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Rev. Mia!



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The Revs. Karen Yokota Love, Mia MiKyung Park, and John Go in Richland, WA.

Senior Pastor Reflection

Marveling at God's Masterpiece

By The Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Just returned from my month off of rest and time of renewal and it was marvelous. I spent much of my time in nature and marveled at God's creation:

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

God is our master artist. All of God's works are originals. Original thoughts, original concepts, original drawings, original scenes of nature which include the ocean, the mountains, and the sky. God's own creation moves and inspires God to continue painting, creating, sculpting, for us to receive and see. It's up to us to be



Joshua Santos, Edwin Cruz, Ron Nobuyama, Lawrence Paltep, the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, George Yates and Lynne Onishi all attended this year's PNW Annual Conference serving in various capacities.

good stewards of this Earth and all of God's resources. May we do just that.

Much has happened since my return: we celebrated graduations:

Allyson Sofronas, Aidan Lew, Mariko Ronan, and Kai Yamamoto; confirmands: Emma Hearn and Joshua Akiyama; we celebrated the nurturing work of our

Church School Teachers, BYG Director, and Associate Directors and Leaders. We said farewell to Rev. Mia MiKyung Park as she's been appointed to a new faith community at Redeemer UMC in Kingston, WA with a Blaine potluck celebration. I am truly grateful for the blessings and opportunity to work with Rev. Mia and to create some great ministry with her for the past four years! We blessed and celebrated her ministry.

At this year's PNW Annual Conference, which was in Richland, WA. Ron Nobuyama, and George Yates served as your Annual Conference delegates. Lynne Onishi, Lawrence Paltep, Edwin Santos and Joshua Santos served as assistants to the PNW Conference Staff. Rev Mia and I were present as your clergy representatives. Resident PNW Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth announced my appointment to continue to serve as your pastor for the July 2024-June 2025 appointment year. I look forward to what this new year will bring to us and masterpieces that will be created through our ministry together.

Summer signals our annual rituals of gathering with friends at Jr. High Camp, Asian Camp and VBS. We just sent and blessed our campers, counselors and chaperones as they journey to Jr. High Camp at Camp Lodestar in Wilseyville, CA. Asian Camp will be in Southern California at Camp Gilmore, located in Calabasas, CA. Blaine is sending eight campers and two chaperones. It's wonderful



The Rev. Karen blesses our campers, counselors, and chaperones as they prepare to fly to California for Jr. High Camp.

to see our Church School kids, youth and young adults meeting new friends, reconnecting with old friends while finding new ways to connect with God.

This year's VBS times will be on consecutive Sundays: July 28, August 4, 11 and 18 from 10AM-12:30PM. Our theme is *Operation Restoration - Mending God's World*. The focus is on mending, repairing, and restoring relationships with God, people, and creation which offers a theologically constructive and empowering message for all. Most of its treatments of scripture illuminate this theme in sound and fruitful ways.

This is the first year where Blaine Memorial UMC will attend the Seattle Pride Parade as a

reconciling congregation in the United Methodist Church. We continue to work on the outreach, affirmation, and intersectional ministry with and for LGBTQIA+ people at Blaine Memorial UMC.

Finally, I give thanks as I remember and honor the legacy of a spiritual giant — the late Rev. James M. Lawson Jr., known as “the architect of the Civil Rights Movement,” who died on June 9, at the age of 95. He served as the pastor of Holman UMC in Los Angeles from 1974-1999 and served as pastor emeritus until his death. I had the chance to meet him while I attended Claremont School of Theology. He deeply influenced my faith by teaching United

“With so much going on in the world, we, those who are brave, and intentional about spreading God’s love, must rise and create better ways of showing love and compassion.” -Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Methodists how to do public acts of nonviolent protest. The Rev. Lawson could make anyone take off any rose-colored glasses they had on, while believing that change is possible. Without his spiritual guidance, moral example and deep understanding of the principles and practices of nonviolent protest, the Civil Rights Movement as we know it might not have existed. May he rest in power.

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are brave, and intentional about spreading God’s love, must rise and create better ways of showing love and compassion.

As always, as the landscape of our church continues to evolve and change, it’s great to be in community with you. You are such a blessing. You are loved and a child of God. Be the hope and may you be filled with God’s grace!

The Rev. Karen Yokota Love serves as the Senior Pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC.

Important Announcements!



Register NOW for 2024 Vacation Bible School!

Blaine Memorial United Methodist church is hosting a Vacation Bible School called *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*. During this exciting Sunday long program, kids learn to be menders of the universe as they explore the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest.

The IN-PERSON FOUR Sundays VBS program (July 28th, August 4th, 11th, and 18th 10:00am to 12:00pm with lunch from noon to 12:30pm) is open to anyone who will be entering Kindergarten to 6th grade in the fall of 2024.

Fees: Per Sunday - First Camper - \$20, Additional Campers from same family \$15. All FOUR Sundays - First Camper \$75, Additional Campers from same family \$50 each.

Contact the Church Office for more details, blaineoffice@yahoo.com.

A Thank You from Abdifatah Husein of Kimball Elementary School

Dear Blaine Memorial UMC,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for all the invaluable help and support your church has provided this school year. Your contributions have made a significant difference in our school community, and we are truly grateful for your commitment and dedication.

Your willingness to lend a helping hand has not only enriched our school but has also positively impacted the lives of our students and families. It is through your generosity and support that we have been able to achieve our goals and continue to provide a nurturing environment for learning and growth.

As we reflect on the successes of this year, we look forward with hope and optimism to the possibility of continuing this partnership for years to come. Your ongoing support is instrumental in our efforts to create a positive and inclusive educational experience for all.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our school community. We are truly fortunate to have Blaine Memorial as a partner, and we look forward to continuing our journey together.

Warm regards,

Abdifatah Husein,

Family Support Worker
Kimball Elementary School



Save the Date!

Bazaar 2024

October 5

Visit blaineonline.org for further details!

The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference 2024 Reports, videos, resources are available!

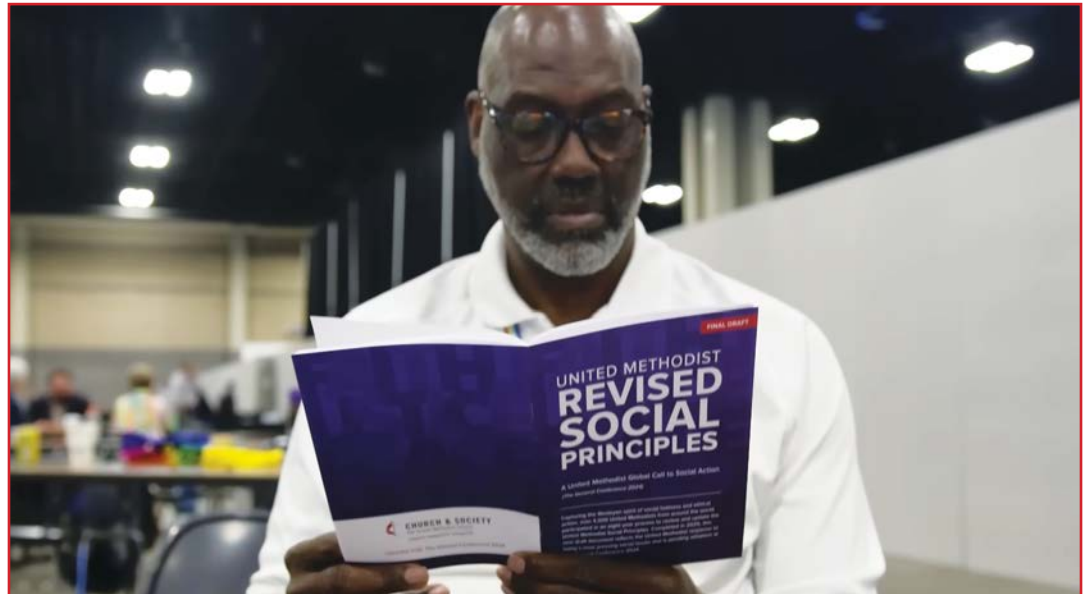
By Patrick Scriven, PNWUMC Dir. of Communications

The 151st session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference was held in a hybrid format on June 13-16, 2024, at Central Church in Richland, Washington, with its Clergy Session (May 29) and legislative Focus Sessions (June 7,8) preceding online. Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area presided.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit www.pnwumc.org/ac2024.



Scan this QR code to access a full report from this year's Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Sessions!



Scan this QR code to access video wrap-ups from this year's General Conference sessions of The United Methodist Church.

General Conference 2024 (The Postponed 2020 General Conference) Video recaps changes, future course

By United Methodist Communications

Catch up on all that happened at the historic postponed 2020 General Conference. While many recognize General Conference primarily as a legislative body, it encompasses so much more. This brief video captures the rich tapestry of our postponed 2020 General Conference, held from April 23-May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

From pivotal legislation to vibrant celebrations and worship services, gain a comprehensive view of the events that shape our worldwide gathering. **DOWNLOAD AND SHARE** this informative video with your congregation, small group, Sunday School class, and others to help them appreciate the full extent of all that takes place at General Conference.



Rev. Mia's Potluck Photos

A Tribute Meal to Remember

Photos by Jesse N. Love, et. al.

Sunday, June 9, 2024 marked the Rev. Mia MiKyung Park's last Sunday as Blaine Memorial's Associate Pastor. What better way to send and bless Rev. Mia with a celebratory Potluck!

So much food was prepared - from fresh salads to sushi bake to hearty and savory meat dishes. There was even tortilla soup! Everyone expressed to our beloved Rev. Mia their gratitude for four years of ministry here at Blaine over a delicious meal with room for seconds.

As Rev. Mia embarks on a new chapter at Redeemer UMC in Kingston, we thank her for providing her care and wisdom for the Blaine Memorial family, especially for our BYG and Young Adults. Blessings to you and your family during this journey God has set forth!

Jesse N. Love is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC

Rev. Mia served at Blaine Memorial for four years, seeing the congregation through the pandemic period with care and grace. Here, she thanks the congregation for her time at Blaine Memorial during the closing of Sunday Worship.



Joshua Santos serves up zesty and flavorful tortilla soup -- a secret family recipe! Joshua's pro-tip: don't forget to add more tortillas to the soup!



Immediately after Sunday Worship, Rev. Mia and the congregation zoomed over to the Lee Activity Center following the aroma of delicious foods that await.



Keiko Yanagihara and the congregation choose a variety of their favorite, mouth-watering entrees as we remember Rev. Mia's ministry moments at Blaine Memorial. Char siu pork, fried chicken, and even meatballs were offered!



The Rev. Mia and Lynne Onishi close the potluck with fun and humorous reflections with their version of "Hot Ones", a show that features interviews while eating foods with spicy sauces! Thank you, Rev. Mia!



Young adults present their artistic talents during Bob Ross Night at Blaine Memorial! If you'd like to participate in more fun activities this summer, check in with Lynne Onishi!

Upcoming Events

Pride Sunday
June 30
Worship at Seattle First UMC with other local churches!

Young Adult Summer Retreat (Union, WA)
July 19-21
More information to come!
Visit blaineonline.org for more information

Innovation Hub Update

Summer '24: Pridefest, YA Retreat, and More!

By Lynne Onishi

Young Adult Hike to Rattlesnake Ledge

A group of Blaine young adults and friends gathered in May for a hike at Rattlesnake Ledge by North Bend. The sun was shining and the trail was beautiful! We shared a well-deserved lunch and ice cream together after the hike!

Reconciling Ministries Book Study

The Reconciling team hosted a book study this past spring. We read and discussed Mihee Kim-Kort's book "Outside the Lines: How Embracing Queerness Will Transform Your Faith". We shared many thoughtful conversations and learned so much about faith through a queer lens.

Bob Ross Painting Night

On Saturday, April 20, the Innovation Hub hosted another Bob Ross Painting Night event! We gathered in the Social Hall and sat at tables facing a large screen where Bob Ross instructed us to paint happy little trees and treat every mistake as a happy accident. I think we truly did find the joy of painting ... So much so that we're hosting another June painting night on Friday, June 7 in the Social Hall!

Join us for future Bob Ross Painting Nights for evenings of fellowship and creativity!

Celebrate Pride with other Reconciling Churches!

June is LGBTQIA+ Pride month! Seattle's Pridefest takes place each year on the last weekend of June. Join the Reconciling Ministries team as we worship with other local reconciling UM churches at Seattle First UMC. We will soon share a sign-up form and help to arrange rides from Blaine if needed.

Upcoming Young Adult Summer Retreat!

Join the Blaine Young Adults for a 3-day Summer Retreat in Union, WA from July 19-21, 2024 (Friday to Sunday). This retreat will be free of cost for all YA participants due to a generous grant from Princeton Theological Seminary's Polaris Young Adult Leadership Network.

Lynne Onishi serves as the Youth Director for the Blaine Youth Group and the Innovation Hub Convener.

The Innovation Hub and Reconciling Ministries Teams 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

BYG UPDATE



On May 26-27, 2024 the Blaine Youth Group “retreated” to Camp Indianola to reflect on our relationship with God.

Retreating from Our Busy-ness

By Kai Yamamoto, et. al

I can't believe that Rev. Mia MiKyung Park is off to serve at Kingston UMC. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with Rev. Mia, as she is so passionate towards our Blaine Youth Group and is one of the nicest people to be around. As one final project for BYG, Rev. Mia led a series of Confirmation classes which included special guests such as Revs. Jeney Park-Hearn, Mark Hearn, and Cruz Edwin Santos. We also went on a retreat at Camp Indianola in May to “retreat” from our busy lives and take time to slow down and develop our relationships with each other and God.

The retreat was a time of relaxation and reflection. We are constantly busy, going from one thing to the next, and we often do not get a chance to reflect on how amazing our God is. During this retreat, we took time to experience nature, and the beautiful campsite we stayed at. We also

took time to reflect on what God has done in our lives, and how God is always with us.

For one of our confirmation classes, we talked about our relationship with God, and how it is not always perfect. Rev. Mark discussed his relationship with God throughout his life, and how there were times in his life he grew closer to God, but also grew distant from God. But God was always there for him no matter what and he knows God will always walk beside him and care for him. We also took time to reflect on the message and think of times when God was there for us when we didn't think they were there. I thought about times when things were not going my way and times when I was rejected and felt sad and angry. At the time, I felt like God was not looking after me and I felt my relationship with God was strained. But looking back at it now, I know God was always with me and was doing what was best for me.



BYG celebrating our five amazing graduates: Kai Yamamoto, Aiden Lew, Ally Sofronas, Mariko Ronan, and Grace Go.



BYG raised \$1,000 for Camping Ministries during our Bake Sale!



Tyler Ikegami and Kai Yamamoto head to JHC!

Upcoming Events

Asian Camp
 July 13-20, 2024
 (including travel)

Asian Camp 50th Anniversary Basketball Tournament
 August 24, 2024

BYG will not meet on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. Join us for Sundays at 10:00am in-person worship or live stream! The 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 Pastor's Spiritual Reflection

Treasuring Each Moment at Blaine Memorial

By the Rev. Mia MiKyung Park

My parents practiced Confucianism, Buddhism, and Daoism before they became Christians.

My mother had a particularly deep connection with Buddhism, and one of the most powerful lessons from her Buddhist practices was to consider any encounter as a gift to be treasured. She often said that if we meet once in this lifetime, it means we have met a thousand times in previous lifetimes. Although I don't agree with the concept of reincarnation, this teaching impressed upon my siblings and me the importance of relationships and being present in every moment.

Additionally, one of the BYG Directors introduced me to a Japanese proverb, *ichi-go ichi-e* (一期一会). '*ichi-go*' means one's lifetime, and '*ichi-e*' means experiencing something just once. Together, they signify treasuring the unrepeatable nature of a moment that is here and now. This proverb resonates deeply with me as I reflect on my time with you.

I cherish this moment as I write my final newsletter article as your associate pastor. I am grateful for each day I spend with you and treasure every moment that I share with you. Every interaction, conversation, and shared prayer is a unique and irreplaceable experience. I appreciate the beauty of our community and the divine connections we share. It has been an honor and delight to serve as your pastor for the past four years, and I will treasure every moment at Blaine Memorial.

For June, our Church School's memorization verse is Isaiah 41:10: *'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.'* This verse is a powerful reminder of God's unwavering presence and support. I hope and



The Revs. John Go, Mia MiKyung Park, Gloria, Grace with Nooni spend family time together.

pray that our children memorize this Bible verse and remember God's guiding hands and the promise of Emmanuel, God with us. It is essential for them to understand that they are never alone and that God's strength is always surrounding them.

In addition, Church School has decided to hold four Sunday VBS sessions (7/28, 8/4, 8/11, and 8/18) this year, which is a new format of VBS. (Registration: please visit the church website: blaineonline.org) This change presents a wonderful opportunity for our children to grow in their faith in a fresh and engaging way. I pray for the growth of our children as Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor (Luke 2:52). It is my hope that these sessions will be enriching and transformative for them.

I am deeply grateful for my ministry with Blaine Memorial over the past four years. This time has been an incredible journey of faith, growth, and fellowship, helping me to grow, stretch, and strengthen my faith and ministry.

As I depart from Blaine Memorial, I will carry with me the lessons learned

and the cherished memories from my time here. *I also want to remind myself and you that upon leaving Blaine Memorial UMC, I will not be present or participate in worship, events, or church groups, including weddings, baptisms, communions, counseling, visitations, and funerals.*

Please know that I am thankful for each of you being a vital part of my journey and for the unwavering support and love you have shown me. I deeply appreciate you all and hold onto the words from Philippians 1:6: *"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."*

May God's love overflow in you as you become the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, and may the Holy Spirit empower and strengthen you all, now and always. Beloved, be blessed and be a blessing to many others!

The Rev. Mia MiKyung Park is the outgoing Associate Pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC - soon to be serving Redeemer UMC in Kingston, WA.

Spiritual Formation Center

What is God's will during times of change?

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

“Doing God's will sometimes means waiting patiently.

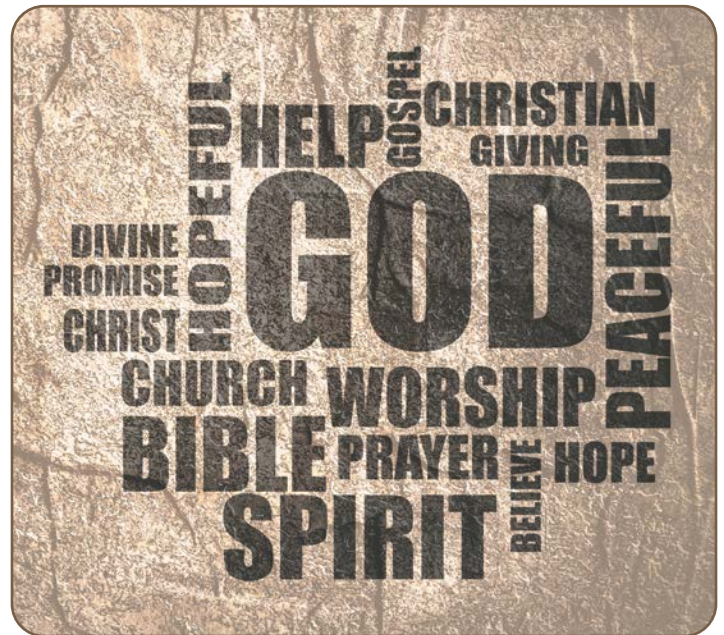
While we wait, we can love God, serve others, and tell others about him.”

Theme of Psalm of David 40

Our “Operations Manual,” the Bible, suggests that we don't just hold our breaths waiting or sitting idly after praying to God about what His will is for us. Whether we pray for direction for our own personal lives or collectively for the Church, the guidelines are the same. Most importantly we are actively seeking our Lord. God's greatest desire is to be in relationship with each of us.

I am convinced that only by working on being in God's presence, trying to listen for his voice and being in conversation with him, can I know what he wants me to do for him. I remember distinctly that about ten years ago, I had just spent nearly a year in Hawaii after retiring in 2013, taking care of my mom. When I was done with that phase of my life and was returning to Seattle, I prayed (showing God my love) and asked what he wanted me to do next for him. I remember coming back that Memorial Day weekend and the very next day I had been asked to sit on a panel (serving others) in one of my daughter's friends classes. The topic was about business plans, a topic far removed from what I currently do. I sat on the panel next to a gentleman from R.E.S.T. - Real Escape from the Sex Trade. One thing lead to another.

I received intense training and soon was volunteering at King County Juvenile Detention Center around issues of trafficking. It was a quick reply from God giving me a new direction to serve. Soon, added to that was an invitation to be a volunteer chaplain (telling others about God) at Echo Glen Treatment Center for Children, the long term facility for incarcerated youth offenders. I believe all of this is God's will for me.



In the same way, I will be praying for what the will of God is for Blaine Memorial UMC, moving into what feels like a new era. We made it through tough years of the pandemic, our pastoral staffing has changed, we are going through a significant generational change that impacts our culture. Our financial health has also changed. We pray that God show us his will for Blaine.

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

Lectionary Readings

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 • Psalm 48 • Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123 • 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 • Mark 6:1-13

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 • Psalm 24 • Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13 • Ephesians 1:3-14 • Mark 6:14-29

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

Samuel 7:1-14a • Psalm 89:20-37 • Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23 • Ephesians 2:11-22 • Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Samuel 11:1-15 • Psalm 14 • 2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18 • Ephesians 3:14-21 • John 6:1-21

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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 mourning the passing of loved ones

- **Roy Kirita**, 101, passed away peacefully June 10, 2024, after a long, full life. He was preceded in death by his wife Madge and son Robert. He is survived by son Michael Kirita (Michele Wilkoff). In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **Constance “Connie” Sekijima** (née Nishitani), 102, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 17, 2024, surrounded by her family. Predeceased by her husband, Hideki, she is survived by her daughter Sally Sekijima and son Dale Sekijima (Nancy); granddaughter Becky; extended family members Sammy and Elda and many nieces and nephews. There will be a private Celebration of Life service in the future. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial UMC and/or Highland Park UMC in Spokane, WA.
- **Richard “Dick” Nagaoka**, 83, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 29, 2024. Dick was surrounded by his family. He lived a full, beautiful life. Dick is survived by his wife Barbara; children: Stacy Nagaoka Shirouzu (Tony Zapata), Kristen (Mark) Hatate and Pamela Shimer. Dick is also survived by his grandchildren Jarrett Shirouzu, Sammi (Harrison) Wirth, Rick (Emily) Hatate, Mitchell Hatate, Luke Shimer, two great-grandchildren Malia Wirth and Olivia Hatate; sisters Ruth Shigemi and Jane Yamagiwa, cousin Joyce (Russ) Akiyama; in-laws Jerry (June) Akita and Corky (Jim) Kozu and numerous nieces and nephews. He loved his family with all of his heart. A public Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. Please wear casual attire. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial UMC.
- **Rev. Dr. Hiroyasu Iwabuchi**, 83, a beloved clergy member of the United Methodist Church, passed away suddenly on Monday, April 15, 2024. He was at home in Japan with his wife, Hiroko. He is survived by his beloved spouse, Hiroko Iwabuchi in Japan, and their two children: Maya Iwabuchi (Matthias) in Scotland, and Luke Iwabuchi in Japan. Rev. Hiro served at Blaine Memorial UMC for 21 years. Once he retired on June 30, 2020, he continued to meet with Blaine’s Nichigo congregation for monthly Zoom Bible Studies where he would teach from Japan. Rev. Hiro embodied a deep prophetic faith and had vast knowledge of the Bible. Throughout his ordained career, he served in Yokohama, Japan, West LA UMC in Los Angeles, and Japanese American United Church in New York, NY.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Jerolyn Yoshihara • Jennifer Lew • Duong Nguyen
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer • Chuck Sitkin

- Dean Tsuchida • Katie Tat

Those with health concerns, recovery

- Pui Chung Ngao Wong
- Madison Kelly • Greg Ogata • Sam Wakasugi
- Suma Yagi • Wyman Martin
- Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Congratulations on the birth of Sage Yoneko Shimon, born on June 14, 2024. She is the daughter of Stacey and Pierson Shiman and the lucky grandparents are Brian and Lesley Okura. She also is blessed by Auntie Carrie Okura. Congratulations to the Okura Family as they celebrate the newest blessing to their family!
- Congratulations to our newly minted confirmands Joshua Akiyama and Emma Hearn!
- Congratulations to our graduates for the Class of 2024: Aidan Lew, Allyson Sofronas, Mariko Ronan, and Kai Yamamoto!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating July birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church


- We pray for each person and the delegates who will attend the 2024 Western Jurisdictional Conference which will be held in the Greater Northwest Area on July 10-13, 2024, in Spokane, Washington. They will gather to consider what values we share as a jurisdiction, celebrate retirements, possibly elect new bishops to serve in our jurisdiction, and consider legislation that moves us toward living into our values and vision.
- We are grateful for Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Rev. Mia MiKyung Park, Ron Nobuyama, George Yates, Lynne Onishi, Lawrence Paltep, Edwin Santos and Joshua Santos, as they represented Blaine Memorial UMC and attended the 151st UMC Annual Conference Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in Richland, WA from June 12-16, 2024. The annual conference is the basic body in The United Methodist Church and the sessions of the annual conference is a time for United Methodists to gather, give account to God of the work they have done and their stewardship of the resources God has given us since the last time we met.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for our unhoused siblings in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in the state of Washington, and across the country.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the violence and war.

July 2024

Visit blaineonline.org/calendar for updates. 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	
June 30 Pride Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Hybrid Worship 10am, BYG Gathering 10am, Church School 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	July 1 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter articles due 10:00am, Zoom Yoga 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting 	2	3 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen 10:30am, Pickleball 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	4 Independence Day Church Office is Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am, Pickleball 	
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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.

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