



Worship



Worship with Blaine!

2 Today! Curry Fundraiser for Asian Camp!

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Jan. 26: Anniversary Sunday

January 12, 2025 • 10:00am • Hybrid Worship • blaineonline.org

What does baptism mean to you? How do we receive God's Holy Spirit today?

First Sunday after Epiphany • Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Prelude

Awesome God

By Rich Mullins

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Blaine Memorial UMC Land

Acknowledgment

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Call to Worship

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George Yates

Invocation (Unison)

George Yates

Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit

(TFWS #2125)

Kathy Onishi & Eugene Onishi

First Scripture Reading

ルカの福音書 / Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(JLB, CEB)

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Prayers of the People

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Special Music

Washed Anew

By Thomas Keesecker

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

Second Scripture Reading

イザヤ書 / Isaiah 43:1-7 (JLB, CEB)

Yuki Sofronas, George Yates

Sermon

God With Us

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Reflection

Spirit Song

(UMH #347)

Kathy Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

George Yates

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All

Blessings Flow

(UMH #94)

Kathy Onishi & Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

George Yates

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

(UMH #209)

Kathy Onishi & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

All I Need is You

By Dan Adler

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Today's Flowers

Sharon Maeda



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Sermon Questions

- What does your baptism mean to you?
- What trials in your life have felt like passing through the waters or the fires?
- How has God become more real to you through those experiences?
- What might have been your spiritual / emotional set-backs or struggles in times where you felt tested?
- What scripture verses did you apply to your situation? Did you reach out to a friend for help?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, January 12, 2025:

Baptism of the Lord:

- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Psalm 29
- Acts 8:14-17
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Monday, January 13, 2025:

- Psalm 106:1-12
- Judges 4:1-16
- Ephesians 6:10-17

Tuesday, January 14, 2025:

- Psalm 106:1-12
- Judges 5:12-21
- 1 John 5:13-21

Wednesday, January 15, 2025:

- Psalm 106:1-12
- Numbers 27:1-11
- Luke 11:33-36

Thursday, January 16, 2025:

- Psalm 36:5-10
- Jeremiah 3:1-5
- Acts 8:18-24

Friday, January 17, 2025:

- Psalm 36:5-10
- Jeremiah 3:19-25
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Saturday, January 18, 2025:

- Psalm 36:5-10
- Jeremiah 4:1-4
- Luke 11:14-23



Prayer and Coffee

Wednesday, January 12, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (1/15/25) at 9:00AM on Zoom. This is a great way to start your morning, clear and center your mind, all while connecting with God and your prayer community. Hope to see you on Wednesday.

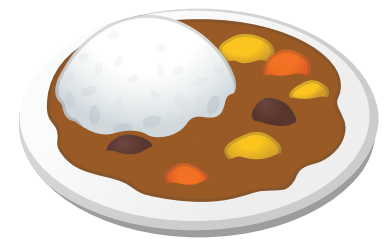
Announcements



Last year, the Blaine Youth Group got together for a quick photo at Asian Camp at Camp Gilmore in California. Support our youth by purchasing a delicious Curry Bento today!

BYG Curry Bento Fundraiser for Asian Camp • Today after Worship

Immediately after worship, our BYG will serve Curry Bento Boxes as a fundraiser for Asian Camp Youth Camp. Each Bento comes with chicken curry, sesame ginger salad and an oatmeal raisin cookie for \$15.00 each. There is also an option to purchase the chicken curry and sesame ginger salad for \$13.00. Each summer many of our youth attend Asian Camp. Throughout the year, our youth have fundraisers, and each fundraiser helps offset the cost of air transportation, van transportation, lodging and meals before and after Asian Camp. This year, Asian Camp will be in Southern California.



Church members make ohagi before Sukiyaki opens (above) as volunteers finish packing baked goods.

Blaine's Benefit Sukiyaki Nominations

Due Weds. Jan. 22, 2025

Blaine Memorial UMC's Annual Sukiyaki will be on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Currently, the Sukiyaki Committee is seeking nominations for a beneficiary for the upcoming Sukiyaki event. Please submit a brief description of your recommended beneficiary recipient to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 22, 2025 (for review and approval by Ad Board). Beneficiary Nominations Forms are available in the Church Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Yuki Sofronas at blaineoffice@yahoo.com.



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!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating January 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

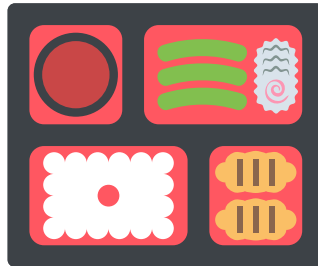
- We pray for everyone who is in Southern California and for those who have evacuated from their homes, for those who have perished in the wildfires, for those who have lost their homes, for our first responders, and for the firefighters.
- We pray for the families and loved ones of 179 people who perished in the Jeju Air flight 7C 2216 (South Korea), 38 people who died in a plane crash of an Azerbaijan Airlines plane in Kazakhstan, and 14 people killed in New Orleans, LA.
- We pray for the 71 people who have died in Ethiopia after a truck packed with passengers plunged into a river after the driver missed the bridge.
- 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 January 26, 2025, Blaine Memorial UMC will have a 120th anniversary Sunday service with special guests from our past 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. After the service there will be a potluck gathering and program with exhibits, entertainment, reunions with friends and family, and an honoring of church members who are 88+ years old by the end of January. 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 to remember and renew our connections into the future. Please bring a potluck dish to share. All are welcome.

For the potluck we are asking folks to contribute some dishes to share with others. (If you are single, please feel free to bring just one of the items. If you are 88+ years old, you do not need to bring a dish. This celebration is for you!). Potluck assignment recommendations are listed below by last name:

- A-H: Main dish/Salad
- I-S: Main dish/Rice
- T-Z: Main dish/ Dessert



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!

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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.

