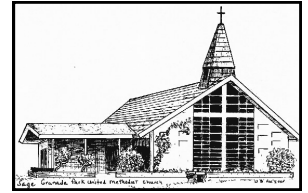




Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church

1850 West Hellman Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803



September 2022 E-THYMES



Our Vision:

We aspire to be a reflection of God's epic love:

- ♦ Engaged in a community of mutual support
- ♦ Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ
- ♦ Inviting families to step up to ministries in the world
- ♦ Celebrated in social networks and digital media

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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"Be a Reflection of God's Epic Love"

George Martzen



"And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" – Luke 15:2

There are two big events coming up in September for Sage Granada Park UMC. Three years after the last time, "Flavorfull '22," our autumn lunch, fundraiser, and talent show, is back on September 18, and our annual Family Camp at Pilgrim Pines, is back on September 23-25.

Flavorfull will take place after worship, but you will need to get tickets from Ruth Chon, or online at <https://flavorful2022.bpt.me>. If you want to sign up to share your talent, please also see Ruth.

Our Family Camp theme this year is "Solid as a Rock." We've been going to Pilgrim Pines, near Yucaipa, for years. You can register at <https://forms.gle/UYoAygUmy8Uw1eV8>.

September also means that choir practice, Bible study and our Prayer Chain meetings are resuming.

With most students back in school, September 11 will be promotion Sunday, when we recognize students entering new grades. Make sure and come that Sunday to recognize your student's moving up in the world. SGPUMC also has a lot of children's and educational activities going on. Our Preschool, Japanese Language School and Kodomo No Ie (KNI) are all back in full swing. The Scouts are also back every Friday night, starting with Cub Pack 329 at 6 p.m., followed by Troops 286 and 1286 at 730. A new Scout group, Venture Crew 626 will also be joining.

After worship at that same Sunday, 9/11, Jaimie Hill will be doing a presentation on grief, something that we've all experienced. This will be an introductory session. Stay during fellowship time. Afterward there will be an opportunity to sign up for an ongoing grief group for deeper sharing about personal grief experiences.

This fall, I will be doing a series on our proposed vision statement:

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I began recently with the first clause, "to be a reflection of God's epic love." The Bible is the story of God's epic love for a world that often rejects God's love and justice. But God's love continues. Still we live in a world of hate, indifference and confusion about what is the right way to live. The gospels demonstrate how Jesus dove straight into the controversies of his day for redemptive purposes. Rejected by his friends and the Pharisees, he made new table fellowship with the tax collectors and sinners. I've pointed out that Jesus never turned down an invitation to dinner. Some called him a glutton, for hanging out with all the wrong types people. But Jesus was committed to God's epic love, so he couldn't walk away from an opportunity to make friends for God. As members of Sage Granada Park UMC, we have many opportunities ahead. Let us also step forward as a reflection of God's epic love.

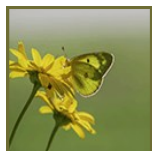
Due to my chronic lung condition, I will not be preaching ever Sunday. So I am grateful for those who have been stepping in periodically, including Rev. Phil Wood, Rev. Yvonne Boyd, Rev. Yagi and Ratheesh Pillai. I am also grateful for everyone's continuing prayers and encouragement. Let's all continue to support each other in prayer. Be a reflection of God's epic love.

August 7 27 In Person/ <i>Attendance: 47 On Line</i> <i>Offering: \$8,517.16</i>	August 14 40 In Person/ <i>Attendance: 27 On Line</i> <i>Offering: \$52.10</i>	August 21 34 In Person/ <i>Attendance: 58 On Line</i> <i>Offering: \$3,375.00</i>	August 28 38 In Person/ <i>Attendance: 55 On Line</i> <i>Offering: \$20.90</i>
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Because we are not taking 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 \$93,503.32 and our general offering budget for 2022 is \$102,000.00

September 4 <i>Worship</i> <i>Liturgist: Ratheesh Pillai</i>	September 11 <i>Worship</i> <i>Liturgist: Paul Wong</i>	September 18 <i>Worship</i> <i>Liturgist: Kim Morrison</i>	September 25 <i>Worship</i> <i>Liturgist: YOUTH</i>
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Thank you to our Zoom Worship Crew: Ruel Reyes, Kris Taniguchi, Doreen Bolten, Ratheesh Pillai, Brad Hutchins, Phillip Kiriara, Sengeduane Tom, Jaimie Hill, Ruth Chon, Arnie Saiki, Louise Garcia, Kai Garcia, Walt Martzen and Rev. George Martzen



Transformation

Just as a snake cannot grow except by shedding its skin, we must shed our selfish prejudices.

~ **Old:** My race, my country, my political party--**Blind Nationalism.**

New: Turning enemies into friends—**Internationalism.**

~**Past:** Germany, Japan, and Italy were our enemies.

Present: Today they have become our friends.

~**Present:** China and Russia are looking like our enemies.

Tomorrow: May our leaders turn them into our friends.

Not Only: God Bless America.

But Also: God Bless Everybody.

Rev. Dickson Kazuo Yagi

Rev Dickson Kazuo Yagi is a retired missionary, associate member of Sage Granada Park UMC, the Chair/President of the Council of Pacific Asian Theology and facilitator of the Interfaith Fellowship.

BILLYEE PRESENTS
Sabine
JAZZ TRIO



Saturday Sept 24, 2022 - 7PM

Admission **FREE** with RSVP to
alhambra.eventbrite.com or \$20 donation at the door

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Limited openings: We are still accepting Registration for the 2021-2022 school year: Children 2 years 6 months (potty trained) to 5 years old (Kindergarten)

SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

New School Year 2022-2023

First Day of School



May God look after each student and teacher at our school. May the students learn, play and share together, so that this wonderful world that you have created becomes more beautiful with each passing day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5th School Closed- Labor Day

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SCAN ME



9/1: Mark Kishina
9/3: David Tokeshi
9/4: George Shafer
9/5: Toni Tomita
Sommer Kitsuse
9/8: Ernie Tom, Jr.
Sengdeuane Tom
9/11: Lachlan Morrison
9/15: Amanda Wissman
9/16: Nathan Hutchins
Arpita Bariya
Damien Echavarria
9/21: Casandra Echavarria
9/25: Paul Wong
9/26: Brad Mukai
9/28: Sophia Wissman
9/29: Alan Mori



9/18: Ryan & Janet Taniguchi
9/26: Erin & Wes Tanaka
Gabriel & Leelana Hurtado



-Family of Jean McIver
-Family of Tak Yoshida
-Rev. George
-Sets Tani
-Jeannie Wong
-Echavarria family
-Mary Sue Lodwick
-Marilyn McIver
-Mariko Garrett
-Sho Tabata
-Alice Lopez
-Kenley Craver
-David Iwomiya
-Bruce Del Monico
-Leonard Quezada
-Laura Quezada
-Gabriel Morales
-Peace in Ukraine
-Toshiko Ozwa
-Mark and Lauri Wright



Isn't it wonderful to get out of the house again? We are back to school, back to church and "in person" is once again a reality. One of the most profound lessons we have learned from the pandemic is: we really do need each other, need fellowship with one another and we need to take time to get away from the hustle and bustle of life. Let's make some wonderful memories together.



Date: September 23-25

Place: Pilgrim Pines Campground

Theme: Solid as a Rock

Register: <https://forms.gle/UYoAxxUmmy8Uw1eV8>



~Plan to come—you'll be glad you did!



Sept 18
@SGPUMC, \$15



FLAVOR

FULL '22



Lunch & Silent Auction: 11am
Show: 12 noon



Family Camp 2022 Fundraiser

Want to have a lot of fun? Want to help raise money for Family Camp 2022? Time to show off your talent! Be a part of the **Flavorfull '22 Talent Show**. For more information or to sign up as a performer, contact Ruth Chon at ruthchon@hotmail.com, call her at 917-7419-6462 or register at <https://flavorful2022.bpt.me>.

A little shy? You can also support the fund raising effort by participating in the **Flavorfull '22 Lunch and Silent Auction** featuring paintings by our late friend, Fred Miwa.

Questions? Call or email Ruth Chon



September 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Scouts 6:00—9:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	3
4 Worship Service 10 PM	5 Labor Day 	6	7 Bible Study 1 PM Evening Prayer 5 PM	8	9 Scouts 6:00—9:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	10 JLS 9 AM—12:30 PM
11 Worship Service 10 PM Presentation on Grief following worship in the Fellowship Hall	12	13  7 PM	14 Bible Study 1 PM Evening Prayer 5 PM	15	16 Scouts 6:00—9:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	17 JLS 9 AM—12:30 PM
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