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### *Gratitude makes life sparkle!*



The beauty of gratitude is reflected in a newspaper story of some years ago:

The District of Columbia police auctioned off about 100 unclaimed bicycles Friday. "One dollar," said an 11-year-old boy as the bidding opened on the first bike. The bidding, however, went much higher. "One dollar," the boy repeated hopefully each time another bike came up. The auctioneer, who had been auctioning stolen or lost bikes for 43 years, noticed that the boy's hopes seemed to soar higher whenever a racer-type bicycle was put up.

Then there was just one racer left. The bidding went to eight dollars. "Sold to that boy over there for nine dollars!" said the auctioneer. He took eight dollars from his own pocket and asked the boy for his dollar. The youngster turned it over in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters—took his bike, and started to leave. But he went only a few feet. Carefully parking his new possession, he went back, gratefully threw his arms around the auctioneer's neck, and cried.

When was the last time we felt gratitude as deeply as did this boy?

#### **What enables gratitude in the first place?**

According to Mark T. Mitchell, professor of political science at Patrick Henry College in Virginia:

**Gratitude is born of humility, for it acknowledges the giftedness of the creation and the benevolence of the Creator. This recognition gives birth to acts marked by attention and responsibility.**

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" ([James 1:16-18](#))

May we constantly stop and remember the Great Giver and then throw our arms around God's neck and say thank you! In addition, as we are immersed in God's goodness through gratitude, may our lives overflow as a blessing to others!

Amidst the tragedies of fires, hurricanes and quakes affecting those around us, may we respond with gratitude for our own blessings and then with generosity to those in need.

Happy Month of Thanksgiving to you! I am grateful for you, the Westview Family. May God fill our hearts with the gift of gratitude this holiday season. Gratitude makes life SPARKLE!

Much love and in Gratitude to our Savior,

Pastor Dan



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The **Fall Congregational Meeting** will take place immediately **following Worship Service on November 5th**. Nomination of officers will take place.

## Harvest Dinner



Westview held its annual Harvest Dinner on October 21, 2017. A delicious chicken teriyaki dinner was prepared at the church and members and friends of Westview brought a variety of wonderful salads from home. Photos were shown of the recent devastation in Cuba from the hurricane. Free will donations of over \$1700 were collected. The proceeds are going to be helping those whose homes were damaged by the hurricane in Cuba by providing tarps for houses that no longer have roofs.

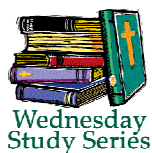
This event is always a great time for fellowship!!  
Thank you to everyone who attended our event and/or gave donations for a great cause!!

### *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:



- **November 3rd: Youth Gym Nite – Night Hike in Nisene Marks!! Bring a flashlight. Sandwiches provided 4:45 – 7:45; Meet at Rev. Hoffman’s.**
- **November 17th: Youth Gym Nite, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Westview – Murder!!**



Every **2nd** and **4th Wednesday** of each month **6:45pm** at **Paloma Del Mar, 2030 Pajaro Lane in Freedom**. We are studying **Bryan Loritts’ book, *Saving the Saved: How Jesus saves us from try-harder Christianity into performance-free love***. Join us! It has been a delight to make new friends and “be church” at Paloma Del Mar! **Due to the holidays** we will only be meeting on **November 8th** and **December 13th** and will resume twice a month in January.

We will begin serving again first Fridays of the month from December through April, **starting December 1**. Come enjoy cooking and fellowship on Friday afternoons! Call Marlon or Pastor Dan for details.



**Sunday Message Series:** - We are amidst the series “**None Like God!**” based on a book by **Jen Wilkin**. God is self-existent, self-sufficient, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, sovereign, infinite, and incomprehensible. We are NOT, and that is a good thing! We will learn about the qualities God has that we do not, and learn to celebrate the freedom that comes when we rest in letting God be God!

### *Worship Team for November 5, 2017*

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

### *Worship Team for November 12, 2017*

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Susan Manabe
Greeter	Dick Wong
Usher	Jane Yoshida
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Shirley Wong, Nancy Shott

### *Worship Team November 19, 2017*

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	David Kadotani
Greeter	Paul Jackson
Usher	Elijah Veal
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara
Refreshments	Lynne Nagata, Leslie Hoffman

### *Worship Team for November 26, 2017*

Pulpit	Rev. Mick Erickson
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Isaac Veal
Usher	Shirley Wong
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Counters	Diane Mio, Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Susan Manabe, Joanne Hayashi



**Tutoring Club Update:** We continue to serve several students on a one-on-one basis at different times during the week. It is a delight to reach out with love and care for our neighbors. If you would like to participate in any way please contact Mary Lou, Susan Manabe, or Pastor Dan.



On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).



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

Faye Hashitani, Gary Brooten, Betty Yagi, Alan Yagi, Emily Takemoto, Melissa Medrano, The Family of Patrick Breslin, Tina Katsuyama, Waldo Rodler, The Hayashi Family, Doug Warner, Dorothy Mayeda, The Family of Matthew Sakata, Charlene Nakamura, Elijah Veal, 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 Betsy Shikuma*

*Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi*

### *In Memory of Reiko Sako*

*Louise Sako*

### *Correction from October Chimes : In Memory of Tome Rita Wada*

*Richard & Jackie Koyama*

### *Thanksgiving*

*Louise Sako*

### *Christmas*

*Louise Sako*

### *Pastor Appreciation*

*Louise Sako*

### *Birthday*

*Min & Marian Niyyama: Marian's Birthday*

### *Capital Campaign*

*Diane Mio*

### *General Offering*

*Sheri Katsuyama*

*Brian Wong & Lai Chiu*

*Paul Jackson*

*Sarah Bartholomew*

*Louise Sako*