



Bayview United Church

Bayview United Church Newsletter

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An Easter Reflection,

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! At Easter we celebrate that death is not the end. There is new life --life eternal with God.

The word "Easter" literally means "sunrise". The word "Eostre" refers to a pagan Anglo-Saxon Goddess. This mythical figure is said to have been the goddess of the sunrise and spring. She is the goddess of dawn. So Easter essentially means "a new day has dawned".

Have you ever watched the sunrise on Easter morning? It's magical. It is as if all the darkness, despair and grief in the world disappear in that moment when the sun begins to rise. The horizon is accented with gorgeous shades of yellow, orange and red. When the sun finally appears, it is as if the trees, flowers and blades of grass bow to greet the morning. For a moment the earth stands still. All is silent--in a state of bliss. Then in a flash the birds start singing, the earth starts moving and a new day begins. The magic of the moment dissipates. The earth awakens and our day moves on.

Imagine being at the tomb that first Easter morning. The women who came in darkness were grieving. Jesus had been crucified. Sadness wrenched

within their whole being. All they wanted was to say one last good bye to their Rabbi,

their teacher and dear friend. They wanted to give him a proper burial anointing. Yet when they arrived, the tomb was empty and Jesus' body was gone.

The sun was just beginning to peak above the horizon. When it fully rose the Son appeared to the women. It was a magical moment. God's Son, risen and promising to reunite with the disciples in Galilee.

The darkness of the night lifted; joy replaced sadness and hope replaced fear. There would still be times of hurt and pain, yet in that moment, a new day dawned and the women knew Jesus would always be with them to comfort, care, support and uplift them in all of life's ups and downs. This is the gift of that first Easter sunrise. May you feel its blessing in your life each day.

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!
Amen!

May you have a blessed Easter celebration with your family.

Rev. Cindy

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Community and Global Partnership

On Mission Sunday, Jan. 18th, we held a soup day to raise funds for S.H.A.R.E. (Sending Help and Resources Everywhere). Trish Murphy, our guest speaker from S.H.A.R.E., explained the work done by S.H.A.R.E. This organization provides funding and guidance to community-based agricultural products in developing countries. We raised \$375.00 from soup sales and \$167.25 from the sale of karinto (rice crackers) donated by June Orida. The total income from soup and karinto came to \$542.25. This amount will be added to our Lenten offering which will also go to S.H.A.R.E. this year.

The Mission and Service Stew Day and food sale was held on March 1st. Delicious curry beef, curry chicken, beef stew and chicken stew were served. Stew sales raised \$359.00 and the Japanese food and bake table raised \$598.25 yielding a total of \$957.25. We welcome help from people who like to cook. Please speak to anyone on our team.

In 2014, the Lansing Food Bank served over 2300 families which represents 5400 people - 31% were children under 18 and 15% were seniors. The food bank was able to buy food through the collective purchasing program of North York Harvest due to the financial support of many individuals and organizations.

Irene Kagawa

Team members: Kaz Shikaze, Mickey Kaneko, Ken Koyama, Grace Omoto, Diane Domelle and Joan Bennett



Ongoing:

* Eva's Place - all toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. are welcome at any time.

Please put them in the "Eva's Place" bin in the narthex. Extra platters of food from parties or gatherings are always welcomed by the youth.

* Lansing Food Bank - non-perishable food items are welcome at any time. Please put your donation in the "Food Bank" bin in the narthex. Ken Koyama has kindly offered to deliver the food to the Lansing Food Bank.

* The Leprosy Mission Canada - We are collecting used stamps. Please cut them from the envelopes, leaving about a 1/4 inch paper border and place the stamps in the STAMP BOX in the office. Joan Bennett has offered to continue the work done by the late Marion Felker.

Church Directory

Please note the following changes to the 2014 Bayview United Church Directory:

Change of address:

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thyodo@sympatico.ca

Change of email address:

CRUISE, Mr. John, Mrs. Marie
johnac@bell.net

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STEWART, Dr. Donald
Remove email address

Change of phone number:

Brooker, Mr. John
647-961-7125 (c) – remove home number

Error Corrections:

HIROWATARI, Mr. Mamoru, Mrs. Louise
Should be 9 Larmere Ct. not Larmere Cr.

TERASHITA, Mrs. Hiroko
Phone number should be 416-483-3951

JOHNSON, David
Email should be davej_9@sympatico.ca

Remove from directory (deceased):

AIDA, Mr. Ted
ENDO, Mrs. Kazue
FURUYA, Mr. George
LORD, Mrs. Helen
NISHIMURA, Mr. George
NISHINO, Mrs. Katherine
OGURA, Mr. Tad
SMILEY, Mrs. Helen
TAMAKI, Mrs. Yuki
WALKER, Mr. Cliff

If you know of other changes or corrections,
please contact the church office at 416-447-5941
or office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca Thank you.

Sunday Morning Service at Keawala'i Congregational Church, United Church of Christ (USA) Makena Hawaii. [founded 1832]

It was 25c and sunny on November 16th, with the gentle tradewinds flowing between the lush tropical trees. Driving south along Maui's west, just past the mega hotels , we turned down a very narrow road and spotted the simple black lava rock faced church, with a steeple. The church was almost full, luckily we found two seats in the second row. Rev. Kealalou Alika had a gentle presence and spoke in a honest dialogue. He spoke of fairness and trying your best for others, and not to take advantage of the disadvantage. He referred to Matthew 25 ,14-30.

Both the service and the hymns were written in Hawaiian and English. Everyone was dressed in relaxed Hawaiian style. They had a fine older electronic organ, and a beautiful black Yamaha grand piano. Both musicians were capable. The choir led the Final Amen in four part harmony. two beautiful floral tributes of pink and white anthuriums and spikes of tuberose decorated the 150 seat chapel.

Comfort prayers for healing and special joys of members and their families and friends on the island and the mainland was shared.

On the spacious grounds, cool beverages were served under a leafy shelter. One of the parishioners asked Henry “ Which island he came from?” We are often mistaken for “locals”. They were pleased to have guests from Canada, but they also “loved” Toronto, Vancouver, New York, and California.

For 182 years this simple church has had a presence of God's “Aloha” from generation to generation, to maintain Hawaiian as well as honoring the various cultures represented in its membership. At Easter and Christmas Eve seating for 800 is provided. Overflow seating is on the well maintained lawn.

As we stood outside , to the east , we could see Mount Haleakala 10,000 ft. above sea level, with its dormant volcano. On the west of the church, there are several rows of grave stones e.g. Samuel Kakulelaula Makua 1908-1968, beside Hattie Kakulelaula Makua 1910-1976, beside “Mother In Rest” ----- Hepohakimohewa 1877-1938, beside “Father In Rest” -----Hepohakimohewa 1876-1929. Beside the family plot , a poinsettias bush was just turning a brilliant red. Beyond this was a metre high wall of black lava rock and over this wall was the blue to dark blue Pacific ocean. What a soul cleansing moment!

“Blessings” come from Endowment funds, parishioner's givings either in Maui or from the Mainland, and local businesses. All are acknowledged with gratefulness. Funds are augmented by their annual Christmas craft and bake sale, golf tournament, silent auction and luncheons. Sound familiar?

Their outreach, combined with local faith communities helps Family Recovery Centre, due to substance abuse. It provides grants to the homeless for basic necessities, meals, and a van to get to “help” programs. Thus encouraging the assisted to help themselves. “Goodness” in a scholarship fund supports students getting an education, to “learn about themselves “ and “further the course of justice to build a Beloved better community out in the world.”

Other grants help with Aids Foundation and Hospice, Christmas and Emergency offerings for veterans, food banks , Keiki's (children's) Dreaming Program and more.

“Women helping Women” helps Mauians with rent grants, new beds for children, and support for families who have suffered domestic violence.

Life is about moments. During our vacation, a sad moment, the passing of Tad Ogura. We will remember Tad and Eileen's visit to Maui , that was a memorable moment.

Happy moments? The Keawala'i church, its goodwill, peaceful location fulfilled a tropical morning on a lazy vacation in “paradise”.

Read more , web www.keawalai.org

“Aloha” and “Mahalo”

Henry and Christine [Tina] Ichiyen.

Hospitality and Pastoral Care

Rev. Cindy Cooper has offered to chair our next meeting which will be on May 3rd as this position is still vacant.

Prayers and get well wishes are extended to Marianne Abe, Pat Worth, those is care facilities and all those in need of comfort, hope and healing.

The BUC Prayer Group is led by Noby Matusgu 416 – 335-5387 (nobymatsugu@gmail.com) and Barb Marshall 416 – 222-8267. Confidential prayer support is given to anyone in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a friend or for yourself.

The Sharing Table was held on February 1st. The date for the May sharing table will be announced in the bulletin.

A healing prayer service was held in the sanctuary on March 22nd where there was an opportunity for individual prayers and laying on hands.

Submitted by Ruby Shikaze on behalf of the H & C Ministry Team

Anniversaries:

Eiko and Sab Yoshioka celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 27th, 2015

Births:

Daniel Osura Ravi Ariyadasa was born on Jan. 2nd, 2015 to Suzanna Cermak and Umesh Ariyadasa, a brother for Chandra and grandson for Janice Cermak

Oliver Michael Lawson Sanz was born on March 24 at to Chris and Kathe Sanz. Avery is a proud big sister now.

Deaths:

AIDA, Mr. Ted

ENDO, Mrs. Kazue

FURUYA, Mr. George

LORD, Mrs. Helen

NISHINO, Mrs. Katherine

NISHIMURA, Mr. George

OGURA, Mr. Tad

SMILEY, Mrs. Helen

TAMAKI, Mrs. Yuki

WALKER, Mr. Cliff



Stewardship Ministry Team

It has now been nearly six months since the formation of Bayview United Church and the Stewardship Ministry Team has been busy putting the various aspects of the financial function together. We have made good progress and we are nearing completion. I am grateful for the hard work of the Team in making sure that all the tasks have been completed and the necessary reports and receipts are being issued.

All envelope givers were given new envelope numbers for 2015. I hope this is working out all right for everyone. I would ask that you indicate on your envelope the amount that you would like to designate to the local Church (Bayview United Church) and the amount for the Mission and Service Fund. This will make it simpler for the counters and the data input volunteers.

It has become our practice to count the offering each Sunday after the worship service. Offering envelopes are opened and the amount enclosed is confirmed. Since we usually have about 90 to 100 people attending each Sunday this gets to be a fairly large task. We have a team of three offering counters each Sunday to complete this task. The amount donated must then be input into a software program called DONATION so that we can issue a tax receipt at the end of the year. Loose offering and donations are also recorded. Thanks to those who have volunteered to be offering counters. Having enough counters means that each person only has to count every three or four weeks. If you would like to be a counter, please let me know.

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. If this method of supporting the church makes sense to you just speak to me and I will see that you receive a PAR enrolment form.

Since the Church has some financial assets it would be logical to think that if we run a deficit in our operating fund it would not be a problem. However, some of these funds are designated for specific purposes such as outreach so the amount that we have is not as large as it may seem. In addition the Church and the property are in need of considerable repairs and upgrading. For example it is quite likely that the heating boiler will have to be replaced in the near future. This will be a major expense. In addition there is about \$50,000 in repairs and maintenance that should be done this year. Therefore, it is very important that we do our best to balance the operating budget each and every year.

Thank you for your generous financial stewardship and we hope that we can count on your continued support in the future.

Kaz Shikaze

Remembering and Celebrating Two Former CJUC Members

Amy Uchida Koga (July 25, 1924-February 21, 2015)



Amy was active in The Toronto Japanese United Church, Nisei congregation as organist for many years in the late sixties and President of UCW in 1967. Amy worked for the United Church Observer while living in Toronto. She moved to Hawaii and was married to the late Bob Koga for 40 years. She leaves her sisters Chizuko Uchida, Kuni Kumekawa and brother Hiro Uchida. Amy developed long lasting friendships while living in Montreal, and later in Toronto and lived for 10 years with Min and Sachi Ota and their family. Many of her friends while vacationing in Hawaii would contact her and have lunch or dinner with her. Amy was fun and easy-going, gentle and generous. She leaves a legacy of happy thoughts with all those she touched. A memorial service was held on March 3rd at the Vancouver Japanese United Church.

Yuki (Uda) Matsui Tamaki (January 2, 1920 – January 8, 2015)



Yuki was very active in The Toronto Japanese United Church, Nisei congregation for many years in a number of roles including Sunday School Superintendent, Explorer Leader and CGIT Leader. Many “girls” now in their 60s remember fondly the many fun activities she planned for the Explorers taking them to Centre Island and other exciting places and inviting them into her home for gatherings. Yuki also taught English and Japanese in Vancouver and Toronto and was a charter member of the Toronto Nisei Women’s Club. She will be remembered always for her kindness, graciousness and elegance. Yuki loved to travel, golf, garden, play bridge and listen to classical music. She leaves her brother Henry Uda, her children Karol (John) Michaluk, Lorinne Chong and Rollin Matsui, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on January 11th in Toronto.

Christian Education—Sunday School

Members and visitors might notice a new chart on the bulletin board along the stairs for the current Sunday School project.

Young volunteers are invited to knit 8" (20 cm) squares, in any choice of stitch. Appreciation goes to Betty Tomihiro for donating pairs of knitting needles for lending out, and to Judy Morimoto (John Nagahara's cousin) for donating the skeins of ivory colour yarn. Knitting squares pieces makes participation easier to manage, with everyone's busy schedules. Knitting by the corking technique is also being introduced in my school-age Sunday School classes to any child interested.

This is planned as a longer term project. Eventually complete squares will be assembled into a lap throw or prayer shawl and passed on to the prayer shawl knitting group of the Hospitality and Pastoral Care Team for presentation and donation.

Amy Hanada-Nagahara



Women's Fellowship Circle

A special worship service to give thanks for and closure to the UCW was held on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Rev. Cindy gave a Reflection entitled 'The Gift of Women', followed by Highlights of the UCW Over the Years by Christine Ichiyen. Jane Tsujimoto gave her testimony, 'The Difference the UCW Made to Me'. Many thanks to all the members of the former UCW of CJUC. We are grateful for the dedicated and faithful service to our congregation over the past 52 years. Our ministry has been an inspiration to all! The congregation wishes us well as we disband the UCW and form the Women's Fellowship Circle.

The newly-formed women's group, Women's Fellowship Circle held their first meeting of the year on Sunday, January 11, 2015, with co-ordinators Louise Nagano, Kathi Saito & Madeline Sakamoto with twenty-one ladies present. Kathi welcomed everyone and continued with a short meditation. Louise introduced the two videos showing the devastating results of leprosy and that leprosy can be cured. Madeline gave instances in the Bible where leprosy was recorded i.e. Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, 1st and 2nd Kings and Chronicles in the Old Testament and Matthew, Mark & Luke in the New Testament.

Fifty-seven ladies attended our annual Daybreak at Momiji on Saturday, February 14, 2015 under the leadership of Rev. Coral Prebbles, who has been a United Church minister for twenty-eight years and currently serves at St. James United Church in Etobicoke. She is a certified Myers Briggs Personality Type instructor. Using the MBPT we discovered how our strengths, needs and

spiritual preferences affect our relationship with God and one another. A delicious lunch of cold cuts, breads, salads and dessert was enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to Rev. Cindy, Ruby Shikaze, Janice Cermak, Grace Omoto and Molly Morita who helped plan the event and to all those who helped in any way to make this a successful event.

Our weekly coffee service has been varied these past few months with sandwiches, raisin & cheese bread, fruit, sweets as well as soup and stew. This past Sunday, March 22nd, we had a change in the lunch menu – Ochazuke or 'Japanese Poor Person's Lunch' for \$2.00. Rice with green tea (ocha) with bbq pork, fish cake, tsukemono and toppings like nori and furikake. It was certainly a success. Thanks to Naomi Takasaki, Madeline Sakamoto & June Orida for such a novel idea. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 1:30 p.m., co-ordinated by Grace Omoto and Kay Oiyee. Our guest speaker will be Renee Siad, who will demonstrate skin care using the audience (whoever is willing). Her products are body wash and oils and the ingredients for her products come from the Dead Sea, Renee also teaches hula dancing at the JCCC.

Eiko Watanabe, Recording Secretary WFC



The Church gratefully acknowledges the special donations received from December, 2014 to March 22, 2015.

December 2014

Masae OKAMOTO	---
Tom & Sheila MATSUI	---
Tad & Jenny OYAGI	---
Haruo OIKAWA	In memory of parents Naka & Kimiye Oikawa & brother Tetsuo
Toshi OIKAWA	In memory of parents Naka & Kimiye Oikawa & brother Tetsuo
Harumi FURUYA	---
Tina & Henry ICHIYEN	In memory of Tad Ogura
Howie & Irene KAGAWA	In memory of Yuji, Sakayo & Stanley Sasaki
Brian G. DOMELLE	---
Chuck ODA	In memory of Lily Oda
Joyce NAKAMICHI	Christmas donation
Sam & Margaret ITO	In appreciation
Cindy ITO	Christmas
Margaret NAGAI	In memory of Tad Ogura
Harry & Beth MATSUGU	Christmas
Jim ACHESON	for Bazaar
Mary HODGSON	Christmas
Susan OMOTO	Christmas
George & Esther NISHIMURA	Christmas
Hideo MATSUBA	Christmas
Estate of the late Robert NISHIZAWA	
Terry MUDRY	Christmas



January 2015:

Doris WALKER	funeral of Cliff Walker
Ann SMILEY	In memory of Marion Felker
L. & C. MACLEAN	appreciation of the work of the U.C.W.
Harry & Chizuko UYEDE	In honour of our granddaughter Paige Kunihiros confirmation
Ben & Amy KUNIHIRO	Paige's confirmation
Robert & Wendy KUNIHIRO	Confirmation of Paige Kunihiro
Diane CARTER	In memory of Kim & Shig Onizuka
Brian KAGAWA	In appreciation of June Orida's karinto

Eiko WATANABE

In commemoration of my granddaughter Cassandra Grace Watanabe's confirmation

February 2015:

Mary MORITA

In loving memory of Mr&Mrs Jisuke Morita

Carole IKENO

In memory of Tosh Usami

Robert NISHINO

Yoko WAKIYAMA

George TAKAHASHI

In memory of Roy Ushijima Feb 2009

Umeko KUBA

My 100th Birthday!

Lorinne CHONG & family

for Yuki Tamaki's 95th birthday

Hideo MATSUBA

Birthday Offering

Cindy ITO

In memory of my Dad Mark Ito 7th year Feb 21,2008

Hedy ARAI

In memory of Nori Kosugi (nee Arikado)

March 2015:

Byron & Shirley TANAKA

In loving memory of our parents Mr Jisuke & Mrs Isematsu Morita and brothers Paul & Jim Morita

Shin & Peggy TAIRA

In loving memory of Grace Omoto's aunt Mrs Isabel Chizuko Kimoto of Ucluelet, B.C.

Mary MORITA

In memory of Jim Morita

Dr. Toyomasa FUSE

Harumi FURUYA

Easter offering

Naoko NAKAZE

Birthday offering



IN LOVING MEMORY OF KATIE NISHINO:

Jean Nagata, Grace Omoto, Hideo & Naomi Takasaki, Ken & Noby Matsugu, Sue Kai.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF YUKI TAMAKI:

Paul & Theresa Takasaki, Howie & Irene Kagawa, Sach & Betty Tomihiro, Roy Fukuzawa,

Sue Kai, Tosh & Louise Nagano. Kaz & Ruby Shikaze, Hideo & Naomi Takasaki, Jane Tsujimoto,

Ken & Noby Matsugu, Karen Quinton, Cindy Ito, Robert Britt, Peter Wakayama, Gordon & Theresa Takenaka, Hilda Muench & family, Harry & Beth Matsugu, Carole Ikeno, Tude Treiberg, Dini & Peter Radl, Don & June Eto, Judy & Tom Maikawa, Jean Nagata, Kaye Oiye, Miyo Ito, Patricia Idenouye, Janet Tsuji, Geoffrey & Patricia Ikeno, Sally Miyazaki, P.S. Adachi, Nancy Nagai, Katsu Iguchi, David Gracey, Kay & Linda Fujita, Louise Hirowatari, Dorothy Honda, Henry & Tina Ichiyen, Ben & Amy Kunihiro, John & Karol Michaluk, Jim & Madeline Sakamoto, Shin & Peggy Taira, Eiko Watanabe, Nonie Keen, Kathryn Tamaki, Lorie Sano. Grace Omoto, Mabel S. Tamaki, Bert & Iris Wing King, Barbara Edgell, Valerie Hung, Byron & Shirley Tanaka.

Final Notes...



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HELP WANTED

Bayview United Church is looking for a part-time church administrator. The role of the church administrator is to supervise and facilitate the day-to-day administrative operations of the congregation. The position requires professionalism, confidentiality, oral and written communication skills and excellent people skills. Some financial background and knowledge of computer programs Including Quickbooks is essential. Must have ability to multi-task and function as part of a team as well as working without supervision. To apply for the position or for further information, please email office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca

Sparrow Lake, United Church Camp:

Summer is coming and if any young people are interested in attending a United Church camp please go to their website for more information.

www.sparrowlakecamp.com. There is some money available from our church to help with the cost. Please speak to Carol MacLean for more details.

Upcoming Events

May 10—Mother's Day Luncheon

June 21—Father's Day

June 28—Church Picnic

Sept. 20—Welcome Back Sunday (TBD)

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed articles or information to this edition of our newsletter. A special thank you to Eiko Watanabe and Kez Shikaze for the photos that they have submitted. We all appreciate the colour provided!