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Minute for Missions

OUR CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

MONDAY, JUNE 27

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Communion Sunday

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, June 22, 2022, with social distancing. Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Sue Morris; Scripture, Nick Tomoyasu (Acts 9: 1-6); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriyaama, Greg Middleton, Pete Morris, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Kevin Hayashi, Kelly Hokyo, and Jake Matsumoto; and the Rev. Vikki Randall for her sermon, "Clark's Story".

WHO'S MAILING

June 27	Volunteers
July 5	Volunteers
July 11	Volunteers
July 18	Volunteers

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Juneteenth

Juneteenth, the official freeing of enslaved people on June 19, 1865, in Texas, is one of the most important events in American history — but most students haven't even been taught it. Maybe that will change now that Juneteenth is a national holiday.

It makes sense to acknowledge the day when Union troops arrived in Galveston a full 2½ years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation — it is the start to remedying one of this country's darkest sins.

However, it also sets in motion the maintenance of Black subordination in the country's postbellum society. Yes, Black people were no longer enslaved, but white supremacy ideology is still openly and unapologetically killing Black people and people of color because of extreme ignorant terrorist cells of hatred and silently approved all around this country.

Yet, more than 20 states are moving to strike aspects of American history and anti-racist teaching from public school curricula. Their argument is that examining our history of racism breeds contempt that is racially divisive. On the contrary, discussing history truthfully and using its lessons to inform our future breeds empowerment and is racially unifying. Instead of seeding anger and blame, it allows us to approach solutions to current and future problems with the greatest insight and it helps build trust and accountability within our systems.

A white supremacist, neo-Nazi, mass murderer and domestic terrorist was convicted for perpetrating the Charleston church shooting on June 17, 2015, in the state of South Carolina. During a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the terrorist killed nine people, all African Americans, including senior pastor and state senator Clementa C. Pinckney, and injured one other person.

And most recently, a white adult male gunman entranced by a white supremacist ideology known as "replacement theory" opened fire at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York. He methodically shot and killed 10 people and injured three more, all of them Black, in one of the deadliest racist massacres in recent American history.

Knowledge of our history is essential to inform solutions to future problems.

Gunmen have referenced the racist idea known as "replacement theory" during a string of mass shootings and other violence in recent years. It was once associated with the far-right fringe, but has become increasingly mainstream, pushed by politicians.

Knowledge of our history is necessary for accountability – not retribution or atonement.

Without a clear understanding of what led to these boiling points through an examination of history, we cannot create systems of accountability that are strong enough to maintain order. Studying history does not involve retribution, revenge or atonement. It involves an understanding of why one inciting event can lead to such outrage and mistrust that we need to examine the efficacy of the system itself.

That is what anti-racist teaching does: It does not retroactively place blame on the perpetrators of negative acts. Instead, it examines the role of different systems in allowing repeated negative acts and offers solutions to strip away some of the negative relics of the system that causes these acts to occur. In this case, it is examining the criminal justice system's history of police brutality in Black communities and adjusting laws and policies that intentionally targeted these communities, while holding wrongdoers accountable in the moment.

Knowledge of our history is empowering and can shift entire narratives about people.

Learning history can be extremely empowering: It provides a portal into what we can achieve, while helping us put current, often negative, conditions into better context. It also provides a crucial opportunity to change the narrative for entire populations of people.

Michael Moore, Associate for African American Intercultural Congregational Support, Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries, Presbyterian Mission Agency

OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from June 14, 2022 thru June 20, 2022

Father's Day

David and Kelly Hokyo

In Lieu of Fall Festival

Walter Naydo

In Memory

Irene Hirashiki,

In memory of Kurt Matsumoto

Nadine McManus,

In memory of Irene Chuman

On the Birth of Callum Hayashi

Elsie Hayashi (Great-grandmother)

Bob and Yoshiko Hayashi (Grandparents)

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MISCELLANY

Don't forget, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the June Flavor of the Month. **Canned or packaged main dish items and dessert items.** Think of what you could use to make a delicious main dish for your family, canned meats, chili, stews, Hamburger Helper, spaghetti sauce, pasta, pudding/jello boxes, cake/bake mixes... you name it, we want it! Drop your items in the box in the sanctuary foyer.

We continue to pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin the search for our new Pastor. We pray as individuals, and as a group. To join the group on Thursdays at 7:00 pm call in at 978-990-5411 and when prompted, put in the access code which is 4113956#. You will be joined in the group.

On Sunday, July 3 we will celebrate Communion during our Sunday worship service. Please join us at our in-person service, or have your Communion elements ready if you are joining us on-line.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

The Clarion would like to acknowledge the following graduates of the class of 2022.

Middle School

Ella Morris – Third Avenue Junior High School.

Ella will be attending Temple City High School in the Fall. She is the daughter of Pete and Sue Morris.

College

Lauren Adachi – Brown University, Rhode Island, Bachelor of Science Engineering. Lauren is the daughter of Mutsuko Adachi, and granddaughter of Frank and Marian Sata.

Emily Ann Ming Gin – University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts Environmental Science. Emily is the daughter of Wilbur and Patrice Gin.

Gregory Gin – University of Washington, Doctor of Pharmacy. Greg is the son of Sam and Virginia Gin, and grandson of Jo-Ann Gin. He will be doing his residency at Queen's Hospital, Honolulu, HI

Scott Lew – Grinnell University, Grinnell, Iowa, Bachelor of Arts Economics/Political Science. Scott is the son of Dr. Brent and Margaret Lew, grandson of Wing and Evelyn Lew, and Bob and Mae Uchida

Trent Michael Tomoyasu – University of California, San Diego, Bachelor of Arts Business Psychology. Trent is the son of Larry and Carol Tomoyasu.



Father's Day Coffee Hour
Patti Gin, Carol Tomoyasu, Kelly Hokyo

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