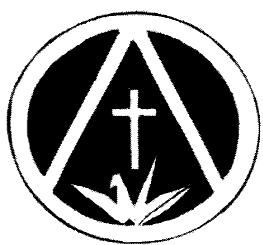


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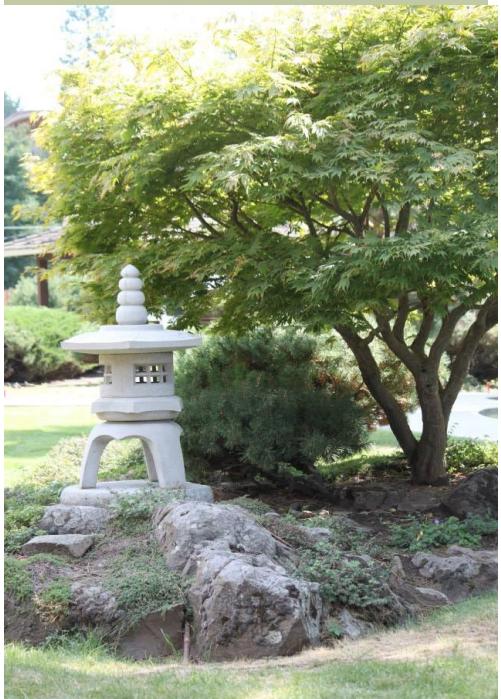
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## Personally Speaking ... Generosity Encouraged

<sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.<sup>9</sup>As it is written:

*"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."*- 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Dear Beloved Church Family,

Thank God it is finally the season of spring! We are now able to enjoy clear roads and no longer need to worry about the dangers of ice all around us. This has been a long winter season full of snow, cold nights, and shortened daylight hours. At the conclusion of winter we see new possibilities and the prospect of new life in our midst. Enjoy the sun and take advantage of each day!

The apostle Paul shared with the Corinthian church the necessity of generous giving for their continued work in service for the kingdom of God. Even in biblical times, the disciples of Jesus also led stewardship campaigns and requests to the congregations to sustain the mission of building up the Church. Tithes and offerings are essential not only for the continuance of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, but also for individual spiritual growth. Paul reminds us to plan ahead, prepare a budget, and to give out of generous hearts for the work of the Lord. Where our money flows is a good indicator of what is most important and of highest priority in our lives.

This lesson is a perfect reminder for our own church's present needs in the months of March and April. Unfortunately, we are in need of additional generosity in order to be faithful stewards in paying off our utility bills. As pastor, I practice what I preach in tithing at least a tenth of my income back to the church. My tithe is not forced out of shame or guilt, but because I believe in the work we are doing as a church and as an act of love for God. The less tightly I cling to money or material possessions the more I can become closer to God and know the heart of God.

Our wonderful and diligent treasurers recently shared the current state of our church funds.

### January

- Deposits: \$5433
- Expenses: \$7064

### March to date:

- Deposits to date: \$2469
- Expenses to date: \$2589
- Fixes Expenses still to pay in March: \$4820 + other surprises

### February

- Deposits: \$3801
- Expenses: \$8159

Other monies we owe:

- Insurance: \$3700 by Sept
- Apportionments: \$500/mo or more



Brothers and sisters, please prayerfully consider our church as you plan financially so we may meet our expense needs. If we give generously God will not overlook us as the Apostle Paul proclaimed. Our church has formed and shaped disciples of Jesus Christ for over 110 years for the glory of God. May God bless us generously that this work continues ever more. God bless you and your generosity!

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

**Healing from illness**

Mary Barker  
Tom Ferris  
Joanne Ferris  
Vern Bott  
Webb family  
Chris Newton  
Yaeko Sanders

**Nursing homes**

Dee Matsumoto  
Sam Ogo  
Chieko Webb

**Healing at home**

Connie Seikijima  
Chris Newton  
Jim Kawabata

Know anybody in need  
of prayer?

Please let Pastor John  
Ada , or Ayako know

Church: 535-2687

Ada: 328-0195

Ayako Tanaka 228-0271



May

April

2	Duane Beck	4	Linda Jackson
7	Alyson Gazaway	6	Jordyn McFarland
21	Anne Miller	9	Jennifer Stone
29	Jason Miller	13	Anita Murphy
		14	David Utley
		16	Sarah Kessinger
		17	Bill Stephenson
		17	Jordan Gazaway
		26	Marsha Beck
		30	Jim Kawabata
		31	Margie Miyoshi

**Namiko Hijiya**

Namiko Hijiya, who spent most of her life in Spokane, passed away on February 24,

in University Place, WA, two days after her 92nd birthday. She was born in Portland, OR to Keichi and Katano Fukai, both immigrants from Okayama Prefecture in Japan. Nami had a happy childhood in Portland along with brothers, Robert, Mason, Henry, Richard and sisters, Tomiko Yamamoto and Fumiko Heyamoto, all who preceded her in death. During the early years of WWII her family was interned in Tule Lake, Ca. When they were allowed to leave, Nami moved to Spokane. In 1946 she married George Yukio Hijiya. They had three children, Robert(now of University Place) Janice Price(now of La Hambra, Ca) and James (now of Dartmouth, MA) After the dissolution of her marriage, Nami made manifest her strength of character by becoming the single-parent provider for her young family. She worked many years in the life insurance industry as an office bookkeeper. As her children were reaching high school graduation age, she secured employment as a clerk with the WA State Dept of Social and Health Services from which she retired in 1987. She continued living in Spokane until 2003 when she moved to University Place. She moved to University Place Care Center in 2016.

Namiko loved the people she worked with and would often talk about them affectionately. She loved her circle of friends, especially from the old Oak Street neighborhood and from Highland Park Methodist Church. She is survived by son-in-law James Price, grandsons Brennan and Garrett Price, grand daughter in-law Sokha Price, great grand daughter Lauren Price, sister-in-law Kay Fukai, and daughter inlaw Barbara Najjar. She loved her many nieces and nephews, especially Pam Fukai, who drove down from Seattle almost every month to visit her. She will be interred in the Cherry Blossom Garden in a private ceremony in April. Donations in her memory may be made to the Highland Park Methodist Church.



Harry Nakata

Longtime Spokane resident Harry Nakata, 92, passed away on December 22, 2016 in Everett, Washington. Harry is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kimi (Yoshida) Nakata, two children, Curtis (Susan) and Kathie (Greg) Fjelan. He is survived by five grandchildren, Kyle (Destiny) Nakata, Kathleen (Vedran) Samardzic, Taylor (Michael List) Fjelan, Lindsay Fjelan; and three great-grandchildren, Olive and Archer Nakata and Luka Samardzic. Harry is also survived by his sister Mary (Roy) Okada, sisters-in-law, June Nakata and Sumi Okamoto and several nieces and nephews. He was born on January 1, 1924 to Atsuo and Yuka Nakata in Portland, Oregon where he grew up and attended high school. At the outbreak of WWII the Nakata family was interned in the Minidoka Relocation Camp in Idaho. While in camp Harry joined the Army and was a member of the 442nd Battalion which served in Italy during the war. After the war, Harry joined his parents and siblings in Spokane, Wa where he met and married Kimi Yoshida, raised a family and worked and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. In addition to his Postal Service career, Harry also provided gardening services for the Spokane area. Gardening was a great passion for Harry. Once retired, he threw himself into his passion and the Nakata yard became the showcase of the neighborhood. Harry would often share with neighbors, relatives and friends the abundance of flowers, vegetables and fruit he had grown. Harry was known for his hard work, love of gardening, witty sense of humor and being an avid Seattle Mariner fan. He made a lasting and positive impact on all those who knew him and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Noon on Saturday March, 25, 2017 at Highland Park United Methodist Church with a gathering to follow. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Harry's memory to Highland Park United Methodist Church.



Palm Sunday: April 9, 2017 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 2017 5:30 pm

Sunrise Service: April 16, 2017 6:00 am

Easter Service: April 16, 2017 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt



*AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Afraid)* is coming to Highland Park UMC! This is a program that teaches the children the gospel through memorization, lively stories, and fun games from pre-school to fifth grade. We began our program in March. For more information, please leave a message for Marcie Laquindanum at the church. We hope to see you soon! The more the merrier.

### Farewell, Diana Munk

Diana is moving to Orange County, California to be near her new granddaughter, Claire. We wish her well in her new adventures in babysitting.



**PLEDGES/GENERAL OFFER-**  
**INGS- 1-1-3/5/2017**

Ando, Care  
 Barker, Mary  
 Bott, Vern & Kathy  
 Clevenger, David & Hiroko  
 Deeley, Minako & Michael  
 Dow, Kevin & Elaine  
 Ferris, Tom & Joanne  
 Fukai, Pam  
 Furumasu, Chuck & Amy  
 Hamada, Masako  
 Hashimoto, Dorothy  
 Hemphill, Asuka  
 Hirata, Lili  
 Honda, Ada  
 Jackson, Brian & Aiki  
 Luther, Norm & Rosalin  
 Marinos, Patty  
 Magenta, Marie & Kurt Weigel  
 McDowell, Wayne & Marilyn  
 Minata, Aiko  
 Miyoshi, Margie  
 Murphy, David & Anita  
 Okamoto, Sumi  
 Ono, Masako  
 Rogers, James & Georgette  
 Sanders, Yaeko  
 Snowden, Sydnee  
 Suemori, Emi  
 Tanaka, Ayako  
 Tanaka, Alice  
 Tanaka, Harvo  
 Tanaka, Mikel  
 Tetsuka, Charlotte  
 Wakabayashi, Sakae  
 Wang, John Mark  
 Webb, Chieko & Essie  
 Watanabe, Theodore  
 Yamamoto, Kaz  
 Yonago, Hida  
 Anonymous

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

*In memory of Lloyd Yonago:*  
 Hida Yonago

*In memory of Ed Webb:* Chieko  
 Webb family

*Gifts of Thanksgiving for recovery from illness:* Mary Barker

*In memory of Miyo Akiyama:*

Mary Barker  
 Masako Hamada  
 Ada Honda  
 Aiko Minata  
 Dean Nakagawa  
 Tsuyoshi & Masako Ono  
 Rob & Darlene Quackenbush  
 Connie & Sally Sekijima  
 Emi Suemori  
 Frank & Linda Suemori  
 Ayako Tanaka  
 Pat Tanaka  
 Tami Tanaka  
 Dorothy Uno  
 Chieko Webb  
 Jeanne Yamada  
 Thelma Yasuhara

*In memory of Nobie Oka:*

Masako Hamada  
 Ada Honda  
 Jim & Pat Kawabata  
 Mike Mukai  
 David & Gwen Utley  
*In memory of Nami Hijiya:*  
 Vicki Fukai  
 Wayne & Katy Miller & Ava  
 Kelly Fukai, Steve Harper  
 Mason, Abby & Jack  
 Colin & Yuka Fukai, Mei & Ema  
 Chris & Val Fukai, Hailie & Jake  
 James Hijiya & Barbara Najjar  
 Toshi Kawahara  
 Pat Tanaka

*In memory of Harry Nakata:*  
 Dean & Sue Nakagawa

*To endowment fund in memory of  
 Miyo Akiyama, Harry Nakata,  
 Nobie Oka and Iku Tamura:  
 Duane and Marsha Beck*



So happy to be back in the fold once more. Thank all of you for your prayers cards and phone calls, they kept me going. I thank God for my family and my church family. I don't think I could of done it without you rooting for me. May God bless each and every one of you. Mary Barker

Dear Rev. Wang,

...

Our mother taught Sunday School at the old Grant Street Methodist Church, then at Highland Park when the new building was erected. Her three children (Robert, Janice, and I) all attended Sunday School, then church there. We heard many a sermon by Rev. Shigeo Shimada and many a singing of "Jerusalem" by Kazuko Honda, and Janice was married at the church just before she moved to California. Mom kept going there after her kids had scattered across the continent. She often helped with fund-raising sukiyaki & teriyaki dinners, and once a month joined the crew that cleaned the building.

In 2003 she moved to University Place to be closer to her brother Henry and her son Robert (and also to escape the cold, snow and ice of Spokane)...she would often stop at Highland Park, attend a service and see old, dear friends. She loved the church and the people who constituted it.

....Mom outlived most of her friends in Spokane, but there might still be a few who will be sending you a contribution. We hope so.

Best Wishes, James A Hijiya

(and Robert Hijiya & Janice Price)



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING 2/19/2017

In attendance Pastor John, Charlotte, Jason Miller, Wayne McDowell, Marilyn McDowell Joanne Ferris, Jennifer, Alice, Ayako Tanaka and Georgette Rogers

Joanne Ferris opened the meeting, the minutes were approved and Treasure Report Submitted.

Patty Marino has agreed to be an Insurance Liaison for the church. If there is any type of accident she will be the one talking to the person and working with the Insurance Company so that the correct information is provided

Jason and Patty met with Riverday School (formerly Discovery School) after a query was made regarding renting our church for their school. If this were to proceed, the students and teachers would help with the different fund raisers we have, they would bring parents and friends to fundraisers, and this is a good way for income to be brought into the church, while reaching out to youngsters in the community. It was moved and seconded that Jason make a proposal to Riverday School. He will keep us informed.

Wayne and Jason met with Spokane Comfort to work on the Heating and Air conditioning in the church. The work should start in March.

Marcie Laquindanum is wanting to start AWANA which is an intensive Bible training. This would change some of the dynamic of the church, and there is an undetermined start time. If you have questions regarding this program they should be address to Marcie.

Pastor John will be in Dumas Bay Washington March 9-11 for interviews associated with his Ordination. He will be back for church on Sunday. Pastor asks for prayers that all goes well with this next step in his Ordination Process.

The meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting March 19, 2017 Respectfully submitted, Georgette Rogers

### **Fund Requests**

About a year ago a meeting of the Endowment Committee and Trustees was held to address the problem of the flower cooler we were using as a refrigerator was not keeping food at the proper temperature. As our Sukiaki Dinner was nearing, it would not pass our health inspection, so we voted to purchase a three door, Made in America commercial cooler. There were three bids, but this model could be serviced in Spokane

. It was with the understanding that the congregation would be informed of the "Refrigerator Fund" to replenish the Endowment Fund. This was about \$5,000 and any donation would be appreciated. A few weeks later the Endowment Committee was asked to replace the washing machine in the Parsonage. We were unable to fill this request as the Endowment is for the Church. The machine was purchased through the General Fund. This depletes the General Fund for other expenses so we are also asking for donations to help with the General Fund. This would be for the "Washing Machine Fund."

We know our congregation is made of fixed income families and your yearly tithes are greatly appreciated. To help with our continuing church's needs, we would be thankful for any additional donations. Your prayers for our mounting expenses would also be helpful.

Concerning the Sukiyaki Dinner, this is coming up on April 29. This is one of our big fund raisers to assist the Church. For those who are on limited income, here is a good opportunity to volunteer your services as it takes many hours to make this a huge success. We have many opportunities like the senbei making during the end of March. The week of the Sukiyaki is vegetable and meat prep and many hands make the task go faster plus we have a fun time. In October we have the Fall Bazaar. Our equipment is getting older. We have used personal KitchenAid mixers for Senbei, but these are seeing wear and tear. It would be nice to afford a couple of pro mixers, but on sale, still about \$500 each! An inspector said our stove hood should be replaced as we could be fined since it is no longer in compliance with our new gas stove. Our dishwasher is so old, John Yamada is no longer able to get parts. Our outdoor cooler is also getting old and we don't know when it will no longer be useful. Our hot water on demand is not working and only serviced from Portland so we are without enough hot water during our dinners. As you can see our wish list is long and we have these necessities to insure the continued success of our fund raisers. Thanks you for any consideration and pray for our church and it's continued mission. May God bless your kindness.

# Activities at church during April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Last day of making senbei
2 	3	4	5	6 Bible Study: 10:30 Spochien 1:00	7	8
9 	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm	14	15
16 Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 am	17	18 Bloomsday Bags 9:00-12:30	19	20 Bible Study: 10:30 Spochien 1:00	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Cut Veggies for sukiyaki 9am	28 Weigh meat 9	29 Sukiyaki 12-6

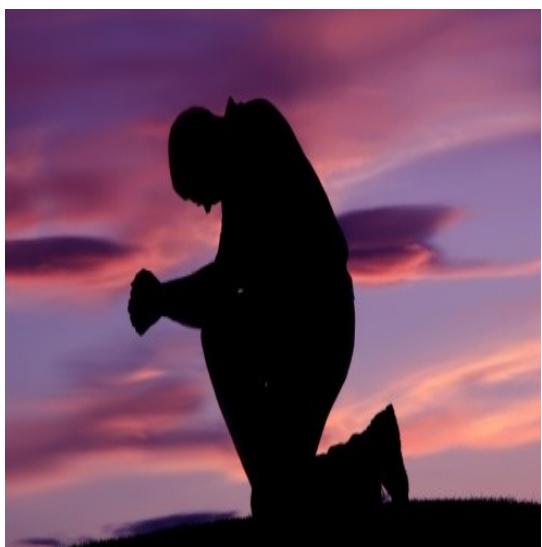
# Activities at church on May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Bible Study: 10:30 Spochien 1:00	5	6
7 	8	9	10	11 Bible Study: 10:30 Spochien 1:00	12	13
14 	15 JACL Buddhist church 4 pm 	16	17 	18 Bible Study: 10:30 Spochien 1:00	19	20
21 Bosankai 2 pm Upper terrace Greenwood	22	23	24	25 Bible Study: 10:30 Spochien 1:00	26	27
28	29 	30	31			

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Luke 5:31 I'm here inviting outsiders –not insiders–an invitation to a changed life, changed inside and out.

