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OUR CALENDAR

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

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

MONDAY, JUNE 13

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

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 5, 2022, with social distancing. Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Sam Gin; Scripture, Bob Uchida (Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 3: 1-8, and Luke 3: 16); music, Kenny Elliott, Virginia Gin, Ann Kiriyaama, Greg Middleton, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Nancy Castillo, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Vikki Randall for her sermon, "Pentecost: A Beginning".

WHO'S MAILING

June 13	Volunteers
June 20	Volunteers
June 27	Volunteers
July 5	Volunteers

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Minute for Missions

Living with the Mind of Christ

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 2:1-5

It's funny how things that you experienced as a young person — that didn't seem so important at the time — pop up in your later years and remind you of the kind of person you are called to be. So it is that this passage from Paul's advice to the Philippian Christians has come flooding back to me as I was reflecting on the terrible conflict that continues to poison our society, both in our country and around the world. This conflict is being fueled by many things, among them the debates within many state legislatures on whether "critical race theory" should be in classrooms. Critical race theory basically looks at how racism has shaped public policy. The reality is that there is no adequate term to remind us that racism has been a fact of life for every human community that has existed. The people of Paul's day — Jew, Gentile, Greek, Roman — were haunted by the reality of ethnic, racial and social differences, and every conflict over those differences was rooted in bald-faced racism. The history of our own nation is tarnished by the impact of social and ethnic differences. Many of our own forebears have been complicit in justifying the enslavement of people of color, and others have invoked the "Doctrine of Discovery," which suggests that the confiscation of land occupied by Native peoples in the name of progress had the blessing of God.

How far, then, have we come, as followers of Jesus Christ, in repenting of the sins of our forebears and seeking ways to repair the damage of those actions? How will some help to heal the breaches among us? It's a tall order. It always has been, because those who hold power in every society find it hard to share that power or, in some cases, give up control altogether.

What if we tried to move forward with the advice Paul has given us: In humility, regard others as better than yourselves, looking not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. What could happen in our schools, in our churches, in our neighborhoods and in our communities? Critical race theory would not even be on the agenda if we could live out the calling of our Lord.

Vernon S. Broyles III, Volunteer for Public Witness in the PC(USA)'s Office of the General Assembly



We welcome our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Vikki Randall

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OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from June 1, 2022 thru June 7, 2022

Deacons

Mitsie Yanari

Father's Day

Bob and Mae Uchida, in memory of their fathers, Kuniyoshi Uchida and Lloyd Shingu

Memorial Day and In Memory

Wilbur and Patti Gin, Bill and LuAnn Lane, and Larry and Carol Tomoyasu,

In memory of Mike and Mary Uchida, and other relatives and friends

Bob and Yoshiko Hayashi,

In memory of Henry Hayashi

Glenn Hiraoka and Deborah Yonemura,

For their parents, Fred and Frances

Hiraoka, with gratitude to the church for its spiritual influence over the many generations

Mark Matsui,

In memory of Kurt Matsumoto

Don and Kathy Matsumoto,

In memory of Kurt Matsumoto

Hiroko Nishiyama,

In memory of James and Debbie

Nishiyama, Jack Nishiyama and

Kurt Matsumoto

Mark and Midori Tajima, for Memorial Day

Glenn and Janice Takei,

For the Shigetomi, Gorai, Takeshige,

Shinoda, Ellis families and 2

anonymous

Mitsie Yanari -- Memorial Day

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June Flavor of the Month

Many thanks to all the folks who were able to contribute to the May Flavor of the month... baking and cooking items. Our Deacons have taken our donations directly to the Friends in Deed Food Pantry. But a new month has started... and the new flavor for the month of June is (drum roll...) **canned or packaged main dish 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... you name it, we want it! Drop your items in the box in the sanctuary foyer.

FALL FESTIVAL 2022 IS POSTPONED FOR ANOTHER YEAR

With regret, Session has decided that because of the Covid Pandemic and the recent surge of this virus, that the church must postpone the Fall Festival again, for another year.

In the past two years, we have postponed this annual community event for the same reason. This will be the third deferment. Because hosting the Fall Festival requires such immense detailed planning and commitment from almost everyone in the church, and in light of the current prevalence of the covid virus, and the uncertainty of what conditions will be like in September (our usual time for Fall Festival), Session believes that this deferment is the prudent and safer decision.

We are sorry to deliver this disappointing message as we know that the Fall Festival has been an important event to showcase our cultural heritage and renew old friendships. Session welcomes your suggestions to plan for an alternative event, whenever it is safe and practical to do so. If you have a suggestion, please discuss it first with any member of Session.

Thank you for your understanding.

Free Alzheimer's Conference Saturday, June 11, 2022 10:00 – 12:30pm ZOOM Webinar



According to Alzheimer's Los Angeles, by 2030, the number of Asian American Pacific Islanders living with Alzheimer's in California will reach nearly 200,000. Keiro understands that Alzheimer's disease and dementia are important topics for Our Community to learn about, both as we age ourselves, and as we care for our loved ones. I invite you to register for our conference to learn from our speakers who will present discussions on what it means to be a Dementia Friend and Managing Behavioral Challenges in People with Dementia.

Whether you are affected by Alzheimer's or dementia as a caregiver, family member, or friend of someone with a diagnosis, or you are seeking resources on these topics, this is a wonderful opportunity to stay up-to-date on the latest programs, caregiving tips, and resources available to you.

Registration deadline: Friday, June 10, 2022
For more information and registration, go to: Keiro.org

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