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Greater Northwest Area Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, the Rev. Edwin Cruz Santos, Retired Bishop Robert Hoshibata, the Revs. Karen Yokota Love, Dr. Mark Hearn, Dione Corsilles, Alann Hamada, David Nieda, and Shalom Agtarap gather before Anniversary Sunday at Blaine Memorial UMC.

Senior Pastor Reflection

Keep Walking On: Blaine Memorial as a Beloved Community

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, photos by Kai Yamamoto

In times of great change, both in our local community and the world, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. News of division, injustice, and uncertainty can weigh heavily on our hearts. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are called to see these moments not as insurmountable challenges but as opportunities to embody hope, healing, and justice – to be the Body of Christ.

The changes we face – be they social, political, or personal – are reminders that the world is constantly in motion. As Christians, we are uniquely positioned to embrace motion as part of God's unfolding work in the world.

Isaiah reminds us, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19) God's promise is not that the path will be easy, but that new life will emerge.

Despite all of the dreariness of the world, Blaine Memorial has been finding joy in doing good for the world – we have been busy while working for justice! We had a delightful Christmas season packed with many events including the Children's Play,



Washington State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, and Seattle City Councilwoman Alexis Mercedes Rinck share a moment during Anniversary Sunday at Blaine Memorial UMC.

Christmas Music Sunday, Christmas Eve service and our first mochi making session to celebrate 2025! January went by quickly as we joyfully prepared our hearts and minds for our big 120th Anniversary Sunday celebration.

120th Anniversary Sunday

On January 26, 2025, we celebrated the many changes and the resilience of Blaine Memorial UMC at the culmination of our 120th

Anniversary and the beginning of our 121st Anniversary. Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata and his wife, Greta, blessed us with their presence. Bishop Bob gave a compelling sermon about being rooted and grounded in love. If you missed it, please take a look at our Blaine Memorial UMC YouTube Page. Also, if you'd like to take a look at a photo spread, please take a look at our celebration on page 4. We had many formers pastors visit with us including Revs. Ken Miyake, Dave Nieda, Alann Hamada, Shalom Agtarap, and Dione Corsilles. Greater Northwest Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth presided over Holy Communion and blessed us with his presence. Dignitaries included Representative for the 37th Legislative District Sharon Tomiko Santos and Seattle Council Position Eight Alexis Mercedes Rinck attended our celebration and provided us with a Resolution from the State of Washington and a Proclamation from the City of Seattle. After the worship service, we celebrated with an abundant "Blaine-Way" potluck and program with exhibits, entertainment, reunions with friends and family. We

also had a special moment where we honored the of church members who turned 88+ years old from February 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025.

While reminiscing on the past 120 years with photos and stories, we also look forward to being here for the next 120 years. What does it look like for Blaine Memorial UMC to be a Christian community that cares for the vulnerable and works for justice? How can we dream together to create a “beloved community” – a term that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. envisioned.

Dreaming of Affordable Housing

As a part of our dreaming and visioning for the future, Blaine Memorial UMC recently announced that we will begin researching the greenbelt area on our property to complete a possible affordable housing/mixed housing development project.

As affordable housing is less available in all neighborhoods of Seattle, it’s a part of God’s kin-dom to provide for all people. Today’s church vision and dream of having affordable housing reflects our shared commitment to building a more

equitable city and faith community.

Blaine Memorial UMC looks forward to working together with our community partners which will serve for generations to come. I’m excited about this vision and opportunity to be an integral part of the Beacon Hill community as we dream together and seek the unended possibilities for the future.

Sukiyaki Beneficiary: Altadena UMC

Our Sukiyaki Benefit Fundraiser is right around the corner! It’ll take place at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, March 1 from 1pm-6pm. This year’s benefit recipient will be the Altadena UMC in Altadena, CA. **Altadena United Methodist Church (AUMC) and its families need your support.**

On January 8, flames engulfed Altadena United Methodist Church, north of Pasadena, in Southern California, fueled by dry conditions and fanned by ferocious Santa Ana winds. The Eaton Fire in Southern California destroyed the church building and many of the church members’ homes burned to ashes. The consequences of the destructive Eaton Canyon fires are immeasurable.

The church was chartered in 1806 by the German Evangelical United Brethren denomination. After 1974 and the formation of the UMC, and later in 1980s Altadena UMC church merged with Lincoln Park United Methodist Church; a predominantly Black congregation that was located in Pasadena. AUMC became a diverse community in every way, very similar to Blaine Memorial UMC’s rich history. Come and support our Sukiyaki Benefit Fundraiser for an important cause this year! Pre-order your meals today by visiting blaineonline.org.

Lent Theme: Bread of Life

This year’s Lent theme is *Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share*. Nourish your soul with *Bread of Life*. When the world feels heavy — divided and uncertain — hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. In these moments, while many search for a way forward, the *Bread of Life* reminds us of abundance. There is enough love, grace, and hope for all.

Bread of Life highlights how Jesus fed people — not just their bodies but their souls —with good news, redemption, and stories of God’s kin(g)dom. From wedding feasts to eating with tax collectors to feeding thousands, people left Jesus’ presence with full hearts and bellies. As we journey through Lent, from the wilderness to the shorelines of Galilee, we will find the sacred in the ordinary — like bread, simple yet essential. This Lent, let’s gather together to do what we love to do — eat, break bread, savor in the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the *Bread of Life*! Lent devotionals will be available for you to pick up for free in the Narthex! Join us on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00PM as we kick off the Lent Season.

Be the hope for this season and throughout Lent.

Peace,
Rev. Karen



Lynne Onishi, the Rev. Dr. Jeney Park Hearn, Kaylee Yokoyama, Kai Yamamoto, Ron Nobuyama, Santa Claus, the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Jesse Love, Sai Hanaoka, and Yuki Sofronas serve as staff for Blaine Memorial UMC.



Bishops Cedrick Bridgeforth and Robert Hoshibata offer Communion.



Rev. Dione Corsilles and Rev. Dr. Mark Hearn



Rev. Cruz Santos



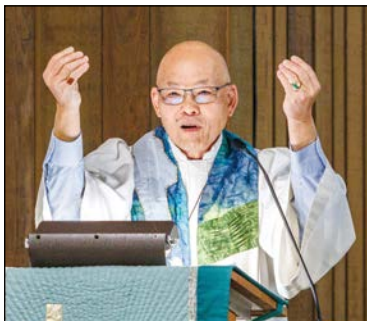
The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Congregation, January 26, 2025



Rev. David Nieda and Bishop Hoshibata



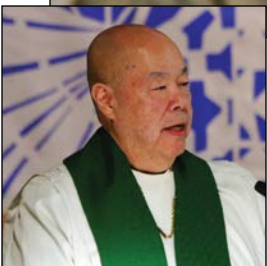
Rev. Shalom Agtarap



Retired Bishop, Robert Hoshibata preaches the message, "Rooted and Grounded...In Love!"



The Revs. Jeney Park-Hearn, Cruz Edwin Santos, David Nieda, Alann Hamada, Mark Hearn, Dione Corsilles with Bishops Cedrick Bridgeforth, Robert Hoshibata, the Revs. Karen Yokota Love, Ken Miyake, and Shalom Agtarap gather after Blaine Memorial's Anniversary Worship Service.



Bishop Hoshibata greets the congregation. The Rev. Alann Hamada presents the Offering Invitation. Marina Koza presents special music.



Past and present clergy with Blaine Memorial UMC's honored congregants age 88+.



The Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.) performs their favorite tunes during Potluck.



The Blaine UMC Choir performs "Oh Happy Day" during Blaine's Anniversary Potluck.



Anita Kuriowa-Schiff performs a liturgical dance.



Joel Ing presents ideas for the future of BMUMC.



Church members dance to the Hukilau while B.U.G.S. performs.

120TH ANNIVERSARY BLAINE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 大還曆

Back to Our Roots

By Jesse N. Love, photos by Kai Yamamoto
Additional photos by the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Friends and family of Blaine Memorial United Methodist celebrated faithfully the Church's 120th and 121st Anniversary! The congregation welcomed back former clergy who served Blaine Memorial for years, including Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata, the Revs David Nieda, Alann Hamada, Ken Miyake, Shalom Agtarap, and Dione Corsilles. We also welcomed honored guest, Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth of The Greater Northwest Conference.

Following our Anniversary Worship Service, we enjoyed a grand Church Potluck provided by our congregation. We recognized our church members age 88+ and enjoyed musical performances from the Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.), the Blaine Memorial UMC Choir, and individual performances from our members.

What will the next chapter of Blaine Memorial UMC look like? What new and exciting ministries are in store for the community? How do we celebrate our 121 years of faith well into the future? Be sure to join us as we embark on a faith journey that is, as Bishop Hoshibata stated, "Rooted and Grounded...In Love!"



The Campfire Girls reunite with Greta Hoshibata (center).



BYG Update The Journey Continues

By Kaylee Yokoyama
Photos by Kai Yamamoto



Ally Sofronas and Katelyn N. whip up mashed potatoes for Thanksgiving Meals.

As we continue into 2025, it's an opportunity to reflect on the memories, growth, and experiences Blaine Youth Group has engaged in over the past year. The last twelve months were filled with community, service, faith, and fellowship.

We first began the year off with a BYG Night. We prepared for Camping Ministries Sunday through singing worship songs as the youth spent time reflecting on their camping ministries experiences. We were also gracious to have Nathan Buck from Faith UMC who led the youth in worship songs.

As we entered autumn, we held our long-awaited Youth Booth at Bazaar. The youth enjoyed selling and making Suno Dogs and we had the return of our popular Italian Sodas! It was amazing to witness the youth work together to serve the congregation -- and for the younger youth, to experience the youth booth for the very first time!

In November, BYG also participated in our annual Thanksgiving Service Project where we were able to serve a delicious meal of chicken, salad, mashed potatoes, and apple crisps made by the youth for about 20 families at Kimball Elementary School. BYG also partook in a Thanksgiving Meal Service Project video by Jesse Love which captured the youth's impact on the community through their stewardship.

Finally, to end the 2024 year, the youth participated in the Christmas program along with the church school children. To start off the 2025 New Year, we also had our Curry Bento Fundraiser where the youth worked diligently to prepare and served curry, salad, rice, and oatmeal cookies to raise proceeds for Camping Ministries.

I am deeply grateful for the support of our congregation, leaders, Rev. Karen, and the BYG families. Your support, time, and care have made 2024 a year filled exciting and meaningful experiences for BYG. We couldn't have done it without you.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited for continuing growth and connections with our community. We can't wait to see what the new year holds as we journey toward faith, service, and fellowship.



Friends exchange gifts during BYG night!



Our BYG serve up delicious Suno Dogs and Italian Sodas.



BYG serve up Chicken Curry raising funds for camping.



BYG meets on Sundays at 10:00 AM. We will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship service before transitioning over to the Nishida Room for BYG time after the children's message.

Blaine Youth Group (BYG) is a place where youth (6th-12th grade) are invited into a loving community and celebrated as they are. BYG provides a safe environment for youth to build lasting friendships, grow spiritually, learn acceptance of self and others, express compassion for the world, and develop a love for God. BYG has a space for any person who is interested and all are welcome.

Contact Associate Director of Youth Ministry, Kaylee Yokoyama: kaylee.yokoyama1@gmail.com.



Spiritual Formation Center Using His Light to See

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

When a bad cold keeps me homebound and I need to focus on listening to God, I first have to quiet down the clutter in my head if I am going to be able to hear.

The Southern California fires are raging, and I am concerned about my friends and family down there. Former President Carter is being laid to rest and I am so distracted and interested to know more about the long-term impact he has had on our nation. Then there are the political rumblings of the White House transition, the Canadian Prime Minister's resignation, important prayer text messages from friends and family, a home repair issue, several necessary tasks to get done for the upcoming Blaine Anniversary potluck, people to contact with the pressure of an out-of-town trip next week. Focusing is a challenge. Then never mind my resolution to keep up with my exercise workout.

Loud and clear, I hear God's voice that keeps me grounded and going forward for Him.

Want to know how I center my monkey mind and hear what God is saying directly to me in order to share my faith story? I know lots of you do this already: I open my Bible. Loud and clear, I hear God's voice that keeps me grounded and going forward for Him.

Today He said, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path." Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

It is amazing how quickly I realize who the center of the universe is (and it's not me and my to-do list BTW). In fact, my THOUGHT FOR THE DAY is that we must seek His light first if we want to get somewhere, especially when things are chaotic.

Anne Arakaki-Lock is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC.

Lectionary Readings

Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025 (Last Sunday before Lent)

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 992
- Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-81
- Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 322
- Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
- Psalm 51:1-172
- Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Second Sunday in Lent March 16, 2025

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2025

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10
- Hebrews 10:4-10
- Luke 1:26-38

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

Visit blaineonline.org for more lectionary readings.

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

- **Calvin “Cal” Hoshibata**, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 5, 2025. He is survived by his wife Lorraine, daughter Kristi (Steven) and three grandchildren (Madyson, Taylor and Bryce). A public Celebration of Life was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, February 8, 2025.
- **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 was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:00PM with a reception that followed in the LAC.

Families in mourning of their furry companion

- The Rev. Cruz Santos Family mourning the loss of their dog, Rocky Santos on Tuesday, January, 14, 2025.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Jerolyn Yoshihara • Jennifer Lew
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer
- Dean Tsuchida • Chuck Sitkin

Those with health concerns, recovery

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

Celebrations

- We give thanks for a wonderful 120th/121st Anniversary Celebration at Blaine Memorial UMC. We celebrate all of our previous ministers and celebrate with joy the livelihood of the vibrant ministries at Blaine. We are grateful for all of the volunteers who helped make this event an unforgettable celebration! Thank you!
- Congratulations to Lynne Onishi who recently was announced as a 2025 RMN Reconciling Fellow from the Reconciling Ministries Network!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating February-March 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 communities which currently feel unsafe due to President Donald Trump’s latest statements including the LGBTQIA+ communities, undocumented migrant workers, people of color and for the disability community. We give thanks for voices like Mariann Budde, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington DC, who speak truth to power even when it means threats to their profession and even to their lives.
- Prayers for the thousands of

programs supported by the United States government and for those who worked at jobs that evaporated at a moment’s notice, though many had worked years in these positions and had recently been awarded stellar evaluations. So many who worked in these jobs fully devoted their lives to their work.

- Prayers for those who work at the Associated Press who have been slighted beyond their every right to participate in freedom of the press because of a stylistic distinction about the Gulf of Mexico. Our hearts break when we think of the systems, and the people, that had finally known diversity, equality, and inclusion. From science to the protection of the environment, from airline safety to finance oversight, from education to healthcare, from agriculture to hundreds more systems, no part of a country’s communal life seems to escape this cruel and destructive hand of a government against itself and the reckless dismantling of parts of a functioning democracy.
- Prayers for those who worked at the US federal agency known as the US Aid for International Development. Programs around the globe were forced to shut down immediately, including those that controlled malaria in 24 African nations.
- Prayers for lasting peace for the people of Gaza and the people of Israel. We pray people who need food and for those who are harmed through the destruction of the hospitals, for the wounded children beneath the rubble of the lands of Palestine.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.
- Prayers for our unhoused siblings in our neighborhood, in the City of Seattle, in the state of Washington, and across the country. May we improve systems so that our unhoused can be housed.
- Prayers for our siblings in Christ who are at being held at detention centers. We ask for Your love, protection, and mercy.

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March 2025

Visit blaineonline.org/calendar for updates.
The Church Office is open Tuesday-Friday (10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1pm-6pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	Shrove Tuesday • 6pm-8:30pm, Basketball • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 7:00pm, Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	• 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	• 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	• 9am, Pickleball
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	• 6pm-8:30pm, Basketball • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	• Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	• 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	• 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	• 10am-3pm, Seattle Hiroshima Club
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
• 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	• 6pm-8:30pm, Basketball • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	• Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	• 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball • 7:00pm, Zoom Ad Board	• 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	• 9am, Pickleball
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	The Annunciation • 6pm-8:30pm, Basketball • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	• Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	• 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 7pm-9pm, Public Community Meeting	• 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	• WA Okinawa Kenjin-Kai • 5pm, BYG
30	31					
• 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 11am, BYG Fundraiser • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	• 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball					

April 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	2 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	3 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	4 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	5 • 9am, Pickleball
6 Communion Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	7 Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	8 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	9 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	10 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	11 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	12 • 9am, Pickleball
13 Palm Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	14 Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	15 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	16 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	17 Maundy Thursday • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	18 Good Friday	19 • 9am, Pickleball • BYG Easter Breakfast Prep
20 Easter Sunday • 8:30am, Easter Breakfast • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 11:30am, Easter Egg Hunt • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	21 Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	22 • 8am-5pm, Conference on Campus		23 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	24 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	25 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball
26 • 9am, Pickleball	27 • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	28 Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	29 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	30 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm Zoom Church School Meeting	Upcoming Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAVE-THE-DATE! The All Church Camp Retreat is BACK! August 22-24: Refresh, Renew, Rejoice: All-Church Retreat 	





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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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