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*The grass is not greener on the other side of the fence,
The grass is greener where you water it!!*

Valentines Day is coming up, a chance to appreciate all those you love in your life. Take time to let all you love, not just your spouse or partner, that you love them...and DO something to love them. For love is a verb, not an emotion.

This Valentines Day let us not just think about roses and chocolate or a new tie, but about the true meaning of love. As our holy Scriptures tells us in the modern translation by Eugene Peterson:

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end.

8-10 Love never dies.

-1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (From The Message)

Let also give thanks to our First Love, God, who in Christ poured out his love for us to enable us to be his children! Take time to water the grass this Valentines Day ☺

I am grateful for our church family!

Much LOVE to you and Christ's peace to you,

Pastor Dan



Ash Wednesday, March 1, marks the beginning of Lent--a season of repentance and preparation for Easter. We will not have an Ash Wednesday service, but instead will have an **Ash Sunday Service the Sunday before (February 26)**, since most people find it hard to come on a Wednesday night. Please make an effort to come Sunday

February 26 to this meaningful service that helps us prepare once again for Easter. We can only fully appreciate Easter as we profoundly understand how much we need God's grace and forgiveness.

Congregational Meeting: The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held **February 12th** immediately **after Worship**. The 2016 Annual Report will be distributed.

Photos of Christmas Worship Service



**SALVATION
ARMY
DINNERS**



The next Salvation Army Dinner meal preparation will take place on **February 3rd**. Please Contact the Deacons or Pastor Dan if you would like to volunteer to help. Salvation Army Meals will take place the first Friday of each month through April.

Help Your Youth/Children Grow a Strong Foundation in Christ!!

Youth/Family Upcoming Events:



Gym Nites are usually the **1st** and **3rd Friday** of each month, from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**, at **Westview**. Mark your calendars for the following dates (photos are members/friends of Westview serving the Salvation Army meal on January 6th):



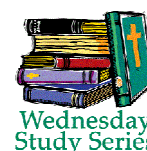
- **February 3rd: Gym Nite, & Salvation Army Meal, Westview, 4:00 – 7:00 pm**
- **February 17th: Gym Nite, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**



We will **resume tutoring** in **late-February**. There will be a **tutoring meeting after church February 5th**. Many of our students have much need for help in math and reading! Our Tutors are awesome – Mary Lou Hoffman, Diane Mio, Susan Manabe, Pastor Dan, Eiko Stewart and Joanne Hayashi! If you want to join us **Thursdays** from **3:30 – 5:00 pm** at **Westview** please let us know!

It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors!

Wednesday Study Series: On **FEBRUARY 22nd WE BEGIN A NEW SERIES** based on **John Ortberg's** book, *The Life You've Always Wanted*. We will study how to grow the spiritual practices in our lives in this modern world that will be the center and front from which we live and thrive! Wednesday Study Series are usually held on the **2nd** and **4th Wednesdays** of each month, **6:30 pm** at **Westview**.



Sunday Message Series: - "Ancient Wisdom for Life: mining the wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures."

Sunday School: During Worship Service in our Youth Room

Worship Team for February 5, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Steve Kajihara
Usher	Edna Nagata
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Diane Mio, Evelyn Veal

Worship Team for February 12, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Susan Manabe
Greeter	Isaac Veal
Usher	Candy McCarty
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Shirley Wong, Lynne Nagata

Worship Team February 19, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Mick Erickson
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Dick Wong
Usher	Lynne Nagata
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Counters	Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Susan Manabe, Leslie Hoffman

Worship Team for February 26, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Shirley Wong
Usher	Jane Yoshida
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Nancy Shott, Eiko Stewart

Pastor Appreciation Fund

Our Pastor, Rev. Dan Hoffman, has been working very hard for us and has always been available for our spiritual needs. We are taking collection for the Pastor Appreciation Fund. Let's share some happiness with Reverend Dan!

Mealtime as a Family

Amid busy and varied schedules, many families find a way to sit down together for dinner regularly. Family-health advocates describe the benefits: an increased sense of unity, children sharing news and feeling listened to, and the physical perks of a planned, seated meal.

In Scripture, many great encounters between people and God happen around meals. Abraham and Sarah prepare a meal for three guests who turn out to be angels (Genesis 18). God instructs the Hebrew slaves to eat a special meal together before their delivery from Egypt (Exodus 12); every year since, Jews have celebrated the Passover feast. Elijah is strengthened with food served by an angel (1 Kings 19). Jesus shares meals not only with religious leaders but with "sinners" (e.g., Matthew 9). Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his death has become one of the church's sacraments and a "foretaste" of the heavenly banquet to come.

When Christian families eat together, it's a holy time in God's presence, just as when the church shares Holy Communion — a true fellowship dinner!



Please pray for those in our Westview congregation, church family, and for those who are ill or are recovering including:

The Hayashi Family, Melissa Medrano, Doug Warner, The Family of Nancy Yamamoto, Emiko Stewart, Dorothy Mayeda, The Family of Matthew Sakata, The Family of Yukio Nagata, The Family of Rev. Tom Carr, The Family of Rev. Shousei Hanayama, Charlene Nakamura, Elijah Veal, Susan Manabe, Gary Brooten, Leslie Hoffman, Rev. Mick Erickson, Marie Nakamoto, Louise Sako, Karen Hirahara, Ted & Shigecko Tahira, Dr. Masako Miura, Randy Hongo, Fred & Paula Sugidono, Laura Cass, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

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In Loving Memory of Willie & Lorraine Enomoto

Diane Mio

In Memory Loving of Joanne Yahiro

Diane Mio Robert & Jane Yoshida

Christmas

Marie Nakamoto

Nancy Shott

*Hiroko Cobarruvias
The Ballesteros*

Paul Sakai

Barbara Yoshino

Thanksgiving

Marie Nakamoto

Capital Campaign

Diane Mio

Appreciation

Hans Goto

Pastor Appreciation

Robert & Jane Yoshida

General Offering

Sheri Katsuyama
