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The Rev. Karen Yokota Love and Laura Gilbert share a moment after Easter Worship Service as they await to place flowers on the cross at Blaine Memorial UMC.

Senior Pastor Reflection A Season of Belonging, Gratitude and Grace

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

As we move through May and toward June, I find myself holding this season with deep gratitude. The rhythm of the church year invites us to slow down and notice what God is doing among us — and to recognize the people God uses to shape, steady and carry us forward in love.

Honoring Those Who Nurture Us

In May, we turn our hearts to Mother's Day, a day that holds both joy and tenderness. We give thanks for mothers and maternal figures in all forms — those who gave us life, shaped our faith and offered care when it was most needed. Grandmothers, foster mothers, guardians, mentors, teachers and friends have embodied a love that carries us still.

For some, this day is joyful; for others, it holds grief or longing. Wherever you are, you are held in God's grace.

As we move toward Father's Day in June, we hold the same space for fathers and father figures. Some of us give thanks for steady love and presence; others carry wounds, absence or unanswered questions. In all of it, we rest in the hope that our lives are held by the faithful love of our heavenly Father, who never lets go.

A Word of Deep Gratitude

Before looking ahead, I want to pause with heartfelt thanks. In late March, Jesse and I left unexpectedly after the passing of Jesse's father and traveled to the Philippines. It was a sudden and heavy time, yet what we experienced from this

congregation was grace in action.

You stepped in quietly and faithfully. You covered responsibilities, cared for one another and ensured the church continued to be the church. We do not take that for granted. We carry deep gratitude for you.

In the Philippines, especially in Tanay, we were deeply moved by the people we met. There is a resilience and hospitality there that feels lived rather than performed — an openness woven into daily life: open doors, open tables, open hearts.

It left us reflecting on what it might look like for us to grow into that same kind of presence here — to be a people where others are not only greeted but truly seen, known and welcomed.

We were also reminded of global economic realities.

That awareness does not lead to guilt or comparison, but to humility and gratitude. It invites us to consider how much we have been entrusted with and how easily our hearts can grow closed without noticing. We return with open hands and a renewed desire to live more generously.

Thank you as well for Easter. What a sacred season we shared. To our BYG youth and leaders, thank you for the Easter breakfast that filled our church with joy and connection. To our worship team, thank you for guiding us through Holy Week with such care — from Good Friday with Beacon UMC to the lilies, the flowering of the cross and every detail that helped us enter the resurrection story. To our Church School Teachers, thank you for the Easter Egg Hunt that brought joy to our children. Much of what we experienced was made possible through quiet, faithful love behind the scenes. To all of our unsung heroes who stepped in, pitched in and helped make Easter happen — thank you.

Visioning and the Heart of Belonging

Recently, our Administrative Board gathered for two visioning retreats — prayerful and honest conversations about where God is leading us. Ministry groups reflected on priorities, strengths, and challenges.

We were grateful for the guidance of Rev. David Nieda, who helped us slow down and listen more deeply — not only to what is said, but to what the Spirit

may be stirring beneath it.

One word surfaced repeatedly: **belonging**.

Belonging feels central to who we are becoming. It is not simply an idea but a longing — to be lived out more fully in our life together. As we explore this at Blaine, we also listen to the Greater Northwest Area vision of The United Methodist Church, especially Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth's M.I.L.E.: Ministry that Matters, Itinerancy, Lay Leadership and the Elimination of Racism.

Each speaks into our shared life. Ministry that Matters calls us to impact and compassion. Itinerancy reminds us God moves us beyond familiarity. Lay Leadership affirms that the church belongs to all God's people. And the Elimination of Racism calls us into ongoing justice and healing.

Together, these shape belonging into something lived. Belonging is active love — it is being seen, named, welcomed and invited to participate in God's work.

We continue to ask: What does it mean to belong here, and how might we become a church where belonging is experienced the moment someone walks through our doors?

Looking Ahead: Life Together

In the weeks ahead, we continue our worship series, listening for God's voice and growing in discipleship. Small groups remain places of prayer and connection, and we hope to expand these spaces this summer.

We also look forward to serving together through



The Rev. Karen Yokota Love leads a funeral service for her father-in-law, Arturo C. Bigasan Love. She and her husband, Jesse, traveled to the Philippines to pay their final respects.



During the Easter Sunday Worship Service, the flowered cross was brought forward during the processional.

outreach, shared meals and care for our wider community, including the upcoming Walk for Rice.

As June arrives, we shift into summer rhythms — youth gatherings, young adult ministry and intergenerational moments of joy and connection. Summer often opens space for rest, renewal and deeper relationships.

A Word of Encouragement

In all of this — Easter joy, grief and gratitude, visioning, belonging, worship and service — I am reminded that the church is, at its heart, a family shaped by grace. We are

held by God, formed by love and continually invited into belonging.

So come as you are. Stay awhile. Reach out. Be present. Grieve. Celebrate. Serve. Receive. Trust that Christ is already at work among us, holding us together in ways we cannot always see.

May these coming weeks be rich with grace, grounded in love and quietly filled with the presence of God among us.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Karen

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



Sign up now: ACRS Food Bank

Help the most frequently visited food bank in King County serve culturally familiar food to those in need.

Position Hours:

- Tuesday–Friday
- 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Location:

- 800 Weller St.
- Seattle, WA
- Chinatown-International District

Specific Tasks:

- Prepping grocery bags for delivery
- Assembling and packaging food
- Loading and unloading food into delivery vehicles
- Supporting organization and light cleaning within the facility
- (Wednesdays and Fridays) Handing out food to clients

Required:

- Must be at least 16

Sign up:

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(Left) Becky Yoda smiles while preparing sukiyaki with friends.
 (Top) Barbara Nagaoka organizes the cashier area, pricing products and assembling signs.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

(Colossians 3:17)

Annual Suki-yaki raises \$30k supporting PNW disaster fund

By Lesley Okura and the Bazaar Committee 2026, photos by the Rev. Karen Yokota Love

These words above from the Bible reflect our message to you all. On March 7, 2026 we celebrated the coming of spring with our Annual Suki-yaki Dinner. We challenged the congregation to help meet our ambitious goal of raising \$30,000 to benefit the Pacific Northwest Conference Disaster Fund. A portion of the proceeds is earmarked to provide assistance and relief to evacuees and survivors of the winter 2025 flooding in Washington state. The challenge was met, and our gross total reached slightly more than \$30,000. What a joyous occasion!

As a congregation, we know this important event cannot be done alone. We are a community. Each year, we are supported by many volunteers who assist with chopping, cooking, packaging and preparing delicious food. Our volunteer count reaches into the hundreds, with many

individuals serving on multiple committees. We were also grateful for volunteer support from outside our church community, including students from the University of Washington from Japan and taiko members from Seattle University. It is meaningful to connect with young adults beyond our church walls.

This year, we reached out to members residing in assisted living and delivered more than 30 meals to those unable to join us in person. We are proud and grateful for our members who invite friends and family to contribute their time and talents for the betterment of our community and church family, while also enjoying our famous suki-yaki. This is service in action — “The Blaine Way.”

A special thank-you to SK Produce for providing generous savings on our produce order, and to Uwajimaya for its continued support of our events.



Scan the QR Code to learn about our beneficiary or visit:
<https://www.pnwumc.org/responding-together-to-the-floods/>

Lesley Okura is a member of Blaine Memorial UMC.



(Top) Julie Lock is excited by the array of baked goods. (Right) Gail Nomura (center) invites University of Washington exchange students to help at Sukiyaki, and Rev. Karen is delighted.



Sally Sekijima and Fay Shimada share a laugh.



Members of Blaine cheerfully catch up while making ohagi.



Mike Sato and Joan Sato-Hernandez package Sukiyaki into takeout containers.



Gibson, Evan, and Kai take charge of the recycling area.



Linda Tanagi is always smiling and is a wonderful volunteer!



2026 Educational Scholarships

Application period open through May 19, 2026

By Michelle Vaughan



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 under the following criteria:



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.



TED AND MARGARET YASUDA SCHOLARSHIP

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



BLAINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

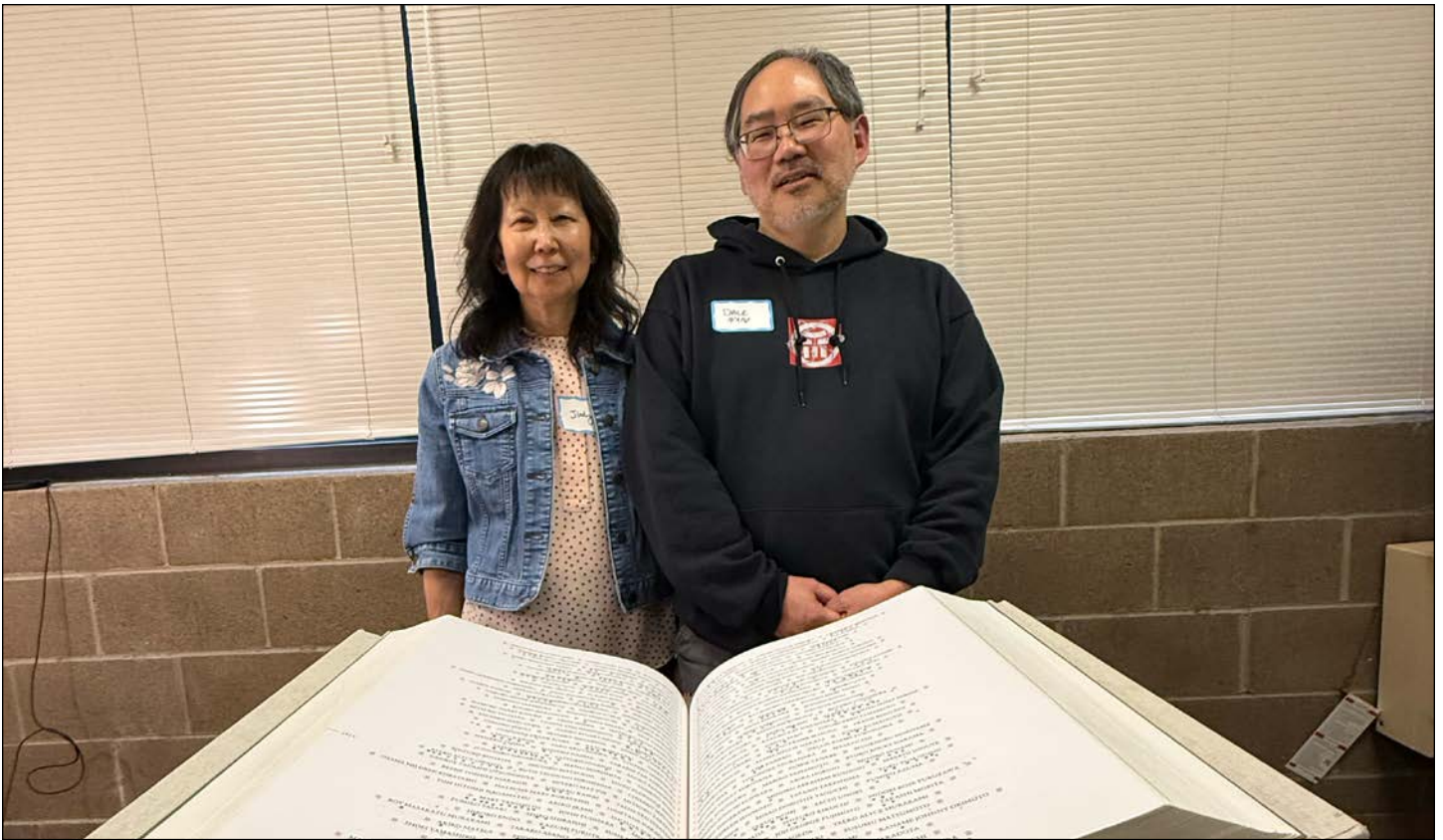


Applications are available through emailing BlaineUMCScholarships@gmail.com or through the church office. All scholarships will consider, but are not limited to, elements such as grades (if applicable), personal essay, church participation and potential for reaching educational goals.

Applications and two (2) letters of recommendation must be received no later than May 19, 2026 for consideration. We are looking forward to applicants excited about pursuing their education.

Michelle Vaughan serves as the Scholarship Chair for Blaine Memorial UMC.





Blaine Memorial UMC members Judy Yasutake and Dale H. Watanabe volunteered and stamped family members' names.

Ireichō visits Blaine Memorial UMC in powerful act of remembrance and shared reflection

By the Rev. Karen Yokota Love, photo by Judy Yasutake and Dale H. Watanabe

In March 28, 2026, Blaine Memorial UMC welcomed the Ireichō, part of the Irei: National Monument for the WWII Japanese American Incarceration, into the Lee Activity Center and the Nishida Room for a meaningful sacred moment in time. Blaine Memorial welcomed people from across the Seattle area and the broader Puget Sound region, serving as an important hub for the Japanese American community where individuals and families reflected and revisited history together.

The Irei project is led by Rev. Dr. Duncan Ryuken Williams and it expands the concept of monument through three interconnected forms: the Ireichō, a sacred book of names; the Ireizō, a searchable digital memorial at ireizo.com; and the Ireihi, light sculptures. Together, these elements address the erasure of identities of more than 125,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II.

At Blaine, participants engaged in a contemplative stamping process, marking names as an act of remembrance. The Nishida room grew quiet as each stamp created a moment of recognition.

“Touching the embedded ceramic pieces made from

soil collected at 75 incarceration sites across the United States was deeply emotional for me,” says Judy Yasutake. “Seeing the names of family members and reflecting on the needless suffering they endured brought both anger and gratitude. It’s incredible to see the finished book and to feel the care and effort that went into gathering each name.”

The Ireichō is currently on tour, and Blaine Memorial UMC was honored to serve as one of two Seattle-area host sites. The visit was made possible through a partnership with Puyallup Valley Japanese American Citizens League. It was also supported by the Seattle JAACL, the Ireicho Team and the Japanese American National Museum, where the project was previously installed from 2022–2024.

Special thanks to Yuki Sofronas and Ron Nobuyama, and to the many Blaine volunteers who welcomed guests, provided orientation, and supported the event in countless ways. The gathering was a reminder that monuments are also made of names, relationships, and shared commitment to remember together across generations.

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Our Blaine Youth Group served church members after worship on Easter Sunday, and we are grateful for their creative and innovative approach to cooking. If you would like to continue supporting our BYG, contact Rev. Karen Yokota Love.

BYG Update

Faithfulness ... Through You!

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

Over the season of Lent, I began a simple practice that I did not realize would become such a steady companion: Each day, I wrote down five things I was grateful for. It was small and unassuming, but over time it became a way of slowing down, noticing and remembering that God is present even in the ordinary rhythms of life. As we now move through Eastertide — a season that proclaims resurrection, hope and new life — I have continued this practice, and I find myself still being formed by it.

Many of you know that I recently traveled suddenly to the Philippines after the passing of my father-in-law, Arthur. It was a time marked by grief, urgency and deep emotional weight for our family. There were moments of exhaustion and sorrow that words can barely hold. And yet, even there — at the mortuary, in travel, in silence and in family gatherings — I found myself returning again and again to gratitude. Not because the pain was absent, but because God was present within it.

“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will

recount all of your wonderful deeds.” (Psalm 9:1)

These words became something like an anchor for me. They did not remove grief, but they gave shape to it. They reminded me that gratitude is not the denial of suffering, but a deep act of trust that God is still at work within it. Even in loss, even in uncertainty, even in fatigue — God remains faithful, steady and near.

I want to say clearly: I experienced that faithfulness through you.

I am deeply grateful for the way this church held one another during my absence. In a season that asked much of many people, you stepped forward with care, generosity and quiet strength.

To our BYG Leaders — thank you for your faithful leadership in continuing the Easter breakfast and the BYG overnighter (and for all the ways you have continued to show up week after week to lead our youth). You carried responsibility with humility and grace, making sure our youth were cared for, seen and connected. Your leadership mattered deeply.

To the parents who contributed food, time,

encouragement and presence — thank you. Your support made ministry possible in very tangible ways. To our youth — thank you for showing up with open hearts. You served, you laughed, you learned and you cared for one another in ways that reflect the best of who we are becoming as a church. In you, I saw joy and resilience that gave me hope.

This past year has not been without its challenges. We continue to search for a youth director, to discern what that role should look like in this season and to navigate ongoing pastoral transitions, including the absence of the associate pastor due to an indefinite family leave. These have been moments of stretching and waiting, moments that require patience and trust. And yet, even here, I continue to see the church not unraveling, but deepening — learning to depend on one another and on God in new ways. There is something sacred in that.

Life in BYG This Season

Each Sunday in BYG, our youth gather around themes that mirror the life of faith itself: gratitude, doubt and trust, working together, caring for creation, love and grief. These are not abstract ideas for them; they are lived experiences. Through games, crafts, obstacle courses and small-group conversations, they are learning how to name what they feel, how to ask honest questions and how to grow in faith together.

Some days are light and full of laughter. Other days carry deeper reflection and vulnerability. Both are holy.

I am especially grateful to Rev. Dr. Mark C. Hearn for sharing his gift of music with our youth. His guitar, his songs and his moments of quiet reflection have created space for something grounding and sacred to take root among us. Thank you for offering your presence in such a meaningful way.

I continue to join BYG after I preach twice a month, or as often as I can. It is important for me to spend time with our youth, reminding them that they are not separate from the wider church, but deeply connected to it.

In all of this, I am reminded again and again that the



How can we embody the spirit of Christ? Thank you for nurturing the BYG during this time of transition!

church is not held together by any one person, role or program. It is held together by the Spirit of God moving among us — sometimes gently, sometimes powerfully, often in ways we do not immediately see. We are the body of Christ: learning, grieving, serving, hoping and being made new together.

I am grateful — truly grateful — to be part of this body with you. Thank you for being that kind of church.

About BYG

BYG meets on Sundays at 10 a.m. We begin in the sanctuary for the start of worship and then transition to the Nishida Room after the children's message for youth group time.

Blaine Youth Group (BYG) is a place where youth in grades 6–12 are welcomed into a loving and supportive community, just as they are. It is a space to build meaningful friendships, grow in faith and explore what it means to love God and care for others. Together, we encourage one another to practice compassion, embrace who we are and live out our faith in the world. There is a place here for everyone — all are welcome.

Important Dates

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| <p>May 10 Mother's Day Breakfast BYG Meeting: Mother's Day</p> | <p>May 17 BYG Meeting Dodgeball</p> | <p>May 24 No BYG Meeting <i>(Memorial Day weekend and Pentecost Sunday, celebrating the Holy Spirit and the Church's birth.)</i></p> | <p>May 30 Game Night Time TBD</p> |
| <p>May 31 BYG Meeting</p> | <p>June 7 Udon Pop-Up Lunch Fundraiser</p> | <p>June 14 Last Day of BYG (End-of-Year Party)</p> | <p>June 28–July 3 NJAUMC Asian American Summer Camp Gathering</p> |



How can scripture ease anxiety and emotional stress? Read further...

Spiritual Formation Center Practice Replacing Worry

By Anne Arakaki-Lock

Along with many others, I allow myself to be anxious about things. Just tonight, for instance, the administration threatened on the news to defund Medicaid, Medicare and child care because more money was needed for wars. My ire was raised, and I know my blood pressure was affected. I also find myself worrying often about the health of my loved ones—the family and friends who surround me. As I “dakko” (hold) my infant grandchildren, I sometimes make admittedly ridiculous diagnoses without a medical degree, as everything about them seems so fragile and delicate.

Sure, worry is one of those emotions that makes us human. But when it causes anxiety, physical or mental distress, and deprives us of life’s joys, then the Apostle Paul advises us to stop and pray, to seek God.

As I continue on my faith journey, the more I worry, the more I try to pray, thankfully knowing that God is in control. Yes, I have experienced God’s peace, and it is not the world’s peace or anything I can muster up myself. I know it comes from Jesus Christ, who is all-knowing, much stronger than I, and who promised, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).

The Bible tells us not to worry about “anything.” Instead, we are to pray humbly to God with an attitude of gratitude. Ask God for what you need, and you will find an unbelievable peace in your heart that can come only from Him.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

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

June/July Lectionary Readings

Lectionary Readings are provided by
Vanderbilt University: bit.ly/lectionary_2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost Jun 06, 2027

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15);
Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2
Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Jun 13, 2027

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13; Psalm 20; Ezekiel
17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians
5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Jun 20, 2027

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm
9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16; Psalm
133; Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2
Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41;

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Jun 27, 2027

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Wisdom of
Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations
3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark
5:21-43;

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Jul 04, 2027

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5;
Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Jul 11, 2027

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-
15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark
6:14-29

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Jul 18, 2027

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah
23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark
6:30-34, 53-56

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Jul 25, 2027

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John
6:1-21

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June 2026

Events are subject to change. Visit blaineonline.org for more information.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 Church Office Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | 2 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal | 3 • Announcements due • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting | 4 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | 5 • 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball | 6 • 1:00pm to 3:00pm, Tamiko Nimura's Book Launch Public Event |
| 7 Communion Sunday • 10am, Hybrid Worship • Udon Pop-Up Fundraiser for Asian Camp • 12pm, Girl Scouts • 1pm, Blaine Basketball | 8 Church Office Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | 9 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal | 10 • Announcements due • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball • 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting | 11 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | 12 • 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball | 13 |
| 14 Teachers and Grads • 10am, Hybrid Worship • Last Day of BYG for the 2025-2026 School Year • 11:45am, BYG End of Year Party • 1pm, Blaine Basketball | 15 Church Office Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | 16 • 7pm, Choir Rehearsal | 17 • Announcements due • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball | 18 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | 19 Church Office Closed, Juneteenth National Independence Day • 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball | 20 World Refugee Day |
| 21 Father's Day & Music Sunday 10am, Hybrid Worship • 1pm, Blaine Basketball | 22 Church Office Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | 23 | 24 • Announcements due • 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen • 10:30am, Pickleball | 25 • 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice • 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | 26 • 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball | 27 • Asian American Summer Camp departure |
| 28 Seattle Pride Parade | 29 Church Office Closed • 10am, Zoom Yoga • 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga • 6:30pm, Basketball • 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | 30 | | | | |
| Asian American Summer Camp | | | | | | |

PNW Annual Conference Sessions in Spokane, WA

July 2026

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| Asian American Summer Camp | | | | | | |
| <p>5</p> <p>First Sunday of the 2026-2027 Appointment Year Communion Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Hybrid Worship 12pm, Girl Scouts 1pm, Blaine Basketball | <p>6</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Zoom Yoga 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga 6:30pm, Basketball 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | <p>7</p> | <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements due 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen 10:30am, Pickleball 8pm, Zoom Church School Meeting | <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball | <p>11</p> |
| Minidoka Pilgrimage Trip to Hunt, Idaho | | | | | | |
| <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Hybrid Worship 1pm, Blaine Basketball 6pm, Minidoka Pilgrimage returns | <p>13</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Zoom Yoga 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements due 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen | <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> |
| Lee Activity Center (LAC) is CLOSED due to Maintenance. | | | | | | |
| <p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Hybrid Worship 12pm, Mission Guatemala Packing Meeting 1pm, Blaine Basketball | <p>20</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Zoom Yoga 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga 6:30pm, Basketball 7:30pm, Zoom BYG Leaders Meeting | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements due 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen 10:30am, Pickleball | <p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | <p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Guatemala departure 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Asian Volleyball | <p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Guatemala |
| <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Hybrid Worship 1pm, Blaine Basketball | <p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am, Zoom Yoga 11:30am, Zoom Gentle Yoga 6:30pm, Basketball | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements due 9am, Coffee & Prayer w/Rev. Karen 10:30am, Pickleball | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30am, B.U.G.S. Ukulele Practice 6:30pm, Blaine Basketball | <p>31</p> | |
| Mission Guatemala Trip to Panachel, Guatemala | | | | | | |



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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 Kingdom 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)

- **Online:** Click the Realm logo at blaineonline.org or scan the QR code on the left.
- **Mobile:** Download the free "Realm Connect" app. Use your sign-in and click GIVING. Contact the Church Office, office@blaineonline.org for a Realm sign-in.
- **Text:** Text BLAINE to 73256. Click the link you receive and follow the prompts.
- **Mail:** Mail a check to • Blaine Memorial UMC at P.O. Box 24065, Seattle, WA 98124.
- **In-Church:** You can place your gift in the offering plate, every Sunday during Offering.

