chairing this year's Mother's Day breakfast!

BYG FUNDRAISER OF BAKE AND T-SHIRTS SALE: Bake Sale on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12) in the Social Hall and T-Shirts (each\$30) Pre-order Available till Sunday, May 12 Please email our BYG Directors at blainememyouth@gmail.com for any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

REACT THEATRE AND PRATIDHWANI PRESENT: LETTERS OF SURESH BY RAJIV JOSEPH:

The play "Letters of Suresh" by Rajiv Joseph is scheduled to run, April 24 - May 12, 2024 at 12th Avenue Arts, featuring our own Steve Sumida portraying the character Father Mitsuo Hashimoto of Nakamachi Catholic Church in Nagasaki. The play explores the lives of four individuals as their paths intertwine through a series of heartfelt letters. For more information, please contact Steve Sumida at stephen.sumida@gmail.com.

2024 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS – APPLICATION DUE BY MAY 15: Applications are available through emailing BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com or through the church office. **Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be received no later than May 15, 2024, for consideration.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle Vaughan, our Scholarship Chair.

We are blessed to offer the following scholarships:

- -Vera Ing Scholarship
- -Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship
- -Yasuda Scholarship
- -William S. Yorozu Scholarship
- -Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship