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APRIL/MAY 2025

ALL CHURCH VISIONING DAY RETREAT: SAT, APRIL 26 | 9AM-3PM



Rev. Keith Inouye

Dear members and friends of WLAUMC,

Please make plans to join us for an All-Church Visioning Retreat to be held on Saturday April 26th from 9am to 3pm in our church Fellowship Hall. Your participation, input, vision and creativity is valued and important to the growth of our church's ministry.

Proverbs 29:18 states: **"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."** These words remind us that if we do not stop to consider where we are going and where we want to be in the future, and where God is wanting to lead us; we run the risk of aimlessly redoing ministry every year in the same manner; running the same programs, maintaining the status quo and never questioning whether we should change or rethink how we do ministry amidst a world that is constantly changing. We often forget that because the world is changing, the church must faithfully discern and discover how to be relevant; knowing that the mission of the church can still be light in the darkness for God in Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, the church as an established institution can get so entrenched in its own longstanding ways of doing things (things that were successful in the past) but, over time, begin to be the very things that keep the church from growing in mission and relevance. "We've always done things this way!" has often been the enduring words of declining and dying churches.

A long time ago, I listened to the wise words of a "Futurist" who said that the successes of the past never guarantee success in the future!

What he meant by that was that any business or institution (including the church) needs to understand that rethinking and re-imagining are vital to a successful future or else it runs the risk of getting left behind. The church is called to lead; not be left behind.

Discerning vision in the church means that we understand that the church is on a journey with a destination toward the things that are meant to be. Discerning direction or vision for the church is always about doing our utmost to discern **GOD's direction for the church.**

Setting aside time to discern, to vision, to hope, to dialogue about where we believe God wants us to be in the near and long-range future is what our "All-Church Visioning Retreat" is all about. We need your input. We need you to be a part of the dialogue if at all possible. So please consider joining us! Discerning the future direction of the church is always best when we do this discernment as a community. So let us gather together to be of one mind, one heart, one spirit in the same hope and love for this church entrusted into our care.

I hope you will come! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office or to me. Thank you!

Blessings to you always,

Rev. Keith

THE WORD HEARD AT WLAUMC!

On Sunday March 9, we were truly blessed to have the Rev. Dr. Yuki Schwartz bring us the Sunday message which helped center us in this church season of Lent. Dr. Yuki's sermon was titled "Believing Six Impossible Things Before Breakfast" and was a wonderful reflection on the scripture lessons from Romans 10:8b-13 and Luke 4:1-13.

Rev. Dr. Yuki Schwartz is Assistant Dean and Professor at nearby Claremont School of Theology now located at the Westwood UMC property. We were indeed blessed to have Rev. Dr. Schwartz share the Sunday morning message!

As you know, we are blessed to have on our church staff both Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka (UM Deaconess) with a Masters of Divinity degree from the Claremont School of Theology and Kiana Hertogh-Nicholson (a Cal-Pac candidate for ordained ministry) with a Master's of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity in Durham, NC.

In order to both utilize and take advantage of their theological training and provide opportunities for them to practice and develop their preaching abilities (which I feel is already outstanding), it is my desire and plan to enable them to each have at least 6 opportunities during the year to preach on Sundays. For this reason, in general, one of them will preach each month as they have generally been doing. Therefore they will cover the following two Sundays while I am away on vacation as follows:

May 25: Kiana Hertogh-Nicholson

June 1: Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka



A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP!

In response to our generosity and fire relief efforts at WLAUMC, we recently received a handwritten letter from the bishop (pictured). See below for the transcript of the card:

Dear Rev. Keith Inouye and West Los Angeles UMC,

Thank you for your generous gift given to care for those who suffered loss due to the LA fires.

Your gift is being used to provide immediate support to those who lost homes, church, neighborhoods, and towns. You have helped them find stability after the crisis. You have helped us know God's love and hope for a better future.

I thank God for you!

Grace y paz,

Dottie



Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

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Celebrating a Wedding!

We celebrate with church members Wayne Nomi and Catherine Stanecki who were married on Saturday March 8th at the church. We pray much happiness and blessings upon their marriage and in their continuing participation in our church's ministry through the many ways that that they so wonderfully serve. Congratulations to the new couple!



Rev. Keith & Viki Away on Vacation

From May 18-June 4, Rev. Keith & Viki will be away on vacation. Please contact Kiana Hertogh-Nicholson, Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka, Rev. Becky Hirata, or Staff-Parish Relations Chair Sonia Dixon if any pastoral care emergencies arise.



Children's Day Celebration! Save the Date!

Saturday, May 3. (12:00 pm-3:00 pm)

West Los Angeles Buddhist Church Parking Lot

The Sawtelle Japantown Association (SJA) is sponsoring its 3rd Children's Day Celebration for the community! Local organizations, churches, language schools and clubs are collaborating to host this event. Rev. Keith and Viki are on the planning committee. Activities for all ages! Children's games, crafts, will be free for the children! There will also be entertainment of taiko/hula dancing, historical display of the Sawtelle area and a Sawtelle gardening booth. A food truck with delicious options too!

Our church will sponsor two booths: a craft and game booth. Please consider volunteering a shift at one of our booths and/or with set up/take down for the event! Sign-up sheets will be available on the patio table. Thanks!

God's Garden: SEEDs Class and Service Project—"God's Caretakers"

April 6 (10:45-1:00 pm)

The creation story found in the first chapter of Genesis, reminds us of humanity's responsibility to care for all creation. Children 2nd-6th grade are invited to participate in this class. We will review the scripture, have open discussion and engage in an edible creation scavenger hunt!

The kids will be introduced to a crayon recycling project to help keep millions of discarded crayons from turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills. Instead, we will recycle them for recycling into new free crayons for kids in children's hospitals.



Celebrating Graduations!

West LA church family would love to recognize and celebrate your graduates! We will celebrate graduates on **Sunday, May 18th** in the worship service.

We can use your help identifying individuals who will celebrate this important milestone! Please contact Viki Inouye (viki.inouye@gmail.com) to share the name of the graduate, school, college, or degree if applicable so we can include their names in the worship bulletin!

Please submit graduation information by Sunday, April 27th.



Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza!

Saturday, April 19 (11:00 am-2:30pm)

In celebration of Easter, we would like to gather the church family for a fun afternoon of fellowship, good food, games and an egg hunt eggstravaganza for the kids! Please keep Saturday, April 19 open in your calendar for a picnic! We hope to secure a reservation at Airport Park (near the Santa Monica airport) but due to the policies of the city of Santa Monica, we cannot confirm the reservation till the end of March.

We will keep you posted!



Celebrating Girls Day at WLA!

Colorful, printed kimonos, carefully secured with a decorative and beautiful woven sash (obi) were showcased by the young girls on March 2nd. This was to commemorate the Japanese tradition of Girls Day.

In the spirit and tradition of this holiday, prayers for the healthy growth and happiness of the girls were recognized. Thank you to Kristin Sakaguchi, Alison Boyd, and Viki Inouye for dressing the girls, Diana Lock and Sheryl Enock for styling the girls hair with kanzashi. A special thank you to George and Keiko Kikuta and Susanne Nagata for setting up the beautiful Girls Day Hina matsuiri heirloom doll collection in the fellowship hall.



Camp Wrightwood United Methodist Camp

(San Gabriel mountains, Southern CA.)
1401 Linnet Rd.
Wrightwood, CA. 92397



After a wonderful Asian Camp 50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon, evening "Meet Ups" and a moving Anniversary Worship Service last October, it is clear the impact of the Asian Camp experience has had on so many lives. From life-long friendships, personal growth and transformation to a call into ministry; the spirit and blessing of Asian Camp has been powerful, inspirational and life changing.

As we embark on a new chapter of Asian Camp with a combined middle school and high school camper age program, we are excited where God will lead this ministry into the future. Asian Camp is open to current 6th Graders – current High School Seniors.

Please consider going to camp this summer! Age level growth groups, evening programs, recreation, worship, mixers, new friendships, cabin bonding, lots of laughter and more!

Camper registration forms are now available! Visit our website for more information and to register. (see QR code!) We will coordinate transportation from WLA. Invite your friends!

We look toward to the future of camp with much hope in the faith formation of our young people and the vitality it can bring in leadership and involvement to our local churches.

Questions? Contact Viki Inouye (viki.inouye@gmail.com)



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



ASIAN AMERICAN SUMMER CAMP

CAFE ALOHA RECEIVES GRANT! 03-09-2025

It is with much feelings of gratitude that Café Aloha announce that we are the recipients of the **2025 Keiro Grants Program**. Receiving this grant allows us to continue to provide free lunches to approximately 60 older adults every first Saturday of each month.

We are truly grateful for God's guidance and the many older adults whose continued faith embody the love and grace of God and to our volunteers who help prepare, package and deliver the lunches.

At our first 2025 In-Person lunch we celebrated Haru Nakata's 100th birthday along with approximately 17 others in attendance. On April 5 and May 3, we will deliver lunches and then we will have our second In-Person lunch on June 7th.

Carole Nakano, Member Care – Café Aloha



DISCERNING "NUDGE WORDS" FOR LENT

We gathered on March 2nd for lunch, chocolate, and conversation as we prepared our hearts and spirits for Lent. Facilitator Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka guided the group with prayers, poetry, and journaling invitations. Participants then surveyed a table filled with more than 150 cards printed with a variety of actions, emotions, spiritual practices, and more to discern which ones spoke to them. The ones that "shimmered" became their "Nudge Words" for the season. The Holy Spirit was surely among us as we shared our words and why we chose them. To encourage daily engagement with God's wonders, we also decorated mason jars with ribbons, stickers, labels, flowers, origami paper, and stamps. The jars will hold personal notes of joy, gratitude, blessing, and awe gathered throughout Lent to balance against the worries of the day and the deep work of Lenten reflection.



NEW COUNCIL of MINISTRIES TEAM

Our new Ministries Team, lead by Sharon Kinoshita-Gill and Sheryl Enock, gathers for first meeting to join in communication, cooperation, collaboration, and visioning!





Kids Camp 2025 Camp Firelight!



Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you! (Psalm 56.3)

June 22 * 29 * July 6 * 13 *

July 20 Kids Camp Celebration Worship Service!

It's time for a summer Kids Camp adventure with God! Explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

A fun camping theme will teach us about people in the Bible who experienced the gift of a trusting relationship with God. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.

WHEN June 22 Trust God to Go with Us!
 June 29 Trust God to Lead the Way!
 July 6 Trust God to Share Wisdom
 July 13 Trust God to Spark Joy!

WHERE West LA United Methodist Church
 1913 Purdue Ave. Los Angeles 90025

WHO Toddlers (9:15 am-11:00 am)
 PS-Middle School (9:15 am-1:30 pm)

COST Registration fee covers curriculum, crafts, science & cooking, supplies, snacks, lunch, t-shirt and digital camp photo
 Cost is \$40 per camper

Payment can be made online: (choose "non-donation payment" or checks can be made payable to West Los Angeles UMC -memo both to Kids Camp 2025)

Registration Deadline: April 1

Notes: We are a NUT FREE ZONE and happy to accommodate food allergies!

A newsletter will be sent a month prior to camp with information and details about the schedule.



KIDS CAMP Program UPDATES!

TODDLER AGE ADDED!

We are excited to add a toddler age to Kids Camp this year! 2- and 3-year-olds will begin with the other children for worship, singing, an activity and snack before being dismissed at 11:00 am, giving parents time to enjoy the fellowship time after service!



TWEEN ZONE! (Middle School)

A parallel program for middle school age campers will keep them engaged with different and more challenging activities. They will begin and end with the other campers but have their own schedule in between!



CAMP CIRCLES

This summer we are adding "camp circles" which are intergenerational groups for the kids to do an activity

What Happens at Kids Camp?

EVERYBODY WILL ENJOY KIDS CAMP BIBLE STORIES!

The program will begin in the sanctuary so the entire church family will experience the bible story with the kids. Remember the stories through captivating, entertaining and sometimes just silly skits that make the story come to life!

DELICIOUS LUNCHES!

Yummy lunches will be prepared by loving church members for hungry tummies and an opportunity for the children to share in fellowship over a meal together!

SCHEDULE

The schedule will include worship, music, rotational activities (crafts, science, culinary creations, missions/service project), snack/break time, lunch, camp circles and a wrap up at the end.



Antique Store & Yard Sale!

SAVE THE DATES

Sale Day: Saturday, May 10

Donations & Set up: Sunday - Friday, May 3-9

JOIN THE FUN - VOLUNTEER!

Contact Kay Yang at knyang1016@gmail.com or
Sonia Dixon at sndhawaii@gmail.com,
or call the church office at (310) 473-1379

JOIN THE BAKE SALE!

We invite you to contribute your favorite home baked goods! Some ideas...cookies, mochi, sweet breads, cakes, furikake chex mix, rice krispie treats, etc.

Please do not bring anything that requires refrigeration, advise if it contains nuts and pre-package your items ready for sale. Please bring your items to church on Friday 9m-12pm or Saturday morning by 9am.

Your 2025 Antique Store & Yard, Plant & Bake Sale Committee:

Elaine Sunoo, Jane Harada, Kay Yang,

ITEMS TO DONATE: GATHER ITEMS TO DONATE:

- High value antiques & collectibles, including Japanese
- Luxury Brands - Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, etc
- Japanese household items - dishes, bowls, vases, serveware and storage, Kimono/obi & yukata, fabrics,
- Unused Gifts - wedding, anniversary, birthday, housewarming, omiyage
- Barware - vintage cocktail & water glasses
- Kitchen and Housewares - appliances, cooking & baking, utensils, restaurant supplies
- Jewelry - costume and fine jewelry
- Precious metals - gold, silver, platinum in any form, eg old tooth fillings, coins
- Purses, Handbags, Coin Purses - new and old, designer and hand-made!
- Select clothing items - MUST be clean and wearable
- Vintage items that are 20+ years old and characteristic of a prior era. Women's period dresses, blouses, hats
- Kimonos & obi, yukata, hapi coats, haori
- Men's Pendleton and Aloha shirts - any era
- Dodgers, Lakers, Rams, Kings, Galaxy, LA Football Club official branded clothing
- Modern consumer electronics - earbuds & headsets, bluetooth speakers, etc
- Photography - film and digital cameras, lenses, accessories
- Collectibles - trading cards, character & sports memorabilia
- Tools - hardware, gardening
- Home & office - storage containers, organizers, small electronics
- Toys, games, sports equipment, camping, picnic
- Kids & Babies - toys, games, sports equipment, clothes
- Curiosities - Surprise us! We love STRANGE



REOCCURRING EVENTS:

THURSDAY BREAKFAST BUNCH: THURSDAYS, APRIL 3RD AND MAY 1ST, 8AM

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: THURSDAYS, APRIL 17TH AND MAY 15TH,
11:30AM-1PM

SENIOR FUN DAY: FRIDAYS, APRIL 11TH AND MAY 2ND, 10AM-2PM

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: SATURDAY, JUNE 7

The Social and Environmental Justice and Missions Committee will be sponsoring a new Habitat for Humanity Build Event on Saturday, June 7th, in Long Beach. Come out and have some fun handling power tools and helping out with the construction of new homes.

Please contact Mark Holmes at mholmes64@yahoo.com if you're interested in participating.



NEXT GEN MINISTRIES UPDATE

For the Sundays in Lent, our young(ish) generations will be reflecting on "Into the Wilderness," a Lenten devotional written by our very own **Lynne Onishi**! This study will take place after English worship, around 11AM, from Sundays 3/9 to 4/13. During our initial gathering, the group had a life-giving discussion on the importance of "hospitality" in the wilderness season. In the coming weeks we will explore topics such as: belonging, power & privilege, marginalization, and reconciliation. This Lenten study is for anyone around the ages of 20-40's, but we won't ask your age at the door :) All who are interested are welcome! To RSVP and stay in the Loop for gatherings, email Kiana at info@wlaumc.com.



Pictured: left, Next Gen gathers for the Lent Luncheon at Rev. Keith and Viki's Home on 3/9

Pictured: right, MidPointers gather at a local brewery on 2/22

OHANA MINISTRY SAVE THE DATES:

- **Picnic in the Park** - April 6th, 11am
- **Sawtelle Clean Up** - May 17th
- **Ohana Family Day**, June 21st

Stay tuned for more information or text Kristen at 805-350-0518!



ONLINE LENTEN STUDY CONTINUES!

Our Online Lenten Study continues on Wednesday evenings for a time of reflection, conversation, creativity, and spiritual practice using the new devotional "Draw Close," by UMC pastor Rev. Stephanie Dunn. Join us! No worries if you have not been able to participate thus far. Feel free to drop-in when your schedule permits! Contact Jeri at jotwlaumc@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



Altar Flowers From 2/24/25-3/30/25

Given by:

- ✿ Stacey Hirose and Gregg Omori in celebration of their anniversary
- ✿ Eleanor Nakano in memory of Otto Isao Nakano
- ✿ Bob and Gwen Nagata in memory of Wally Nagata
- ✿ Toshie Setoguchi, Sharon, & Chris James in memory of Takako and Hide Setoguchi
- ✿ Bob and Gwen Nagata in memory of Yo Tsuruda

Spiritual Care

If you are in need of spiritual/pastoral care and/or wish to be added to or removed from the Prayer List, please contact one of the pastors or call the Office at 310-479-1379.

You may also contact Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka, Director of Spiritual Engagement & Compassion Care, at jotwlaumc@gmail.com.



FUN-RAISING COMMITTEE

The WLAUMC FUNraising committee held their first meeting of the year on Valentine's Day, February 14th with a lot of positive energy and determination to continue fundraising activities that help to supplement regular member pledges and donations throughout the year. We are focused on providing a range of activities and events that bring together our church family, friends and community in addition to helping us fund our ongoing church activities and programs that are appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Our next major event will be our annual Antique Store, Yard, Bake and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10th. This event is a great opportunity for church members and friends to pass on old treasures and shop new finds at bargain prices with friendly service.

That day, the sale will also include a variety of beautiful plants and flowers thanks to generous donations from the Hashimoto Family's historic and iconic nursery of our community.

We are also excited to announce our initiative for an anniversary edition of a WLAUMC Cookbook that celebrates our 100 year history of faith, food and family culminating in the year 2030. We plan to host various events to share, introduce, and memorialize our church families (new and old) through their recipes, stories, and photos to build excitement for the anniversary cookbook.

We hope you will want to participate, support and enjoy this FUNraising journey to our 100th year anniversary in 2030!

Please feel free to contact Stan Shimotsu or Sonia Dixon, if you have any questions!



FAITH AT THE MOVIES

Sophie Scholl: The Final Days

Sunday March 30th (1pm-4pm in the Learning Center)

We will view the 2005 Academy Award Nominee for Best Foreign Language film "Sophie Scholl: The Final Days". This film is... "the true story of Germany's most famous anti-Nazi heroine brought to thrilling, dramatic life. Sophie Scholl stars Julia Jentsch in a luminous performance as the fearless activist of the underground student resistance group, The White Rose.

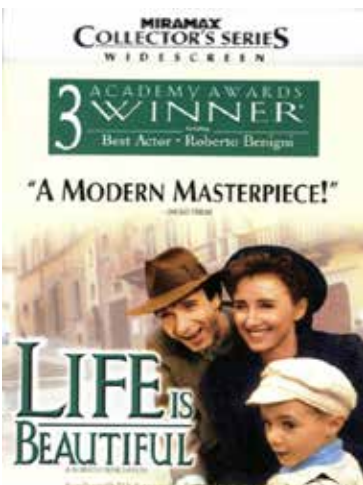
Director Marc Rothemund expertly re-creates the last six days of Sophie Scholl's life; a heart stopping journey from arrest to interrogation, trial and sentence in 1943 Munich. Unwavering in her convictions and loyalty to her comrades, her cross-examination by the Gestapo quickly escalates into a searing test of wills as Scholl delivers a passionate call to freedom and personal responsibility that is both haunting and timeless."

Life is Beautiful

Sunday April 27th (1pm-4pm in the Learning Center)

Come see the 1997 Academy Award winning film "Life is Beautiful" starring Roberto Benigni.

The film is both touchingly tragic and comedic. It offers a message of hope and perseverance amidst the historical horror of the Holocaust. Benigni's performance is brilliant.



GETTING READY FOR HOLY WEEK

PALM BRANCHES FOR PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13TH

If you have Palm branches that you can provide for us on the morning of Saturday April 12th, we will be decorating the courtyard for Palm/Passion Sunday which takes place on Sunday April 13th!

Please contact Rev. Keith so we can coordinate whether you need someone to come over to your home to cut them and transport them to the church OR if you can deliver them to the church before our Altar Guild decorates on that Saturday.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY'S FLOWERING OF THE CROSS APRIL 20th

In many churches such as ours, the tradition of making a floral cross with the generous donations of flowers from the congregation is very much needed and appreciated. This year we hope to have enough to fill the wire cross abundantly so that it might be displayed in the sanctuary during worship. Please bring your flowers early to church on Easter morning before worship where folks will help fill the wire cross. Be sure to leave at least 6 inches of stem or more so that the flowers will stay fixed in the wire cross without falling out.



EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY ALTAR AREA APRIL 20th

Like our poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary at Advent and Christmas, so we hope to adorn the sanctuary altar in the same way except with beautiful Easter Lilies on Easter morning! Please see the article and order form in this

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

One of the most dramatic worship services that takes place at our church is our Good Friday service which takes place on Friday April 18th at 7pm. Please join us as we remember Jesus' final days through his arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial. This remembrance is so very important to our Christian faith; making the resurrection of Christ all the more significant and powerful!



EASTER LILY ORDERS



If you wish to order lilies for the Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 20, 2025 please complete the form below and place it with your payment in the envelope on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Each plant is \$12, and orders are due by Sunday, April 13. Proceeds will benefit the Worship Commission. After the Easter Worship Service, please take your plant(s) or arrange for someone to take them home.

Thank you in advance for beautifying the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday with your Easter Lilies.

Kazie Kame, Easter Lily Chairperson

「お祝い月」

これからイースターの喜び、子どもの日、母の日とお祝いが続く月である。復活祭のファミリー礼拝では、主の復活を讃える子どもハンドベルの演奏と聖歌隊の特別賛美をエンジョイしたい。そして礼拝後はポットラックランチでお祝いです。

5月4日は子どもの日。イエス様のように、神と人に愛され、すくすくと成長するように、子どもたちのために祈る礼拝を覚えたい。礼拝後は、柏餅をエンジョイしたい!

そして、5月11日は母の日。子どもを愛し育てるお母さんたちにも祝福があるように祈りたい。

礼拝後は子ども達によるヌーンリサイタルを準備中。子どもたちが一生懸命練習しているので応援したいと思う。そしてお茶の時間は、男性陣によるアフタヌーン・ティーである。お母さんたちを感謝する特別な日でありますようにと皆で神様に祈りつつ準備に臨みたい。

聖霊の神様が私たちに力を注いでくださる。さあ、心を尽くして主に感謝する月を持とう!

In April and May, we will be busy celebrating Easter, Kodomo-no-hi, and Mother's Day.

On April 20th, we look forward to hearing the Nichigo choir's special Easter music, by Handel Messiah and Kodomo handbell music. We will raise our voices and spirits together to praise Jesus Christ. He is risen!

May 4th is "Kodomo-no-hi" Sunday, and our prayers go to all children to grow up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men, just like Jesus. We will distribute Kashiwa-Mochi after Nichigo worship service to enjoy together.

On May 11th, we pray and thank God for all mothers on Mother's Day. Kodomo are preparing for the Mother's Day Noon Recital. They are practicing very hard to perform nice music for their mothers! Also, the men are preparing an English Afternoon Tea party for the ladies. This is so exciting! How can we thank the Lord for teaching us to love God and love each other! God is so good.

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Rev. Rebecca Hirata



4月5日(土)& 5月3日(土)弁当

教会ではシニアのメンバーにお弁当を届けます。ご希望の方は教会オフィスまでご連絡ください。

Café Aloha Senior Program & Bento delivery On April 5 and May 3 (Saturday)

Café Aloha ministry would like to reach out to seniors 70 and older by delivering bento. If you are interested in receiving bento, please contact Church office.

4月5日メニュー: サンドイッチ、スープ、菓子、フルーツ
April 5 Menu: Sandwich, Soup, Kashi, Fruits

5月3日メニュー: 筍ご飯、味噌汁、菓子、フルーツ
May 3 Menu: Takenoko-gohan, Miso-soup, Kashi, Fruits



Fire and the Environment

Jamie Thierman, Environmental Justice Chair

Less is More (Part II)

Continuing on in our fight against consumerism, is a tip that for me always sounded a bit daunting: before throwing something away, see if you can fix it. When I was a kid, any battery-operated toy that broke was immediately given to my dad to repair, and any holes in clothes could be sewn by my mom. Today, I have neither electrical knowledge nor a sewing machine. But the other day I was surprised how easy it was to sew up a hole in the armpit of a shirt with just a needle and thread, as well as cover a stain with a no-sew patch. For Jordan's stuffed animals too, it's pretty simple to sew a button back on or a seam shut.

In fact, it was amazing how many things we were able to repair instead of throw away, once we were thinking along that mind set. Eric replaced the handle of an old shovel and it feels brand new. A friend of mine saved a lint shaver from corroded batteries by cleaning it with baking soda and vinegar. A quick trip to a jewelry store enabled me to replace the hooks on a pair of earrings as well as missing gems from a hair clip. I have superglued more household items than I can count. And always remember that YouTube is a free library of repair videos. You can find the solutions to broken zippers, broken flip-flops, stains, wood scratches, unravelling sweaters, punctured bicycle tires, rips in tents, and much, much more.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Services
9:30 AM—English Worship
11:00 AM—Japanese Worship
Online worship at wlaumc.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday
8:30am-12:30 pm
or call the Church Office at
310-479-1379
to speak to the staff

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