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Blaine Memorial UMC held a special Day of Remembrance worship service 83 years after Executive Order 9066 was signed. (L-R): Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Nina Chinn, Cho Shimizu, Shigeru Nishida, Rae Nishida, and Gail Nomura. Back row (L-R): Tsutomu Nagoya, Yoshi Takeno, and Dale Kaneko. Each of these people led service through their own testimonials, or shared liturgy, with Gail Nomura leading us through this service.

Senior Pastor Reflection

Find Joy...In EVERYTHING! (What brings you joy?)

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

We are just a hop, step and a jump away from Easter Sunday or, as some call it, Resurrection Sunday. Whatever you call it, the outcome is the same.

Easter is always the transition point of spring; flowers start popping out of the ground, the trees have buds, the cherry blossoms are in full bloom at the University of Washington Quad, and sometimes (but rarely), a hail storm transpires. We put it all in God's hands. Whatever the temperature may be that day; the church will always be ready for another Easter celebration! What have you learned during this season of Lent? Did you find what you were searching for?

Over the past couple of years, I have asked myself that question over and over. During this Lenten season, I've been working on a new spiritual

discipline: to find joy in **everything** that I do. That's got to be one of the most difficult spiritual disciplines I've yet to try. Finding joy in an unexpected flat tire on the way to an important meeting. Finding joy during a tumultuous political climate. Finding joy in learning to play the ukulele with the Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.). Finding joy in family and friends. Or, how about this: finding joy in being a follower of Christ.

I know that on the first Easter morning when the women went to the tomb to take care of Jesus' body, there had to be a lack of joy. The stone was rolled away, and when they went in, there was no body to be found. There was great concern. But all of a sudden, from behind them, a question was asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here but has been raised."

Those are the joyous words, "**He isn't here, but He has been raised.**"

Friends, this Easter that is where the joy can be found, in knowing that Jesus has been raised. And this is something that Christ did for each one of us. Christ died to take away the sins of the world. Christ died because Jesus loved us so much. Who else would do that? This is why I find Easter so joyous!

During the Lenten season, I found great joy in an announcement that was made after worship on Sunday, March 23, 2025. It was announced that PNW Resident Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth will appoint Job Pangilinan to be the Associate Pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC, effective July 1, 2025. Job will be commissioned as a provisional member of the Pacific Northwest Conference in June at Annual Conference. He is

an active member and a candidate for ministry at Fairwood Community United Methodist Church in Renton, WA. Job will oversee our Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries. With extensive work and life experience in corporate, education and legal fields and professions, Job brings to the church strong gifts in administration, systems analysis and implementation, and efficiency evaluation. My hope is that together we will create a dynamic, fluid and creative team where we can continue to grow our existing ministries and breathe new life into other areas of the church!

It was a joyous celebration when Blaine Memorial UMC was invited by Kimball Elementary School Principal Angela Sheffey-Bogan to witness community artist and friend to Blaine, Erin Shigaki, as she unveiled *The Cloud Pavilion* 雲の幄舎 (kumo no akusha) mural in the library (see front cover). Blaine Memorial UMC brought more than 30 people to the unveiling of the mural. The Cloud Pavilion conveys the histories, hopes, and relationships of both Kimball Elementary students and Beacon Hill residents.

Blaine Memorial UMC welcomed Seattle Councilmember (Position #8) Alexis Mercedes Rinck and Seattle Councilmember Mark Solomon (Position #2) to a Town Hall Meeting. We welcomed more than 55 people that evening, with 90% of the people from the neighborhood! Both CM Rinck and CM Solomon talked about funding shortfalls and other negative impacts of the Trump administration, public safety in the Chinatown International District, affordable housing, and protections for Seattle renters.

It is time for us to remember once again, my friends, and proclaim the good news: Christ is risen! And we, too, shall rise with joy. May we all be blessed and find new meaning as we celebrate together the story of Christ, love, and resurrection! Happy Easter!

The Rev. Karen Yokota Love serves as the Senior Pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC.



Seattle CM (Position 8) Alexis Mercedes Rinck and Seattle CM (Position 2) Mark Solomon lead a Town Hall Meeting with neighbors in the LAC.



(L-R): Chris Paul, Paul Chan, Jerry Okubo and Rev. Karen are filled with joy as they prepare to jam at ukulele practice with B.U.G.S.!



The Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S) brought joy during Lent by playing at a memory care home in Redmond, WA.

Join us for our upcoming Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday, Good Friday

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love



PALM
◆ SUNDAY ◆

Sunday, April 13, 2025

10:00 AM

Palm Sunday

On Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday kicks off Holy Week by recalling the full sweep of Jesus' last week on earth: his paradoxically humble-yet-triumphal entry to Jerusalem.

During our 10:00AM Worship Service, you're invited to wave palm leaves as we reenact the parade that Jesus walked on that faithful day.

I want to thank church member, Christine Yorozu, for generously giving the palm leaves to the church. We'll save those leaves for next year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.



GOOD
◆ FRIDAY ◆

Friday, April 18, 2025

5:45 PM, Soup Supper

7:00 PM, Worship

Good Friday Collaboration with Beacon UMC

This year, Blaine Memorial UMC is collaborating with Beacon UMC as we come together for a Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18. We will host Beacon UMC. At 5:45PM, Blaine Memorial UMC will provide a simple soup and Beacon UMC will make arroz caldo soup. Our worship together will begin at 7:00PM in the sanctuary.

Together, we will remember the seven last words of Jesus, from Jesus' betrayal by Judas, the arrest by the authorities, and denial by Peter; his interrogation and swift condemnation; and his torture, death and burial. Members from both churches will provide faith testimonials, with a joint choral anthem with the Blaine Memorial choir and members from Beacon UMC, followed by a solo sung by Marina Kozu.



EASTER

◆ **SUNDAY** ◆

Sunday, April 20, 2025
10:00 AM

All of this culminates to Easter Festivities at Blaine where we celebrate the Risen Christ!

Easter Breakfast

Join us for Easter Breakfast in the LAC at 8:30AM as the Blaine Youth Group (BYG) will prepare, cook, and serve the breakfast. There will be two opportunities to eat: 8:30AM and after worship!

Flowering of the Cross

One of the most meaningful traditions that we celebrate on Easter Sunday is the Flowering of the Cross. It symbolizes new life in Christ. We invite all who are attending Easter Sunday worship (in person) to bring flowers from your garden (trimmed to a short stem). These flowers will be placed on the cross as you enter the Sanctuary for Easter worship.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Church School invites children to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard (weather permitting). Please remind children to bring their own baskets, and feel free to invite your grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join us for the hunt! There will be 520 eggs to find!

Visit blaineonline.org for more details on upcoming events!



Celebrating Easter at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church

Easter Lilies will once again bring beauty and fragrance to our worship setting for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. These lilies remind us of the joy of new life in Jesus Christ as we celebrate His resurrection of Easter morning. This year, the worship committee invites you to dedicate an Easter lily plant for the altar.



Easter Lily Order Form | Please print very clearly

I would like to order ___ (qty.) Easter lily plants for the altar on Easter Sunday at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

Your Name:		
Phone:		
	In loving memory of:	
	In celebration of:	
	In honor of:	

I have enclosed \$ _____ (\$12 per plant)
(Checks or online payments preferred. Please note "Easter Lily" in the memo.)

How to Order:

- Complete the order form below. The cost for each plant is \$12. You can submit your form by **Sunday, April 13**.
- Send to Blaine Memorial UMC, ATTN: Easter Lily, 3001 24th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144.
- Bring form to the church office.
- Or, place this form in the offering plates by **Sunday, April 13, 2025**.



Easter Sunday Flowering of the Cross

One of the most meaningful and beautiful traditions we celebrate on Easter Sunday (4/20/2025) is the Flowering of the Cross, symbolizing the new life in Christ which transform the cross into a symbol of joy and hope. We invite all who are attending Easter Sunday worship (in person), to bring flowers from your garden (trimmed to a short stem) to be placed on the cross as you enter into the Sanctuary for Easter worship. Thank you!

2025 Educational Scholarships • Application period open through May 15, 2025

The Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Educational Scholarships are designed to support the mission of the church through supporting a multitude of educational opportunities. We are proud to have helped students in their pursuit of continuing education since 1968. We encourage all applicants; from those just entering their next phase of education to those returning to complete or pursue continued education.

We are blessed to offer the following scholarships:



Vera Ing Community College/ Trade School Scholarship

Established in 2016. Award(s) will be made to those pursuing continued education through community colleges and/or technical/trade schools. Other Eligibility Opportunities/Community Based Internships: There is also opportunity for a scholarship to support an internship for a nonprofit or community organization.

Robert and Lucy Sato Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to a college undergraduate and/or graduate student pursuing a degree in Engineering, Mathematics, Nursing, Science, Technology or related fields of study.

Blaine Memorial Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors, community college, technical/trade school, and/or college undergraduate or graduate student.

Ted and Margaret Yasuda Scholarship

Award(s) will be made to high school seniors or college undergraduate

Applications are available through emailing BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com or through the church office. All scholarships will consider, but are not limited to, elements such as grades (if applicable), personal essay, church participation and finances. Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be received no later than May 15, 2025 for consideration. We are looking forward to applicants excited about pursuing their education.

For more information, contact Michelle Vaughan, Scholarship Chair.



Mission Guatemala Our Next Meeting!

We are super excited about the upcoming trip to Guatemala for 2025, Friday 8/8/25 to Saturday 8/16/25.

Join us for our next meeting!

Mark your calendar: Sunday, May 4th – yes May the 4th be with you! We will have a meeting to discuss flight information as well as more of the detailed logistics of the trip. We will more than likely need final decisions from folks about attending by the end of May.

For more information, contact Alice Ikeda or Bob & Donna Sekijima.



We are bringing back the All-Church Camp Retreat! This year's theme is Refresh, Renew and Rejoice! Please save the dates: August 22-24, 2025! Our campsite location will be in Olympia, WA. Please contact Harry Tang with questions. More information to be revealed ...



Ryan Koze and Anne Arakaki-Lock separate Sukiyaki meat as a part of the preparation work for the big event!



(Above) Howard Nakase, David Yoroze, and Elaine Chin serve up hot and fresh Sukiyaki beef, while Anita Kuroiwa-Schiff and Arlene Naganawa pack hot rice. (Right) Justine I. sells Dale Kaneko homemade desserts while Kristen and Mark Hatate supervise.



Jerry and Pam Ikegami enjoy Sukiyaki for lunch after working a shift. While guests were dining, Uncle Rod Higuchi and Casey Nakatani from the Blaine Ukulele Group of Seattle (B.U.G.S.) provided musical entertainment.

In Photos Sukiyaki Benefit connects neighbors, supports disaster relief

By Lesley Okura, photos by the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Jesse N. Love, and Kai Yamamoto

As we continue to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Blaine Memorial UMC, we reflect on our church community and the world at large. We have suffered many challenges so early in the year and pray for peace and harmony going forward. To this end, the first of our annual fundraising events, Sukiyaki 2025, was a resounding success with our meal numbers

up and our contribution to the California Wildfire Disaster Response through United Methodist Committee on Relief totaling more than \$20,000.

The Sukiyaki Committee appreciates all the support of the congregation, their families and friends to help make Sukiyaki such a success. With over 150 souls working pre-, during, and post-Sukiyaki Dinner, making all the working

parts move in sync (including many behind-the-scenes individuals) guests were treated to an efficient and flawless dinner service. It is a blessing to be able to serve our church and surrounding communities with many selfless members who do so with grace and gratitude.

If you would like to support future fundraising events for Blaine Memorial UMC or disaster response for California Wildfire Disaster Response, contact Rev. Karen or the church office for more details. Thank you for your support!



BYG Update

Staying Grounded During Lent

By Kaylee Yokoyama, photos by Aiden Lew

During this Lenten season, I've found that taking intentional time for reflection has been deeply rewarding. As we focused on growing closer to God and strengthening our relationships, I made a commitment to journal three things I'm grateful for each day. This simple practice not only helped me stay grounded, but it also created space to see God's presence in the everyday moments of my life. It has been a powerful reminder to recognize and appreciate the blessings around me, no matter how small, and has served as a tool for cultivating gratitude and spiritual growth.

In March, BYG dedicated time to reflecting on the meaning of Lent and setting personal goals for the season. BYG's Lent lessons were guided by the curriculum from "Bread of Life Lenten Bundle", in which we watched a video about the three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—and discussed how Lent is a time for reflection, growth, and service. The youth were encouraged to ask themselves meaningful questions such as: How can you grow closer to God during this Lent season? Why is serving others important? What does spiritual growth look like? How can you track your



The Blaine Youth Group worked diligently to raise funds for upcoming summer Camp Ministries events. Recently, the BYG served up delicious Chicken Curry meals and later, Hawaiian Food. Thank you for your support and stay tuned for more BYG news!

progress? These reflections allowed the youth to set realistic and meaningful goals, with ongoing support and accountability from the group.

Additionally in March, BYG held the Hawaiian Food Fundraiser. It was heartwarming to see the youth come together to prepare and serve a delicious meal, including pulled pork, Hawaiian rolls, mac salad, and coleslaw. The event was a great success, serving 80 people and raising funds for Asian Camp. The support we received was overwhelming, and the money raised will go directly toward providing a meaningful camp experience for the youth to continue growing in their faith journey and exploration. This fundraiser reminded me of the power of community and how

service can foster both spiritual growth and deeper connections. Watching the youth serve with such dedication and enthusiasm was truly inspiring. It's been a joy to see them not only learn about their faith but also live it out in practical, impactful ways.

As we continue our Lenten journey, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the community with the youth as they deepen their faith and commitment to serving others. The support of the Blaine Congregation has been vital in making these experiences possible, and I'm excited for what lies ahead. Thank you, Blaine Congregation, for your ongoing support of our youth! Please stay tuned for more BYG events, news, and announcements in the weeks to come.

Lent Reflections

By Kaylee Yokoyama with Emma H.

Kaylee Yokoyama: Lent is a time for reflection and sacrifice. What is one small change you're making this Lent to grow closer to God?

Emma H.: One small change I'm making to grow closer to God is by taking time each day to write 3 things I'm grateful for and thanking God for it.

KY: What do you enjoy about our camping ministries fundraisers?

EH: I enjoy our camping ministry fundraisers because I have fun with my BYG members, whether that's through making meals or hosting bake sales, while also raising money to send us to camp where we can grow together and find community.

KY: What are you most excited about for the Easter Overnighter this year? Share your favorite part of this event in the past!

EH: I'm most excited for our time of devotional activities and cooking during the Easter overnighter. I always enjoy the time spent cooking with one another and laughing over little things and also having a space to center myself and thank God for all the blessings he has provided for me and my loved ones.



Spiritual Formation Center Being at the Table

By Anne Arakaki-Lock, photo by Rev. Karen Yokota Love

It's Lent and I love our book study, "Meeting Jesus at the Table". I've been feeling nourished.

The book makes me realize that when we show up at the Lord's Table, especially when we're hungry, we're going to be fed. With Christ as our host, there is plenty for everyone, and the invitation is always there.

This reminds me of pre-COVID. For years, there were folks at Blaine Memorial who prepared meals in our kitchen and other folks served the food to our unhoused friends under the freeway bridge in downtown Seattle. We were responding to severe 'food insecurity' through the Lord's Table ministry.

I pray that our readers can take a moment to remember or imagine how hungry our friends who stood in line were. Most of us may not need to stand in such a line. Yet may I suggest that there may be a moment or maybe even many moments when you are hungry -- i.e., hungry for "hope, for courage, for companionship," as noted in our Lenten book. The authors remind us that people are starving. They say that "food and eating are just metaphors." We are all starving for something.

I know personally that I am starving for grace. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely



The Rev. Karen Yokota Love with members from Tukwila: Riverton Park UMC and Anne Arakaki-Lock gather at Blaine Memorial UMC's Sukiyaki Benefit Event last March 2025.

by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23-24). Yet, how often do I not accept Jesus' offer to join Him at the Table? I am too busy or clueless that He's already present at the Table. But I so want to feel His protection, His forgiveness, His warmth and love.

I know that I have the privilege of being at the Table with Jesus when I'm in Sunday Worship, especially during Holy Communion. I am also at the Table and being fed when I'm with my sisters-in-Christ during our Tuesday Small Group meetings on the ZOOM screen. Similarly, when I call in to Wednesday morning Prayer and Coffee. Just as the disciples sat around the Table and chatted, complained,

laughed, prayed, our souls are being fed by Jesus.

It seems that at Blaine, there are many opportunities to meet with Jesus at His Table. There are the big banquets like Sukiyaki and Bazaar or occasional ones like an Anniversary Celebration and more frequent ones like Social Hour.

Yet I find myself at the Table with Jesus most often when it's just the two of us. Sometimes it's a potluck and I bring my dish too, a little bit to serve others as He's asked me to do.

Copies of the Lent resource, "Meeting Jesus at the Table", are still available for purchase at the Church Office for \$10. Anne Arakaki-Lock is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC.

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, April 20, 2025: Easter Evening

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 114
- 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
- Luke 24:13-49

Sunday, April 27, 2025: Second Sunday of Easter

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

Sunday, May 04, 2025: Third Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
- Psalm 30
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 11, 2025: Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 18, 2025: Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 11:1-18
- Psalm 148
- Revelation 21:1-6
- John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 25, 2025: Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
- John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Sunday, June 01, 2025: Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

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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 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

- We are delighted to announce that Job Pangilinan will be appointed as the Associate Pastor to Blaine Memorial UMC effective July 1, 2025!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating April and May 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 the Pacific Northwest Conference expresses a new way of district superintendency work in our future.

For our community, nation, and world

- Prayers for every student and teacher on spring break. May each person be safe, and enjoy the break. We are grateful for those who have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We ask for protection, guidance, joy and for the opportunity to create lasting memories during this time of rest and recreation.
- Prayers of each person who is experiencing grief of losing a loved one. May God's comfort hold you in love and peace.
- Prayers for the six people who died when a helicopter crashed into the Hudson River on Thursday, April 10, 2025. Prayers for the extended families who grieve the loss of those on board of the helicopter. May they be comforted in God's love.
- Prayers for peace in all areas of the world touched by war in Syria, Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Russia, Ukraine, and in many other areas that are unknown to us.
- Prayers for our economy as we acknowledge the economic tremors shaking the global market. The

imposition of tariffs, the delay of tariffs, has sparked fears of a trade war, affecting nations far and wide. We pray for economic stability, for wisdom among leaders to navigate these turbulent waters, and for the well-being of all who are affected by these changes.

- Prayers of hope as we pray for all people affected by the earthquakes that have devastated areas of Myanmar, Thailand and China. Two back-to-back earthquakes struck Myanmar. The first earthquake had a magnitude of 7.7, centered around Sagaing City, the capital of the north western Sagaing region of Myanmar. We pray for the safety of people in the midst of natural disaster and war.
- Prayers of joy for Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore, the two American astronauts who returned safely to Earth after being stranded on the International Space Station for nine months.
- Prayers of joy as we rejoice with New York resident Sebastien Beauzile, the first patient ever cured of Sickle Cell Anemia.
- Prayers for Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a Maryland man who was mistakenly deported to a mega-jail in El Salvador. Prayers that he is returned safely to the US.
- Prayers for people in the United States, where legal residents are being deported for being activists and fear that rights of free speech only apply to some, and we lift up all those who are unsafe in "peaceful" surroundings.
- Prayers for people in the United States as President Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 for the first time since World War II, granting himself sweeping powers under a centuries-old law to deport people associated with a Venezuelan gang. During World War II, with anti-foreigner fears sweeping the country, it was part of the legal rationale for mass incarceration in the United States of people of German, Italian and especially Japanese and Japanese American ancestry. An estimated 120,000 people with Japanese heritage, including those with U.S. citizenship, were incarcerated during the war. We pray for the protection of democratic freedom, for the safety of all citizens, and for leaders who uphold justice and equality for all.
- We continue to pray for the work of Tsuru for Solidarity, our partnership with them, and the work that we all continue to do for the greater good. May we continue to educate, advocate, and protest to close all U.S. concentration camps. May we continue to build solidarity with other communities of color that have experienced forced removal, detention, deportation, separation of families, and other forms of racial and state violence. May God continue to heal each one of us through community, and shared stories by addressing our trauma.
- We continue to pray for those struggling to find safe and affordable housing, and for families facing the threat of being unhoused. Grant them the strength to persevere and the resources to find stable homes. May our communities be filled with compassion and action, creating spaces where everyone can thrive.

May 2025

Events on this calendar may have changed during time of publication.

Contact the Blaine Office for questions. The Church Office is open Tuesday-Friday (10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball • 7:00pm, Special Charge Conference • 7:00pm, Ad Board	2 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	3 • 9am, Pickleball
4 Communion Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 12:00pm, Mission Guatemala Meeting • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	5 Cinco de Mayo, Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	6 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	7 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting	8 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	9 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball	10 • 9am, Pickleball
11 Mother's Day • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 11:15am, Mother's Day Brunch • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	12 Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	13 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	14 Mother's Day • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting	15 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	16 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball	17 • 9am, Pickleball
18 • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	19 Church Office Closed • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	20 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	21 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting	22 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	23 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball	24 • 9am, Pickleball
25 • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	26 Memorial Day, Church Office Closed • 10:00am, NVC Memorial Day Service • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball	27 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	28 • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting	29 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball • 3:00pm, Private event	30 • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball	31 • 9am, Pickleball

June 2025

If you have questions, please email blaineoffice@yahoo.com or call 206-723-1536.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday, Pride Month Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Pickleball
8 Pentecost Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	9 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball • 7pm, Volleyball 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Pickleball
15 Father's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	16 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting 	19 Juneteenth, Church Office Closed	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, Pickleball
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	23 Church Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements due • 9:00am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1pm-3pm, Pickleball 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am, ACRS Walk for Rice at Seward Park • 9am, Pickleball
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 10am, BYG Gathering • 10am, Seattle Pride • 1pm, Blaine Basketball 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting • 6:30pm, Basketball 	Upcoming Event: August 22-24, 2025 <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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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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