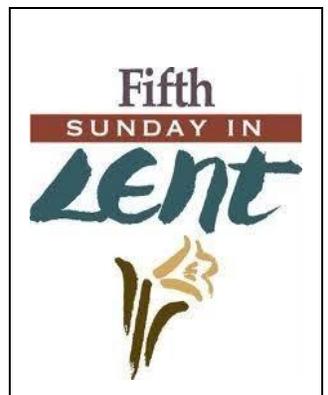


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Minute for Missions

OUR CALENDAR

Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Communion Sunday

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

ZOOM Lenten Study 1:00

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Palm Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt in a Bag hand out 10:00

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

CROP Walk 1:00

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, March 2, 2022, with social distancing. Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Pete Morris; Scripture, Sue Morris, (Luke 15: 1-3 and 11-32); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriyaama, Greg Middleton, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Kevin Hayashi, and Rebeckah Morris; and the Rev. Ann Oglesby Edwards for her sermon, "The Wayward Journey".

WHO'S MAILING

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Self Development of People

The Ekv-Yefolecv project located in the Birmingham, Alabama, rural area is a recipient of a Self-Development of People grant. This project is creating an ecovillage community that provides the opportunity for individuals and kin to efficaciously revitalize the Maskoke language, traditions and worldview while embodying a collective commitment to environmental sustainability, and to serve as a replicable archetype for other Indigenous communities to manifest similar models. The ecovillage has a trifold focus: language and cultural preservation, ecological living, and sustainable economic development.

Ekv-Yefolecv Indigenous Maskoke Ecovillage will offer a variety of programs and research projects relative to issues affecting Indigenous peoples within the framework of environmental, cultural and economic sustainability. Programs will focus on education, training and deep holistic health. The major and dire impetus for the establishment of Ekv-Yefolecv is preservation of the Maskoke language, which is classified as "definitely endangered" by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and which is intrinsically connected to traditional culture, medicine and ceremony.

Twenty Maskoke community leaders have progressively deepened their relationship with each other and their commitment to Ekv-Yefolecv through inclusive and comprehensive visioning processes, which have included cultural strong-talks and ceremonies; land exploration, including finance options; and feasibility assessment and strategic planning. The project is owned and controlled by the founding Indigenous Maskoke members of Ekv-Yefolecv. The primary beneficiaries of Ekv-Yefolecv are the project members — the ecovillage residents — who will be able to practice their culture in a living, working village environment.

The project seeks real long-term change by:

1. Empowering the current language, immersing students in a new learning space more conducive to Maskoke language acquisition and equipping them with fluency in the language to reverse the currently projected road to language extinction.
2. Transitioning residents to healthy diets based on foods organically grown within the ecovillage while simultaneously improving the overall mental, physical and spiritual health of all residents.
3. Empowering women through the reclamation of women's agricultural roles in farming and spirituality, especially through plant propagation and equipping young girls, as well as older women (who did not have the opportunity to learn women's knowledge as young girls), with knowledge of plants and traditional holistic healing practices.
4. Conducting traditional ceremonies to support language and culture preservation and spiritual healing.
5. Reintroducing Lake Sturgeon into the Coosa watershed.

All members of the founding committee range from ages 18–75 and volunteer with the project on a monthly basis, and the committee makes all decisions by consensus to advance the project.

It was an honor to visit with this group and to support their work by awarding a grant to their project.

Rev. Gail Porter Nelson, Member, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People

OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from March 22, 2022 thru March 28, 2022

Easter

Dorothy Kirkland
Bob and Mae Uchida
Norm and Betty Yutani

In Memory

Yae Nagai, In memory of
Diana and Wendy Kawamoto
Glenn Yoshida and Mariko Yanagihara,
In memory of Ambre Gonzales

One Great Hour of Sharing

Glenn Yoshida and Mariko Yanagihara

Presbyterian Women

Yoshiko Hayashi

MISCELLANY

The March and April Flavor of the Month is **Easter Holiday food items!** Think of what will be on your Easter table.... Canned vegetables, rice or potatoes, boxed side dishes, bake and dessert mixes... use your imagination! Drop your donations off in the marked box in the sanctuary foyer. Our Deacons will be taking them to the Friends In Deed Food Pantry for distribution.

Save the date! Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday). That will be this years' day for the Pasadena CROP Walk. This event will be live and virtual, and walkers and pledges will be needed. See Nancy Castillo before and after church. Walkers and pledges are needed.

Holy Week is fast approaching:

Palm Sunday Service April 10, 10:30am

Good Friday Service April 15, TBD

Easter Sunday April 17, 10:30am

(Easter Sunday will be Rev. Ann's last Sunday with us before her retirement. Please join us for a coffee hour immediately following service in appreciation for her service to our church.)

LENT ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Please join Pastor Ann for a Lenten Class on Zoom entitled: Sabbath as Resistance. This is an exploration of the Ten Commandments based on Walter Bruggeman's book and how God invites us into relationship and into action. This class will be held on Sundays at 1p.m. on Zoom, with next Sunday, April 3 being the last meeting. The link will be sent with the link for worship. Handouts for the class will be available online or to pick-up on Sunday mornings. Hope you can join us!

KEIRO FORUMS

Meditative Drawing with Janet Sakahara

March 31 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Join us for a drawing craft forum. Janet Sakahara will be teaching a lesson on meditative drawing. All you need is a pen and some paper. Join us to learn this calm and soothing drawing method.

Community Bingo

April 5 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Keiro invites you to virtually connect with others to enjoy a game of Bingo and have a chance to win prizes! Join Keiro's Community Bingo game with friends and compete with other community members.

Baking with Mary Ellen Wong

April 7 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Mary Ellen Wong is back again with another baking forum – with a twist! Mary Ellen will be sharing two recipes submitted by community members. Join this forum to watch a demonstration of these two recipes.

To register go to: Keiro.org, click on "What We Do", and under "Events" click on "Virtual Keiro Forums".

STEWARDS SAY THANKS!

Our Steward sponsored "All Church Work Day" on Saturday, March 26, had a great turn out! Things are looking clean and spiffy, especially our education building. A huge thank you to all who came out to help with this endeavor. Thank you to: Haley Castillo, Joel Castillo, Nancy Castillo, Yumi Choi, John Donaldson, Patti Gin, Sam Gin, Kevin Hayashi, Yoshiko Hayashi, Larry Jung, Wandy Jung, Dorothy Kirkland, Doug Lee, Mark Matsui, Pastor Ann Oglesby-Edwards, Ron Ota, Clyde Payne, Mieko Payne, Carol Tomoyasu, and Bob Uchida



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