

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Advent/Christmas Save-the-Dates

2 Anniversary Aprons! 4 2025: Anniversary Potluck!

December 1, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

What spiritual practices help move you closer to accepting the unconditional love of God?

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

By Bob McGee
Kathy Onishi

Words of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Cathlynn Law

Call to Worship

Inspired by Isaiah 43:1-4
and Luke 1:26-29
Rev. Cathlynn Law

Opening Prayer

Rev. Cathlynn Law

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
(UMH #196)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Lighting the Advent Candle

Harry, Dawn, Evan, Adam
and Wyatt Sakaguchi-Tang

Special Music

In Silence We Wait

by: John Parker, arr. by Lloyd Larson
Blaine Memorial Choir

First Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya
Leann Onishi

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya
Leann Onishi

Sermon

**Be Not Afraid,
I Have Called You By Name**
Rev. Cathlynn Law

Music of Reflection

**I Want to Walk as a Child
of the Light**
(UMH #206)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Holy Communion

Rev. Cathlynn Law
and Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Offertory Invitation

Leann Onishi

Doxology

**"Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow"**
(UMH #94)

Prayer of Dedication

Leann Onishi

Announcements

Leann Onishi and Friends

Closing Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(UMH #211)
Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Cathlynn Law

Postlude

Like A Child
Daniel Charles Damon;
arr. by David Cherwien
Kathy Onishi

*Today's flowers are provided by
Sharon Maeda.*



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Sermon Questions

1. Can you remember a time when you were afraid? What things bring up the feeling of fear? What helps calm your fear and anxiety to bring comfort and courage?

2. What would it look like for us - individually and as a congregation - to acknowledge the fearful spaces that reside within us and still persist with embodied peace and grace?

3. What spiritual practices help you move closer to accepting the steadfast and unconditional love of God? What helps you to perceive yourself — and others — as a blessing?

Sunday, December 1, 2024: First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 • Psalm 25:1-10
• 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 • Luke 21:25-36

Monday, December 2, 2024:

Psalm 90 • Numbers 17:1-11 • 2 Peter 3:1-18

Tuesday, December 3, 2024:

Psalm 90 • 2 Samuel 7:18-29 • Revelation 22:12-16

Wednesday, December 4, 2024:

Psalm 90 • Isaiah 1:24-31 • Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, December 5, 2024:

Luke 1:68-79 • Malachi 3:5-12 • Philippians 1:12-18a

Friday, December 6, 2024:

Luke 1:68-79 • Malachi 3:13-18 • Philippians 1:18b-26

Saturday, December 7, 2024:

Luke 1:68-79 • Malachi 4:1-6 • Luke 9:1-6

Smoked Salmon on Sale for \$20!

Immediately after worship on December 1, we'll have smoked salmon on sale for \$20 per pound. There are two varieties available. Lesley Okura will share a limited amount of samples after worship. The proceeds is a part of our Bazaar sales which will help benefit Mission Guatemala! Limited quantities are available.

Announcements

Holiday Card Signing in the Social Hall until Sunday (12/8)!

You're invited to sign Christmas cards for our church members who are sick, recovering from being ill, grieving a loss of a loved one, or in a skilled facility home. The cards are in the Social Hall until Sunday (12/8).



Giving Tree

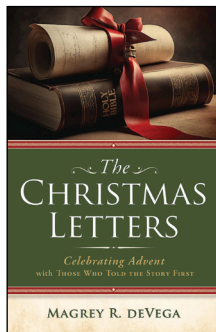
Sunday, Nov. 17 - Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024

Giving Tree, Wrapped Gifts Due

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024



The Social Hall will be open during Church Office Hours (Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm). Please contact the Church Office at (206) 723-1536 if you'd like to sign the cards during the week. Let's fill up each of the cards with Blaine love and hope for our loved ones!



NJAUMC Caucus Advent Study Group

Tuesdays, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 at 6:30pm-8:00pm

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. You don't need to read the book to join the group.

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

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4pm

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



Anniversary Aprons...Now Available!

Our special 120th Anniversary Aprons are now ready to purchase, \$40, starting this Sunday right after worship service. These aprons were made from no longer available cotton rice bags. Many of them reflect stains and blemishes from hard-working ancestors, a reminder of their spirit and perseverance.

We are grateful for the generosity of the friends and families that gifted Blaine Memorial with their rice bags and the many hands that created these sturdy aprons.

Help celebrate Blaine Memorial's 120 years of our faith journey. This fundraiser helps Blaine Memorial to continue to grow in faith, hope and love. Thanks be to God!



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 December birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for The United Methodist Church's 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 people as they continue to recover from the cyclone bomb storm in the Pacific Northwest. We are grateful for Puget Sound Energy for working around the clock to restore power in all areas. Open our hearts in generosity to all who need help as they continue to restore areas that were damaged in the storm.
- Prayers after the presidential election for inspiration of the minds for all people who have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the US. Give them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. 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 act 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.



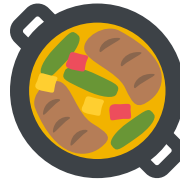
2024 Congregation Photograph

On December 15, 2024, we will be taking a 120th anniversary commemorative photo of our whole congregation in the Lee Activity Center after the children's Christmas program. Please stay for this photograph which will be a snapshot of our present 2024 congregation in our 120th year as a church family. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this Blaine Memorial UMC 120th Anniversary photo!



120th Anniversary Sunday Service and Potluck

On January 26, 2025, Blaine Memorial UMC will have a 120th anniversary Sunday service with special guests to celebrate and reflect on its 120-year history and look forward to its further growth and development into the next 120 years of service in love. There will be a potluck gathering and program following the service. There will also be ministry table exhibits of past and present ministries of the church such as music ministry, Sunday School ministry, Youth ministry, missions ministry, sports ministry, etc. Please join us for the culminating celebration of our 120th anniversary and start of our 121st year! We look forward to celebrating with all our members new and old and our many community friends. All are welcome.



Poinsettias on the Altar 2024

You can now order Poinsettias! Scan the QR code above to download an order form. Please share!

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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.

Ministry Staff Team

Senior Pastor
Choir Director
Church School Superintendent
BYG Associate Director
Pianist
Office Assistant
Bookkeeper

Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Eugene Onishi
Sai Hanaoka
Kaylee Yokoyama
Kathy Onishi
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Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura
Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake
Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama
George Yates



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

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