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February 23, 2025 • 10:00am

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Why is it important for to remember past errors? In what ways do we remember/commemorate incarceration?



Day of Remembrance Worship: Remembering 83 Years

Prelude

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

By Sebastian Temple

Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Written by Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Nina Chinn

*Opening Hymn

Holy! Holy! Holy!

Lord, God Almighty

(UMH #64)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Scripture Reading

イザヤ書 / Isaiah 1:17 (JLB, CEB)

Tsutomu Nagoya, Nina Chinn

Special Music

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall

Words and Music by Mark Miller

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Introduction to Today's Program

Gail Nomura

Day of Remembrance

Reenactment Video

The Archives Committee

Personal Testimonials

Shigeru Nishida, Cho Shimizu,

Dale H. Watanabe, Yoshi Takeno,

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Reflection

We Are Called

(TFWS #2172)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Nina Chinn

Doxology

Praise God, from

Whom All Blessings Flow

Kathy Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Nina Chinn

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

*Closing Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

(UMH #519)

Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

We Are Called

By David Haas

Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love



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Day of Remembrance

Reflection Questions:

- Reflect on how many of our church members endured the incarceration in the wilderness. They continued to be faithful to God. How would you navigate and continue to keep your faith?
- Why is it important for a community and society at large, to remember past errors? What are some ways we remember/commemorate incarceration?
- With an awareness of the history and lessons of the Japanese American incarceration, what can we do to ensure that such an injustice is not repeated, for any group of people?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, February 23, 2025: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

- Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

Monday, February 24, 2025:

- Psalm 38
- Genesis 33:1-17
- 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Tuesday, February 25, 2025:

- Psalm 38
- 1 Samuel 24:1-22
- 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Wednesday, February 26, 2025:

- Psalm 38
- Leviticus 5:1-13
- Luke 17:1-4

Thursday, February 27, 2025:

- Psalm 99
- Deuteronomy 9:1-5
- Acts 3:11-16

Friday, February 28, 2025:

- Psalm 99
- Deuteronomy 9:6-14
- Acts 10:1-8

Saturday, March 01, 2025:

- Psalm 99
- Deuteronomy 9:15-24
- Luke 10:21-24

Announcements

Stop Repeating History: Day of Remembrance and Resistance at Northwest I.C.E. Processing Center Today, 1:00pm

Tamiko Nimura, author of "We Hereby Refuse", will speak about the parallels between the WWII Tule Lake incarceration camp and the Northwest I.C.E. Processing Center. Mary Abo, a survivor of the Puyallup and Minidoka incarceration camps, will speak about the importance of being the advocates that Japanese Americans did not have in 1942. Please contact Yuki Sofronas at blaineoffice@yahoo.com if you'd like to carpool after worship by Friday, February 21, 2025, 3:00PM. Contact Margaret Sekijima at mesekijima@gmail.com and/or Barbara Yasui daruma52@gmail.com for more info.



NJAUMC Secret Harvest Book Study Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:30pm

Join Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC in Arvada, CO) and Rev. John Miyahara (UMC Navy Chaplain in San Diego, CA) on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 for the last session on Secret Harvests: A Hidden Story of Separation and the Resilience of a Family Farm by David Mas Masumoto. They will gather on Zoom on Tuesday (2/25) from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. (PST). The author, David Mas Masumoto will be in attendance, so bring your questions! The Zoom link to join the study is <https://bit.ly/JAUMCBookStudy>.

Prayer and Coffee • Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (2/26/25) at 9:00AM on Zoom.



Anniversary Cell Phone Sling Bags

Remnants from our Anniversary Apron rice bags were saved and made into cell phone sling bags. They are \$25 each and will be for sale after this Sunday's worship service (February 23rd) in the social hall and if available, at the upcoming Sukiyaki dinner. Contact Dale Kaneko at 206-947-1223 if you are interested.



Blaine Girl Scout Troop #43880 Cookie Booth

- Today after Sunday service (Social Hall)
- March 1, 2025 during Sukiyaki (LAC)
- March 16, 2025 after Sunday service (Social Hall)

Please come out to get your favorite cookies and support our Girl Scout Troop this year as they raise money for their annual camping trip! Thank you for your support!

Guatemala Mission Trip Informational Meeting • March 16, 2025, 12:00pm

Are you interested in going on a mission trip this coming August 8 to August 16? Do you have a desire to serve others in an underdeveloped country? Blaine will again partner with Mission Guatemala and send a mission team to San Andrés Semetabaj, Guatemala.

Please join us for a short informational meeting Sunday, March 16, in the Webb Room at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Donna Sekijima at b_d_sekijima@msn.com or Alice Ikeda at rabbithole1@comcast.net.





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 (Madysen, Taylor and Bryce). A public Celebration of Life was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 11:00AM with a reception that followed in the LAC.
- **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 • Greg Ogata
- Pui Chung Ngao Wong • Sam Wakasugi
- Wyman Martin • Alejandro Escalante
- Madison Kelly • Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Congratulations to all who are celebrating February 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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SUKIYAKI!

Saturday | March 1, 2025 | 1pm-6pm

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Featured Items:

- Sukiyaki (Cooked, Uncooked)
 - Traditional Ohagi • Tsukemono
 - Baked Goods • Blaine Cookbooks
- Limited In-Dining/Take-Out Available

Our Beneficiary:

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Altadena United Methodist Church Disaster Relief as they rebuild their Church and neighborhood after the Southern California wildfires.



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

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