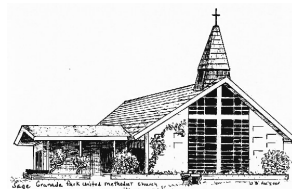




Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church

1850 West Hellman Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803



April 2021 E-Thymes

Our Vision:

To be a light on a hill for our community (Matthew 5:14).

Our Mission:

We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Values:

We reaffirm our values as a multi-cultural and inclusive community united in the love of Jesus Christ.



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“Busting out of the tomb”

—by *Rev. George Martzen*



“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” – John 20:19

We’re busting out of the tomb!

It’s been a long time that we’ve been stuck behind closed doors. Of course, we’ve been sheltering in place for good reason. We are still in pandemic conditions, meaning that the Covid-19 virus and its variants continue to ravage families around the world. Over 2.8 million have died globally, including 552,000 in the U.S. Sadly, some of our own loved ones have succumbed to the effects of the virus, which is spread by respiratory droplets. So, let us continue to wear our face masks when we go out and maintain social distance from those not in your household.

Still, I know we’re all feeling like Jesus disciples on that evening. They were hiding behind closed doors. Of course, they were threatened by different circumstances, but fear held them just the same. Then, at the right time, our Lord himself busted out of the tomb. The women who came to anoint a dead man’s body found the tomb empty, and an angel announced, “He is risen!”

According to the Gospel of John, Jesus came and stood among his cooped-up friends and calmed their fears. “Peace be with you.” Sprung from the very private and fearful space of that grave, the Jesus movement has been unleashed on the public spaces of the world. With many already vaccinated, we also are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Jesus’s resurrection does not give us license to ignore public health orders. We live in hope of resurrection, but we must also take care of ourselves and our families. It is still too early for returning to indoor, in-person worship.

However, on Palm Sunday evening about 40 people gathered on the church lawn for our first in-person, outdoor service. We followed public health protocols, with health screening, masks, and social

distancing. There were activities for the whole family, and I shared the story of Palm Sunday, how Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowds hailed him as a king with palm branches. But at the end of the week, he was executed on a Roman cross. In his death, Jesus demonstrated God's self-giving love.

This was a start. I hope to continue holding outdoor services, even after we're able to go inside. Outdoor worship enables us to be a spectacle for Jesus, to embody in new ways the vision, mission and values of our church. My vision is that eventually the outdoor service may take on a life of its own, integrating our great Wesleyan heritage with all that the environment has to teach us. So, keep your eyes open for the next outdoor service.



Finance Report

Dividends includes returns from funds held at the Cal Pac United Methodist Foundation and could fluctuate with market returns. The apportionment paid of 75% of the apportionment in 2020 was considered by the Conference to be fully paid for the year due to the exceptional circumstances caused by Covid-19.

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

<i>Treasurer: John Taniguchi</i>	General Fund	
	2019	2020
Offerings	\$103,900	\$106,000
Special Offerings	31,000	24,800
Building Usage, Dividends and Misc.	62,900	34,000
Shared Facilities	6,000	6,000
Total Income	203,800	170,800
Salary & Benefits	95,700	88,900
Property Exp.	58,200	63,000
Operating Expenses	7,500	10,800
Nurture/Outreach	3,000	2,200
Apportionment	20,800	15,700
Total Expenses	185,200	180,600
Income less Expenses	\$ 18,600	(\$ 9,800)
Apportionment Paid	80%	75%
Bazaar in Spirit	15,900	14,200




JOIN US FOR A DRIVE-BY CELEBRATION FOR
Tak Yoshida's 100th Birthday

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
2:00- 2:30 pm
8743 Scott St, Rosemead, CA




SGPUMC History Collection Growing

Janet Mayeda recently delivered more items for our church history collection, including this display board from the 10th Anniversary of the merger of Sage and Granada Park churches. If you have large, garage style shelves, please let the office know as we need to

March 7

Attendance: 56
Offering: \$2,847.25

March 14

Attendance: 51
Offering: \$82.25

March 21

Attendance: 59
Offering: \$7,592.25

March 28

Attendance: 53
Offering: \$282.25



Because there are no in-person offerings, you may give to the church by mail or online at our website www.sgpumc.org. Click on [Make a Donation](#). Please make note of your name and contact information on the memo line. Thank you for supporting our church and ministries! *Please note that our general offerings year to date are \$24,155.51 and our general offering budget for 2021 is \$102,000.

April 4

Online Worship
Liturgist: Sengeuane Tom

April 11

Online Worship
Liturgist: Christie Chen

April 18

Online Worship
Liturgist: Bill Yee

April 25

Online Worship
Liturgist: Alicia Marquez



Thank you to our Zoom Worship Crew: Ruel Reyes, Kris Taniguchi, Sally & Jim Bell, Doreen Bolten, Louise Garcia, Kai Garcia, Ratheesh Pillai, Walt Martzen, Sarah Wong, Ruth Chon and Rev. George Martzen.



—by *Rev. Dickson Kazuo Yagi*
Quality Not Quantity

John 3:16 promises us ETERNAL LIFE. But it is a mistake to think that ETERNAL means QUANTITY—a long life. Normal life with all its problems already is too long for many who try to kill themselves. ETERNAL LIFE in John 17:3 says:” And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” So eternal life is QUALITY, not QUANTITY. Living a long time—quantity—may not be any fun at all. But knowing God and Jesus Christ sounds like real good stuff. QUALITY, not QUANTITY.

Rev. Dickson Kazuo Yagi

Granada Park United Methodist Nursery School & Kindergarten

Now Accepting Enrollment for our 2021-22 School Year
 Summer and Fall Programs

For more information please call the school office
 (626) 284-5006

April Themes: Spring: Taking Care Of Our Earth: Week Of The Young Child

HAPPY EASTER! April 4- Easter Sunday



Theresa Laib, Director

02/2021

HEALTH NEWS AROUND ALHAMBRA

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Alhambra chef provides Covid-19 safety training for food service workers

ACF award-winning Chef Bill Yee, a certified Covid-19 food safety instructor, recently graduated a class of food service workers on what it takes to operate their businesses during the pandemic. Chef Yee received his ACF (American Culinary Federation) Covid-19 Safety Training certification in late 2020, and through his Alhambra Culinary School organized a one-day Covid-19 workshop to share his knowledge and experience during the pandemic.

His workshop also provides the funda-

mentals of what it takes to be a professional chef. A full uniform, French chef knife, and other equipment is included. Many food service workers did not have the opportunity for formal culinary school training, so educational workshops such as this one are highly valued, especially during these times.

Chef Yee's class includes an introduction on culinary fundamentals with professional texts such as author Wayne Gisslen's *Professional Cooking*, *ServSafe Sanitation Guidelines*, and the *ACF Covid-19 Safety Training*

program. Emphasis is on PPE (personal protection equipment) such as wearing the proper masks, PM 2.5 filter, face shields, latex/nitril gloves, disinfectants, CDC, and the National Restaurant Association protocols.

Industry leaders are also invited to present their products and services, such as Sylvia Tam's Bevisa Food line for people with sensitive gut issues and Chef Lidia Felix's line of Rim Paste adding more flavors to beverages and appetizers.

Food service workers, including front

and back of the house staff, need continual professional training and education on how to safely work during the current pandemic. Chef Yee's program is starting to address some of the major issues to help food service workers who are a critical component in food safety for the public.

Contact Chef Yee at bizwind@yahoo.com for information on his Covid-19 Safety Training Program for food service workers, or call 626-230 5435.



Ratheesh Pillai will be on a brief hiatus as he works on his Ph.D. We look forward to his article returning very soon.

Palm Sunday, 2021 was an amazing day—our first in person (outdoors) gathering since the shutdown. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and worship while adhering to all health guidelines. It was so good to be with each other again.

Busting out! Bill Yee, Jim Bell, Rev. George, Phillip Kiriara and Ratheesh Pillai



Thank you to everyone that made this day possible!

Check out the video of the service at <https://youtu.be/ssNjvaZk4NE>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 4/1: Alison Mori
- 4/6: Yutaka Yoshida
Sally Bell
- 4/9: Carri Matsumoto
- 4/10: Lisa Elaine Del Monico
- 4/19: Debashish Dhar
- 4/22: Angelea Marquez
Emma Parks
Mataro Nakamura
- 4/26: Ernest Tom III
- 4/28: Kotoko Toji
Judy Mayeda Wong

Anniversaries

- 4/6: Sally & Jim Bell
- 4/13: Paul & Doreen Bolten
- 4/15: James & Shelly Bitner



- Matt Nakamura
- Alfred Chu
- Derek Tani
- Jean McIver
- Mariko Garrett
- Shelly Bitner and Family
- Kenji Kinoshita and Family
- Sho Tabata
- Roger White
- Jeannie Wong
- Family of Michael Hurtado
- Ken Matsumoto
- Yoko Hayashida
- Iketani family
- Littlefield family
- Echavarria family
- Marilyn McIver
- Mary Sue Lodwick
- Marquez family friend
- Daniel Frisk
- Ratheesh Pillai
- Victims of gun violence
- Ernie and Ernest Tom
- Nursery School



April 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  Maundy Thursday	2  Good Friday Good Friday Service 7:00 PM	3 Holy Saturday
4  Easter Sunday Zoom Worship 10:00 AM	5 Rev. George on vacation all week	6	7	8	9 Scouts 6:30—9:30 PM	10
11 Zoom Worship 10:00 AM	12	13	14 Bible Study 1:00 PM Evening Prayer 5:00 PM	15 Youth Meeting 7:30 PM	16 Scouts 6:30—9:30 PM	17
18 Zoom Worship 10:00 AM	19	20 PAC 7:00 PM	21 Bible Study 1:00 PM Evening Prayer 5:00 PM	22	23 Scouts 6:30—9:30 PM	24
25 Zoom Worship 10:00 AM	26	27 Ministry Coordinating Team Meeting 7:00	28 Bible Study 1:00 PM Evening Prayer 5:00 PM Loss Prevention Webinar 6:00 PM	29 Youth Meeting 7:30 PM	30 Scouts 6:30—9:30 PM	