



Worship



Worship with Blaine!

2 Today: Final Poinsettia Sales

2 Weds: Blue Christmas Service 4 Thoughts & Prayers

December 15, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

What is one way you can give others joy during Advent and Christmas?

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

People Look East

By Eleanor Farjeon

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Call to Worship

Kaylee Yokoyama

Opening Prayer

Kaylee Yokoyama

Lighting the Advent Candle

Glenn, Arlene and Gibby Mitsui

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(UMH #196)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Introduction of the Play

Church School Superintendent

Sai Hanaoka

Christmas Play

The Christmas Play

Church School and BYG

Response Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(UMH #240)

Kathy and Eugene Onishi

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Introduction to the Offering

Kaylee Yokoyama

Offertory Music

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Kathy Onishi

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy and Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Kaylee Yokoyama

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(UMH #251)

Eugene and Kathy Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain

(UMH #251)

Kathy Onishi



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Announcements

Advent & Christmas Worship Announcements

Children and Youth Christmas Play

Today, 12/15, 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, 12/18, 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, 12/22, 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, 12/24 at 4pm

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



2024 Congregation Photograph

After our Christmas Play, 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!



Order Now: Poinsettias on the Altar

It's time to sign up for poinsettias for the altar. Each plant is \$12.00. The deadline for Poinsettia Orders is today.

You may dedicate a poinsettia in celebration of a person or an event, in memory of a loved one, or to honor God's glory. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve services.

Pick up a form at the Church Office. Scan the QR code to download an order form. Please share! You can also find a copy of the poinsettia order form in the November/December Beacon newsletter. The order form should be filled out and mailed to Blaine Memorial UMC, Attn: Poinsettias, 3001 24th Ave S., Seattle, WA 98144.



Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, December 15, 2024:

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20 • Isaiah 12:2-6 •
Philippians 4:4-7 • Luke 3:7-18

Monday, December 16, 2024:

Isaiah 11:1-9 • Numbers 16:1-19 •
Hebrews 13:7-17

Tuesday, December 17, 2024:

Isaiah 11:1-9 • Numbers 16:20-35 •
Acts 28:23-31

Wednesday, December 18, 2024:

Isaiah 11:1-9 • Micah 4:8-13 • Luke
7:31-35

Thursday, December 19, 2024:

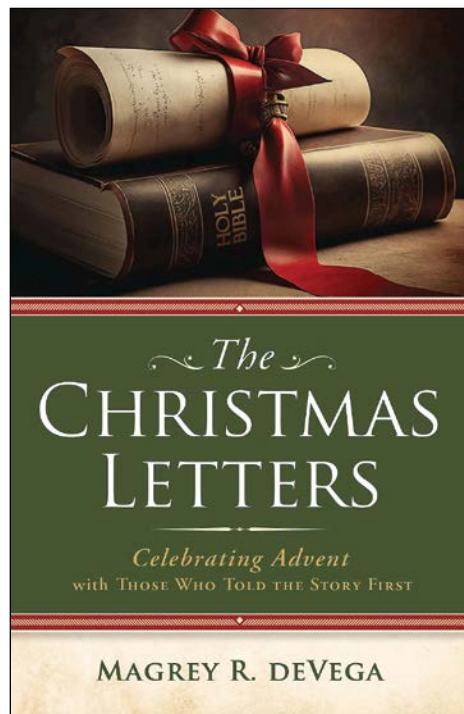
Psalms 80:1-7 • Jeremiah 31:31-34 •
Hebrews 10:10-18

Friday, December 20, 2024:

Psalms 80:1-7 • Isaiah 42:10-18 •
Hebrews 10:32-39

Saturday, December 21, 2024:

Psalms 80:1-7 • Isaiah 66:7-11 • Luke
13:31-35



NJAUMC Caucus Advent Study
Group • 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. 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 was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, December 14, 2024.
- **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. 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

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

Celebrations

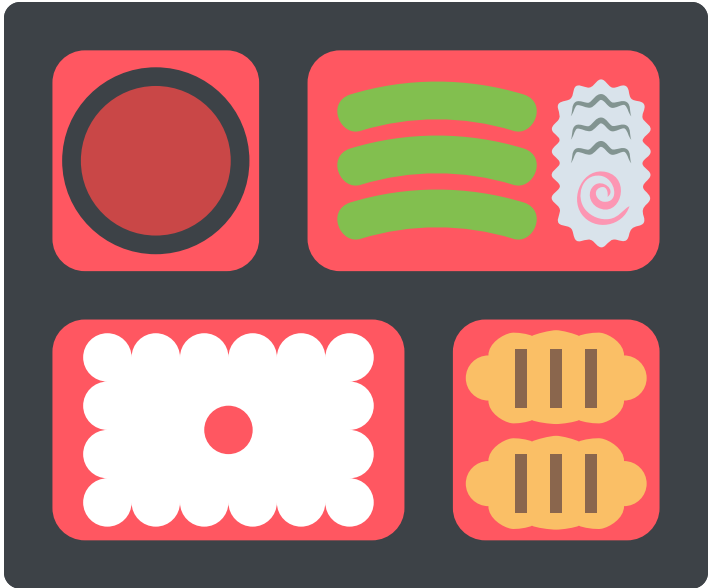
- Our hearts take hope from the winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize – Japan's Hibakusha Group, whose members are survivors of atomic and hydrogen bombs. We pray that their suffering and service result in the elimination of nuclear war.
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating December birthdays 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

- Our hearts break with those who are grieving, especially those in Haiti after the massacre that left over 180 people dead. We pray that this situation will not escalate with retaliation, but will be ended by justice and reconciliation that prevails.
- Our minds whirl with those who are thrilled by the fall of Assad's regime in Syria, but wondering where they will go and how they will survive Israel's bombing as it fights over land in the Golan Heights. We pray that all countries in the Middle East can work towards peace and flourishing in the region, for the benefit of everyone.
- 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.
- Our lips cry out in protest with those who escaped the firebombing of a synagogue in Melbourne, Australia last week. We pray for the end of violence against people for their religious beliefs.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.



Anniversary Aprons...Now Available!

Blaine Memorial UMC 120th Anniversary Aprons will be available for sale after worship on December 8. They are made from cotton rice bags from long ago. They make unique Christmas gifts, too. They are \$40.00 each. Please contact Dale Kaneko at dkaneko@windermere.com with questions.

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. Please join us for the culminating celebration of our 120th anniversary and start of our 121st year! All are welcome!

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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

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| <i>Senior Pastor</i> | <i>Rev. Karen Yokota Love</i> |
| <i>Choir Director</i> | <i>Eugene Onishi</i> |
| <i>Church School Superintendent</i> | <i>Sai Hanaoka</i> |
| <i>BYG Associate Director</i> | <i>Kaylee Yokoyama</i> |
| <i>Pianist</i> | <i>Kathy Onishi</i> |
| <i>Office Assistant</i> | <i>Yuki Sofronas</i> |
| <i>Bookkeeper</i> | <i>Mimi Mar</i> |



Lay Leadership Team

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| <i>Administrative Board</i> | <i>Brad Miyake</i> |
| <i>Staff Parish Relations</i> | <i>Arlene Naganawa</i> |
| <i>Board of Trustees</i> | <i>Ron Nobuyama, Brian Okura</i> |
| <i>Finance Committee</i> | <i>Bob Sekijima, Gayle Miyake</i> |
| <i>Lay Leaders</i> | <i>Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi</i> |
| <i>Annual Conference Delegates</i> | <i>Ron Nobuyama</i> |
| | <i>George Yates</i> |



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.

