

Centenary *Chimes*

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Pastor's Pen



The season of Easter is a time when we, Christians, magnify our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We do so, not only because Jesus was victorious over death but because that same power that raised Jesus will raise us also to freely live a new life – a new life that destroys the bondage of sin. We can't help but to rejoice because God's grace is powerful. I came across the following article several years and it caught my attention because of its title and then its meaningful reflection on God's grace. I pray that you, too, enjoy this article as you reflect on how receiving God's grace makes a difference in your life.

Peace,
Rev. Sunyoung Lee

GOD'S GRACE IS NOT EQUIVALENT TO GETTING A SUNTAN - Allan R. Bevere

The Wesley Center Online defines the heart of Wesleyanism:

Wesleyanism or Wesleyan theology is the system of Christian theology of Methodism taught by John Wesley. At its heart, the theology of John Wesley stressed the life of Christian holiness: to love God with all one's heart, mind, soul and strength and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Wesley's teaching also stressed experiential religion and moral responsibility.

My observation over the years is that the church in the West, including we Methodists, has been all too often guilty of preaching what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called cheap grace and neglecting what John Wesley referred to as perfecting grace. We are guilty of embracing a passive grace where God does it all and the only response on our part is to accept it without consideration of the consequences such grace should have on our lives.

I often compare such passive grace to going to the beach to get a suntan. We lie there on the sand doing absolutely nothing while the sun just beats down upon us giving us its light and heat, as we slowly undergo an epidermal roasting. The only thing we may do in response to our receiving the sun's "benefits" is to flip over every now and then on our back side.

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Our Prayers

Please pray for the healing and recovery of these people:

Steve Haruta

Yoshi Uyemura (Vicky Uyemura's mother)

Yuko Kondo

Upcoming Church Events

- April 1 Easter Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
 Joint Easter Worship, 10:45 a.m.
- April 26 Manju Making Day, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Volunteers needed
- May 3 & 4 Help needed to set-up bazaar booths, etc.
- May 5 Arigato Bazaar, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- May 6 Nihongo Worship 9:30 a.m.
 English Worship 10:45 a.m.
- May 13 Nihongo Worship 9:30 a.m.
 English Worship, Mother's Day 10:45 a.m.
- May 20 Pentecost Sunday, 10:45 a.m.
 Please wear something "red"
 to celebrate the birth of the Church
 (when the Holy Spirit came down)

Regular Events

Monday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday Eastside Bible Study

Thursday Night Praise Band Practice, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.



Acknowledgements

Judy Asazawa In memory of Miriam Smith
Steve and Jan Haruta In memory of Scott Shibuya
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Sakata Family In memory of Pauline Sakata
Skeeter and Carole Sasaki In memory of Edward Iwamoto
Dr Dale Smith In memory of Miriam Smith
Carol Tanita In memory of Bill S. Matsumura

Judy Asazawa UMCOR – Fires
Verna Carr In Honor of Elston's birthday
Susan Edwards Office Supplies
Larry Fay Special Offering
Ernest Hiroshige VIT
Robert and Gail Nishinaka In honor of the birth of Aki
Nishinaka
Gloria O'Brien VIT
Ted Yamada AV Ministry

KID CITY SCHOOL PROJECT

Judy Asazawa
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Centenary Finance

	Actual Jan-Feb	Budget Jan-Feb	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Pledges	\$22,532	\$25,667	\$22,532	\$25,667
Unpledged Giving	\$8,742	\$5,975	\$8,742	\$5,975
TOTAL	\$31,274	\$31,642	\$31,274	\$31,642

Apportionment & Quotas **\$10,916** **\$10,916** **\$10,916** **\$10,916**

The following shows the correct figures paid to the California Pacific Conference for 2017:

	Annual Actual	Annual Budget
Apportionment & Quotas	\$64,901	\$77,712
West District Donation	\$929	
TOTAL	\$65,830	

Special Sundays

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$600
World Communion	\$325
Peace With Justice	\$636
UMCOR Relief	\$2,300

Thank you to all those who donated soup for the Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser. The congregation enjoyed a variety of delicious soups and over \$340 was raised for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights Los Angeles.

Arigato



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music culture food dancing prizes



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Enter parking structure on Boyd Street until 6:00 PM



Arigato Bazaar 2018

It's that time of year when Centenary comes together for our annual Arigato Bazaar on Saturday, May 5th from 10:00AM – 5:00PM. Bazaar Chair, Ted Yamada, and with the bazaar committee are preparing for a festive day of fun and fellowship.

Find a special gift at the Handcrafted Goods or great bargains at the Country Store; bid on the item that catches your eye at the Silent Auction; enjoy tasty treats like handmade manju, teriyaki chicken bowl and tacos, Asian chicken salad, and beef bento; and take in the all-day entertainment including taiko drumming, Japanese Dance, and the ever-popular Public Ondo dancing starting at 3:00PM.

There are opportunities to win hourly raffle prizes plus two special prizes. Paid tickets turned in to the Church Office by 3:00PM on Friday, May 4th are eligible for the \$500 "Early Bird" Opportunity Drawing. And we will end the Bazaar day pulling one lucky winner of the "Grand Prize" \$1000 Opportunity Drawing.

Once again, we will award prizes to the top two ticket sellers of the 2018 Arigato Bazaar. So, make sure to turn in your ticket stubs and money to the Church Office by May 4th at 10AM.

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to join us at the Arigato Bazaar. We look forward to seeing you there!





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