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Outgoing BYG Associate Co-Director gives thanks to Blaine Memorial for nurturing his spiritual growth



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Donna Sekijima provides a comprehensive report of Blaine Memorial UMC's contribution to the local Mayan community through Mission Guatemala!



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Blaine Memorial UMC church members attend Opening Day at the WA State Fair to view the Remembrance Gallery.

Senior Pastor Reflection

Remembrance ushers in Autumn events, ministerial opportunities

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Although I love all four seasons, I have a special fondness for autumn. Autumn ushers in cooler temperatures, shorter days, and brilliant colors. You can't miss fall or ignore it. I love walking around the neighborhood and admiring the variations of color in the leaves, the plants, and the cold crisp air.

Autumn without a doubt signals one event that comes to mind: **BAZAAR!** As I write this, the church is hustling and bustling as we prepare for our annual Benefit Bazaar on Saturday, October 5 from 11:00AM-6:00PM. This year's beneficiary is Mission Guatemala. (See Page 5 with more information.)

Autumn also signals great celebrations. Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

- **World Communion Sunday** is on **October 6**. We'll remember our diversity and heritage in the church. We'll celebrate our



The Rev. Karen Yokota Love speaks during the Liberation Obon at the Northwest ICE Processing Center.

similarities and differences, and we'll see that there's more that unites us than divides us.

- **A Trunk-or-Treat** will be on **Sunday, October 27** after worship.
- **Stewardship Sunday** begins in worship on **November 3**.
- **120th Anniversary Homecoming**

and All Saints Sunday is on **November 3**. This year's worship service is designed to show honor and reverence to our saints in the Blaine Memorial UMC community who passed away in the last year from November 1, 2023-October 23, 2024. We will give thanks to each of them. Each of the departed names will be read aloud and a bell will be rung. Afterwards, we will celebrate the 120th Anniversary with a homecoming with some of Blaine's former clergy with an extraordinary potluck celebration meal.

In August, the Puyallup Valley JACL unveiled the Puyallup Assembly Center Remembrance Gallery at the Washington State Fairgrounds. The gallery tells the story of our very own Blaine Memorial church members and Nikkei in Washington State who were

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BMUMC represents at Remembrance Gallery

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removed or otherwise affected by Executive Order 9066 during WWII.

Blaine Memorial UMC brought two different groups to multiple days of special unveilings of this exhibit. Our first adventure was on Survivors Day, where the official ribbon cutting happened. Blaine had 15 people in attendance. People who survived the Puyallup Fairgrounds assembly center and anyone who was incarcerated at any of the camps were invited. I was privileged to provide the Opening Prayer and blessing of the space. The second event we attended was on opening day of the Fair where we brought 30 church members to see the gallery. For the first time, many saw their names on the Remembrance Gallery wall, some spoke with news crews and others told stories to their grandchildren. Some experienced the sights, sounds, and



Sharon Sobie-Seymour sports her Remembrance Gallery happi coat during the Liberation Obon at the Northwest Detention Center.

smells of a replica 1942 horse stall living quarters to better understand those living conditions. Afterwards, we all explored the Fair together.

The Gallery is a unique combination of a memorial and historical experience. Over 7,600 names of Japanese and Japanese Americans who were all wrongfully

incarcerated on the Puyallup Fairgrounds will permanently be displayed.

On September 1, after worship, Blaine members caravanned to the Northwest ICE Processing Center (formerly known as the Northwest Detention Center), where Japanese American anti-detention activists hosted a colorful and lively first-ever "Liberation Obon." The Obon served as an opportunity to bring the community directly to the site of Processing Center where they witnessed firsthand the barbed wire fences, armed guards and ever-present threat of violence – the same conditions Japanese Americans faced in camp. With taiko drums and music, it also let people inside know that they are not alone or forgotten. Japanese Americans have a moral obligation to advocate in solidarity with those who are detained today.

Let this special time of autumn and change transform and enlighten you. Be courageous, be kind, and be the hope for the future!



Puyallup Assembly Center and Incarceration Camp survivors attended Survivors Day at the soft opening of the Puyallup Remembrance Gallery at the Washington State Fairgrounds on August 15, 2024.



Along with kitchen construction and dental care, the Mission Guatemala team held Vacation Bible School for about 30 children in the local Mayan community.

Mission Guatemala brings health, hope, and faith to impoverished community

By Donna Sekijima

From August 16 through August 24, our Blaine mission team (19 from Blaine Memorial and 3 from Mt. Vernon First UMC) traveled to Panajachel, Guatemala in Central America, working with a UMC related organization, Mission Guatemala (www.missionguatemala.com). They are a faith-based non-profit organization that serves the indigenous Mayan people and currently provides a medical clinic, pharmacy, and on-site lab in the San Andres Semetebaj area.

Through Mission Guatemala, we learned about Guatemala's history, the Mayan culture and some of the difficulties Guatemala still face. More than 50% of rural Guatemalan children suffer from chronic malnutrition, which ranks 6th in the world in child malnutrition. The Guatemalan government only provides education up to 6th grade, and the costs of and access to middle school (average \$25/month) and high school (average \$50/month) are out of reach for most rural indigenous families. Mission



Guatemala is trying to combat this by running a scholarship program for middle and high school students, a nutritional support program for chronically malnourished children, and other community health and vocational training programs.

Our construction project was to help build a second floor kitchen at a middle school in Godinez so they can prepare and serve nutritious snacks and meals to the students. Since we were just the second team working on this project, it was more of a deconstruction! Some of our team jack hammered and pickaxed a layer of defective cement from the rooftop (which will be the kitchen floor), some collected the concrete debris into buckets and sifted sand from it (to be used later), and some created holes in the outside walls and inserted steel floor support

beams (to be re-cemented in later). Other team members wire tied rebar together, creating rectangular columns for supporting the walls. Although construction was physically hard work (with lots of water breaks), at the end it was very rewarding to see the progress we made in four working days.

Our team dentists worked at the Mission Guatemala medical clinic on the scholarship students who needed dental care. Some of our team helped with instrument sterilization, assisting the dentists, administering fluoride treatments, interpreting in Spanish and giving patients oral hygiene instructions.

The majority of our construction team took two afternoons off to conduct a Vacation Bible School in Chuisajcap. Around 30 children sang, listened to Bible stories, colored pictures, took photos, folded origami, blew bubbles, played Frisbee, played soccer and ran around outside on the sport court that our 2019 Guatemala mission team helped build. Most of all, there were smiles, laughter and fun!

Many of us on our Blaine mission team didn't know each other well before the trip, but everyone worked together, supported each other, laughed, ate and sweated together and became more than just teammates – we became a family. We had a wonderful experience, knowing in our own small way, that we are loving our neighbor as Jesus taught us, and trying to “do all the good you can.”

We are so thankful for Mission Guatemala's great care of our team with amazing staff, comfortable and beautifully landscaped accommodations and deliciously prepared meals and coffee!

Thank you, Blaine community, for all your prayers and support!

Team Members: Anne Arakaki-Lock, Joshua Akiyama, Milo Choe, Nina Choe, Judy Kuo, Laura Gilbert, Kenji Guess, Alice Ikeda, Howard Nakase, Jill Nishi, Katelyn Nakase, Zachary Nakase, Janet Sekijima, Margaret Sekijima, Bob Sekijima, Donna Sekijima, Lourdes Tifre, Pastor Zulma Tifre, Stacy Lopez, Martin Yagi, Teresa Yagi, Pearl Yamamoto

Reflections on 120 Years of Grace Discussion Sessions Continue in October, 10/13 & 10/20

The Archives Committee is sponsoring a four-part discussion series on the 120-year history and future of Blaine Memorial UMC, titled “Reflections on 120 Years of Grace.” The final two discussion sessions will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. after Sunday service in the Social Hall on October 13 and 20, 2024. Light refreshments will be served.

The third session, titled “Serve in Love,” will center on the years 1965 to 2024 and the fourth, titled “Into the Future,” will reflect on what we have learned and discuss our visions for the future development of the church. Materials will be presented from the archives as well as church members knowledgeable about each period will speak of their experiences.

There will be ample time for participants to ask questions and share their own thoughts. Please join us in learning more about our church’s history and begin discussions on our visions for the next 120 years.

In conjunction with this discussion series, the Archives Committee is organizing another “competition” organized by Shig Nishida. We are asking members to submit their reflections on the history and future of Blaine Memorial UMC. This can take the form of submitting a few sentences, a paragraph, a short essay, short graphic novel/cartoon/anime, short play, a prayer, poems, music/song (new composition or lyrics sung to the tune of a known song), artwork, video, dance, etc. Let us read/hear/see/feel your thoughts on the 120 years of Grace and the next 120 years of Grace for Blaine Memorial UMC. Submit your entries to the Blaine Memorial UMC office by October 27, 2024 (sooner than later is preferred).

The Archives Committee continually seeks relevant church documents, photographs, and other materials and memorabilia to add to our archival records and illuminate previously unknown parts of our church’s history. Please



let the committee know if you have any materials to donate or materials for the committee to scan and add to the archives. Monetary donations in support of the work of the archives are also appreciated.

Fall Book Study:

“Context: Putting Scripture in Its Place”



You’re invited to join Rev. Dr. John Miyahara (UMC Navy Chaplain), Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC in Arvada, CO), and congregation members of the Japanese American United Methodist Caucus in a 6-week book study. We will be reading “Context: Putting Scripture in its Place.”

Please note that reading the book isn’t required! Books are available in the Church Office for \$17.00. The study began on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 6:30-8:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the beginning of the book study date. Please contact Rev. Karen with any questions.



Blaine Memorial UMC's new stone welcoming sign was provided by the Maekawa and Tada families.

Blaine Memorial's Mighty Rock

By Elaine Chin

Earlier this year, a new entrance sign was installed at our Blaine Memorial UMC campus, donated by the Tada and Maekawa families in gratitude to God for the lives and ministries of Shig & Marianne Tada and Bill & Sani Maekawa. We honor, remember and celebrate them and countless other faith filled, dedicated servants in our Blaine congregation over the past 120 years, present and future.

Let this 'rock' signage not only adorn our grounds, but also remind us of Psalms 62:6-8 (NIV).

'Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.'

Special thank you to David Yorozu (T. Yorozu Gardening Co.) for partnering with us in the installation and beautiful landscaping.



Bill and Sani Maekawa



Marianne and Shig Tada



Blaine Memorial's new sign was installed by T. Yorozu Gardening Co.

Educational Scholarships 2024

By Michelle Vaughan with Christine Yorozu, Collin Ikeda, Joan Sato Hernandez, Rachel Ono-Lim, Emi Suzuki, Joel Ing, Joey Ing, and Rev. Karen Yokota Love

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 are blessed to offer these scholarships under the following criteria:



The Vera Ing Scholarship

The Vera Ing Scholarship has been established to recognize Vera's accomplishments and give a hand up to those with similar circumstances and passion. Vera was a go-getter, a doer, always engaged in what she set her mind to. When her three children were in grade school, Vera started her college education to quench her thirst for learning more. She attended North Seattle Community College where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. She then attended the University of Washington and earned her Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning. Vera served on the board of the North Seattle Community College Foundation from 1990 until 1999. She was the board chair from 1994-1997. Vera was the first distinguished alumna in 2002, when the annual award was created. Vera was a strong leader in her community and at Blaine Memorial UMC. She was active in Seattle's International District and in the city since the 1960's. It was important for Vera to give back to the community. This scholarship was awarded to an individual who exemplifies Vera's passion of continuing education to give back and better the community they serve.



Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship

The Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship was established in 2010 at the time of his passing. It was amended in 2024 to include Lucy Y. Sato at the time of her passing.

Bob was born in Firwood, Washington. In 1942, as America entered the Second World War, Bob and his family were forcibly incarcerated at Minidoka in Hunt Idaho. There, he finished high school, and was drafted to ultimately serve in the 100th Battalion/442 RCT. A licensed professional Civil engineer by trade, he earned his degree in civil engineering at the University of Washington. Bob spent most of his career at the Army Corps of Engineers, rising to the position of Assistant Chief of Design Seattle

District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a leader in the Seattle Japanese American community, serving as President of the Seattle Chapter JACL in 1986, Commander, Nisei Veterans Committee, as well as multiple committees at Blaine Memorial UMC.

Lucy was born in Seattle, Washington. She and her family were also incarcerated at Minidoka. She completed her Nursing education in Philadelphia at the Cadet Nursing Program. Lucy worked at the Jackson Chevalier Clinic, she then joined the US Public Health Service. She later joined Harborview in the Partial Hospitalization Program and provided mental health nursing for Asian immigrants at ACRS. Lucy's love for travel and generosity took her on many Mission trips with the Jubilate Choir including Zimbabwe, Africa and Brazil. She volunteered much of her time at Blaine and sang in the Choir.

Bob and Lucy were always a beacon of light for their family, friends and community. Their focus on lifelong learning and application of knowledge has been instilled in their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and through the scholarship awarded in their name.



Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

Having arrived at a milestone in their lives – their retirement in 1987 – Ted and Margaret Yasuda established a scholarship at Blaine Memorial UMC, returning this gift to God in gratitude for all the blessings they have received in their lives. It was their hope that in this way, others may be helped and encouraged as their children were. When the scholarship established, Ted and Margaret wrote, "Education has been very

important to us. As our father said to us during World War II, education of Japanese Americans when we lost everything, 'put education and knowledge into your head...no one can take that away from you.'" Margaret Yasuda graduated from Garfield High School and was interned at Minidoka Internment Camp during World War II. Leaving Minidoka to attend Seton Nursing School in Colorado, Mrs. Yasuda was a member of the Nisei Cadet Nurses of World War II. She received her Bachelors of Science in nursing from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. She received her degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of Washington. Mrs. Yasuda was a nurse with the King County Public Health Department where she worked in the well-baby clinic, on travel immunizations and the visiting nurse division. She married Ted Yasuda in 1950 and they were blessed with 58 years of marriage. Mrs. Yasuda passed away in 2009. Ted Yasuda was interned at Minidoka and served in the 442nd RCT. Mr. Yasuda attended the University of Washington, graduating with a degree in Eastern Asian History and a Masters Degree in Librarianship. Mr. Yasuda worked for Boeing for over 30 years as a Technical Librarian. Mr. Yasuda enjoyed gardening, photography, and coming to church. He served as Financial Secretary at Blaine for many years, was involved with Boy Scout Troop 55 and was instrumental in the building of Blaine Memorial UMC at our present site.

The William S. Yorozu Scholarship

William S. Yorozu was a Nisei member of Blaine Memorial UMC from his early youth. He graduated from Garfield High School in Seattle and earned his degree in Horticulture/Landscape Design from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. After college, he was the owner of a full service landscape maintenance and construction company, T. Yorozu Gardening Co., started by his father. During his summer months, he hired many Nisei and Sansei high school and college students. He was a firm believer in a good education and was proud that some student employees graduated to become doctors, attorneys and business leaders. The family of William S. Yorozu feels it is fitting to honor his name through scholarships at Blaine Memorial UMC. The scholarships promote a connection with God and help students to achieve their educational goals. 📖



The Blaine Memorial UMC Scholarship

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Award Recipients



Allison Hall

Thank you so much for your support of my education! I will be continuing to pursue a Nursing degree at Case Western Reserve University. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Sato family for their support. I will be using this scholarship towards my tuition.



Aidan Lew

Thank you Blaine community from the bottom of my heart, for your support in my postsecondary education! I would not be nearly the person or student that I am today. I will be attending the University of Washington in the fall. I will continue to work hard towards my academic goals and stay connected to my community however I can.

Lynne Onishi



Thank you, Blaine Memorial UMC congregation, for your support and encouragement! I will begin my studies at Claremont School of Theology this Fall semester where I'll be pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. I want to extend an extra special thanks to the Ing, Sato, and Yorozu families for your kind and generous support through the scholarship program. The scholarship funds will go toward my tuition, housing, and books this year. I am grateful and blessed!



Joshua Santos

I am entering my Senior year at the University of Washington. I am currently pursuing a BA in Cinema Media Studies. I will be using the scholarship to help pay for my classes, book fees, and other fees classes have. Your love, friendship, and mentorship means a lot to me, so I would like to thank you all for supporting me in all these different ways.



Allyson Sofronas

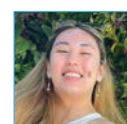
I am honored to be a selected recipient of the Blaine Scholarship and Yasuda Scholarship. These scholarships will significantly ease the financial burden of my education and will go directly toward my tuition as I work toward a degree in design. With my planned degree I aim to pursue a career as an art director. Once again, thank you for your investment in my future.



Kobe Yamamoto

I would like to thank the Blaine community for all the support they have shown me every Sunday ever since I started attending. I would also like to give a special shout-out to the Yorozu family. Thank you for showing your financial support and aiding me in my pursuit of a college degree. My scholarship money will be used to help pay for tuition and textbooks.

This upcoming year, I will be a Senior at the University of Washington where I am pursuing a double major in Business Administration: Accounting and Information Systems, along with a minor in Real Estate. Post-graduation, I plan on working in the Accounting Industry and pursuing my CPA license.



Malia Yamamoto

This year I will be attending Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science and completing a Master of Biomedical Science. I would like to thank the Sato and Yorozu families for their financial support allowing me to pursue graduate school. The scholarship is much appreciated and will be applied to my tuition. I am also grateful for the love from the congregation overall and will miss seeing you all every Sunday.



Kaylee Yokoyama

Thank you so much for your generous support in awarding me the Blaine Scholarship, which I will use to help support my tuition. This upcoming school year, I will be entering my senior year at the University of Washington, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Education. I am deeply grateful for the endless love and support I receive from the Blaine community. After graduation, I plan on attending graduate school to earn a doctoral degree in clinical psychology to become a child clinical psychologist. Thank you again for your unconditional care and guidance in supporting my education and career aspirations!



Michelle Yokoyama

I want to say thank you so much for providing me with scholarships as I pursue my master's degree in Dietetics, Nutrition and Exercise Physiology. I am attending WSU at the Spokane location. My goal is to become a registered dietitian. I am having an amazing experience expanding my knowledge through my clinical rotation at Providence Sacred Heart Hospital and my food service management rotation at MultiCare Hospital.

I plan to use the money towards housing and tuition. Thank you for your generous support! 📖



BYG Update

Kai's Farewell: "Thank You, Blaine!"

By Kai Yamamoto

Kai Yamamoto, outgoing Associate Co-Director of the Blaine Youth Group, shares his deepest thanks for the community that supported his spiritual growth.

Dear Blaine Congregation, BYG Leaders, and families,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a Blaine Youth Group associate co-director alongside Kaylee Yokoyama and Lynne Onishi. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role, as BYG has done so much for me. I have been a part of BYG since 6th grade — about 10 years ago. Wow, it's been a long time!

BYG has been a place where I felt loved, supported, and cared for by fellow youth, leaders, and directors. These friendships that I've developed are very meaningful and will last for the rest of my life! Although it is sad for me to announce that I am resigning from my role, I know that God will take care of this community. As a youth, a leader, and now as an outgoing associate co-director of BYG, from experience, I know that the BYG will continue to provide the same love and support for others in need.

To our BYG youth and families, thank you so much for supporting us. I am so grateful for your offering of love, support, and time! BYG would not be the same without you! To the Blaine Congregation, thank you so much for coming to our bake sales, buying Suno Dogs, and always supporting our fundraisers and youth! I appreciate all the support you all have shown to our Youth Group!

To Lynne, Kaylee, Rev. Karen,



Kai Yamamoto served as leadership for Junior High Camp at Camp Lodestar, June 23-28, 2024 in Wilseyville, California.



The 2023 Young Adult BYG Leadership Retreat in Mercer Island, WA.

and Rev. Mia, thank you so much for believing in me and for pushing me to be the best version of myself. You all have helped create an amazing environment for our youth. I couldn't do my job without you! Thank you!

And finally, to my previous and current youth leaders, thank you so much for showing me what a loving and caring community looks like. Thank you for looking after me and

helping me to develop into the person I am today! I am excited to see BYG grow and develop this coming year and see our amazing youth group flourish!

Sincerely,

Kai Yamamoto
*Outgoing Associate Co-Director,
Blaine Youth Group*



Spiritual Formation Center

Stewardship: 90 is Greater than 100

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

Just read an article about 90 being more than 100. Go figure.

Some of you may know where I may be going with this as it is Stewardship season and each of us will decide what to give this coming year. The idea is that if you tithe 10% of what you make, you get way more back than what you had before giving.

In Malachi's day, God required people to tithe. Even in the New Testament, Luke 6:38 said, "Give and it will be given to you." I might add, since everything we have belongs to God, should we really keep 100% of what He gives us or can we "spare" at least 10% to help build his kingdom "on earth, as it is in heaven?" Just wondering.

"Bring the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be



Can our Blaine Memorial members give 10% to build a new kin-dom here on earth? If not our time, what talents can we give during this stewardship season?

room enough to store it." -Malachi 3 NIV.

Tithing means trusting that God will provide. We're essentially acknowledging that everything

belongs to God -- 100%. So, when we "sow our seeds" in faith and return some resources for His work, we're obeying and showing our dependence on Him. We are also waiting for God to pour out His blessings on us in a big way. We'll have so much given to us that we won't even have room to store all of it. Tithing is a chance for us to be in sync with God's purpose to provide for His people and sow love. It's a privilege to be God's partner. So, we give with a cheerful heart.

I pray, Lord, that as your children of Blaine Memorial, we each take time to search deep in our hearts this giving season, trust You to continue to sow tons of blessings on us, and show our faithfulness by being generous to others. Amen.

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



Also read

Pray, Pray, Pray

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Lectionary Readings

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost • Oct. 6, 2024
Job 1:1, 2:1-10 • Psalm 26 • Genesis 2:18-24 • Psalm 8
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 • Mark 10:2-16

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost • Oct. 13, 2024
Job 23:1-9, 16-17 • Psalm 22:1-15 • Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm 90:12-17 • Hebrews 4:12-16 • Mark 10:17-31

Canadian Thanksgiving Day • Oct. 14, 2024
Joel 2:21-27 • Psalm 126 • 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost • Oct. 20, 2024
Job 38:1-7, (34-41) • Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Isaiah 53:4-12 • Psalm 91:9-16 • Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost • Oct. 27, 2024
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 • Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) • Jeremiah 31:7-9 • Psalm 126 • Hebrews 7:23-28 • Mark 10:46-52

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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

- **Sumiko “Sumi” Kono Yoshioka**, 89, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 15, 2024. A lifelong Blaine Memorial church member, she faithfully served as the choir and handbell choir directors, organist and pianist. She was known for her kindness, grace, and was an island girl at heart. Sumi is predeceased by her husband Art; survived by her children: Tom (Roberta) Yoshioka, Ann Yoshioka, Steve (Beverly) Yoshioka, and Lynn (Stephen Cavit) Yoshioka. Sumi is also survived by her grandchildren Misa Yoshioka, Alex Yoshioka, Emily Yoshioka, Caleb Yoshioka, and Maddie Cavit; sister Midori Thiel, sisters-in-law Barbara Kono and Helen Kono, and many nephews and nieces. A Celebration of Life is TBD.
- **Thomas Yoshio “Tom” Kometani**, 89, passed away peacefully at home on July 5, 2024, surrounded by his family. Tom is survived by Janet Kometani, his beloved spouse for 64 years, his daughter Sue Dittmann and sons Jim, Mike and Steve Kometani. He is also survived by his four grandchildren Craig, Miye and Neil Dittmann and Tyler Kometani. A public Celebration of Tom Kometani’s Life will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 11:00AM with a reception to follow.
- **Ted Takashi Yasuda**, 101, passed away on June 24, 2024, at home, surrounded by his family. Ted was a dad, grandpa and great grandfather, who began his life in Turlock, California on August 17, 1922, as the fourth child of Shingoro and Tsuchino Yasuda. Ted served in the U.S. Army, 442nd Regimental Combat team, during WWII. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1950 and worked for Boeing, until 1987. His wife, Margaret, predeceased him in 2009. His survivors include Roderick (Roxanne Marie) Yasuda, Beverly (Thomas) Ikeda, and Roxanne (Eric) Guion, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to the Yasuda Family Scholarship, in care of Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.
- **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. A Celebration of Life and reception was held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Blaine Memorial UMC. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial UMC and/or Highland Park UMC in Spokane, WA.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Jerolyn Yoshihara • Jennifer Lew
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer • Chuck Sitkin
- Dean Tsuchida • Katie Tat

Those with health concerns, recovery

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

Celebrations

- Congratulations to our youth who shared their Jr. High Camp and Asian Camp faith testimonials on Sunday, September 22 in worship. Thank you for sharing about how camp has brought you closer to God. We’re also grateful for guest musician, Nathan Buck, from Faith UMC in Torrance, CA, for sharing his musical gifts with us.
- We give thanks to our Church School Superintendent, Church School Teachers, BYG Associate Director and BYG Leaders as recently launched a new church school year teaching and nurturing our children and youth!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating September and October birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for the United Methodist Church is journey through a time of significant change as we navigate new ways to live into that new reality.

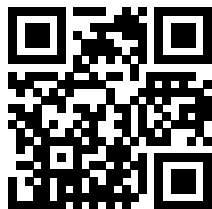
For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for every person who tested positive for Covid and prayers for each person to recover quickly.
- Prayers for people who have lost their homes in the California wildfires. Protect those who evacuate houses, and strengthen those who rebuild hope so that entire communities may face the future without fear.
- Prayers for the United States of America as we inch closer to the 2024 presidential election race between former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris. Please register to vote!
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the violence and war. We pray for an immediate ceasefire, an end to the violence, and the release of all hostages. We pray for world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia. We pray for the families, especially, the children living through the horrors of war and all the upheaval and tribulation it brings.

October 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
 <p>This week: Bazaar 2024 Scan the QR code and pre-order your favorite foods, today!</p>		<p>1 •Newsletter content due</p>	<p>2 •Announcements due •9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/ Rev. Karen •8pm Zoom Church School Meeting</p>	<p>3 •11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Bazaar 2024! 11am-6pm</p> 
<p>• No sports this week due to prep for Bazaar 2024</p>						
<p>6 Communion Sunday •10am, Hybrid Worship •10am, Church School •12pm, Bazaar Celebration Lunch</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closed •10a, Zoom Yoga •11:30a, Zoom Gentle Yoga •6:30pm, Basketball •7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>8 •7pm, Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 •Announcements due •9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/ Rev. Karen •10:30am, Pickleball •8pm Zoom Church School Meeting</p>	<p>10 •11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele •6:30pm, Blaine Basketball</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 •9am, Pickleball •Asian Camp 50th Anniversary (Montebello, California)</p>
<p>13 •10am, Hybrid Worship •10am, BYG Gathering •10am, Church School •11:45a, Reflections on 120 Years of Grace (3): Serve in Love (Webb)</p>	<p>14 Church Office Closed •10a, Zoom Yoga •11:30a, Zoom Gentle Yoga •6:30pm, Basketball •7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>15 •7pm, Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 •Announcements due •9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/ Rev. Karen •10:30am, Pickleball •8pm Zoom Church School Meeting</p>	<p>17 •11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele •6:30pm, Blaine Basketball</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 •11am: Tom Kometani's Celebration of Life Service</p>
<p>20 •10am, Hybrid Worship •10am, BYG Gathering •10am, Church School •11:45a, Reflections on 120 Years of Grace (4): Into the Future (Webb)</p>	<p>21 Church Office Closed •10a, Zoom Yoga •11:30a, Zoom Gentle Yoga •6:30pm, Basketball •7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>22 •7pm, Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 •Announcements due •9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/ Rev. Karen •10:30am, Pickleball •8pm Zoom Church School Meeting</p>	<p>24 •11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele •6:30pm, Blaine Basketball</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 •9am, Pickleball</p>
<p>27 •10am, Hybrid Worship •10am, BYG Gathering •10am, Church School •Trunk-or-Treat, 12:15pm</p> 	<p>28 Church Office Closed •10a, Zoom Yoga •11:30a, Zoom Gentle Yoga •6:30pm, Basketball •7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>29 •7pm, Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30 •Announcements due •9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/ Rev. Karen •10:30am, Pickleball •8pm Zoom Church School Meeting</p>	<p>31 Halloween • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball</p> 	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 3: Celebrating 120 Years at Blaine Memorial with our Saints (All Saints Service) • November 14: Charge Conference with Leadership, 7:00PM • November 28: Thanksgiving 	



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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 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.

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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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