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Advent & Christmas Worship Info

Sunday, December 7
Second Sunday of Advent, 10am

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Christmas Play, 10am

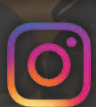
Sunday, December 21
Christmas Music Sunday, 10am
Blue Christmas Service, 1pm

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Family Worship, 4pm
Christmas Eve Service, 7:30pm

Sunday, December 28
First Sunday of Christmas Worship, 10am



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Volunteers of all ages helped decorate Blaine Memorial UMC during the Greening of Blaine. As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, what are your hopes for the community and the world around you? Is God at work?

Senior Pastor Reflection

Insisting on Hope: Entering Advent with Courage and Joy

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, additional photos by Arlene Mitsui

Last Saturday, we ushered in Advent by greening the church. Royal blue cloth and Advent candles sit near the altar, the Christmas tree is decorated with chrismons, and the smell of evergreen wreaths, swag and garland covers the Blaine campus. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and creativity as they decorated and transformed the campus! Thank you to the many elves who worked on this year's paper cutout craft of an angel

whispering, "Do not fear!" It was a joy to begin the season with new and familiar faces as we prepared for the Advent and Christmas season.

Luke's Gospel begins the story of Jesus with this opening line: "In the time of Herod..." This detail may seem minor to modern readers, however, it reveals layers of information about the fearful world Jesus entered - one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty and instability. It's a world not so unlike our own.

Yet throughout the stories of Christ's birth, we hear the whispers of angels delivering a surprising message: "**Do not fear.**" When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the magi are called into God's redemptive story, they do not deny their fears - they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news and say, "Here I am, Lord." When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we acknowledge our fears while also insisting on hope?



Kaze Daiko graced Blaine Memorial UMC with a couple of performances after Sunday Worship Service. Kaze Daiko is a young taiko group based in Seattle teaching communities about resilience through music and to not have fear!



(Left to right): Jason Yada, Ryan Kozu, Marina Kozu, GNW Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth, Rev. Karen Yokota Love, and Ron Nobuyama at the Atlantic Street Center Gala where we were reminded of hope during turbulent times.

This Advent series takes seriously the angels' message and trusts that Christ's birth truly is "good news of great joy for all people." The resources look closely at the fear and terror looming in the background during the time of King Herod and invite us to consider the fears we hold now. Fear can divide and paralyze us and can even be used as a tool for oppression. But what if we formed a different relationship with fear? Can we acknowledge fear without letting it rule us? Might we channel our fears into love and action? What if naming our fears helps us see more clearly how God is breaking in and where God is at work?

As we journey through this season together, may your hope become gritty and resilient. This year's small group Advent book study will use a free devotional from A Sanctified Art, "What Do You Fear?" Free copies are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office. May you remember: hope that trembles is still hope. This season, let us insist on hope and trust that good news is greater than fear. I look forward to discovering great hope with you during this Advent season.

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



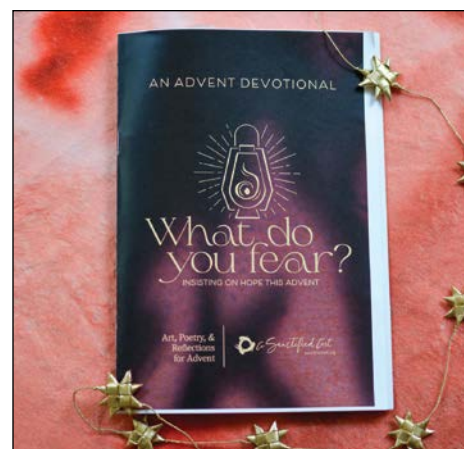
Suki-yaki Benefit Nominations Needed!

By Lesley Okura

It's hard to believe that Blaine Memorial's Suki-yaki Benefit Dinner is around the corner! We'd like to open up nominations for a worthy organization to receive a portion of the proceeds from our annual March event.



Visit blaineonline.org/suki-yaki-2026-updates or scan the QR code with your mobile device.



This Advent, we will be discussing ideas of managing our fears through "What Do You Fear?", a free resource available at the Church Office.

Poinsettias on the Altar

Advent season is here and it is time to sign up for poinsettias for the altar. You may dedicate a poinsettia in celebration of a person or an event, in memory of a loved one or to honor God's glory. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve services. Each plant is \$12.00.



The deadline for Poinsettia Orders will be Sunday, December 14, 2025.

The order form below should be filled out and mailed to:

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Attn: Poinsettias

P.O. Box 24065

Seattle, WA 98124

You may also fill out this form and place in the offering plate on Sunday after worship service.

Scan the QR code above to download this form. Please share!



Poinsettia Order Form

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I would like to order ____ (qty.) poinsettia plant(s) for the Christmas season.

Your Name:

Phone:

Check a box

In loving memory of:

In celebration of:

In honor of:

I have enclosed \$ _____ (\$12 per plant)

*(Checks or online payments preferred. Please note "**Poinsettias**" in the memo.)*



How can we as a church answer the needs of our food-insecure families? Blaine Memorial UMC's faithful volunteers and donors are brought food to Kimball Elementary School through Thanksgiving meals. The Blaine Youth Group (BYG) provided much of the support to craft apple crisps and mashed potatoes with the support of parents and friends.

Blaine Memorial UMC feeds 128 Individuals through Thanksgiving Meals

By Terry Adolfo with Jesse N. Love, additional photos by Arlene Mitsui

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas season continues, so does the need among families in our neighborhood. Although SNAP benefits were restored after this year's government shutdown, delays remain. As of this publication, many food-insecure families of students who attend Kimball Elementary School (just up the street from our church) are still in need.

Blaine Memorial UMC's tradition of serving the

community continues to inspire our congregation to take action - and this year is no different. Through our Thanksgiving Meals program, we served 128 individuals with 38 sets of store-bought chicken and hand-crafted sides. Each bag included rotisserie chicken, salad, dinner rolls, apple crisp, mashed potatoes and gravy, and fresh fruit. The meals offered not only nourishment for small families, but also a heartfelt opportunity for those

struggling to gather around the dinner table.

Meals were delivered to Kimball Elementary on Tuesday, Nov. 25, ahead of Thanksgiving. Families picked up their free meals at the school or receive them through their designated support worker if transportation wasn't available.

This effort would not have been possible without the support of our Blaine Memorial UMC congregation and friends. The Blaine Youth

Group (BYG) raised funds throughout the year - including through a recent bake sale - to help cover costs. We also received a generous donation of Costco rotisserie chickens from our friend Jerry Lee. Parents, friends and young people peeled apples for dessert and prepared mashed potatoes for the event. It was a Spirit-filled expression of how Blaine Memorial UMC cares for the community.

From our mission:

"We value service as a response to and reflection of God's nature and character. As followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to give our best efforts through an interdependent expression of the spiritual gifts and passions that God has given to every person."

Scripture instructs us to care for and love our neighbors, particularly those in need:

"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." -1 Corinthians 15:58

We work to develop a servant's heart year-round. Putting Christ's teachings into action - serving and laboring together - sets an example for future service and continues our Blaine tradition.

Our mission continues as we prepare Giving Tree gifts for this community. Follow updates at blaineonline.org and on facebook.com/blainememorialchurch.

Terry Adolfo and Jesse N. Love are members of Blaine Memorial UMC in Seattle.



(Left) Yuko Iyori, Consul General Makoto Iyori, Steve Sumida holding commendation certificate and his wife, Gail M. Nomura holding the flowers that were presented to Steve. (Right) Yuko Iyori, son-in-law Kyle Suzuki, granddaughter Clare Suzuki, Steve Sumida, wife Gail Nomura, daughter Emi Suzuki, granddaughter Alice Suzuki, and Consul General Makoto Iyor.

Special Report

Sumida receives Commendation from Min. for Foreign Affairs

By Gail M. Nomura, photos courtesy of the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, Emi Suzuki

University of Washington Professor of American Ethnic Studies Emeritus Stephen H. Sumida received the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Commendation at a ceremony hosted by Makoto Iyori, Consul-General of Japan in Seattle on October 2, 2025. Foreign Minister of Japan Takeshi Iwaya awarded this commendation to Sumida in recognition for his distinguished achievements in promoting academic exchange between Japan and the United States of America and thus contributing to the strengthening of friendly relations between Japan and foreign countries. The commendation particularly highlighted Sumida's work as chair of the American Studies Association's ASA-JAAS Project Coordinating Committee which secured grants and funding for and coordinated an exchange of scholars from the American Studies Association (ASA) and the Japanese Association for American Studies (JAAS).

Sumida has a long record of promoting intellectual exchange between the United States and Japan starting with his serving as an Amherst Fellow teaching at Doshisha

University in Kyoto after his graduation from Amherst College in 1968. Later in his career he was a Fulbright Fellow and taught in Japan at Tsuda University and Tokyo Institute of Technology. At the University of Washington, Sumida has hosted and mentored visiting scholars from Japan and other countries.

As president of the Association for Asian American Studies and the first Asian American to serve as president of the American Studies Association he has actively promoted academic exchange between US scholars and Japanese scholars through meetings, conferences, and personal interaction.

In his acceptance speech Sumida spoke of his own personal growth in knowledge of Japan from his living and teaching in Japan, from his first teaching at Doshisha University as a recent college graduate to his teaching as a UW professor in Japan. He also spoke of the deeper understanding of Japan he got from his acting in an ACT series of readings of the American English adaptation of Heike Monogatari, scripted by Philip Kan Gotanda and Yusuf El Guindi, and directed by Kurt Beattie. This was a full circle moment as at his

first teaching experience in Japan at Doshisha he had been asked by the famous Japanese scholar and translator Kitagawa Hiroshi to review and critique his 800-page typescript translation into English of The Tale of the Heike. But now through his work on "The Tale of the Heike" English adaptation play he could experience and understand the theme of the Heike Monogatari which he said was "that all phenomena are vanity and evanescence, all prideful striving and ambitions are dreams on a spring night, whirls of dust in the wind...All things must pass. And this I know is a comfort. Peace be with us all."

Additional speakers at the ceremony were Harvard University Takashima Professor of Japanese Humanities Emeritus Jay Rubin and Sumida's daughter, Emi Suzuki, president of Sumida Farm. The Hon. Steve Hobbs, Secretary of State of Washington, gave the toast. Many Blaine Memorial UMC members attended this ceremony and enjoyed the generous hospitality of Consul General Iyori.

Gail M. Nomura is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC in Seattle.



For 25 years, the Lee Activity Center has been more than a “gym”. It’s a place for finding God, sharing meals, meeting community leaders, and more. Scan the QR code to view “LAC 25th Anniversary 2025” to see the dream realized.

Looking back 25 years, I don’t remember exactly how the idea germinated for the building that has become the Patricia Chikamoto Lee Activity Center. Perhaps it was because the Blaine Memorial Nikkei Volleyball teams had no gym of their own in which to practice (the teams needed a lot of practice, if I recall!). Somehow, the idea was born for a gym where persons from the Church and community could come for fellowship and enjoy team play. Leaders of the church enthusiastically supported the idea. Planning began, the idea grew and developed, and the dream began to materialize.

With the support of many people, the seed was planted and excitement and energy blossomed. So many people contributed in many ways - not only with financial support, but

A Special Message from Bishop Bob The Lee Activity Center Dream

By Bishop Robert T. Hoshibata, Retired
Photos by Blaine Memorial UMC

Retired Bishop Bob Hoshibata pens a letter to his former congregation reminiscing on the vision of the construction of our Patricia Chikamoto Lee Activity Center.

also with their prayers and encouragement. Soon, we were envisioning not only building a “gym,” but creating a place with the potential for much more than volleyball or basketball games on a court. It was an exercise in faith: how to turn a humble dream into a magnificent reality which would become what it is today: a space for growing, laughing and

working together, a place of outreach in the name of Christ, where all persons are welcomed to celebrate together, to worship and hear the Word preached, to lean on each other for comfort, to rejoice in celebration, to break bread together, to excite and energize the community to social action.

Dreaming was the easy part. Designing the activity

center was the exciting part. Raising funds was perhaps the most challenging part. But dreaming, designing, and donating all became part of the joy of seeing a dream become reality; of discovering the power of community, connecting, and sharing together.

Now, 25 years later, we give thanks for all who had a part in bringing the dream to reality. We are grateful for those who now continue to make the Patricia Chikamoto Lee Activity Center a sacred space where relationships are built as part of Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church’s legacy and gift to God and the community.

The dream lives on in you! Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Bishop
Robert T. Hoshibata
(Retired)



Members and friends of Blaine Memorial UMC prepare carrots and other vegetables for curry to sell at this year's Bazaar benefit event. What are ways we can continue to bring together Church and community?



Dale H. Watanabe organizes teriyaki salmon and chicken, yakisoba, curry and other plates.



Brad Miyake and Howard Nakase cook and prep tasty, pan-fried yakisoba noodles.



Friends from Tsuru for Solidarity, this year's beneficiary share more about justice causes.

Blaine Memorial UMC Bazaar 2025

Thank You for Your Support!

By the BMUMC Bazaar 2025 Committee, photos by Sally Sekijima, Jesse N. Love, et. al.

With a grateful heart, we thank all our faithful volunteers for their generous time and support of the 2025 Blaine Memorial Benefit Bazaar. There are so many church members and friends that provided help everywhere needed that numbered in the hundreds--please know you are recognized and loved for your helping hands. We saw an increase in attendance and funds raised this year and will award a portion of the proceeds in the coming months for Tsuru for Solidarity to further their mission to "...educate, advocate, and protest to close all U.S. concentration camps."

There are a multitude of individuals to thank including the committee leaders:

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| Bakery: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jason Yada | Salmon, Chicken Prep: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lisa Mar | Sunday Sales: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sylvia Wong | Cashiers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barbara Nagaoka• George Yates |
| Ohagi: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donna Sekijima | BBQ: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Sofronas• Jason Lew• Joe Adolfo• Tim Ikegami• Howard Nakase | Tsukemono: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dave Hayasaka• Jim Okura | IT: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Lee-Yamamoto |
| Pie and Ohagi sales: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terri Adolfo | | Pie-Baking: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roberta and Tom Yoshioka | Recycle/Compost: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pearl Yamamoto |
| Farmers' Market: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stacy Nagaoka• Wendy Yates | Rice: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dick Yamamoto• John Lim• John Hodge | Dough-Making: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stacey Shimon• Sam Kim• Brian Okura | Youth Booth: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pastor Job Pangilinan• Kaylee Yokoyama |
| Take-out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eugene Onishi• Kathy Onishi• Arlene Naganawa• Dale Watanabe | Dishwashing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joel Ing• Harry Tang | Yakisoba: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Nakase | Tea: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dale Kaneko |
| Curry: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tina Fujii | Post-Packaging: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tsuru for Solidarity | | |

We apologize for any key members that were inadvertently missed but know you are part of the success. God's blessings to you all!

Many thanks to the generous donations from SK Produce, Uwajimaya, and T. Yorozu Gardening Company. Howard Nakase, Lesley Okura, Anne Arakaki-Lock, Sally Sekijima, Ron Nobuyama and Barbara Nagaoka are all members of Blaine Memorial UMC in Seattle.



Julie Shiohita and Susan Lee's secret ingredient: a little spice and everything nice for pie-making!



Tom Yoshioka with Michelle and Kaylee Yokoyama all served behind-the-scenes for Bazaar 2025's success!



Lesley Okura celebrates another Bazaar in the history books, bringing community together for a good cause.



Associate Pastor Job Pangilinan helped support the delivering of Thanksgiving Meals to Kimball Elementary. He along with Rev. Karen Yokota Love, Terri Adolfo, Lauren, Steve Sofronas, and Jem Tong all prepared the final bags of meals to help provide for 38 families in the neighborhood. How do you find hope in the midst of challenging seasons of life.

Associate Pastor's Spiritual Reflection

Thirty Seconds...A Thanksgiving and Advent Reflection

By Pastor Job Pangilinan, photos by Jesse N. Love and Arlene Mitsui

Associate Pastor Job Pangilinan reflects on ministry, fatigue, and finding Christ in the busy-ness of Advent.

This has been one of those seasons when the pace of ministry feels like a wave that never really recedes. The annual Bazaar was just a foretaste of what was to come. When I thought there would be a pause, the reverse was true. It's a full time of year:

- Planning, coordinating, showing up for the congregation
- Supporting families
- Preparing worship
- Leading Blaine Youth Group (BYG) gatherings
- Writing the script for our upcoming Christmas pageant
- Caring for our community partners

And somewhere in the middle of all of this was the quiet disappointment of my canceled vacation. I had hoped - even for just a brief few days - to breathe. But instead, the work kept coming. I found myself wrestling with the load day after day, even on weekends, trying to imagine what a real Sabbath could look like when the moment I stop, the work accumulates behind me like rising water. My constant ask of Rev. Karen is, "Tell me when it's time to panic..."

(because as Senior Pastor, I'm sure she's been here before).

And yet - there was this season of Thanksgiving ministry that held a mirror to everything I had been feeling.

The BYG and their parents gathered for our annual meal preparations for 38 families from Kimball Elementary School. It was one of those moments when the church became a working body - hands chopping, stirring, bagging, baking, laughing, and serving. The apple crisp assembly line was its own miracle: 38 pans completed in one hour, a beautiful chaos of youth energy and parent collaboration. Come baking time, the kitchen came alive again: cinnamon in the air, trays moving and rotating into the ovens. Everyone was just as busy.

Then came the mashed potato party - giant pots, children and parents mashing - the kind of group labor that leaves everyone a little tired but deeply satisfied. Adding to this abundance, the next day ACRS generously provided Costco rotisserie chickens. Through Jerry Lee's coordination, those chickens arrived as if hand-delivered grace - exactly what was needed to complete the meals for



The Blaine Youth Group along with parents and volunteers all helped peel apples for apple crisp desserts included in the Thanksgiving Meals bags. Many thanks for the volunteers who supplied chickens, apples, bread, potatoes and more to help supply families in need. Contact Pastor Job, Rev. Karen, or the church office if you would like to be involved.

families who count on this support.

It was ministry in motion, the church at its best: multi-generational, joyful, purposeful.

But even with all this good work, the weight of the season followed me. The work is heavy. The expectations stretch far. And the fatigue I feel is real. I am still longing for a Sabbath that doesn't leave me anxious about the mountain of tasks waiting when I return. I needed an answer.

Then came my moment at ACRS.

Hundreds of people lined up - quietly, patiently - hoping there would be enough food for their families that day. Volunteers moved with kindness and intention. I stepped forward for 30 seconds as volunteers decided to begin due to the heavy turnout - just enough time to offer a blessing over the volunteers and whisper a prayer for the people waiting in line.

Thirty seconds.

But those 30 seconds shifted something in me.

Standing there, the tension inside me loosened. Yes, I am weary. Yes, the load feels heavy. Yes, I want to complain - and sometimes I do. But when I place my own exhaustion beside the reality of people who do not know if they will eat...when I remember the families waiting for the meals we prepared...when I consider the oppressed in our society whose burdens dwarf my own...everything comes into clearer focus.

It does not erase my need for rest.

It does not solve the overload.

It does not restore the vacation I lost.

But it reminds me why we do this.

As long as there are hungry families in our neighborhood, as long as there are youth needing guidance, elders needing companionship, parents needing support, and communities longing for hope, the hands and feet of Jesus are needed. And somehow - even in the exhaustion - there is purpose enough to keep going.

Advent is about readiness - not the frantic readiness of calendar tasks and deadlines, but the holy readiness of a heart awake to the presence of Christ. Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35-40 are not merely instructions - they are the measure of our discipleship:

"I was hungry...I was a stranger...I was in need...and you showed up."

The apple crisp, the mashed potatoes, the baked chicken, the prayers whispered at ACRS, the youth learning to serve, the parents modeling generosity - these are our Advent lights glowing in a weary world.

So yes, the work is heavy.

Yes, I long for rest.

Yes, we still haven't found a Sabbath rhythm that restores.

But I also know this: if Christ truly comes to us in the face of the hungry, the tired, the struggling, the overlooked, then Christ is already here. And it is an honor - even in exhaustion - to serve him in a world so desperate for his love.

May we continue with humility, courage, and readiness - because the world is weary, and Christ is coming.

Pastor Job serves as the associate pastor of Blaine Memorial UMC.

Spiritual Formation Center

Born of God when the Holy Spirit lives in us

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

As we light the fourth candle of Advent this Christmas, may we all feel the deep love of God - the love that gave us Jesus.

Remember this song?
Sing along with me:

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

Holding my new little granddaughter and singing these words to her, I find myself praying that Malia will grow up always knowing how dearly Jesus loves her. With His love, I know she will find strength and learn to show kindness to others. I trust she will experience

joy in her life and be filled with thanksgiving. And when she encounters rough patches, she will know His peace.

"...He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love."

- Romans 5:5

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

- 1 John 3:1

Yes - we are children of God. And He loves us so very much.

Merry Christmas, all.

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

*What are you most grateful for this holiday?
What reflections do you have on Advent?*

Lectionary Readings | bit.ly/vanderbilt_library

Second Sunday of Advent | Dec 07, 2025

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Third Sunday of Advent | Dec 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Dec 21, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Nativity of the Lord - Proper I | Dec 24, 2025

Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Nativity of the Lord - Proper II | Dec 25, 2025

Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Nativity of the Lord - Proper III | Dec 25, 2025

Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

First Sunday after Christmas Day | Dec 28, 2025

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 11:30am, Ozoni after worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	5 Church Campus Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting	6 Epiphany Church Office Open	7 • Announcements due • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting	8 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	9 • 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball	10 • 9am, Private Event
11 • 10am, Hybrid Worship • 12pm, Girl Scouts • 1pm, Blaine Basketball	12 Church Office Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting	13 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal	14 • Announcements due • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting	15 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball	16 • 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball	17 • 9am, Private Event
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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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Choir Director
Church School Superintendent
Pianist
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Rev. Karen Yokota Love
Rev. Job Pangilinan
Eugene Onishi
Sai Hanaoka
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Yuki Sofronas
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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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