

West LA Connections

West Los Angeles United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter | MAY 2024 ISSUE

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Growing More
Christlike Together

West LA UMC welcomes all persons
regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



Word from the Pastor



Rev. Keith Inouye

The Japanese have a saying “Kodomo No Tame Ni” which means “for the sake of the children.” It was a saying I have long known but one that was refreshed in my memory at our beloved Rose Honda’s memorial service who spent her lifetime dedicated to the field of childhood education.

I know “Kodomo No Tame Ni” is not a wisdom saying exclusive to Japanese culture or its people. Many cultures embrace a desire to be and act in ways that benefit one’s own children or future generations as a whole.

With the joyous birth of our granddaughter Rooney Sueko Boyd (our very first grandchild) born on April 2 to our daughter Alison and son-in-law Joe, I find myself even more concerned about what kind of future awaits her generation. Though I have always felt a deep concern for humanity and the kind of world that awaits future generations long after my life passes from this earthly existence, the birth of our granddaughter makes this concern all the more personal and real to me. I don’t want to be pessimistic about the future. I want to be optimistic and hopeful. I want to find reassurance that there is promise and blessing that awaits my granddaughter and all of humanity long after I am gone. And I know that part of that hope lies in me and each of us.

As a pastor I feel I must be attentive to what is currently going on in our nation

and world. I believe it is antithetical to the mission and purpose of Christ’s church to simply bury our heads in the sand and pretend the troubles of the world will go away or are no concern to us.

Certainly, we may, at times, feel the need to momentarily disengage from the troubling news that bombards us daily out of concern for our own emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being by being attentive to the needs of self-care, recreation, and other matters that promote wellness; but I am convinced that God calls me and all of us to consider what we can do to help a broken world “kodomo no tame ni” (for the sake of the children/future generations).

I am reminded that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, once said, “The world is my parish” which I understand to mean that entire world is our concern. Our faith and spiritual lives are not lived solely unto ourselves but in deep connection with all of humanity and creation. Our faith must be lived out and expressed in response to the world not with hate and contempt, or fear and apprehension but with grace and compassion and a deep desire to contribute to the well-being and healing of the world.

The season of Pentecost follows Eastertide! The coming church season is a remembrance of how the Holy Spirit infused a passion in the followers of Christ to carry on the hope of Christ by sharing the love of God as was modeled in his life.

Church can feel like a respite and sanctuary (a shelter) from the troubles of the world and we should be thankful that it is truly that very experience for any and all of us. But Christ’s church was also to be about a people infused with a purpose and mission to heal the brokenness of the world and carry God’s love out to those in need and those circumstances of the world where hope is desperately needed.

Friends, there are many opportunities for

you to engage in the good work of Christ’s church that Jesus the Christ left in the care and direction of all who would follow from generation to generation. For the sake of the children... let us do what we can to mend the brokenness of the world in whatever small or big way we can and leave future generations with a world that indeed is promising and hopeful!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Keith



Rooney Sueko Boyd



We pray for those who have lost loved ones in recent days

- The family of Hisako Terasaki who passed away on April 15th • the family of Rev. Hiroyasu Iwabuchi who passed away on April 15th in Japan • for continuing prayers for others also whose loss of loved ones continues to weigh heavy in heart, mind and spirit.

We pray for those facing health concerns

- for Kathy Yamazaki in recent health concerns • for Lenny Gill whose successful ear surgery has resulted in improved hearing • Phyllis & Galen Murakawa's niece Kelly Parkhurst who is battling cancer. • Thomas Gaff's fiancé Tiffany whose father in Seattle is confronted with stage 4 cancer • Toshio Takahashi's client Mr. Michael Lips continuing to recover from two open heart surgeries. • Thomas Gaff's grandmother Hortensia Fontes of Tucson, AZ who health has been failing. • Bob Bailey's wife Carla regarding her health concerns and treatments. • Shirley Fujisaki's brother Bob Kitamura who continues to receive treatment for cancer • Don Ayres (JoAnn Ayres former husband-cancer treatment) • Lisa Brown (Janice Mayeda's friend-health) • John Cho (continued healing following a stroke) • Fusako Hamamoto (health) • Steve and Sandra Hirose (Stacey Hirose's parents-health and care) • Lance Hoy (Phyllis Murakawa's friend-health) • Nancy Kawata (health) • Rose Kishi (health) • Gloria Lee (Carole Morita's sister-in-law (health) • Michi Matsuda (health) • Kenji Mayeda (health) • Haru Nakata (health) • Ferdinand Range (Pat Setoguchi's brother-health) • Hunter Wong (Phyllis and Galen Murakawa's grandson-health).

We pray for those celebrating joys

- for Rev. Keith & Viki's daughter Alison and son-in-law Joe Boyd whose baby Rooney Sueko Boyd was born on April 2nd (7lbs & 7oz; 20 inches) • Continuing prayers for Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka undergoing her deaconess process in our UMC; for Valerie Harada-Hayashi & Marc Hayashi expecting their first child (boy) at the end of June 2024!

We pray for our church

- for hope for our "30-40 Something age range" Midpoint Fellowship and blessings upon the leadership of Kristin Sakaguchi and Andre Laguerta • for Claremont School of Theology's move

from Claremont to Westwood UMC and for President Bishop Grant Hagiya and the professors and staff of CST establishing a new chapter of the seminary AND for generous funding support from within and far beyond our Cal-Pac Conference to sustain the seminary in the years ahead • for our church's many ministries and fellowship groups; for outreach, missions and service that witnesses to the love of God in Christ.

We pray for our nation

- for more effective cooperation between political parties to do the work of government and legislation that benefits the lives of all Americans mindful of equity and social justice matters • for extreme weather patterns due to climate change causing harsh winter storm, rains, flooding and landslides • for the travesty of continuing shootings in our nation and our nation's political leadership over their unwillingness to enact stricter and more responsible gun control.

We pray for our world

- for the continuing wars in between Ukraine and Russia, Israel and the Hamas; for Israeli hostages whose fate is still uncertain; for the deaths of more than 30,000 Palestinians and the suffering of so many others as a result of the Israeli attacks in the Gaza strip and the inability to receive and retrieve humanitarian aid.



If you wish to add or remove a prayer request, please contact the pastors or call the church at 310-479-1379.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

General Budget

	Income	Expenses	Surplus/(Deficit)
March	\$46,836	\$50,337	(\$3,501)
YTD	\$166,138	\$136,839	\$29,298

Memorial Donations As of 4/9/24

In loving memory of all WLAUMC Saints

Greg Shikata

In loving memory of Rose Honda

Emily Cook, Betty Hiroto, Ken Hiyama, Barbara Isono, Amy Niwa, Robert Ono, Galen & Phyllis Murakawa, Ujinobu Niwa, Grace Seto, Greg Shikata, Aki Yagi, Stan Yukevich

In loving memory of Dave Cook

Galen & Phyllis Murakawa, Ujinobu Niwa, Elaine Okinaga, Grace Seto, Rick & Lucy Smith

In loving memory of Joyce Kusunoki & Herbert Kusunoki

Galen & Phyllis Murakawa

In loving memory of Douglas Nakano and Fred & Ruby Nakano

Grace Seto

In loving memory of Joe Seto

Grace Seto

In loving memory of Tats Omori

Betty Omori, Greg Omori & Stacey Hirose

In loving memory of Nancy & Roy Takeda

Patricia Takeda

Special Offerings

In appreciation of Cafe Aloha

Grace Seto, Toshie Setoguchi, Yasuko & Tomoyuki Takata (Girl's Day Bento)

In appreciation of Online Worship

Nat Akiyama, George & Keiko Kikuta, Toshie Setoguchi

In appreciation of Tai Chi

Karen Kobashi

In appreciation of Thomas Gaff's beautiful arrangements and music

Grace Seto

In appreciation of gift for new AV Equipment

Anonymous

In appreciation of Upper Room

Sadie & Fred Hifumi

In celebration of Fred Hifumi's 96th Birthday

Keiko Kano

In celebration of Haru Nakata's 99th Birthday

Keiko Kano

In honor of March Birthdays

Stan & Jane Shimotsu, Jeri Okamoto Tanaka

For Health – Kelly Parkurt (niece)

Galen & Phyllis Murakawa

For Grief Support Group

Greg Shikata

For Strength: George Kikuta

Greg Shikata

Good Friday

Steve Hirai, Lova Hyatt, Keith Inouye, Chris Kohler, Jane Shimotsu

Easter

Jared Aoki, Jo-Ann Ayres, Ed Brewer, Sam & Jean Dote, Steve Fujii, Steve & Marilyn Fujii, Shirley Fujisaki, Lenny & Sharon Gill, Ken & Jane Harada, Chimie Hashimoto, Fred & Sadie Hifumi, Eve Hirai, Hirose/Omori, Betty Hiroto, Keith Inouye, Barbara Isono, Shigeo Kanda, Joli Kishi, Chris Kohler, Nanayo Kuno, Bart Maeda, Scott Nakaatari, Haru Nakata, Carole Nakano, Amy Niwa, Jeri Okamoto Tanaka, Elaine Okinaga, Pamela Ryder, Gary & Mari Sakaguchi, Barry Sakamoto, Fred Sakamoto, Steve & Kim Sase, Linda Shimizu, Jean Shikata, Jean Shimotsu & Family, Stan & Jane Shimotsu, Stuart & Lova (Hyatt) Shimotsu, Nadine Shintaku, Kinu Shishido, Cooke & Elaine Sunoo, John & Susan Tsukahira, Jeanine Yamazaki

Habitat for Humanity

Michael Ellis

UMCOR

Bob Bailey, Sam & Jean Dote, Sonia & Carlyle Dixon, Sharon Gill, Jane & Ken Harada, Lova Hyatt, Keiko Kano, George & Keiko Kikuta, Elaine & Cooke Sunoo, Toshio & Keiko Takahashi, Jeri Okamoto Tanaka, Lois Tateishi, Anonymous (3)

Altar Flowers From 3/31/24 to 4/21/24

Given by:

- ✿ Ed and Carole Brewer, Eleni Mikami-Jernigan and Connor Mikami in celebration of Easter and in memory of Donald Mikami, Fusa & Seichi Mikami, Bill Jernigan, and Sei Morita.
- ✿ Rev. Keith & Viki Inouye, in Appreciation of Church Family.
- ✿ Susan Tsukahira in Loving Memory of Rose Honda
- ✿ Irene Horiuchi, Norio and Jeannie Kazahaya in Memory of Frank Fukuhara



Thank you for
your Generosity!



NEXT THURSDAY BREAKFAST BUNCH!
 May 2, at 8am , at Marie Callendar's

Yes, 8am seems early but what better way to start your day than by gathering for an early morning breakfast with church friends! How nice it is to not have an agenda and programs to plan but rather simply bask in the joy of fellowship over a meal! It's an opportunity to really meet and get to know others! In fact we truly believe that God's Spirit is magnified when we gather and intentionally build community!

So please join us on Thursday May 2nd for our next Thursday

Breakfast Bunch at Marie Callendar's near the corner of Sawtelle and National Avenues (11324 National Blvd, Los Angeles, CA).

If you are able to join us for breakfast, please RSVP to Rev. Keith. This will help us convey our numbers to the restaurant for their set up and because Rev. Keith likes to make name tags for everyone to help folks get to know each other by name! However, even if you do not RSVP, please come anyway! We always have more room at the restaurant to expand and welcome any and all.

All of us are subject to loss and grief and certainly many times in the course of our living. Grief can be experienced not only in the loss of loved ones (parents, spouse, children, pets) but other experiences of crises as well such as divorce, loss of employment, health, and more).

To talk through our experiences of grief with others (who also have experienced loss) in an environment and community of caring, support, and encouragement can help one better cope with loss, realize that we are not alone, and find strength, healing, and hope in the process. Support might be needed for a short period of time or for many months and years.

If you're experiencing loss, please consider gathering with us as we meet once-a-month to offer support to one another, glean insight and wisdom from one another and from resources that we share, and do so in the context of God's care and love for each us. Our sessions are led by Rev. Keith Inouye and Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka.

Our next WLAUMC Grief Support Group gathering will be Wednesday May 15th, please join us by contacting Rev. Keith or the church. As we usually meet at 11:30am in the Learning Center, lunch is provided.

NEXT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAY MAY 15 AT 11:30AM



Ashley Ramsey
Aloha Celebration

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 30

**SPECIAL 9:30 AM WORSHIP & RECEPTION FOLLOWING
 IN CELEBRATION OF AND GRATITUDE FOR
 ASHLEY'S MUSIC MINISTRY AT WEST LA UMC
 AS SHE BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER**

The Sun Comes Out on Easter Day!

Unfortunately, due to rain, the God's Garden Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt which was set to be held outdoors at Cheviot Hills Park had to be canceled. But the joy of the Resurrection was seen and felt with a clear blue sky and a warm Sunday morning. Perfect weather for an Easter Egg Hunt! The kids had a great time scurrying around the patio and classroom to find 10 eggs each! Thanks to Diana, Nicky, and Jacey Yeo for filling 150 eggs with Easter goodies and to the youth: Jennifer & Jessica Aoki, Claire & Natalie Izumi, and Kalen Kim for hiding the eggs! Special appreciation to Melissa Vagas for making special Easter favors for all the children! Handmade baskets, filled with an adorable bunny rabbits folded out of a washcloth, along with re-labeled "He is Risen" chocolates!



The kids enjoyed coloring resurrection fluttering propeller butterflies and potting a golden marigold to take home.

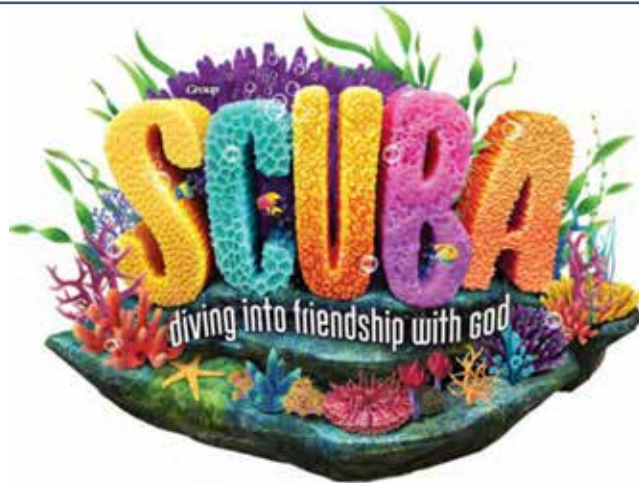


VBS is Coming!

Get Ready to Dive into a Relationship with God at SCUBA VBS!

Registration forms are out! Please invite your family and friends to experience Sundays full of Bible adventures, games, music, snacks, crafts, and sciency-fun "wows!" Kids will begin in the sanctuary with the entire church family to be introduced to the bible story through captivating, entertaining and sometimes even silly skits that make the bible story come to life and help the viewer remember the message in the story.

Delicious lunches will be prepared by loving church member's hands for hungry tummies and an opportunity for the children



to share in the fellowship over a meal together. We are a nut free zone and happy to accommodate food allergies.

When: Consecutive Sundays: June 30, July 7,14, 21 ,28 (9:15 am-1:00 pm)

Where: West LA UMC

Who: Children 4 years old through current 5th graders

Cost: \$40 per camper (includes curriculum, crafts, science and cooking supplies, digital camp photo, snacks, lunch, and a t-shirt!

[\(checks can be made payable to WLA UMC \(memo: VBS 2024\)](#)

Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 26th

Children's Day Celebration!

Saturday, May 4. (12:00 pm-3:00 pm)
West Los Angeles Buddhist Church Parking Lot

The Sawtelle Japantown Association (SJA) is sponsoring its 2nd 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, a tea ceremony demonstration, 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.

Graduation Sunday! May 19, 2024

We will celebrate graduates on Sunday, May 19th 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! Thanks for your help! Please submit graduation information by Sunday, May 5th.

We look forward to celebrating this important accomplishment with each of them!



Jr. High Camp Registration is Available!



Don't miss out on this amazing life changing opportunity to grow in faith, make lifelong friends and just have a fun week engaging in some of the most creative and laughter producing activities you have ever done!

Jr. High Camp is for youth entering 6th-current 8th graders. This year's theme is inspired by the Disney movie, Raya, and the Last Dragon. Participants will explore the meaning of trust and how learning to trust (in ourselves, with others and with God) can help us confidently guide and navigate our life's journey.

Parent/Youth Information Meeting

This year we have the potential to send a good number of kids to JHC! We will have an informational meeting on Monday, April 29 (Zoom) to share more details about camp and answer any questions.

A meeting with the youth will be scheduled for a later date. This will give potential new campers some time getting to know the counselors from WLA UMC; which are: Adam & Bennet Kim and Jennifer Aoki!

The Zoom link will be emailed.

Registration information and sign-ups are online: njaumccamps.org.

Thank you, Ashley!

WLAUMC SPRC

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has received and accepted the resignation of Ashley Ramsey as our Choral Director effective June 30th. Ashley has served our church for over ten years and has inspired our congregation with many memorable music performances and experiences that uplifted our souls and faith on Sundays and our special worship services.

Ashley has been involved with many of our amazing musical experiences over her tenure, leading and participating in our bell choir, children's music ministries, fundraising benefits and programs.

Ashley has always led and managed all of her work with technical skill, commitment, compassion, and her vocal talents. More importantly she is loved and appreciated by our staff, the Choir and all of our church members and friends.

We are sincerely grateful and appreciative of Ashley's dedication and leadership and all that she has done for WLA UMC.



THANK YOU'S FROM HOLY WEEK!

Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services were wonderful and meaningful much thanks to the blessings of God, and the help and participation of so many. Thank you to the dedicated work of our Altar Guild, to the wonderful participation of our Choir, Handbell Choir, accompanist and choir director, soloists, instrumentalists, Praise Band, liturgists, scripture readings, ushers, greeters, office staff, and God's Garden children, Palm leaf providers, floral dedicators and Easter lily and flower donors for our Floral Cross, Fellowship refreshment providers, our Worship Committee members and more!

My, oh my! It certainly takes a village to be sure; so we give thanks to everyone who helped and everyone who attended these special services to worship God and remember Christ's passion and how he inspires passion in us as the church and provides hope and resurrection to guide and bless our living!

-Rev. Keith





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CHORAL DIRECTOR POSITION

If you are interested (or know of someone) in our part-time Choral Director position, please notify Rev. Keith or Sonia Dixon, SPRC Chair via info@wlaumc.com for information and details.

INTRO TO THE CHURCH/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sunday Afternoons at 11:30am – 1:30pm
after worship (2 hr sessions)
May 19 & 26

To all who are interested in becoming members of West Los Angeles United Methodist Church AND any who just want to learn the basics about the Christian faith, how the Bible came to be, who is Jesus, the history of the church, the history behind the United Methodist denomination, what is unique about our West Los Angeles United Methodist Church, and what church membership involves. All these questions and more are things we address in our "Introduction to the Church/Membership Class."

Though we encourage all to consider becoming a member of the church, this is simply an educational and exploratory class. The decision to become a member is yours. We hope that the class will be helpful to you and leave you more informed to help you clarify your relationship to the church. Please don't be embarrassed if you've been a member of West Los Angeles UMC



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for a long time and just want to review the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be a part of the church! This class is for all of us and it's great to get to know others who are exploring their faith as well!

If you are interested in joining the class please RSVP to Rev. Keith at (408) 355-0837 cell. We will meet after church on Sundays at 11:30am. (Our meeting room will be determined). Lunch will be provided for a nominal cost of \$5.

Thank you to all who donated Easter lilies that adorned our Sanctuary for our Easter Sunday services.

Special Thanks to Altar Guild Ladies: Marilyn Fujii, Chris Kohler, Jane Harada for helping with the Wednesday delivery and unpacking all the plants and decorating the sanctuary Friday night for our Sunday services.

Thank you all again,

Kazie Kame



Antique Store & Yard Sale!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Saturday May 11, on one day, we will have TWO SALES:

1. ANTIQUE SALE: We welcome your donations of high-quality antiques and collectibles. We will showcase and appropriately price these high-value items, many passed down, and loved by, generations in your family. If you are wondering whether to donate a particular item or collection, please speak with one of our committee members. We will advise you whether we are prepared to find the buyers who will pay the appropriate price.

2. YARD SALE: Other donated items will be sold in the individually priced area, or in the \$5, \$3 and \$1 rooms. We will also have a room dedicated to jewelry.

GATHER ITEMS TO DONATE:

- High value antiques & collectibles
- Luxury Brands - Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, etc.
- Unused Gifts - wedding, anniversary, birthday, housewarming, omiyage
- Barware - vintage cocktail & water glasses
- Collections - trading cards, character & sports memorabilia, coins, camera equipment
- Kitchen and Housewares - cooking and baking, utensils, restaurant supplies
- Japanese household items - dishes, bowls, vases, serve ware and storage, fabrics, decorative boxes
- Jewelry
- 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
- Kimono & obi, yukata, hapi coats, haori
- Men's Pendletons and Aloha shirts - any era
- Dodgers, Lakers, Rams, Kings, Galaxy official branded clothing (jerseys, jackets, etc.)
- Modern consumer electronics - earbuds & headsets, Bluetooth speakers, etc.
- Anything kawaii-cute
- Tools - hardware, gardening
- Home & office - storage containers, organizers, small electronics
- Toys, games, sports equipment
- Kids, educational
- All those knick-knacks and junk you just need to get rid of
- Curiosities. Surprise us!

**DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT CHURCH:
Sun May 5 - Fri May 10**

JOIN THE FUN - VOLUNTEER!

Contact Kay Yang at: knyang1016@gmail.com

- unload & sort donations
- price and display merchandise
- salesperson
- security
- clean up

Your 2024 Antique Store & Yard Sale Committee:

Steve Seto, Jane Harada, Kay Yang, Elaine Sunoo



LOCAL SPOTLIGHT: THE BALLONA WETLANDS | JAMIE THIERMAN

As I mentioned last month, supporting the environment at our own local level is one of the most important things we can do for the world's ecosystems. This month I would like to spotlight the Ballona Wetlands.

Honestly, it was Ms. Frizzle from the Magic School Bus who first taught me how important wetlands are. As her little cartoon class defended their local wetlands from an impending mall, I learned that millions of plants and animals depend upon this habitat for survival, and that wetlands serve people and cities as well, acting as essential flood control, and water and air purification.

I didn't even realize that Los Angeles had wetlands until I happened to see it once on Google Maps, near Playa Vista. I was officially introduced to the Ballona Wetlands via Steve Hirai, who is on the board of directors of Friends of Ballona

Wetlands, a group that has been fighting to protect and restore the area since 1978. I learned that the Ballona Wetlands are a tiny fraction of wetlands that once covered the California coast, of which approximately 90% have been destroyed. I heard their inspiring story of struggle and perseverance as they continue the restoration.

So please join us as West LA United Methodist Church goes to discover this amazing reserve for their **Migration Celebration on May 18th!** There will be bird demonstrations, music, food trucks, marionette performances, arts and crafts and more, including freshwater marsh tours throughout the day. The event is free and runs from 10am-2pm. (We'll be aiming to meet around 10:30 if you want to join some WLAUMC friends).

We can't wait to see you there!

Join WLAUMC at

Migration Celebration!

Saturday, May 18th | 10am-2pm
Ballona Discovery Park
13110 Bluff Creek Drive
Playa Vista, CA, 90094



Environmental Justice Chair,
Jamie Thierman



SAVE THE DATE | Saturday, May 18, 10am-2pm

Contact Jamie Thierman for more info

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Services
9:30 AM—English Worship 1
11:00 AM—Japanese Worship
Online worship at wlaumc.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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「お祝い月」

まだまだイースターの喜びが続く今日である。復活祭のファミリー礼拝では、子どもハンドベルの演奏が素晴らしかった。皆で一緒に主の復活を讃え礼拝するのは素晴らしい！

5月はお祝い続きの月である。5月5日は子どもの日。そして、5月12日は母の日。5月19日はペンテコステ礼拝。3週続けて神様の祝福と感謝を込めてお祝いしたいと思う。

「それから、イエスは一緒に下って行き、ナザレに帰り、両親に仕えておくらしになった。母はこれらのことをすべて心に納めていた。イエスは知恵が増し、背丈も伸び、神と人と

に愛された。」(ルカ2:51-52)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る。礼拝後は、お餅を食べてエンジョイ。また、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。母の日を覚え、5月12日は子どもの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アフタヌーン・ティースタイルでエンジョイしたい。神様にお母さんたちを感謝する特別な日でありますように。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 May, we are busy celebrating Kodomo-no-hi, Mother's Day, and Pentecost Sunday.

"Then he(Jesus) went down with them(his parents) and came to Nazareth, and he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor."(Luke 2:51-52)

May 5th is "Kodomo-no-hi," and our prayer goes to all children to grow up in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men, just like Jesus. We will prepare Kashiwa-Mochi after Nichigo worship service to enjoy together. Also, we pray and thank God for all mothers. On May 12th,

kodomo are preparing for the Mother's Noon Recital. They are practicing very hard to perform nice music for their mothers! Come Holy Spirit, and fill us greatly!

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Rev. Rebecca Hirata

5月4日(土)母の日弁当

教会では母の日を覚えて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 Lunch Bento delivery Saturday, May 4th, 11am

Café Aloha Senior Lunch Bento delivery
On May 4 (Saturday)

Café Aloha ministry would like to reach out to seniors 70 and older by delivering Haha-no-hi bento. If you are interested in receiving bento, please contact Church office.



メニュー：筍、味噌汁、菓子、フルーツ

Menu: Takenoko, Miso-soup, Kashi, Fruits