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◆ 9:30 AM

English Language Worship
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◆ 10:30 AM

Fellowship Time for both congregations

◆ 11:00 AM

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Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to promote spiritual growth - Building a community of faith and making disciples of Christ by reaching out with compassion, forgiveness and love. At West LA UMC, building a community of faith is what we are about.

Beginning the New Year: Our Advent Journey



For most people, the new year begins on January 1st however, for Christians, the beginning of the year is actually the first Sunday in Advent. This year, on December 1, we will light the first candle on the Advent Wreath and sing the familiar hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” We will, once

again, begin our expectant journey toward Jesus’s birth by opening our hearts and minds for the arrival of our Savior, the Christ.

As we know, this journey is fraught with surprises, hardships, unexpected hospitality, mysteries, and intrigue. The young Mary is surprised to be greeted by an Angel who brings the news that she will have a child. Mary and Joseph face hardships as they travel to Bethlehem and discover that there are no rooms at the Inn for a poor couple about to have a baby. And yet, the unexpected hospitality of the Innkeeper enables them to have a safe place in which to deliver the baby Jesus.

Mysteriously, a company of Angels appear to shepherds in the field to herald the Good News and a bright star rises in the skies to guide the wise ones to the newborn child. But even in the midst of all this goodness, there are people who fear the birth of this child and the hope he brings to those who believe in him.

In the shimmering décor of the Christmas season and the sweet sentimentality of nativity scenes, it can be easy to forget that the journey toward Bethlehem and the acceptance of Christ in our lives is not always easy. There will be surprises and hardships along the way. Fortunately, there will also be unexpected kindness and hospitality when the journey of faith becomes difficult.

If we pause to carefully listen and watch, we will experience God’s mysterious and grace-filled guidance along the way; a guidance that will help us overcome the doubts and fears we may encounter.

As we begin this Advent Season, may you feel God’s gracious peace and presence in your life as, together, we anticipate and await the greatest gift of all – the birth of Jesus Christ in this world.

With hope-filled expectancy,

Rev. Janet Cromwell

Prayers

Connecting and Nurturing through Prayer

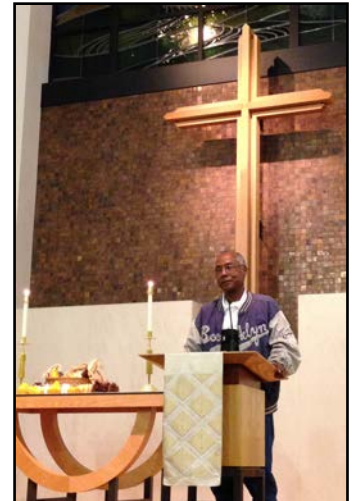
West LA Prayer Ministry

As a community of faith, we support one another through prayer. To add or remove a prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or the church office.



Join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary to pray for persons on the church's prayer list. If you would an updated copy of the Prayer List, contact Lina Yamaguchi, Church Secretary at 310-479-1379.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Meal Preparation



Lectionary Readings for December

These readings serve as the foundation for the Wednesday morning Bible Study and Sunday morning Worship Services. By reading these scripture lessons during the week, you can prepare your heart and mind for Sunday worship.

Dec. 1	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44
Dec. 8	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12
Dec. 15	Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 1:47-55	James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
Dec. 22	Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
Dec. 24	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 25 Christmas	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) John 1:1-14
Dec. 29	Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23
Dec. 31	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Psalm 8	Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46



Donate On-Line

It is easy to make a donation or pledge on-line at the West LA UMC web site www.wlaumc.com. The secure site, sponsored by Vanco Services, enables persons to make contributions to the church's general budget or special offerings. It is also possible to make donations in honor or in memory of a loved one. See Diane Yamagata or Harriet Woo for more information.



Worship & Studies

Growing in Faith through Worship and Studies

December 9:30 AM Worship Services

December 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent/ Family Worship / Holy Communion/ Ornament Making

Rev. Gary Oba preaching. Text: Isaiah 2:1-5.
Theme: Let us begin the journey of marching with God.
Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Rev. Gary Oba preaching. Text: Isaiah 11:1-10.
Theme: Believe Christ is the one sent by God to judge the earth. Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message. Children will decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Tree.

December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Children and Youth lead worship as they present the Christmas Pageant.

December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Rev. Gary Oba preaching. Text: Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25. Theme: Look at the sign that God is with us. Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 PM

Lessons and carols. Choir and Bell Choir participating.

December 29 – 1st Sunday after Christmas Day Worship with Praise Band

Rev. Gary Oba preaching. Text: Isaiah 63:7-9.
Theme: Regardless of our condition, God is gracious.
Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

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## **Christmas Pageant**

"Just a Little Christmas" is a delightful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth. All of our children and youth are invited to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant directed by Sharon Kinoshita-Gill, Victoria Yamashita, and Rev. Janet Cromwell.



On December 1, a rehearsal will take place during Sunday School. On December 8, the rehearsal will take place during Sunday School, followed by a Pizza Lunch at 11:15 and a Dress Rehearsal in the Sanctuary from 12:00 – 12:30. This will give everyone an opportunity to test the microphones and sing with our accompanist.

The Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 15 during the 9:30 worship service.

## Sunday School and Bible Studies

### **Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School helps children to learn about God, the life of Jesus, and important lessons in the Bible.

In December, Ages 3 through Grade 8 will meet in Room 3 to prepare for the Christmas Pageant. We look forward to seeing your children in Sunday School!

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Infants & Toddlers | Nursery (next to the sanctuary) |
| Age 3 to Grade 3   | Explorer Room 3                 |
| Grades 4-8         | Trekker Room 2                  |
| Grades 9-12        | Youth Room 8 (located upstairs) |

### **Women's Bible Study Group**

Mondays 1:00 to 2:30 PM in Room 9.

In December we will begin a new study for the Advent season entitled "God Sends Jesus" with lessons from the gospel of Luke. The women take turns facilitating the class discussion using the Adult Bible Study series. New members welcome!

### **"Alive Now" Study Group**

Wednesdays, 9:15-10:15 AM in Room 2.

This study focuses on the lectionary text that will be the basis for Sunday's sermon. (See page 2 of this Newsletter for a list of scripture lessons.) New members are always welcome to join the conversation. See Rev. Gary Oba for more information. No study on December 25 and January 1.

### **Thursday Bible Study**

Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 PM in Learning Center.

The group continues a study of the gnostic gospels, including the gospels of Thomas, Mary, and Judas. The study meets weekly on Thursday evenings. New members are welcome. Please see Rev. Gary for class materials. No study on December 5 and 26.

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Membership Class

Persons interested in exploring membership at West LA UMC are invited to attend a three-session orientation on December 1, 8, and 15. The orientation to membership sessions will cover the history of West LA UMC, an introduction to The United Methodist Church, and the meaning of baptism and membership. Each session will be from 11:15 to 12:00 Noon in Room 2. Please see Rev. Gary for details.





Brian Asawa Concert
Sunday, December 8, 2:00 PM

We are excited to announce a Christmas benefit performance by Brian Asawa on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 PM at West LA UMC.

We are blessed that Brian Asawa, internationally renowned Countertenor, is generously sharing his talents and musical gifts to benefit our General Funds Music Ministry.

Opera Today states, "Brian Asawa is the most important countertenor in the world today." Brian specializes in Baroque, early Classic and Modern concert and operatic repertoire.

Please mark your calendar and join us for this memorable event! \$50 General Admission, \$40 Pre-Sale Only! Please contact Sonia Dixon or Pam Ryder for tickets, questions, or to volunteer to make this a successful event!



Poinsettias for the Sanctuary
Place your orders by December 15



We will decorate our Sanctuary with brilliant red poinsettias for both the Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve worship services.

These lovely holiday plants can be purchased in memory of loved ones or in honor of special people and events.

This year, Kazie Kame is accepting poinsettia orders until December 15. Complete the order form available at church and place it with your payment (\$10 per plant) in the brown envelope on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. The plants will be arranged in the Sanctuary on Saturday morning, December 21.

Plants can be taken home after the Christmas Sunday Service or Christmas Eve Service.



Christmas Toy Collection

The Social Action Commission is coordinating a Christmas Toy Drive. Toys are being collected to share with two groups of recipients, South Central Los Angeles families and Mexican families across the San Diego/Tijuana border.

We of WLAUMC are very fortunate to be able to share our blessings with these two ministries. Please bring unwrapped toys for children from pre-school through adolescence by December 8. In the past, gifts that have been especially welcomed were art and crafts supplies, books, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc. Generally it is better not to include toys that require batteries.

*Submitted by Cooke Sunoo,
Social Action*



Ornament Making

December 1, After 9:30 Worship



Let's Ring in the Good News of Jesus' birth by making beautiful bell ornaments for the Sanctuary Christmas Tree on December 1. Supplies will be provided to make 5-6 ornaments. Children, youth, and adults are all invited to participate!

Parents are invited to bring additional snacks for Fellowship Time on December 1. These snacks will keep our energy up as we as we create ornaments.

Please see Kirsten Maeda or Rev. Janet Cromwell for more information, questions, or to volunteer.



All Church Conference

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

West LA UMC's All Church Conference will be held on Thursday, December 5, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This is our church's opportunity to meet and speak with District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Kathey Michelle Wilborn. While many All Church Conferences are held in clusters with several churches gathering at one time, we are blessed to be the only congregation with whom Kathey will meet that night.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this important annual meeting to hear reports of church activities this past year and plans for the coming year. Nominations for the 2014 Church Officers and Committee Members, as well as the church budget, will be presented and voted upon.

Outreach & Social Service

Serving Our Community and World

Fair Trade for the Holidays!!!

Its fall and the holidays are upon us! Social Action Commission is again sponsoring the win-win-win solution for snacking, doing good, stocking stuffing and gift giving. Purchasing Fair Trade products helps small farmers, provides healthier organic products and is an alternative to corporate supermarket products.

Natural cashews, dried mango, pineapple, and wild apricots are new healthy snacks now offered as Fair Trade treats for the holidays. Wonderful extra virgin Palestine olive oil, organically grown cocoa beans, and cane sugar shipped to Switzerland and transformed into caramel sea salt crunch, extra dark and other chocolate bars.

New Fair Trade items as well as the "classics" will be available for sale after Sunday morning worship services until December 22. Christmas gift baskets will be available by advance order only. Lovely baskets, cellophane wrapped with special bows will be prepared to your specifications. Order forms are available. Orders must be prepaid and submitted by Sunday December 1 and will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 15.

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## **Assembling Holiday Gift Baskets**

**December 8, 11:00 AM,  
Social Hall**



The Social Action Commission welcomes your help on Sunday, December 8 in assembling Gift Baskets filled with Fair Trade products. This is an ideal opportunity to learn how to make those gorgeous fancy bows and wrap beautiful baskets! While the children are rehearsing for the Pageant, parents and friends can lend a hand in the Social Hall, be creative, and enjoy the fellowship!

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West District Visioning Event: "God's Future for This Conference"

**Saturday, January 25
Wilshire UMC morning, Los Altos UMC afternoon**

All church leaders and members will want to attend the West District Visioning Event on January 25. This is an opportunity to be in conversation with Bishop Minerva Carcaño. This has been described as a mandatory event for pastor and key leaders.

GO GREEN!

From EarthShare.org... these great green tips for Autumn! Each Fall, leaves turn from summer green to rich reds and yellows. As homeowners tackle the job of raking leaves, clearing gardens, and cleaning yard debris, they create a lot of noise and pollution. In fact, one gas-powered leaf blower can emit as much pollution as 80 cars! Here are some tips for a quieter, cleaner way to maintain the yard:

Choose hand-powered or electric tools over gas:

Leaf blowers: Rakes are effective, and cheaper than using a leaf blower. Plus, you get a chance to burn some extra calories! If you need a power tool for a hard to reach spot (like your roof, or in between shrubbery), try an electric leaf blower rather than a gasoline-powered one. Electric leaf blowers are usually quieter, more energy-efficient, and get the job done just as well as their high-powered counterparts.

Garden trimmers: As an alternative to more energy-intensive trimmers, you can also try electric trimmers. Or, if you want to be a retro gardener, use manual shears to trim back evasive bushes and carefully prune your favorite tree.

Lawn mowers: Many yards are small enough that a hand-powered lawn mower does the job. Hand-powered lawn mowers are very quiet, replacing the roar of a power motor with the quiet whirl of the lower-tech model. If you have a larger yard or one that requires heavier maintenance, research electric lawn mowers which make less noise and have a lower environmental impact.

Hire neighborhood kids to help:

If you don't have the time or energy to clean up your yard after a long work week, support the local economy by hiring kids in the neighborhood (or from church) to help you with your yard work. Not only is it affordable, but it's also more ecological!

Compost as much as possible:

Instead of putting your leaves, branches, and weeds into plastic bags, consider turning this lawn "waste" into nutrient-rich soil ready for your spring garden! Collecting compost is quite easy and can save money on soil and fertilizer when it comes time to start your garden after the cold season.

Almost everything in your yard is compostable (grass and plant clippings, leaves, dead or brown weeds), except for weeds that have seeds or pernicious weeds (i.e. ivy) that can withstand composting. Mix in some of your fruit and vegetable peels, teabags, and coffee grinds to increase your yield.

United Methodist Women

Women Learning, Growing, and Serving Others

UMW Holiday Luncheon **Saturday, January 18**

Saturday, January 18 has been set as the day of our Holiday Luncheon Outing with time and place to be announced. Please contact Kathi Yamazaki with questions or suggestions.



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## **UMW Layette Donations**

Thank you for supporting the Layette Project to Nome Community UMC. Thanks to Aki Yagi for bath towels and receiving blankets, Aya Okada for blankets and stretchie/daywear, Michi Matsuda and Sets Yamashita for generous monetary donations. The United Methodist Women packed two boxes and shipped them to Nome in October.

## **And a Thank You from Alaska!**

Thank you so very much for the two boxes of layette items for our (and your) ministry that provide take-home items for all newborns arriving at our Norton Sound Hospital. We deliver an average of six complete layettes a month to families from 15 surrounding communities.

Thanks especially to Grace Seto for her leadership in this project.

I plan to be at the Western Jurisdiction leadership team and Interethnic Coordinating Committee meetings at the Hollywood UMC in mid-January and hope to get a chance to visit your church.

Shalom,  
Pastor Charley

Community United Methodist Church, Nome, Alaska

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Café Chocolat Women's Retreat: **Where Women Delight in God's Grace** **March 22-23, Aldersgate Retreat**

Plan to attend the Women's Retreat March 22-23 at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Pacific Palisades. Together we will reflect on Jesus' miracles while we enjoy some delicious chocolate! What could be better than that?



Registration materials will be available in January, with an Early Bird Registration Fee of only \$99.00 for women who register before February 23! Sign up early to save! Please contact Stacey Hirose or Rev. Janet Cromwell if you have questions or would like to serve on the Retreat Planning Team.

Security Matters!



The Trustees want to remind all of us to take care when securing our beautiful church facility and property. When you are at the church, please remember to:

- Close and lock all doors and windows.
- Lock the parking lot gate by interconnecting the two locks.
- When exiting the patio gate, be sure it is closed and locked behind you.
- If you borrow a church key, return it promptly to its correct location.
- If you unlock any door by using the key-box or an assigned key, be sure that the door is locked when you leave the premises.
- Notify the church office if you see persons loitering near the church or tampering with church property.
- Always lock your car and place any valuables in your trunk and out of sight.

We want to keep the church safe and secure for all of our members and guests. Your help is appreciated.

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## **Joint English & Japanese Worship** **and All Church Potluck** **Sunday, January 5, 10:30 AM**

Mark your calendars for the combined English and Japanese Worship Service on Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 AM. Together we will celebrate the new year in worship with Rev. Becky Hirata preaching and a special communion with mochi.

Following worship, everyone is invited to the All Church Potluck in the Social Hall. Please sign up with Keiko Takahashi so we are sure to have plenty of food.

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West District Leadership Training **Saturday, February 8, Holman UMC**

The West District Training Conference will be held on Saturday, February 8 at Holman UMC, from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This annual event includes inspiring worship, informative workshops, lunch, and fellowship time with persons from churches throughout LA.

Participants will choose from 14 informative workshops on missions, hospitality, evangelism, Advance Care Planning, using social media for the church, ministry with young adults, SPRC, Trustees, and Finance. Registration Fee is only \$10 before January 21, and includes lunch and program.

Registration materials are available in the Social Hall, or see Rev. Janet Cromwell for more information.

Japanese Ministry

「エッサイの根株」

イエス・キリストの誕生をお祝いするシーズンがやってきた。

「エッサイの根株から新芽が生え、その根から若枝が出て実を結ぶ。」(イザヤ 11:1)

と、旧約聖書ではメシヤ来臨の預言が記されている。

ダビデ王の父、エッサイの根株からメシヤは起こされた。ダビデ王の根株とは記されていない。エッサイは羊飼いで、裕福ではなかった。貧しい普通の家を選んで、メシヤは誕生する。

そして、イエスが誕生する時、父ヨセフは、ダビデ王の子孫であったが、王家の血筋を持っていても、貧しかった。そこに、イエスが誕生するのである。

おちぶれて、もうダメだろうと言うダビデの家に新しい希望が与えられた。

そして、全世界を救う神の子が生まれるのである。

英語に長けないため、謙遜なまでに低くさせられる移民社会を目にする。これから先、どうなるのか。不安になり、思い煩う人も多い。しかし、聖書は「あなたがたの思い煩いをいっさい神に委ねなさい。神があなたがたの事を心配して下さるからです。」(I ペテロ 5:7) と、励ます。

「主が目を留める者は、へりくだって心砕かれた者」(イザヤ 66:2) である。クリスマスに、「神様の愛が私達に注がれた」ともう一度覚え、神様の愛と平安を心に頂きたいと思う。

メリー・クリスマス。

平田

“The Stump of Jesse”

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse: from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.”(Isaiah 11:1)

The Old Testament prophesied the coming of Messiah in many occasions. A shoot is the new King, the Messiah.

We remember that our Messiah came from the stump of Jesse, the father of King David. It was not from the stump of David, a rich and famous man. Jesse was a poor shepherd. The Messiah was to be born into the family of rather not well-to-do family.

So, when Jesus was born, although Joseph, Jesus' father, was a King David's descendant, he was poor. (Joseph offered a pair of doves, instead of a lamb, as a sacrifice.) Our God “esteems he who is humble and contrite in spirit.”(Isaiah 66:2)

As Issei immigrants, whenever we are worried and must face troubles of all kinds, we remember how Jesus came to this world for us. God loves and cares for us. During Christmas season, we learn to “cast all our anxiety on him because he cares for us.”(I Peter 5:7)

Merry Christmas to you all!

Pastor Becky Hirata 平田

Nichigo's December Calendar



Dec. 1	11:00 AM	Nichigo Worship
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Dec. 8	11:00 AM	Nichigo Worship
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Dec. 15	11:00 AM	Nichigo Worship
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Dec. 22	11:00 AM	Nichigo Christmas Worship
	12:00 PM	Christmas Lunch
Dec. 24	7:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 29	11:00 AM	Nichigo Year-End Service
	12:00 PM	Prayer Time
Jan. 5	10:30 AM	English and Japanese Worship
	12:00 PM	All Church Potluck

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion 9:30am Worship in English 9:45am Sunday School & Youth 11:00am Worship in Japanese 11:15am Membership Class #1	2 1:00pm Women's Bible 6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg	3 11:30am 80+ Women's Lunch 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 9:15am "Alive Now" Study 10:30am Tai-Chi Class 5:30pm Promise AA Mtg	5 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:30am Tai-Chi Class 6:30pm SPRC Mtg 7:00pm All Church Conference	6 	7 UMW Holiday Outing
8 Decorating X-mas Tree 9:30am Worship in English 9:45am Sunday School & Youth 11:00am Worship in Japanese 11:00am Church Library Open 11:15am Membership Class #2 12:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 12:00pm Gift Basket Making 2:00pm Brian Asawa Concert	9 1:00pm Women's Bible 6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg	10 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11 9:15am "Alive Now" Study 10:30am Tai-Chi Class 5:30pm Promise AA Mtg	12 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:30am Tai-Chi Class 7:30pm Bible Study	13 	14
15 Christmas Pageant 9:30am Worship in English 11:00am Worship in Japanese 11:15am Membership Class #3	16 1:00pm Women's Bible 6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg	17 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 9:15am "Alive Now" Study 10:30am Tai-Chi Class 5:30pm Promise AA Mtg	19 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:30am Tai-Chi Class 7:30pm Bible Study	20 Poinsettia delivery to church	21 Poinsettia set-up in sanctuary
22 Worship and Baptism 9:30am Worship in English 9:45am Sunday School & Youth 11:00am Worship in Japanese	23 1:00pm Women's Bible 6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	24 7:30pm Christmas Eve Worship Service and Fellowship Time	25 Christmas Day 5:30pm Promise AA Mtg	26 Church office closed until January 2, 2014 No Bible Study tonight	27 	28 4:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal
29 Worship with Praise Band 9:30am Worship in English 9:45am Sunday School & Youth 11:00am Worship in Japanese	30 6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg	31 No Choir Rehearsal	1 New Year's Day 5:30pm Promise AA Mtg	Please Note: The Church Office will be closed from December 25 to January 2, 2014. Happy New Year 2014! Joint English & Japanese Worship on Sunday, January 4, at 10:30 AM. All Church Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, January 4 at 12:00 PM.		



Celebrate the Season



Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15
9:30 AM, Sanctuary

“Just a Little Christmas” is a delightful retelling of the story of Jesus’ birth. The children and youth will present this year’s Christmas Pageant on December 15 during the 9:30 AM Worship Service. Come, sing, and see this timeless story unfold!



Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24
7:30 PM, Sanctuary

In the midst of the holiday rush, it is a blessing to pause, reflect, and remember the true reason for the season. Join us on Christmas Eve at 7:30 PM as we praise God through scripture and traditional carols. Invite your family and friends to come.



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