

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

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2 Advent Study Group 4 Advent/Christmas Save-the-Dates

November 17, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

How can we engage the difficult conversations about Jesus while living in a paradigm that rewards conflict and war?

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

By Twila Parks
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Shig Nishida
By Dr. L. Hancock

*Opening Hymn

Soon and Very Soon
Kathy & Eugene Onishi
(UMH #706)

Opening Prayer

Shig Nishida

First Scripture Reading

マルコの福音書 / Mark 13:1-8 (CEB)
Tutomu Nagoya, Shig Nishida

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Music

My Lord, What a Morning
Arr. by Jay Althouse
Blaine Memorial Choir

Stewardship Sharing

Shig Nishida

Second Scripture Reading

詩篇 / Psalm 16 (CEB)
Tutomu Nagoya, Shig Nishida

Sermon

Faith Beyond Seeing
Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Hymn of Reflection
How Firm a Foundation
(UMH #529)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Invitation to the Offering

Shig Nishida

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All
Blessings Flow
(UMH #94)
Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Shig Nishida

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

Song of Hope
(TFWS #2186)
Kathy Onishi & Eugene Onishi

*Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Healer of Our Every Will
By Marty Haugen
Kathy Onishi

Zoom Breakout Room

Dale Kaneko

Today's flowers are provided
by Carol Kastrup.



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Sermon Questions

- How can we be a faithful people who engage conflicts and sin - maintaining the commitment to grace, hope, and love?
- How do we hear Jesus - preparing us for upheavals and quelling our panic - in the midst of our sacred and holy discussions?
- How can we engage the difficult conversations about Jesus while living in a paradigm that rewards conflict, war, and “kin-dom rising against kin-dom”?
- What does this mean for our society, our families and communities, and our congregation?
- How might we invite dialogue about the powerful who benefit from stoking fears about “end times”: Armageddon, race wars, civil war, etc.?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, November 18, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 3 • 1
Samuel 3:19-4:2 • Hebrews 10:26-31
Complementary: Psalm 13 • Daniel 8:1-14 • Hebrews 10:26-31

Tuesday, November 19, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 3 • Deuteronomy 26:5-10 • Hebrews 10:32-39 • Complementary: Psalm 13 • Daniel 8:15-27 • Hebrews 10:32-39

Wednesday, November 20, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 3 • 1 Kings 8:22-30 • Mark 13:9-23;
Complementary: Psalm 13 • Zechariah 12:1-13:1 • Mark 13:9-23

Thursday, November 21, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 132:1-12 • 2 Kings 22:1-10 • Acts 7:54-8:1a;
Complementary: Psalm 93 • Ezekiel 28:1-10 • Acts 7:54-8:1a

Friday, November 22, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 132:1-12 • 2 Kings 22:11-20 • 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 • Complementary: Psalm 93 • Ezekiel 28:20-26 • 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Saturday, November 23, 2024:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 132:1-12 • 2 Kings 23:1-14 • John 3:31-36
Complementary: Psalm 93 • Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18; John 3:31-36

Announcements



Last week, the Blaine Youth Group worked together making delicious apple crisp for families this Thanksgiving! Help support this important community ministry by signing up! Read the stories below!

Thanksgiving Meals and Giving Tree • See Dates

Mashed Potatoes Work Party

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024
After fellowship, Lee Activity Center

Kimball Elementary Food Delivery

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, 10:00AM

Giving Tree

Sunday, Nov. 17- Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024

Giving Tree, Wrapped Gifts Due

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024



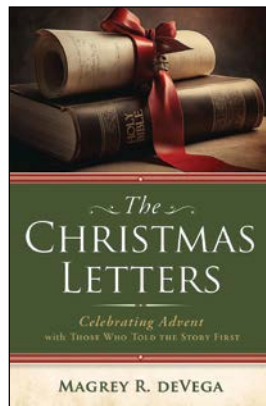
Sign-Up Now:
Thanksgiving Meals and Giving Tree 2024!
By Terri Adolfo



Help us develop leaders this Thanksgiving!
By Kaylee Yokoyama

Prayer and Coffee Wednesdays at 9am

Join Rev. Karen Yokota Love for prayer and community on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM on Zoom. Our time together consists of brief check-ins, devotionals, and prayers. Contact the Church office for the link!



NJAUMC Caucus Advent Study Group Tuesdays, Beginning November 26

Members of the NJAUMC Caucus have put together an Advent study based on The Christmas Letters. All NJAUMC churches are invited to attend the study. The facilitators are US Navy Chaplain Rev. John M. Miyahara and Pastor Brian Lee from Simpson UMC in Denver, Colorado, Rev. Ki Choi from Centenary UMC and Rev. Karen Yokota Love from Blaine Memorial UMC. The meeting dates are Tuesdays (11/26), (12/3), (12/10), (12/17) from 6:30pm-8:00pm on Zoom. You don't need to read the book to join the group.



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

- **Kenji Onishi**, 97, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. He lived life fully, grounded in faith, with practical optimism and a genuine love and respect for others. Predeceased by his loving wife, Martha, Kenji is survived by his four kids (Rob/Chris, Eugene/Kathy, Phil, and Leann), eight grandkids, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students). Kenji and Martha Onishi's public Celebration of Life service will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 1:00PM with a reception to follow in the LAC.
- **Toshiko "Toshi" Okamoto**, 101, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at Nikkei Manor. She is survived by her sister Kachi; her four children Joyce, Susan, John and Sheila; her nine grandchildren; and her nine+ great-grandchildren. A private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Remembrances may be made to Keiro NW, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or NVC Foundation.
- **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 public Celebration of Life will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:00PM with a reception to follow in the LAC.
- **Sumi Minato**, 103 and seven months-old, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 12, 2024 at Sunrise of Bellevue. She lived a long, fulfilling and active life. Well into her 100's, Sumi's days were filled with activities, friendships and a smile on her face. Predeceased by her husband Howard, Sumi is survived by her children: Michael Minato (Cheryl), Jeanne Yorozu (Kenny), John Minato (Teresa), seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A family Celebration of Life was held in June.

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

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

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating November birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

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

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers after the election for inspiration of the minds for all people who have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the United States of America. Give them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country, zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
- Prayers for the 420,000 children in the Amazon Basin countries of Columbia, Peru, and Brazil who are affected by water scarcity and a drought made worse by global climate change. We pray for our world's children, that their future and health be protected.
- Prayers for Sudan as it continues to face massacres and extreme gender-based violence affecting over 400 women between the ages of 8-75. In the face of these atrocities, we pray for the many women who have been violated and are so humiliated and traumatized that they have considered ending their own lives.
- 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.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.



The Greening of Blaine • Saturday, November 30, 9am
 The Greening of Blaine is one of the biggest half-day (with lunch provided) annual work parties of Blaine Memorial UMC. Join the Worship Committee in making wreaths, swags, and garlands for decorating the church's campus through Advent and Christmas. Come learn how to craft the greenery and to grace the Sanctuary. Bring clippers or scissors to trim cedar fronds and ribbons.

We will also have a large paper art project where we will hang in the Sanctuary, calling for the shared work of many hands. Welcome, All! Let the Holidays begin!

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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.



Ways to Give "Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God's blessings upon you." (Deut. 16: 17)

- **Online:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the left.
- **Mobile:** Download the free "Realm Connect" app. Use your sign-in and click GIVING. Contact the Church Office, blaineoffice@yahoo.com. for a Realm sign-in.
- **Text:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link you receive and follow the prompts.
- **Mail:** Mail a check to • Blaine Memorial UMC at 3001 24th Ave S. Seattle, WA 98144.



Advent & Christmas Announcements

Children and Youth Christmas Play

Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10am.

All are invited to come to the Lee Activity Center to witness our children and youth perform in a special Christmas Play.

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 7pm.

Our Blue Christmas Service provides space for prayer, reflection, and remembrance for those grieving during this holiday season (Livestreamed)

Christmas Music Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 22, at 10:00am.

Christmas Music Sunday will feature jams from our Blaine Memorial Choir, B.U.G.S., young adults, and more.



Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 4pm.

We will have one Traditional Christmas Eve Lesson and Carols Candlelight Service.



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