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OUR CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, May 9

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, MAY 15

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

MONDAY, MAY 16

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, MAY 22

In person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, May 8, 2022, with social distancing. Welcome, Sue Morris; Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Bob Hayashi; Scripture, Virginia Gin (Acts 1: 1-5 and Matthew 26:31-32, and 28: 1-10, 16-20); music, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriya, Greg Middleton, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Carol Tomoyasu, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Pastor Pete Morris for his sermon, "Meet Me in Galilee".

WHO'S MAILING

May 16	Volunteers
May 23	Volunteers
May 30	Volunteers
June 6	Volunteers

STAFF MAY 2

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Minute for Missions

The Long Road Home

It has been said that "justice delayed is justice denied." However, after a great injustice against the Nez Perce Tribe, the Nimiipuu people recently celebrated the correction of a grave injustice.

On June 26, 2021, tribal members celebrated the 25th anniversary of the return and the renaming of a collection of 21 Nez Perce artifacts crafted by Nez Perce men and women in the 1800s. This collection was renamed Wetxuuwilitin', which means "returned home after a period of captivity," and was another important step to help shed the colonial legacy surrounding the history of these items and reclaim this important part of Nez Perce culture.

According to the anniversary planning committee, the Rev. Henry Spalding, a Presbyterian missionary assigned to the Nez Perce reservation in 1836, worked to convince the Nez Perce people to convert to Christianity. As part of that conversion process, he urged — or perhaps forced — his followers to divest themselves of their traditional regalia.

Some of that regalia, which included clothing, horse accessories, bags and other items, were collected by Spalding and shipped to his friend and benefactor Dr. Dudley Peter Allen, in Kingsman, Ohio. After Allen's death, his son, Dudley, donated the Spalding-Allen Collection to Oberlin College in 1893. Oberlin College, in turn, loaned most, but not all, of the collection to the Ohio Historical Society (OHS) for safekeeping, where it languished for decades. It was initially loaned to the Nez Perce National Historical Park (NPNHP) in 1980.

In 1992, the OHS asked for the loaned items to be returned. This request resulted in a series of loan extensions to the NPNHP and opened internal tribal discussions about how to keep the items where they rightfully belonged. Following a great deal of research and discussion, it was determined that the Tribe could not claim any of the items under existing federal law. Thus, a decision was made to launch a fundraising campaign to buy back the collection.

The items were collectively valued at nearly \$600,000. The Tribe's General Council established a committee to lead the fundraising effort. A Nez Perce delegation traveled to Ohio in 1995 and entered into an agreement with OHS to purchase the items, with a purchase deadline of June 1996.

By May 1996, the Tribe, with the help of more than 4,000 organizations and individuals from around the world, accomplished its goal. One item, a cradleboard that had been collected by Spalding, was not originally loaned to the NPNHP. In late May, the curator from the NPNHP traveled to Ohio to bring back the cradleboard. Finally, the collection was together and now fully owned by the Nez Perce Tribe.

To further right this injustice against the Tribe, on Nov. 23, 2021, the OHS returned the \$608,100 the Tribe raised in 1996 to purchase the collection.

"We received an invitation to the renaming ceremony from the Tribe," said the Rev. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, executive presbyter of the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest. "I thought this was incredibly gracious and generous given our role in the history of these articles being taken away."

The ceremony "was this beautiful event that joined various parts of the identity of the Nimiipuu people together," Kinder-Pyle said. "It began with a ceremonial horse parade with appaloosa horses and warriors circling three times around the gallery with the warriors chanting and drumming."

"Then they exhibited their patriotic identity with the color guard bearing the U.S. flag as a part of the color guard ceremony. It continued with the Lord's Prayer being signed and said in the Nimiipuu language," Kinder-Pyle said. "So, you have these three different strains of their identity coming together, all part of this ceremony. You could feel the drums reverberating inside of you and the warriors' cries just enveloping the whole gathering. It was a sacred moment."

Kinder-Pyle says the presbytery's efforts with the Native American community is part of a bigger ministry initiative. "After the apology issued by the Rev. Gradye Parsons, former Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, in 2017 to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, as a presbytery we were inspired to look into our history and our relationship with our Native American community."

Gail Strange, Director of Church and Mid Council Communications, Presbyterian Mission Agency

May 10, 2022

OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from May 3, 2022 thru May 9, 2022

Deacons

Frank and Marian Sata

Mother's Day

Mark & Donna Gonzales
Don & Kathy Matsumoto, for all moms
Tom & Tsuru Miyasaki

Presbyterian Women

Tom and Tsuru Miyasaki
Kathy Uchida Matsumoto

Special

Massie Fujii, wherever needed
John Donaldson, Paul Kikuchi, and Ron Ota,
for use of the church facility
Jake Matsumoto, for Amy Utsunomiya Youth
Service Award
Carolyn Ota, wherever needed

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MISCELLANY

For the next 2 Sundays, May 15, and 22 Pastor Pete Morris will be preaching. He plans a sermon series that will focus on the important and notable actions of Jesus, after His resurrection and during His last 40 days here on earth. Also, Veronica Ota will grace our pulpit on May 29. Please join us!

A reminder, for the month of May we start a new flavor of the month.... cooking and baking items. Just think of those items that you need to complete a main dish or meal, or baking items. Cake/bake boxes, flour, sugar, canned fruit or vegetables, tomato or pasta sauces, pasta, seasonings.... Drop your items in the marked box in the sanctuary foyer, our Deacons will be taking all items to the Friends In Deed Food Pantry.

The *Clarion* would like to thank Dorothy Kirkland who single handedly duplicated, addressed, and mailed last week's issue of the Clarion. (Due to Covid19 concerns and precautions).

Memorial Day Candle Lighting Service

Memorial Day Sunday will be our church's traditional time of remembrance of families and friends who have been called to their Heavenly Father. At the May 29 worship service, candle will be lit in memory of loved ones who passed away since the Memorial Day Service on May 30 of 2021.

We will be able to return to our traditional Memorial Day service, at which candles will be lit for the different generations of church members and friends who passed away in the past 109 years of our church's history. Also, to be remembered are military veterans who died serving our country in times of war. The candle lighting service is a tradition that has been observed in our church for over 60 years. Families and friends of persons who passed away this past year may have candles lit in memory of these persons. With the complications of the Covid 19 pandemic, we may not be aware of the passing of loved ones. Please call Bob Uchida (796-8303) or the church office (791-4271) if you wish to light a candle in memory of a loved one.



Happy Mother's Day! We thank Deacon Jon Maeda and Ron Ota for a surprise Mother's Day coffee hour and Bellefontaine Nursery for the beautiful kalanchoe plants for all of our mothers.

Photo left -Tomas and Reese Lopez, photo right – Deacon Patti Gin passing out flowers.

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