



West L. A. Connections

Where **N**urturing **E**mpowerment **W**elcoming **S**ervice Happens!

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◆ 9:30 AM

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◆ 10:30 AM

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◆ 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.

When Storms Arise

There is a story about Jesus that can be of great help in times of trouble. One evening, Jesus took some of his disciples in a boat and crossed a lake. During their trip, a huge storm arose and poured water into the boat, threatening to sink it. Meanwhile, Jesus was asleep in the boat, his head resting on a pillow. The disciples woke him, saying, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are sinking?” (Mark 4:35-41)

Have you ever asked God the question, “Don’t you care that I’m perishing?” “Lord, don’t you care that my child is failing in school?” Or, “Doesn’t it bother you that I can’t find work?” Or, “How can you rest when the bills are piling up and my checking account reads zero?”

In some respects, it would be easier to face life’s challenges alone. At least then we’d know it’s entirely up to us; in other words, it’s either sink or swim. But to be a person of faith and to be thrown into a storm leads us to wonder, what is faith for? What good is it having Jesus in the boat if he’s asleep during the roughest parts of the journey?

It may help to know that Jesus knows what it is like to pass through turbulent waters. On the eve of his arrest, which set in motion the events that led to his death, he prayed, “Father, for you, all things are possible; remove this cup (of suffering) from me.” (Mark 14:36) It was his way of asking, “God, don’t you care that I am perishing?” God did not remove the cup from him, but acted to save him by raising him from the dead.

In response to his disciples’ pleas, Jesus rouses from his sleep, rebukes the wind, and says to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind ceases and the sea becomes as smooth as glass. When his disciples ask for help, Jesus provides it. Although the wind and the waves are powerful, Jesus is more powerful.

We wonder why the disciples had to cry for Jesus’ help in the first place. Couldn’t he have acted to save them before they were in danger? Couldn’t he have prevented the windstorm from arising?

Perhaps the answer lies in the question that Jesus asked his disciples: “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” Storms will arise; God is more powerful than the storms; if we trust in Him, God will hear our prayers and act decisively to save us.

Trusting in his grace,

Rev. Gary Oba

Prayers

Connecting and Nurturing through Prayer

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.

For a list of prayer concerns and joys, please check the Sunday bulletin or contact the church office.

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## Lectionary Readings for June

*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.*



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|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| June 1  | Acts 1:6-14<br>Psalm 68:1-10,<br>32-35                 | 1 Peter 4:12-14;<br>5:6-11<br>John 17:1-11    |
| June 8  | Acts 2:1-21<br>Psalm 104:24-34,<br>35b                 | 1 Corinthians<br>12:3b-13<br>John 7:37-39     |
| June 15 | Genesis 1:1-2:4a<br>Psalm 8                            | 2 Corinthians<br>13:11-13<br>Matthew 28:16-20 |
| June 22 | Genesis 21:8-21<br>Psalm 86:1-10,<br>16-17 or Psalm 17 | Romans 6:1b-11<br>Matthew 10:24-39            |
| June 29 | Genesis 22:1-14<br>Psalm 13                            | Romans 6:12-23<br>Matthew 10:40-42            |

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West LA UMC Prayer Ministry

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 like an updated copy of the Prayer List, contact Lina Yamaguchi, Church Secretary at 310-479-1379.



Worship & Studies

Growing in Faith through Worship and Studies

June 9:30 AM Worship Services

June 1 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Family Worship and Holy Communion

Rev. Gary Oba preaching. Text: John 17:1-11

Theme: Jesus and God are One.

Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

June 8 – Day of Pentecost

New Member Welcome Reception

Rev. Gary Oba preaching. Text: Acts 2:1-21; John

7:37-39. Theme: Jesus gives us His Spirit.

Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

Remember to wear something RED.

June 15 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day and 2014 Graduate Recognition

Mr. Dave Cook preaching. Youth assisting in worship.

Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

June 22 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Speaker: Rev. Claudia Genung, UM missionary assigned to ministries of church development and community outreach in Kobe, Japan.

Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

June 29 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Joint

Worship with Praise Band at 10:30 AM

Followed by All Church Picnic

Rev. Gary Oba preaching and Toshio Takahashi

translating in Japanese. Text: Genesis 22:1-14

Theme: Following God means making hard choices.

Rev. Janet Cromwell giving children's message.

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## **Graduate Recognition**



Graduation is just around the corner. We want to acknowledge the accomplishments of our West LA UMC students graduating from all levels.

Please send the names, schools from which students are graduating, degree title, and future plans to the Church Office by Thursday, June 5. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 15 during worship on Father's Day.

## Sunday School and Bible Studies

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

Sunday School guides children in learning about God, the life of Jesus, and important lessons in the Bible. Children and youth are encouraged to come each week!

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Infants & Toddlers | Nursery (next to the sanctuary) |
| Age 3 to Pre-K     | Cool Kids Room 1                |
| K 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 1:00-2:30 PM in Room 9.*

Our lessons this Spring have been exploring connections between Jesus and the Hebrew Scriptures. The lessons in June demonstrate how Jesus incorporated the Hebrew Scriptures into his life and teaching. The women take turns facilitating the class discussion using the Adult Bible Study series. New members welcome!

### **Men's Bible Study Group**

*Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 PM in Room 2.*

The Men's Study Group is resuming on periodic Tuesdays. Contact Fred Hifumi for dates and times.

### **"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 morning'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 meeting on June 18.

### **Thursday Bible Study**

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

The class will continue the study of the selected readings from the book of Genesis. See Rev. Gary Oba for the reading assignments. New persons are welcome. No meeting on June 19.

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2014 Annual Conference

The California-Pacific Annual Conference will meet at the University of Redlands June 18-21. Global Health will be the theme, with special emphasis on *Imagine No Malaria*. Rev. Gary Oba, Rev. Janet Cromwell, Rev. Becky Hirata, Stanley Shimotsu, and Justin Yamaguchi will represent the church at the conference.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Supporting Families in Spiritual Growth and Discipleship



Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, July 21-25

West LA UMC will host Vacation Bible School on July 21-25! Children age 3 through entering Grade 5 will enjoy a fun-filled week of Bible stories, great music, crazy games, cool crafts, awesome science projects, and delicious snacks and lunch!

Volunteers are needed throughout the week to assist in the classrooms and kitchen! Please contact VBS Director Jeri Okamoto Floyd if you would like to help and in what capacity.

A VBS Planning Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 1 at 11:00 AM in the Learning Center. The VBS Youth Prep Night will be held on Friday, July 11, 6:00-8:00 PM in the Social Hall. The Prep Night is a fun way for our Youth Assistants to learn the Bible Stories and test the craft and science projects.

More information and Registration Forms are available in the Social Hall. Please invite your friends with children, and plan to come!



Asian Camp

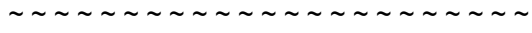
July 27-August 1

Asian Camp is designed for youth and young adults to meet new friends and grow in Christian faith. It is sponsored by the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus.



Asian Camp will be held July 27-August 1 at Camp Sierra. This camp is open to students entering 10th Grade—second year in college in Fall 2014. Again this year, West LA UMC will partner with Faith UMC to arrange bus transportation to the Camp. Registration materials are available in the Youth Room and must be completed by the participant and signed by one of the church's pastors.

Please see Dave Cook about scholarship assistance to cover expenses.



All Church Picnic

Sunday, June 29

West LA UMC's annual All Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 29 at Cheviot Hills Park, 2551 Motor Ave, Los Angeles.



We will have one combined English and Japanese Worship Service at 10:30 AM, and then head to the Park for games, crafts, and potluck lunch. The picnic area is located on the hill near the tennis courts.

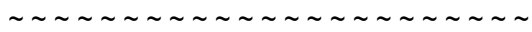
Also, please consider donating small prizes for the Bingo game! Ideal prizes include fun items (stuffed animals or small toys), practical things (Kleenex, hand soap), nice things (plants, picture frames, etc.), food items (candy, senbei), and gift coupons in small denominations. Bring your donations to the church by June 15. Please contact Stan Shimotsu with questions.



United Methodist Family Night at Dodger Stadium

Friday, August 15, 2014 at 7:10 PM

United Methodists from throughout the Cal-Pac Annual Conference will gather for a fun evening at Dodger Stadium on August 15 to see the Dodgers play the Milwaukee Brewers. Discount Tickets are \$22.00 per person. A portion of your ticket price (\$2.00) will benefit the Cal-Pac Summer Camp Program. Enjoy free fireworks show after the game! If you are interested in attending, contact Lina at the church office today before tickets are sold out.

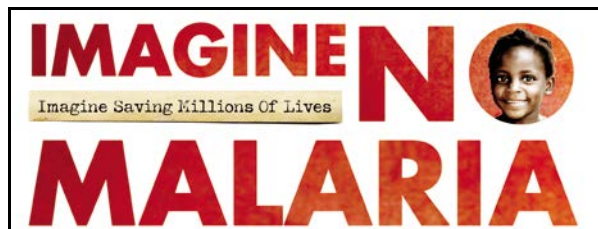


West LA UMC is on Facebook

See the latest church news and photos by "Liking" West LA United Methodist Church on Facebook.

Outreach & Social Service

Serving Our Community and World



Wiping out malaria is a top goal for many leaders in global health. Bill Gates, former CEO of Microsoft and head of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said, "I was stunned when I found out that malaria was killing a million children a year; most of that's in Africa. Way back in 2000, we gave a \$30 million grant, and became one of the largest funders in the area. For Africa to move forward, you've really got to get rid of malaria."

Today fewer people are dying now from the mosquito-borne disease than at any other time in history. "And there's a very, very strong belief now that malaria can be eliminated," says Joy Phumaphi, who chairs the African Leaders Malaria Alliance. In 2010, malaria was ranked as the seventh biggest killer in the developing world. More than 200 million people got malaria in 2012, and more than 600,000 of those infected died.

The U.S. was able to drive out malaria from the American South in the early part of the 20th century. In the rural South, as late as the 1930s, the extent of malaria was in many ways comparable to what it is today in sub-Saharan Africa. The parasite left the U.S., in large part, because the government destroyed mosquito breeding grounds.

Destroying mosquito breeding grounds is one of the objectives of The United Methodist Church's *Imagine No Malaria* campaign. Funds raised in the \$75 million campaign will go towards improving access to testing and medicine, purchasing mosquito nets, draining standing water, improving sanitation, and empowering the people of Africa to be part of the fight to eliminate malaria.

Last month, Katie Kevorkian, the Cal-Pac Annual Conference coordinator for the *Imagine No Malaria* campaign, visited WLAUMC to thank our church for its pledge of \$13,000 to INM. This will help the conference reach its goal of \$3 million to stop malaria. A special offering taken at WLAUMC raised \$2,765 towards our pledge. If you would like to contribute towards the church's pledge, please make your check payable to "West Los Angeles UMC" and note on the memo line, "Imagine No Malaria."

Together we can eradicate Malaria!

GO GREEN!

Here are some great green tips for Spring from Earth911 Part 1 of 2.

1. Declutter your life.

Get rid of everything you don't want or use on a regular basis. While "Spring cleaning" may not be a new turn of phrase, the task is no doubt daunting. What do you toss? What should you donate? What can be reused? And, finally, what can you recycle?

Keep It: A good rule of thumb to remember is if you have used it in the past year, chances are you'll use it again. Hang on to the "essentials," like your flavorful wrought-iron skillet, the wicker basket in the corner that's great for storage or your favorite book that's perfect on a rainy afternoon. But while Spring may mean a fresh start, it doesn't have to mean new stuff. If it's not broken, why replace it?

Donate It: An inventory of your belongings shows you that tastes change and upgrades happen. But we all have those what-was-I-thinking? items as well. Even though these things are disposable to you, they may have many useful miles left. Keep items out of overcrowded landfills by asking family and friends if they have use for any of your unwanted items.

Recycle It: Commercial mail, old magazines, unread books – all of these common clutter items can be recycled. Consider this: A family of four uses 1.25 tons of paper per year on average, and the U.S. EPA reports that recycling 1 ton of paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, as well as enough energy to power the average American home for six months.

Trash It: Landfills should be used for items that truly have no other useful purpose. Be cautious when disposing of hazardous materials, as inappropriate distribution can cause toxic components to leach into the soil and groundwater. But even if something isn't recyclable, chances are it may be reused in some creative capacity.

2. Spring clean the natural way.

Now that you've cleared the clutter and can actually see those countertops and hardwood floors, you still have to scrub off the grit and grime from the winter. But harsh fumes from some traditional cleaners may do more harm than good: They can be responsible for around 10 percent of toxic exposures reported to poison control centers and are difficult to dispose of properly.

You can most likely find "green" or "natural" cleaning products at your grocery store. But you can save some money and make your own cleaning product from supplies you already have.

For spray cleaner: Combine and store in a spray bottle 2 cups water 1/4 cup white vinegar; 1/4 tsp. tea tree oil; 1/4 tsp. lavender oil.

Submitted by Jack Ong



REPAIR! REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

United Methodist Women

Women Learning, Growing, and Serving Others

May Events Acknowledgements

Thanks to Sets, Thelma and Aki for preparing lunch for our UMW May Holiday Boutique Workshop.

Thanks, too, to all the women who came to help set up, prepare veggie sticks, serve and clean-up at the West LA UMC 84th Anniversary Luncheon on May 25. And a special thanks to the women who baked delicious cookies for dessert: Frances, Pam, Marlene, Toshie, Sonia, Valerie, Fusako and Sadie.

PATH Dinner

Monday, June 9

The UMW will be preparing and serving another dinner for P.A.T.H. on Monday, June 9 under the supervision of Fusako, Lois and Sadie. If you are able to help, please let one of the co-chairs know. Thank you.

Holiday Boutique Workshop

Friday, June 20, beginning at 9:30 AM

Lunch will be prepared by Aya Okada and Marge Sakamoto. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by June 15. Thanks for your consideration and participation!



Japanese Film Night

Friday, June 27, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary



Japanese Film Night on Friday, June 27, will feature "Scandal" / "Shubun-sukyandaru." This 105 minute black and white film was made in 1950 directed by Akira Kurosawa.

Gregory Shikata, Japanese Film Night Coordinator, provides an interesting introduction to the film, including information on the director and actors.

These films are free and open to the public. Come, bring your friends, and enjoy a marvelous evening of Japanese culture through film.



Wear Your Nametag

The church is blessed by the presence of many guests and friends at worship and activities. Please wear your nametags in worship and during Coffee Fellowship to help everyone learn names and warmly greet one another. If you need a nametag, please make a note on the Nametag Sheet at the Welcome Table.



Transgender Son and Mom talk to WLAUMC

Those attending the May 4 dialogue between Marsha and Aiden Izumi were treated to an open, loving presentation by mother and son. But theirs is not the usual mother-son story.

Marsha explained that when she and her husband first adopted Aiden, all Marsha ever wanted was to raise a baby girl. She dressed her "daughter" in skirts and dresses, but soon discovered Aiden would have none of it. It became clear that their "daughter" was really a son.

With the love of his parents, Aiden transitioned over a twenty year period to becoming a male. He is now happily married, finishing college with the goals of attending graduate school and embarking on a counseling career.

Marsha and Aiden's presentation underscored the fact that gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual persons are God's creations, deserving of love, compassion, understanding, absent of hate, discrimination, etc. Elaine Sunoo described their story as the love any mother (parent) would have for their child. Marsha said, "I recognized people from Faith UMC and the Venice Japanese Community Center in attendance. WLAUMC created a safe space in the faith and Japanese American community so that families will not feel so alone. I am so very grateful."



Asian Cultural Bazaar

Save the Date! Saturday, September 20!

Our annual West Los Angeles United Methodist Church Asian Cultural Bazaar will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM with food, entertainment, children's games and crafts, a silent auction, plants, door prizes and cultural displays! Bring your friends and family to a joyful day of faith, food, music and more!

Special Offerings
Giving to God through our Tithes and Offerings



Special Offerings

For a list of Special Offerings,
please contact the church office.



Imagine No Malaria Offering

For a list of persons who have contributed to
Imagine No Malaria,
please contact the church office.



Memorial Offerings

For a list of Memorial Offerings,
please contact the church office.



Easter Offering

For a list of Easter Offerings,
please contact the church office.

Japanese Ministry

「伝道しよう！」

6月1日の日本語部礼拝では、特別ゲストを迎えて音楽礼拝をする。日本のゴスペルシンガー工藤篤子（くどう あつこ）師が5月からカリフォルニアツアーで来米中。前半はサンフランシスコ。後半はロサンゼルス。忙しいスケジュールの中、今回礼拝に参加して頂けることを感謝したい。

工藤師は北海道岩見沢市出身、ドイツのハンブルグに在住。札幌大谷短期大学声楽科卒業後、同短大声楽研究科修了。1983年、マドリッド国立声楽院に留学。1984年アメリカ人の宣教師に出会いイエス・キリストを救い主として信じる。宣教師夫妻より聖書を学び、ドイツ伝道と一緒にしていた。同じ頃、スペイン音楽コンクールなどで入賞をする恵みに預かる。「地中海ソプラノ」によるスペイン歌曲のスペシャリストとして、モンポウ、モンサルバーチェ、ロドリゴなどの全曲演奏を手がけ、スペインをはじめ、ヨーロッパ各地の国際フェスティバルに招かれている。マドリッド音楽堂、パリ・サル・プレイエルでのフランス歌曲リサイタル、リュウベックのバッハ没後250年記念コンサート、ハンブルク音楽堂でのクリスマス・コンサート、スペインFMラジオ主催ドイツ・リート・リサイタル、ニューヨーク・カーネギーホールでの伝道コンサート、教会コンサートなど幅広いジャンルでコンサート活動を展開。

CDは、「たましいの歌」、「Come To Me」、「鳥のうた」、「神だけが」、「讚美」、「カンシオン」、「ほんとうの願い」、「よき力に守られて」をリリース。著書「讚美のこころ」出版。お友達を誘って礼拝に出席しよう。聖霊の神様が賛美を通して心に語りかけるように。主を賛美することが素晴らしいと教えらるる礼拝であるようにお祈り頂きたい。すべてが祈りと主の導きの中で進められるように。

平田

On June 1st, Nichigo will host a guest musician, Ms. Atsuko Kudo, from Germany and will worship with special music. Ms. Kudo is a Japanese Christian singer. She was born in Japan, studied music in Sapporo. In 1983, she went to Madrid to continue study singing. In 1984, she met an American missionary couple and became a Christian. She studied the Bible with them, and in 1987, she travelled to Germany with them to begin reaching out to the German people. In the same year, she won a singing prize in Spain and was runner up in many other competitions.

In 1993, she started working with the church plant in Hamburg as an evangelist. At the same time, she continued to be active as a singer in Europe. In November 2000, Atsuko Kudo Music Ministries was found, has released 8 CD albums, and continues to reach out to the people through music.

May the Lord bless the Nichigo Worship service with special music guest.

Pastor Becky Hirata 平田

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## Nichigo's June Calendar

|         |          |                                                                                         |
|---------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 1  | 11:00 AM | Nichigo Worship with Special Music Guest                                                |
|         | 12:00 PM | Tea Fellowship                                                                          |
| June 8  | 10:45 AM | New Member Welcome Reception in Social Hall                                             |
|         | 11:00 AM | Nichigo Pentecost Worship                                                               |
|         | 12:00 PM | Nichigo Bible Study                                                                     |
| June 15 | 11:00 AM | Nichigo Worship / Father's Day                                                          |
|         | 12:00 PM | Nichigo Bible Study                                                                     |
| June 20 | 9:30 AM  | UMW Holiday Boutique Workshop in Social Hall                                            |
| June 22 | 9:30 AM  | English Worship Service with Guest Preacher and Missionary to Japan, Rev. Claudia Geung |
|         | 11:00 AM | Nichigo Worship                                                                         |
|         | 12:00 PM | Tea Fellowship                                                                          |
| June 27 | 7:00 PM  | Japanese Film Night                                                                     |
| June 29 | 10:30 AM | Joint Worship                                                                           |
|         | 12:00 PM | All Church Picnic at Cheviots Hills Park (Rancho Park)                                  |



# June 2014

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                      | Wednesday                                                                                     | Thursday                                                                                                       | Friday                                             | Saturday                                                            |
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| <b>1 Family Worship / Holy Communion</b><br>9:30am English Worship<br>10:45am Membership Class<br>11:00am Japanese Worship<br>11:00am Church Library Open<br>11:00am VBS Planning Meeting | <b>2</b><br>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg                                  | <b>3</b><br>11:30am 80+ Women's Luncheon @ Hop Li<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal                  | <b>4</b><br>9:15am "Alive Now" Study<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>5:30pm Promise AA Group      | <b>5</b><br>9:30am Prayer Meeting<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>7:30pm Bible Study                               | <b>6</b>                                           | <b>7</b>                                                            |
| <b>8 Pentecost Sunday</b><br>9:30am English Worship<br>9:45am Sunday School & Youth<br>10:45am New Membership Welcome Reception<br>11:00am Japanese Worship                               | <b>9</b><br>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg                                  | <b>10</b><br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal                                                          | <b>11</b><br>9:15am "Alive Now" Study<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>5:30pm Promise AA Group     | <b>12</b><br>9:30am Prayer Meeting<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>7:30pm Bible Study                              | <b>13</b>                                          | <b>14</b><br>10:30am Ohana 2.0 Families with Young Children Potluck |
| <b>15 Father's Day /Graduate Recognitions</b><br>9:30am English Worship<br>9:45am Sunday School & Youth<br>11:00am Japanese Worship<br>11:00am Social Action Meeting                      | <b>16</b><br>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg                                 | <b>17</b><br>8:30am Fat Tuesday Men's Group Breakfast Meeting<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal      | <b>18</b><br>9:15am <i>No Study Today</i><br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>5:30pm Promise AA Group | <b>19</b><br>9:30am Prayer Meeting<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>7:30pm <i>No Bible Study Tonight</i>            | <b>20</b><br>9:30am UMW Meeting and Craft Workshop | <b>21</b>                                                           |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30am English Worship<br>9:45am Sunday School & Youth<br>11:00am Japanese Worship                                                                                           | <b>23</b><br>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg<br>7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal | <b>24</b><br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal                                                          | <b>25</b><br>9:15am "Alive Now" Study<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>5:30pm Promise AA Group     | <b>26</b><br>9:30am Newsletter Folding<br>9:30am Prayer Meeting<br>10:30am Tai-Chi Class<br>7:30pm Bible Study | <b>27</b><br>7:30pm Japanese Film Night            | <b>28</b><br>4pm Praise Band Rehearsal                              |
| <b>29 Worship with Praise Band</b><br>10:30am Joint Worship Service<br>12:00pm All Church Picnic at Cheviot Hills Park                                                                    | <b>30</b><br>1:00pm Women's Bible Study<br>6:30-9:00pm Kelton AA Mtg                                 | <b>Notes:</b><br>Cal-Pac Annual Conference, June 18 – June 21 at the University of Redlands. |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                |                                                    |                                                                     |

## ***Pentecost Sunday, June 8***

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' followers as described in the Book of Acts 2:1–31. For this reason, Pentecost is often described as the "Birthday of the Church."

Join us on Sunday, June 8, as we celebrate Pentecost with worship services in English at 9:30 and in Japanese at 11:00!

In addition to worship, everyone is also invited to the New Member Welcome Reception that will be held on Pentecost Sunday at 10:45 AM in the Social Hall.

Remember: wear something RED on Pentecost!



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