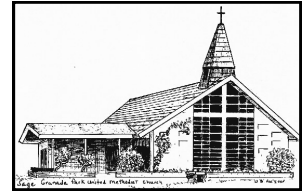




Sage Granada Park United Methodist Church

1850 West Hellman Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803



October 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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"Autumn traditions and keeping the faith"

George Martzen



"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you." – 2 Timothy 1:5

Believe it or not, we are in autumn now. The autumn equinox, the midpoint between summer and winter, has already passed. Even though the days are still warm, the nights are growing longer and cooler. We are slowly transitioning to autumn weather.

Many of our autumn traditions are connected to agricultural harvests, like the bright orange pumpkins we set on the front porch.. Among other autumn fruit, my grandmother's house often had lots of persimmons. Her neighbor had a large hachiya persimmon tree. She had to let them ripen to reduce the tannins that otherwise made the mouth pucker. I loved her persimmon cookies, wonderfully chewy and fruity. As an adult, long after her passing, I wanted to know how to make those cookies. Fortunately, my mother had saved the recipe. Even today, I keep a few ripened hachiya persimmons in the freezer, and take them out occasionally to make Grandma's cookies. That's like the Christian tradition. It's something that is worth passing on to the next generation.

In 2 Timothy, a short text toward the end of the New Testament, the writer exhorts the young pastor, Timothy, to keep the faith. But it is not a faith that began with him. It was passed down, just like Grandma's recipe for persimmon cookies. Evidently, Timothy's grandmother, Lois, had been a believer, as was his mother. He learned the pattern from them. But he couldn't simply take their faith for granted. He had to make it his own. "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you," Paul reminded him. Just as I have to mix fresh ingredients and turn the oven on in order to taste again my grandmother's cookies, so Timothy needed to make grandmother's faith his own.

I have said before that our church is just one generation away from extinction. That's why it is so important for churches to have multigenerational experiences. Family camp is one such experience. We held family camp on the weekend of Sept 25. Over three sessions we explored facets of the theme, "Solid as a Rock," exploring our relationship with God based on the geology of rocks. As rocks and mountains offer shelter, so we also can find shelter in our God. As rocks and stones offer habitat for many different kinds of life forms, from plants to insects, and sea creatures to humans, so we need to anchor our lives in responsiveness to the message of God. And just as the earth is home to a great variety of creatures, when we gather round the cornerstone of Jesus Christ, our lives will be oriented to abundant life. It was great, during camp, to watch the conversations and interactions between generations.

Our regular Sunday worship is also multigenerational, multi-dimensional, and multi-ethnic. We begin October with World Communion Sunday, on October 2, an ecumenical tradition that started in 1933 to celebrate Christian unity. Although there is much to divide us, let us allow the Holy Spirit to unite us. We conclude with Reformation Sunday and Hallowe'en (aka, All Saints Eve). I expect, there will be lots of intergenerational fun when that comes around.

I love our many wonderful traditions. But they are only as alive as our own faith. As the great historian Jaroslav Pelikan said, "Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living."



September 4

Attendance: 28 In Person/
44 On Line

Offering: \$129.35

September 11

Attendance: 37 In Person/
44 On Line

Offering: \$3,077.10

September 18

Attendance: 37 In Peson/
37 On Line

Offering: \$26.05

September 25

Attendance: 13 In Person/
38 On Line/30 Camp

Offering: \$3,656.05



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 \$100,391.87 and our general offering budget for 2022 is \$102,000.00

October 2

Worship

Liturgist: Archana Carey

October 9

Worship

Liturgist: Alicia Marquez

October 16

Worship

Liturgist: Jan Hurtado

October 23

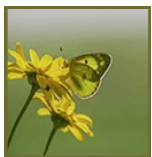
Worship

Liturgist: Christie Cheng

October 30

Worship

Liturgist: Youth



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, and Rev. George Martzen



Where is God?
God is in heaven. Where is heaven?
UP.
Where is UP?
I don't know.
On a flat earth everybody knows where is UP.
But on a round earth
Nobody knows where is UP.
Try again. Where is God? INSIDE

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.



Saturday Oct 15, 2022 - 7PM

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



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Miskey Mountain Boys**



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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)



October 2022 NEWSLETTER

New School Year 2022-2023

Labor Day: Thank you for your hard work and dedication



All About Me: I am UNIQUE, I am SPECIAL, I am ME !



Hello Autumn: FALL for Jesus, he never LEAVES



UPCOMING EVENTS: October 17th School picture day

October 31st Halloween



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SCAN ME



10/8: Charles Staal
10/11: Joshua Tom
Louise Garcia
10/12: Kris Taniguchi
Gary Furukawa
Kikuko Nieda
10/14: James Oshita
Phyllis Tyler
10/20: Jonathan Roy
10/21: Anya Shafer
10/22: Ratheesh Pillai
10/23: Howard Nishina
10/25: Gabriel Hutado
10/29: Otto Siki



10/7: Leslie & Roger Staal
10/10: John & Mary Ellen Burgess



-Family of Yoko Hayashida
-Sarah Wong
-Sunny Kim
-Family of Jean McIver
-Family of Tak Yoshida
-Rev. George 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 Ozawa
-Mark and Lauri Wright
-Hurricane Ian victims



In Christ.....



SOLID AS A ROCK!

Family Camp 2022

**Thank you to everyone
that made it possible!**





October 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 JLS 9 AM to 12:30 PM Memorial for Jean McIver 2 PM
2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Worship Service 10 PM	3	4	5 Bible Study 1 PM	6 Evening Prayer 4 PM	7 Scouts 6:00—9:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	8 JLS 9 AM—12:30 PM
9 Worship Service 10 PM	10  <i>Columbus Day</i> <i>Indigenous People Day</i>	11 MCT 7 PM	12 Bible Study 1 PM	13 Evening Prayer 4 PM	14 Scouts 6:00—9:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	15 JLS 9 AM—12:30 PM
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23 Worship Service 10 PM	24	25  7 PM	26 Bible Study 1 PM	27 Evening Prayer 4 PM	28 Scouts 6:00—9:30 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	29 JLS 9 AM—12:30 PM
30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Worship Service 10 PM	31 <i>Reformation Day</i>					