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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Reflector

## A Note From Your Pastor

Dear Christ Family,



As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we do so with truly grateful hearts! We were so blessed to have such a fabulous 80th anniversary gathering. So many of you were able to join us in the celebration, and we were overjoyed to be with you. Thank you for coming and worshipping with us! If you were unable to attend this celebration, we hope

that you will be sure to come and visit us sometime in the near future so that we can reconnect with you again and share the love that we hold for you in our hearts. A big thank you to all those who helped in planning and organizing this event, especially Kay Moreland and Margaret Lau (co-chairs), as well as John Fox who put together a marvelous 80th anniversary DVD. Thanks for all your hard work!

Going into the holiday season, we are reminded once again to live in gratefulness and love. We do this individually in many ways. As a congregation, we are encouraged to vision together where God is leading us to go from here. The 80th anniversary was a great reminder of where we've come from. Now we need to discern where we are going from here! I do hope you will take every opportunity to participate in the process of discernment that we'll be going through together. To get us going in this process, we will be having a time of discussion after church this Sunday, November 1. As we remember the Saints that have gone before, may we be encouraged to go and do likewise to love the neighbors God has given us today!

We will be focusing our discussion in the four areas of growth delineated by the 2008 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. These areas are 1) Developing Leaders, 2) Creating Spaces for New People, 3) Eliminating Poverty, and 4) Improving Health Globally. We need **your** input, gifts, and graces in this discussion to become all God is creating us to become, so please think about these four areas and dare to dream big! We can do great things together with God's help! I hope you will take the time to think about these things and come with your ideas for ministry in hand! Great things are happening at Christ UMC. Praise God from whom all these blessings flow!

See y'all in church!

Pastor Anna



## Suzie's Info Column



Our deepest sympathy to George Nishimori on the passing of his Uncle Yutaka Nishimori. Also to Katsuko and two sons on the passing of George Kagawa. The family lived in Grover Beach for many years. George was a strawberry farmer. He was the older brother of John who resided in Santa Maria and pre-deceased him. John was also a long time strawberry grower. He was noted throughout Santa Maria for his most delicious berries.

Mark and Young Moon traveled to Korea the first two weeks of October with a Korean seniors group. They traveled far and wide and had a wonderful trip. While there Young was able to see her daughter Joyce Lee, a Cal-Poly graduate, currently teaching English there. Joyce is enjoying her current assignment.

Bo and Margaret Lau and son Ryan, who is counseling at San Diego, left the second week of this month for a two week tour of Japan.

Celebrating birthdays this month are Mark Moon and Asa Bingham who turned 18. Asa grew up in our church and served as an acolyte. May both enjoy many more birthdays,

Esther Tanouye, daughter of Yoshi and Rona, recently returned from Korea following a year teaching English. She was glad she did so -- said it was a great opportunity.

Hatsumi Thorvilson spent almost a month visiting her sister in Korea plus about six days in Kyoto. She returned just a day prior to our 80th celebration.

Arlene Croome had a super visit with her two nieces, one from Italy and other from Seattle that she hadn't seen for quite awhile.

Many thanks to those who came to celebrate our 80th Anniversary. Kay Moreland and Margaret Lau, as co-chair persons, did a stupendous job. And to those who helped, it's impossible to name them all, however, thanks to Merv Thomas and Justin Thompson for BBQing the chicken and tri-tips, and to John Fox who worked for many hours to put the DVD together.

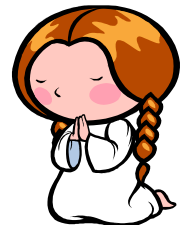
### *'The Power of Scripture'*

An elderly woman had just returned home from an evening of church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her valuables, she yelled "Stop, Acts 2:38" (Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman called the police and explained what she had done. The officer cuffed the robber and asked "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture at you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"



## People in Our Prayer List

- ✦ Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto and her family for their missionary work in Japan.
- ✦ Rev. Tim & Juji Boyle for their missionary work in Japan.
- ✦ Masako Nakamura (stroke)                      ✦ Michael Saldivar (diabetes)
- ✦ Erwin Maas (cancer)                      ✦ Harry Kadota (heart)                      ✦ Mindy Garcia (tumor)
- ✦ Families of those recently passed away:    Joe Mori    Suzie Kawaguchi    Ty Dohi



*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!*

## 80th Anniversary Celebration Memories

It's hard to believe that, after months of planning and work, our 80th Anniversary is now a memory. But what a wonderful memory it is! So many people worked so hard together to make it a special and wonderful day. To say "Thank You" to all who helped is not enough!

There were some people who gave huge amounts of time and energy to make this event happen. John Fox made the wonderful video that allows us to look back at the last 80 years of memories in the comfort of home. John Nakata and his team spent countless hours working to make sure everyone could see and hear the presentations. Emi Inouye, Mitzi Bering, and their team of talented ladies decorated both the church sanctuary and the Veteran's Community Center beautifully. Yoshiko Rogers, Judy Deguchi, and the Japanese musical group they belong to provided us with wonderful musical entertainment. Al and Sue Hyosaka and Henry Shimomi worked long and hard to make sure that the narthex was freshly painted. Merv Thomas and his team of barbecuers fed us royally. George Yoshitake generously donated his photographic skills to take a wonderful portrait of attendees. Archie and Joyce Ibarbalosa gave of their time and talents to video record the day, and the people involved. I could go on and on... Each of you helped, whether by working to prepare the church, helping to organize the service, provide funds to make everything possible, or most importantly, by uplifting us with your prayers.



To each and every one of you, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for everything!

Kay Moreland and Margaret Lau

1 Corinthians 1:4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)



**Wednesday November 25th**  
**First United Methodist**  
**Broadway & Cook**  
**7:00 pm**

As mentioned above, John Fox has produced a DVD commemorating our 80th Anniversary. This DVD contains messages from current and past Pastors, a short history of the church, video clips and a slideshow of people and activities around the church over the years. If you did not pick up a copy for viewing at home, they are still available. Call the church (805-925-3116) or send us an email (Christ\_umc@hotmail.com) to request a copy. Also, the group picture taken by George Yoshitake on October 18th is now available. Orders for copies will be taken until November 18th. They will be \$6 each for the 8x10, and \$12 for the 24 x 20 size.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (September 2009)

#### Special Donations

In memory of Ty Dohi

Corinne & Michael Araki-Kawaguchi

Alfred and Sue Hyosaka

In memory of Seirin Ikeda - Marion Ikeda

In memory of Bruce Inouye - Phyllis Chiado

In memory of Shizuko Kawaguchi - Ken & Mari Kobara

Mitsuko Nakamura – Birthday offering

#### In Honor of Our 80th Anniversary

Arlene Croome

Hilo & Iso Fuchiwaki - in memory of J.H. & Ito  
Fuchiwaki, Shigechika & Kimi Kobara

Evelyn Hirakami

Masao Inada - in memory of Yoshiko Pat Inada

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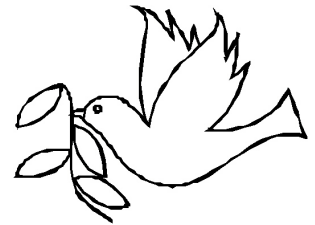
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Our Mission is to be --  
**"A Church for All People"**



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)
- Centering Prayer Group, Wednesday 10:00 am
- Bible Study & Sharing Group, Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Japanese Worship Service, 1st Saturday 11:00 am

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