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Leadership Retreat Vision for 2017 *"See, I am doing a new thing!"-God*



Westview's leadership team at the retreat

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland. - Isaiah 43: 1b, 19

You are such a loving church and I wish we could grow so more could experience the loving Westview Family. I feel like God has plans for us to reach out and grow. I feel God wants to do something new. We are a small church, yet you all are so loving and committed to Christ. I can't help but feel God is providing for us and wants to do something new in our midst. I can't help but feel God wants to use our church to reach out with God's love to more people in our area.

Our leadership team met for a retreat on 1/28/17 and we felt God was leading us to:

1. Seek to reach out in ALL we do: in all our events, in our daily lives, in just inviting a friend into a spiritual conversation or to come to church.
2. We also felt a specific calling to:
 - Continue the tutoring/mentoring club-as a means to serve our neighbors, many of whom are disadvantaged families living in the low-income housing across the street.
 - Build bridges between our church and local retirement communities by Eastlake and another by Paloma Del Mar/Pajaro Vista (behind Safeway in Freedom) in addition to our existing ties to Valley Heights. We seem to care well for seniors already—those who visit our church seem to feel welcome, stay, and become part of our church family.

A hope would be to reach out better to our surrounding neighborhood of mostly low-income Hispanic families and to local retirement communities with the hope of bringing these two communities that don't naturally intersect, together through our tutoring club. It would provide meaningful service for seniors while providing needed tutoring and mentoring for economically and educationally disadvantaged youth and children—a mutual transformation!

Some specific ways to build bridges to these retirement communities:

- Move our Wednesday Bible study from being at church to being at these retirement communities (starting at Paloma Del Mar in February)
- Deacons and all of us get involved in care for those who attend Bible Study or other newly nurtured relationships.
- Possible van/our cars to pick up people for church
- Invite people to the joy of service through our tutoring club, Salvation Army meals, and other ways we serve at WPC.

Please be in prayer for our church, that we would continue to hear God's voice, follow God's lead, and reach out in love to more people.

I am grateful for our church family!

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

SALVATION
ARMY
DINNERS



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



(Photo at right: our volunteers preparing the February Salvation Army meal)

*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:

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



We resumed tutoring in February. 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, and Joanne Hayashi! If you want to join us Thursdays 3:30-5pm let us know!

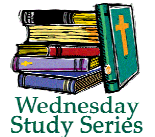
It has been a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors.

(Photo at right: our wonderful tutors Diane and Mary Lou with Kenya.)



Wednesday Study Series: On **February 22nd** Westview began 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 held on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of each month, **6:30 pm** at **the Paloma Del Mar Community Center, 2030 Pajaro Lane**.

For the month of March we will meet on **March 8th** and **March 22nd**.



The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on February 12th. The 2016 Annual Report was approved; George and Eiko Stewart were elected as members of the 2017 Nominating Committee; lists of thanks for 2016 and hopes for 2017 put together at the Leadership Retreat were reviewed.



Ash Wednesday, March 1, marks the beginning of Lent - a season of repentance and preparation for Easter. We did not have an Ash Wednesday service, but instead had an **Ash Sunday Service the Sunday before (February 26)**, since most people found it hard to come on a Wednesday night. We can only fully appreciate Easter as we profoundly understand how much we need God's grace and forgiveness.

Sunday Message Series: - "Ancient Wisdom for Life – discovering the signposts set by God in the Hebrew Scriptures."

Sunday School: During Worship Service in our Youth Room

Worship Team for March 5, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	David Kadotani
Greeter	Diane Mio
Usher	Edna Nagata
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Mary Lou Hoffman, Jane Yoshida

Worship Team for March 12, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Susan Manabe
Greeter	Diane Mio
Usher	Lynne Nagata
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Joanne Hayashi, Candy McCarty

Worship Team March 19, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Mick Erickson
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Candy McCarty
Usher	Elijah Veal
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Counters	Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Evelyn Veal, Steve Kajihara

Worship Team for March 26, 2017

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Steve Kajihara
Usher	Isaac Veal
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Diane Mio, Shirley Wong

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!



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 & Shigeiko Tahira, Dr. Masako Miura, Randy Hongo, Fred & Paula Sugidono, Laura Cass, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



In Memory of Kinuko Hayashi
Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi

In Memory of Joanne Yahiro
Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi

In Memory of Jiro Sugidono, Henry & Matsui Tsutsui, Saechero & Asa Sugidono
Jane Sugidono

In Fond Memory of Elwyn Murata
The Miyasaka Family

In Remembrance of William & Lorraine Enomoto
Barbara Yoshino

In Memory of mother Mary Meifu, aunt Lorraine Enomoto and aunt Betty Nitta
Jack & Ann Hanson

In Memory of Mary Meifu and Frank Enomoto
Diane Mio

Janitorial Fund

Bill & Laura Cass Mary Lou Hoffman Candy McCarty Diane Mio
Lynne Nagata Waldo Rodler Chiyeiko Shikuma Nancy Watson Betty Yagi
Kathleen Iwanaga Randy & Renee Sugidono

Christmas

Carol Miyasaka

Capital Campaign

Diane Mio

Appreciation

Jane Sugidono: Engagement of Chris Sugidono and Sarah Asato

Pastor Appreciation

Mary Lou Hoffman Jane Sugidono

General Offering

Sheri Katsuyama Hiro Yamasaki
