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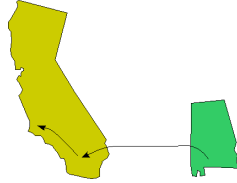
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reflector

A Note From Your Pastor

Dear Ones,

Blessings and peace to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am so excited to be in ministry with you here at Christ UMC. Since this is my first contact with you via the newsletter, I thought it would be prudent to tell you a little bit about myself. I grew up in UCLA (that is the Unknown Corner of Lower Alabama). After getting a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and working as an RN in ICU, I felt the call to go to seminary and pursue ordained ministry as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. Since then, I have been appointed to three churches and finished two degrees at Claremont. The two churches I have served before Christ UMC were Shepherd of the Hills UMC in Mission Viejo, CA as Associate Pastor and Trinity UMC in Ontario, CA as Senior Pastor. I finished my Master of Divinity degree from Claremont School of Theology (CST) in 2004 and received a Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from CST in May 2009. I have been married for five years to Rev. David Camphouse, the new pastor of St. Andrew UMC here in Santa Maria. We have a beautiful daughter named Sophia Anabella who will turn one year old on July 28, 2009. We also have a fun little Pomeranian-mix dog named Dixie.



In the coming months, I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and learning all about what God has done and is doing through Christ UMC and it's extended family of supporters. I have felt so blessed to be a part of this community and really look forward to seeing what the Spirit is going to do through us in the coming years. As we open ourselves to God's will and allow it to guide us daily in our lives, amazing and wonderful things become the regular reality of our days. Therefore, I encourage everyone to take time to be with God through reading the Scriptures, prayer, and meditation every day! This is fundamental to our Christian walk and will be a major focus of ministry here in these coming months. We need to all get centered on listening to God and God's will for our lives. Please pray with me that all connected with our church will make God's will for them the top priority for their lives. Let us be a light in the midst of the darkness and a supportive, nurturing family of believers for each other! God bless you and your families.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Anna



**When doubts and fears are growing,
It's hard to keep on going
From day to day not knowing
Just what the end will be.
Take each day as you find it,
If things go wrong, don't mind it,
For each day leaves behind it
A chance to start anew.**

Gertrude Ellgas

Suzie's Info Column



Dan & Alyce Schwab took the train to Minneapolis to attend an Elder Hostel program for 10 days, they flew back -- Dan said Minneapolis is a beautiful city.

Dale Judge, friend of Darrell Truitt for many years, spent two plus weeks during the first, second and third weeks of June in the local area. He has lived in Alaska for 37 years -- it was good to see Dale again as he always attends our worship service during his visits here. Dale plans to stop by Oregon and Montana before he returns to anchorage where he currently resides. Also, Joanne, daughter of Yoshiko Rogers who resides in Pasadena, visited us -- she came to help her mother celebrate her birthday.

Thanks to Koko Brown and Mark Moon for the solos they sang during the month of June worship services.

Rev. Mark Moon made June 14 a memorable Sunday for Fred & Sachie Kumagai. They left for Pleasant Hills, Iowa -- which is a community just outside of Des Moines where their daughter, Dr. Amy, resides. We will sorely miss them as they have been active members of our church for almost 20 years. A great fellowship hour followed the service.

Apologies to Kathy Yamada. She lived in Brazil for 42 years as a missionary, not four as reported in the last issue of the Reflector. She was there 10 years before Hitoshi arrived as a missionary. They met and married there. And, Kathy was raised in Jacksonville, Florida, not Jackson as stated -- she says that they were the only Asians in the area.

Rev. Paul & Fran Motzer celebrated their 29th Wedding Anniversary on June 28th. And, July

birthday celebrants are Koko Brown (a 4th of July baby), Arlene Croome, Rev. Anna Camphouse, and daughter Sophia who will turn one on July 28th. To all may they have many more anniversaries and blessed events.

Rev. Grace Lee's last Sunday with us was June 28th. -- she will become the pastor at the Desert Hot Springs Community UMC. Thanks to those who attended to wish her well and to all those who brought food and goodies for fellowship time. It was good to see Elaine and her mother Eiko Koyama of Camarillo, Kiik Araki-Kawaguchi and friend from Santa Cruz area, Bob & Yots Shigenaka, and pastors from our two Hispanic churches. Thanks to Frank Coops for playing several up-beat hymns with Rev. Grace. Frank has performed for us several times during our Senior Programs.

Marion Ikeda's brother & sister-in-law from Hawaii visited her and family during the last weeks of June. Marion said they had a great time together.

Visiting at our July 19 service were Rev. Anna's husband's family from Manhattan, NY. Also, Kiik Araki-Kawaguchi and his mother Corinne, were here to honor his grandparent's, and mother's, wedding anniversary which is July 28th. And, good to see Eiko Koyama and daughter Elaine and son Wesley & family - Eiko is looking well.

Friends, please don't forget our 80th anniversary celebration on October 18th. More info will be coming from our co-coordinators Kay Moreland and Margaret Lau.



People in Our Prayer List

✚ Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto and her family for their missionary work in Japan.

✚ Rev. Tim Boyle and his family for their missionary work in Japan.

✚ Mary Hyosaka ✚ Jose Auyeung ✚ Lola Watts ✚ Mary Stringfellow

✚ Don Bloom ✚ Yolanda Colon ✚ Carl Turner ✚ Joe Rodriguez

✚ Mindy Garcia ✚ Barbara Puckett ✚ Don Nichols ✚ Karen Johnson

✚ Manny Ramirez ✚ Joyce Ujano ✚ Ed Clayton ✚ Irene Gardner

✚ Doug Kirchner



PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS. Persons who are on the prayer list will rotate off after four weeks unless someone asks to continue them on the list. Thanks for your continued prayers for those in need!



ANNUAL SUMMER WORSHIP & PICNIC

Sunday, August 9th, 10:00 am to 2 pm

Nipomo Regional Park - From Santa Maria take Hwy 101 north to the Tefft St exit, turn left and go west about 1 mile, just past Pomeroy Rd you will see the park on the right. Take the next right into the park.

We will be using the “Monterey” area.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and cold drinks will be provided.

Please bring your favorite picnic dish or desert to share.



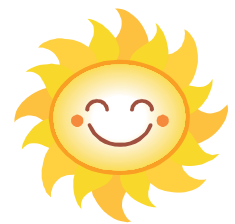
80th Anniversary Celebration Update

Recipients of The Reflector, both printed and online versions, are our 80th Anniversary Planning Committee’s best friends! Thank you so much for your prayers and for the responses to the “Save the Date” postcards that have been received to date. Unfortunately, we have not heard back from many, many of you, so if you find yourself among this latter group --- and you know who you are! – please send your reply in the mail or call either Kay Moreland at 805.937.1740 or Margaret Lau at 805.937.7530, to let us know the number of people from your family who hope to be able to attend the special day of worship and the luncheon that will immediately follow on Sunday, October 18, 2009. Those of you with internet access can respond by visiting <http://mysite.verizon.net/smchristumc/id11.html>. Stay tuned -- next month’s newsletter will confirm the luncheon details! In the meantime, join us in praise to God for the commitment of Bishop Sano, who will be presiding over the commemorative 80th Anniversary Worship Service along with our new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Anna Camhouse, and for His rich blessing upon the truly wonderful ideas and plans that He has inspired for this special day!

If you have any questions, please call Kay Moreland at 937-1740 or Margaret Lau at 937-7530.

THINGS YOU NEVER HEAR IN CHURCH:

- * Hey! It's MY turn to sit on the front pew!
- * I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went overtime 25 minutes.
- * Personally, I find witnessing MUCH more relaxing than golf.
- * Psst! Pass that plate back - I just found more money at the bottom of my purse.
- * I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
- * I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
- * Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!
- * Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- * Let's stay for the afternoon service. I really need to hear that sermon again.
- * Since we're all here, let's start the worship service early!



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Rev. Alpha & Mary Takagi – for Nichigo ministry

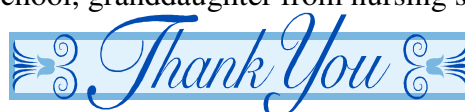
E. K & Susan Fujisaki – Mother’s Day in honor of Curly Kawaguchi, Taye Kamo,

Emi Inouye, Peggy Araki and Corinne Araki-Kawaguchi

Anonymous – Senior’s program

Michael & Corinne Araki-Kawaguchi - In honor of Kane & Peggy Araki's 66th Anniversary

Al & Sue Hyosaka - Graduations: grandson from high school, granddaughter from nursing school



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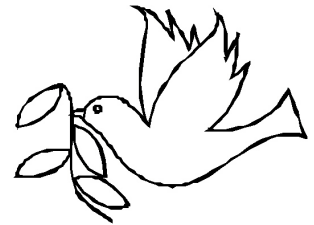
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Our Mission is to be --
"A Church for All People"



Our Vision is --
We seek to grow in the love of God through meaningful
worship and serving, and to grow in the love of all our
neighbors by making everyone truly welcome, and by
helping our neighbors near and far.

Worship & Regular Programs:

- Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 am
- Sunday School, 9:30 am (Adults)
10:30 am (Children)
- Bible Study & Sharing Group, Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Japanese Worship Service, 1st Saturday 11:00 am

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