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February 2018 E-Thymes

Our Vision: We are a multi-cultural and inclusive church united in the love of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement: We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Congregational Goals for 2018:

- * Growing into stewardship with our gifts and strengths
- * Strengthening our outreach ministry in San Gabriel Valley
- * Vitalizing our Sunday worship service to reach out to the un-churched & de-churched

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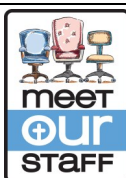
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“The Spirituality of Wise Governance”

Rev. George Martzen

Was Jesus interested in governance?

I’m certain that he was. He gathered a select group of people and modeled with them how God’s reign should look on earth. Sometimes his followers had grandiose ideas about kings and power, but Jesus gently steered them toward servant leadership. “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant” (Mark 10:42-43). Jesus encouraged wise governance that would be guided by a deep spirituality.

Governance is a natural part of our social life. Wherever people settle down together, whether to live in proximity, whether to hunt or eat or sing or worship together, there will be a need for governance. Even in small groups that may defy

authoritarian leadership, individuals eventually rise up to initiate an idea, to ask the question or suggest a course of action. The group deliberates on the idea, proposals are carried out, social structure is established and governance takes place.

Wise governance reflects the purpose and values of the people governed. It recognizes the needs and aspirations of the people and balances change with stability.

Spirituality is the recognition and pursuit of the animating force that transcends individual consciousness, that undergirds and bonds all of existence together. The spiritual life takes this quest seriously. So the spirituality of wise governance is to connect this spiritual quest with leadership that attends to the purposes and values of the community. Indeed spiritual leadership evokes a vision of how the world might look if the community truly lives according to the deeper purpose, and encourages others to pursue a pathway towards fulfillment of the vision.



The dream of Martin Luther King, Jr. is an example of spiritual leadership that inspires wise governance. This is not simply because King was himself a pastor, because pastors don't always get it right. But King applied the insights of his spiritual life to the critical issues of the civil rights movement in the 1960s and galvanized ordinary people to work together for necessary change.

Sage Granada Park UMC has now shifted to a single board church council, combining into one council with 13 members the functions of Trustees, Staff Parish Relations and Finance. On one level this is about efficiency, with fewer committees. But efficiency cannot be the only rationale. The new council is tasked with holding our ministries accountable to our mission and vision. That is a deeply spiritual work that involves prayer and regular attention to the vision God has for us.

We will be forming another group, the ministry coordinating team, which will be more loosely bound. There are many ministries and coordinated activities at our church. They are not left to dangle in the wind. I will be calling for a meeting of representatives for the purpose of celebrating our diverse work and coordinating schedules. The Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership will also be meeting periodically to encourage and foster emerging ministries and leadership.

We are going through changes. Thank goodness. Churches are like bodies, and

when we stop growing and changing is when we're ready to meet our maker. But change can make us nervous. So let us attend to the Spirit who blows between us and under us and beyond our individual identities. Let's each of us be in prayer with the God who envisions us as the living, breathing body of Christ.



Nancee Iketani; Jean Taniguchi; Mat Nakamura; Alfred Chu; Phillip & Nenita Marquez; Amy Mori; Echavarria Family; Lucy Sogioka; Flo Griffen; Bette McIver; Toni Tomita; Elizabeth Kells; Duane Martin; Isabel Reyes; Sada Mayeda; Elvis Gersham; Barbara Houck; Violet Tomei; Robin Nakahara; Marilyn McIver; Derek Tani; All those recovering from the recent natural disasters and fires.

—In Memory of Member, Sumio Fujimoto, who passed away on January 4, 2018. Services were held on January 27 and January 28. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.



Join us for Sunday School! 9:45 a.m.: Pre-school & K-4th grade with Sengdeuane Tom or Ashley Parks and 5th Grade & above are with Pyoung Hwa Lee.

SERVING SGPUMC THIS MONTH:

February 4

Liturgist: Louise Garcia
Acolytes: Tom Family

Communion Helpers:
Manny Marquez
Janice Hurtado

Communion Co-Celebrant:
Rev. Yagi

February 11

Liturgist: Archana Carey
Acolytes: Shafer Family

February 18

Liturgist: Christie Cheng
Acolytes: Saiki Family

February 25

Liturgist: Youth
Acolytes: Youth



The CalPac Lay Servant Ministries is presenting "Forward together" on Saturday,

February 24 at Sherman Oaks UMC in Sherman Oaks. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston, the "Chuck Knows Church" guy (see his videos on YouTube) and Emmy-winning communications executive. Several interesting workshops are available. Registration is \$40 before February 15 and \$45 after that date. (Includes lunch.) Recertification credit can be earned for lay speakers. For more information, brochures are available on the desk in the church office.



ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED has now been entered in the new church database. Many still have not yet returned their form. We are continuing to include the requested information sheet at the end of this newsletter. It is not only important for demographic information, but we are also using this program to record your financial giving. If you have not yet filled it out, please do so and return it to the church office as soon as possible—and if you would rather not continue to receive e-mails or information from Sage Granada Park, please indicate that at the bottom of the form. Questions? Contact the church office or speak with Rev. George. Thank you!

YOU NOW HAVE ON-LINE ACCESS TO YOUR DATABASE INFORMATION AND GIVING RECORD! If you provided us with an e-mail address on your returned data sheet, you can make changes to your name preferences, address, phone, and can choose whether or not to be included in a on-line directory. You also have access to your giving record. Use this web address: https://churchtraonline.com/member_access.php?

church=6262843229

Just follow the instructions to set up a password. Questions? Contact the church office.



Coffee/Tea Fellowship

Now that the “frenzy” of the holiday season is over, we can look forward to another great year of fun and fellowship following our church service. We thank all who joined in our “happy hour” and who shared their favorite goodies. We are probably a few pounds heavier, but we are oh-so-much happier...meeting and greeting everyone on Sunday morning.

The delicious items shared were:

- Janet Furukawa’s tasty coffee cakes, banana bread, muffins, and so many other unique desserts that only she can make.
- Bea Tabata’s banana nut bread, peanut butter cookies, and coffee cake squares.
- Pearl & Ken Matsumoto brought fresh donuts to have with a cup of coffee.
- Rev. Fujimoto brought a huge can of gourmet popcorn. Wow! We ate that in a “flash!”
- Fresh Cantaloupe was so refreshing when sliced and served by Mariko Garrett.
- The Kinoshitas brought a large box of cookies with something for everyone’s taste.
- The Hutchins brought a large box of chocolate cookies...yummy!
- The monetary donation from the Nidas helped to defray some of the cost of purchasing donuts on days when we needed extra

goodies.

Thanks, especially to the clean-up crew for helping out at the end of coffee hour.

As mentioned before, various items appear on the kitchen counter “mysteriously” with no name attached to it. Please, it would be of great help to us to know just who put them there to share. We really want to acknowledge the contribution.

Blessings to all!

The Fellowship Crew.

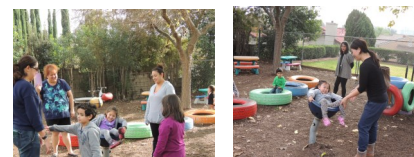


We are now accepting Registration for children 2 years 9 months and potty-trained to 5 years old for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Call the school for more information at 626- 284-5006, or visit our web site at <http://gpumnsk.org>

February themes are: Groundhog Day; Health Week; Community Helpers; Dinosaurs

10- Mom’s Day 8:00-9:30am Time spent in play and activity with your child who attends GPUMNS&K.



Aunties and Grandmas are welcome, too!

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14- Ash Wednesday Sage Granada
Park United Methodist Church
7:00pm Service

16- Chinese New Year Begins the
year of the Dog

19- Presidents Day—School Closed

21- Kindergarten Information
Night 6:00-7:00pm Come find out
about our Kindergarten Class

23- OPEN HOUSE 6:00-7:30 pm
GPUMNS&K Come see your
child's classroom, and bring a
friend.



**The Lenten Season will soon
be upon us!** Please join us for
the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00
PM, February 14.

Alhambra Performing Arts Center Presents



Chef/Artistic Director Bill Yee, who runs the community outreach program, is pleased to announce the opening of the Alhambra Culinary School. Yee is an award-winning Le Cordon Bleu trained chef who is also an American Culinary Federation vice president. In addition, he is the president of the Le Cordon Bleu Alumni Association. Chef Yee has worked as a sous chef at the

FINANCE REPORT (by John Taniguchi)

Thank you for your generous contribution of monetary offerings, time and service that help to sustain the church.

General Fund			
	2016	2017	
Offerings	\$117,000	\$107,300	
Special Offerings	32,000	30,500	
Building Usage and Misc.	37,800	47,000	
Shared Facilities	6,000	6,000	
Total Income	192,800	190,800	
Salary & Benefits	109,500	120,300	
Property Exp.	51,500	51,700	
Operating Exp.	12,000	12,000	
Nurture/Outreach	2,600	3,100	
Apportionment	28,000	18,000	
Total Expenses	203,600	205,100	
Income less Expenses	\$(10,800)	\$(14,300)	
Apportionment Paid	100%	67%	
Bazaar in Spirit		14,400	

Masters Golf Tournament; is the owner of the popular LA Omelets catering service; a chef recruiter; advisory board member at several culinary schools, colleges, and high schools; director of a homeless veterans organization in the Inland Empire; and has worked over 1000 high-profile jobs assignments including 5-star hotels, Hollywood events, Netflix, and the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.

Through the new Culinary School, students will learn how to make a 5-star hotel omelet. The requested donation for the class includes a commercial quality chef coat, 16-piece knife set, toque (chef's hat), cravat, and bib apron.

After successful completion of this intro class, students will be offered a seat in upcoming classes from Chef Yee's guest chefs.

Student chefs will be invited to assist in the monthly free APAC concerts at SGPUMC.

The next concert is "A Tribute to Burt Bacharach" featuring Jay Asher on February 18. On March 11, Carnegie Hall pianist Hayak Arsenyan will perform. A Flamenco event is planned for April, and Latin Jazz with popular Murray Middleman will take place in May.

Next Culinary Class: Saturday, February 17, 10 AM—1 PM at Sage Granada Park UMC.
Requested Donation: \$149.99 (\$50 deposit required)

Next Concert: Sunday, February 18, 7:00 PM. "Tribute to Burt Bacharach" featuring Jay Asher.

For more information contact: Chef/Artistic Director Bill Yee; E-Mail: bizwind@yahoo.com (626) 230-5435

DATABASE INFORMATIONAL SHEET (Please print legibly. Thank you!)

Head of Household:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Birthday: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Married? ____ Yes ____ No Anniversary Date: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Church Member? ____ Yes ____ No Date of Membership: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone (Optional): _____

Spouse:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Birthday: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Church Member? ____ Yes ____ No Date of Membership: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone (Optional): _____

Mailing Address:

Street/PO Box _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Please check one:

____ I/We wish to receive the monthly church newsletter via e-mail.

____ I/We do not have e-mail. Please mail the monthly church newsletter .

____ Please remove me/us from your mailing list:

Reason: ____ Moved ____ Member of a Different Church ____ Other _____

Please turn the page.

Children Currently in Your Household:

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
____ Male ____ Female Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY _____ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY _____

2. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
____ Male ____ Female Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY _____ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY _____

3. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
____ Male ____ Female Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY _____ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY _____

4. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
____ Male ____ Female Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY _____

Date of Baptism: MM/DD/YYYY _____ Date of Confirmation: MM/DD/YYYY _____

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____ Male ____ Female Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY _____

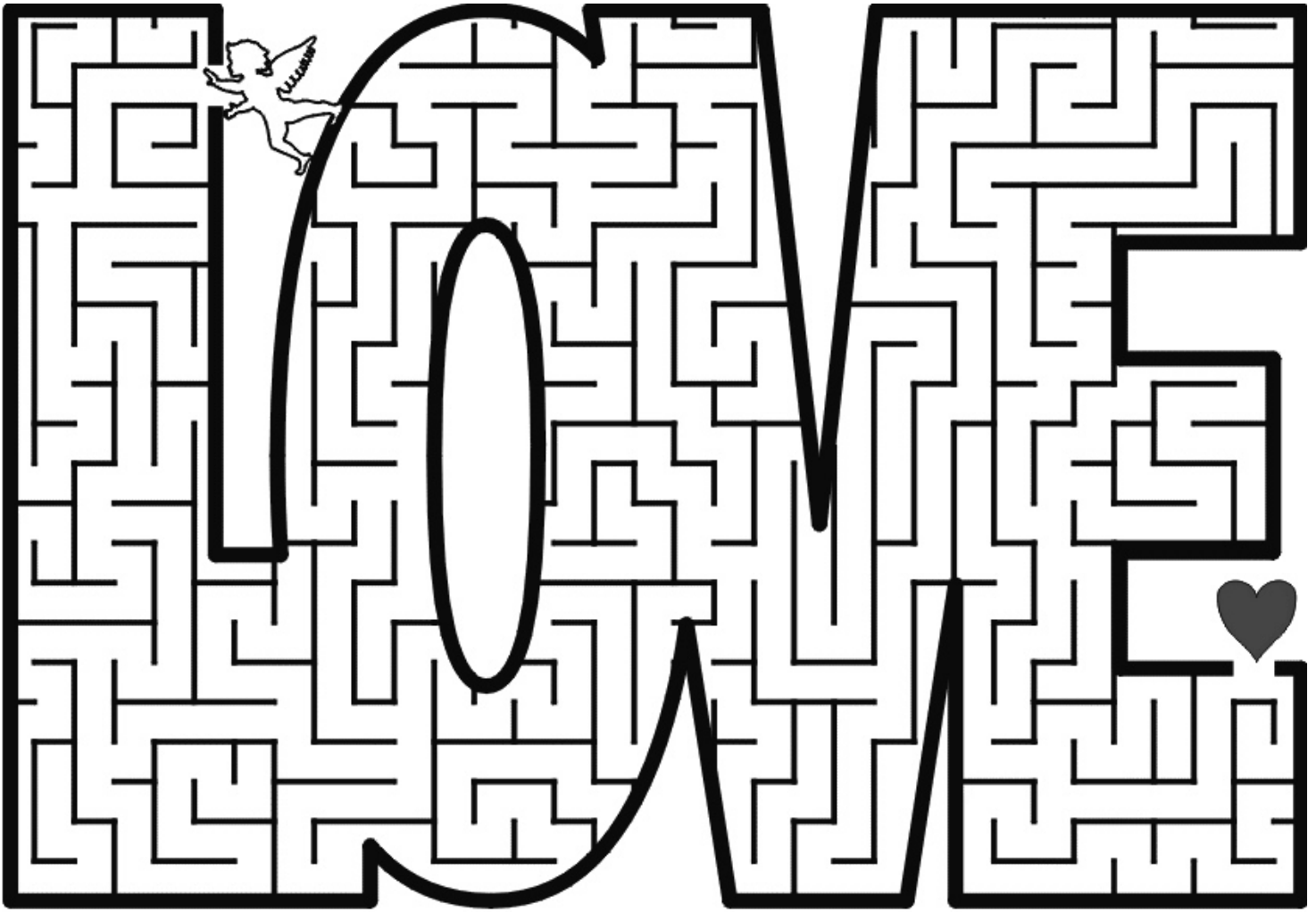
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6. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
____ Male ____ Female Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY _____

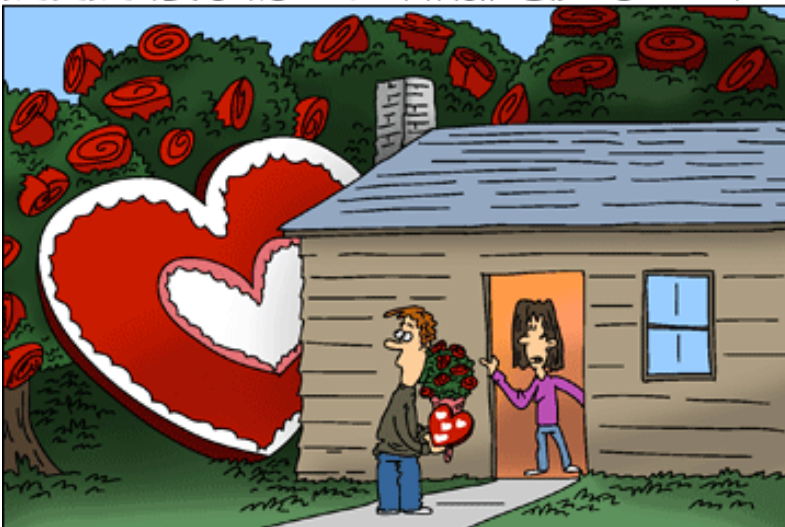
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PLEASE NOTE: Only certain information will be public. A church directory for church members will be printed containing the following: Names, Addresses, Birthdates & Anniversaries (minus the year of birth), e-mails, home and cell phone numbers. Members with password access may also update their own information and see each other's public information online. **All other information will be kept confidential** unless you consent to share it.

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JESUS STOPPED BY AND NOBODY LOVES
MORE THAN HIM, BUT BEFORE YOU GET
JEALOUS OR ANYTHING YOU SHOULD KNOW
THAT IT IS FOR YOU TOO

Valentine Jokes

- Q. Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?
A. S/he'll dessert you!
- Q. What's the perfect thing to say to a coffee-lover on Valentine's Day?
A. Words cannot espresso what you mean to me.
- Q. How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?
A. He gave her a ring.
- Q. What Valentine's Day candy is best to give to a girl?
A. Her-She Kisses.
- Q. What did the toast say to the butter on Valentine's Day?
R. A. You're my butter half.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 9:30am Worship 11:00am Special Speaker: Robert Fukada	5 1:00pm Ukelele	6 	7 1:00pm Bible Study	8 4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe 7:45pm Chinese Choir	9 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	10 8:30am Japanese Language School 3:00pm SGP Choir Rehearsal
11 9:30am Worship 	12 1:00pm Ukelele	13 7:00pm Trustees	14 10:00am CPAT Board Meeting 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Service Valentine's Day	15 4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe 7:45pm Chinese Choir	16 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	17 No Japanese Language School 9:00am APAC Cooking Class 3:00pm SGP Choir Rehearsal
18 9:30am Worship 7:00pm APAC Concert	19 1:00pm Ukelele 	20 	21 10:00am Situational Awareness Training 1:00pm Bible Study 	22 4:30pm Chinese Dance Troupe 7:45pm Chinese Choir	23 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:30pm Boy Scouts	24 8:30am Japanese Language School 2:30pm Preschool Seminar 3:00pm SGP Choir Rehearsal
25 9:30am Worship 3:00pm PFLAG	26 1:00pm Ukelele	27 7:00pm Midweek Neighborhood Watch Meeting	28 1:00pm Bible Study			