



Worship



Worship with Blaine!

2 Office reopens Jan. 3

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Prayer & Coffee returns Jan. 8

December 29, 2024 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

How is God speaking to you? What might we learn about our own development as disciples of Jesus?

First Sunday After Christmas Day

Prelude

Friendly Beasts

Anonymous

Miriam Tong

Words of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship

Ron Nobuyama

*Opening Hymn

What Child is This?

(UMH #219)

Miriam Tong, Michelle Vaughan

Opening Prayer

Ron Nobuyama

Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / **Luke 2:41-52**

(NRSVUE)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Ron Nobuyama

Sermon

Surprise!

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Reflection

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

All Verses

(UMH #240)

Miriam Tong and Michelle Vaughan

Special Video

A Season of Stewardship:

Blaine Memorial UMC Supports

Kimball Elementary School

Offertory Invitation

Ron Nobuyama

Offertory Music

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Arr. by Edith Reed

Miriam Tong

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All

Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Miriam Tong

Prayer of Dedication

Ron Nobuyama

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

(UMH #246)

Miriam Tong and Michelle Vaughan

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

He is Born

Anonymous

Miriam Tong

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Today's Flowers

Miriam Tong

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Sermon Questions

- When Joseph and Mary discover Jesus is not with their group, they rush back to Jerusalem to find Him in the Temple talking with teachers. His response in verse 49 is Jesus' first words in the Gospel. What do we learn about Jesus from these words?
- Jesus' growth physically is mirrored by His growth relationally and spiritually. What might we learn about our own development as disciples from Jesus' life?
- What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this study? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.

Announcements



Holiday Office and Campus Closure, Now to January 3, 2025

The Blaine Memorial UMC Church Office and the entire campus is CLOSED until Thursday, January 2, 2025. The Church Office and Campus will open on Friday, January 3, 2025. Happy New Year!

Video: "A Season of Stewardship: Blaine Memorial UMC Supports Kimball Elementary"

With challenges such as food insecurity, a harsh economy, and homelessness, Blaine Memorial UMC has teamed with Kimball Elementary School to provide dinners through Thanksgiving Meals and presents through the Giving Tree.



Several members of the Blaine Memorial UMC Community, including its Blaine Youth Group (BYG), share what makes this lay-led ministry vital to the families in the neighborhood.

Visit <https://blaineonline.org/original-videos> to view this story and more!

Mochi Taste-Testing! Saturday, January 4, 2025

In the Japanese tradition to celebrate the start of the new year, we will have a mochi testing event! Mark



your calendar: Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 9:30am in the Social Hall. Come and taste freshly made mochi with kinako, shoyu, and other delicious flavors. Experience the best mochi in the Northwest!

New Year's Ozoni Soup Meal, Sunday, January 5, 2025, after Worship

Ozoni mochi soup will be celebrated and served after church worship on January 5. The Blaine Memorial Choir will host us in the customary making and serving of the New Year's rice-cake ozoni. The Choir is happy to serve you best wishes for the new year of 2025 in every bowl of ozoni!

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, December 29, 2024:

First Sunday after Christmas Day

- 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
- Psalm 148
- Colossians 3:12-17
- Luke 2:41-52

Monday, December 30, 2024:

- Psalm 147:12-20
- 2 Chronicles 1:7-13
- Mark 13:32-37

Tuesday, December 31, 2024:

- Psalm 147:12-20
- 1 Kings 3:5-14
- John 8:12-19

Wednesday, January 1, 2025:

Holy Name of Jesus

- Numbers 6:22-27
- Psalm 8
- Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 2:15-21

Wednesday, January 1, 2025:

New Year's Day

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
- Psalm 8
- Revelation 21:1-6a
- Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday, January 2, 2025:

- Psalm 147:12-20
- Proverbs 1:1-7
- James 3:13-18

Friday, January 3, 2025:

- Psalm 72
- Job 42:10-17
- Luke 8:16-21

Saturday, January 4, 2025:

- Psalm 72
- Isaiah 6:1-5
- Acts 7:44-53





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 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.*
- **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.

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

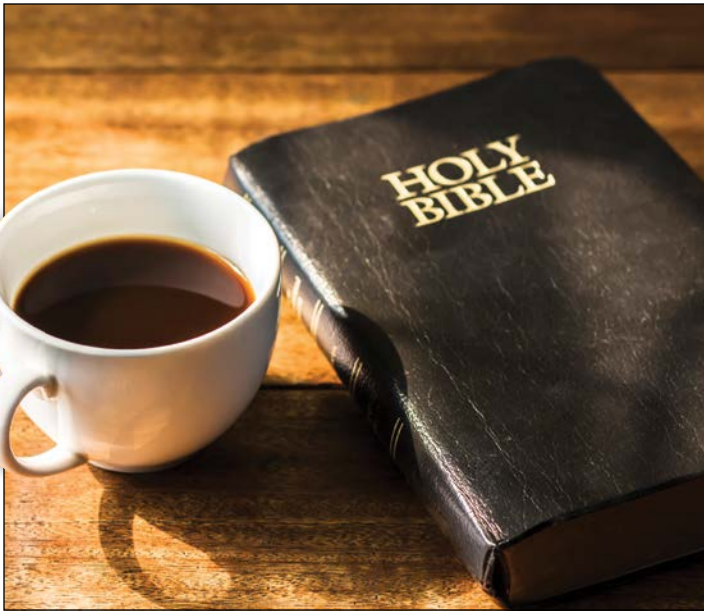
- We wish everyone hope and love in the New Year! We ask for prayer good health in 2025!
- Our hearts take hope from the winners of this year’s Nobel Peace Prize – Japan’s Hibakusha Group, whose members are survivors of atomic and hydrogen bombs. We pray that their suffering and service result in the 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

- We pray for the bus driver, Shaun Yim, who was killed in the University District last week. We pray for justice and for gun violence to end.
- We send our love to the children who were shot at the Abundant Life Christian School in Madison, Wisconsin, and for the 15 year old shooter who took her own life. We pray for her family to be wrapped in love even in the midst of questions and anger. We pray for the school to experience love in the midst of their heartbreak and fear. We pray for the administrators to be able to navigate this tragedy with empathy and discernment.
- We pray that justice will be done and that mercy will be extended to those involved in an alleged Venezuelan gang-related kidnapping in Aurora, Colorado, U.S.A. leading to 19 arrests. We pray that even in the midst of this injustice, ethnic minorities will not suffer from undue racism and hatred as a result.
- While Christians celebrate Christmastide, we also remember our Jewish siblings who are celebrating Hanukkah. We also celebrate our African American siblings who are celebrating Kwanzaa.
- 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. 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.



120th/121st Anniversary Sunday Service and Potluck January 26, 2025

On Sunday, 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.

We'll honor our church members and friends who have or will have reached by the end of January, the glorious age of 88 and older by reading their names aloud during worship. In addition, we will remember our saints who have passed away in the last year who were 88 and older by the reading of their names.

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, mission 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. We will also have a lunch celebration honoring our 88+ and our 120 years! Stay tuned for more information to come.



Prayer and Coffee Resumes Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (1/8/25) at 9:00AM on Zoom. Our time together consists of brief check-ins, devotionals, and prayers. This is a great way to start your morning, clear and center your mind, all while connecting with God and your prayer community. Feel free to bring a cup of coffee, tea, and a bite to eat. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

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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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Eugene Onishi, Kathy Onishi
Ron Nobuyama
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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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