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Make it Count!

Tell me what it is you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

-Mary Oliver

*From the
Pastor*



Another holiday season has come and gone. Wow the years go by faster and faster as I get older. It is true what they say, “life picks up speed as we get older” (I guess the saying is “Life picks up speed when you get over the hill.” I like to think I’m not over the hill yet, but life seems to be picking up speed!)

I was thinking lately about the New Year and priorities. This New Year what things/activities do I want to fill my life with and which are a waste? I was thinking about the bumper sticker, “The best things in life aren’t things,” and how true that saying is. I pray we can all be intentional with our lives, be intentional with each day, planning what we will do with this one wild and precious gift of life.

Jesus said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust destroy, and thieves steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, nor thieves steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” -Matthew 6:19-21. Let us invest in things that will last!

A mentor once told me that a good way to discern if something is superfluous or not is to picture yourself, riding on a fast horse towards death and that you are offered things along the way. Which ones would you keep and which would you throw to the side?

I am seeing more and more, especially because of my work with Hospice, that it’s relationships that matter and investing in people—investing in their growth, their care. It’s these things that matter most. It seems especially worthwhile and rewarding to invest in children or any people younger than us.

Take time to pray with this question in mind, “Tell me what it is you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” Especially pray about how you can continue to invest in people of the generations younger than you. Also just take time to thank God for your precious life. You each have so many gifts. I look forward to seeing how God will use us as a blessing to the communities around us.

I am grateful to God for the richness you each bring to my life.

God bless you,

Pastor Dan

Youth/Children’s Ministry

Children/youth Gym nights will be on the 1st and 4th Fridays in February (**3rd and 24th**). We will be helping to prepare and serve the **Salvation Army Meal** from **3:00 – 7:30 p.m.** on **February 3rd**. Join us for **fun and pizza** on **February 24th!** At our last Gym night the Youth had a newspaper snowball fight (see photo at right).

From the Deacons

The next **Salvation Army Meal** preparation will take place on **Friday, February 3rd**. Cooking begins at **2:00 p.m.** at Westview. These meals are prepared and served on the first Friday of each month through April. Volunteers are always welcome.

Donations are needed for the **Teacher Appreciation Baskets** that will be presented to various schools during the course of the school year. Please contact Candy McCarty at (831) 234-0679 or Jane Yoshida at (831) 722-1265 for donation information.



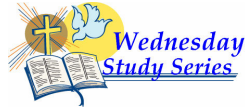
New Member Class

Find out about officially becoming part of the Westview family & learn about being Presbyterian. A new member Class will be offered after Worship Service for an hour on **2/26 & 3/4. RSVP** to Pastor Dan @ (831) 566-9703.



Immediately after Sunday Service a Congregational Meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 5th**. Election of the nominating committee, Deacon election and the 2011 annual report will be reviewed. Mark your calendars!

Learn about World Religions to compare differences and similarities to Christianity – to



deepen our faith, to understand other beliefs, and to build bridges of kindness! We will be studying Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam. We will begin our Wednesday Study series on **February 8th at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Buddhist Temple** in Watsonville with a discussion led by **Rev. Hanayama**. On **February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** we will discuss main points and how they compare with Christianity at **Westview**.

The book to read for supplement: *The World's Religions* by Houston Smith (\$4 used on Amazon). Everyone is welcome to take part in this very educational experience.

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



Doug Warner, The family of Yoneko Mizokami, The family of Charles Shikuma, The family of Jean Tsuchimoto, Joanne & Willie Yahiro, Lou & Wally Osato, Ron Kinninger, The family of Julie McCoy, Edith Ichijui, Jane Sugidono, Ichiro Sugidono, Gwen Koda and the Koda Family, Bea Shinta, Hiroko Shikuma, Laura Cass, Karen Hirahara, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

Worship Team for February 5, 2012

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Randy Mano
Greeter	David Kadotani
Usher	Lynne Nagata, Steve Kajihara
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Jeanni Kadotani, Lynne Nagata, Susan Manabe
Counters	Diane Mio, Randy Mano

Worship Team for February 12, 2012

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Traci Mano
Usher	Lester Aoki
Pianist	Evelyn Veal
Refreshments	Irene Yuhara, Evelyn Veal, Faye Hashitani
Counters	David & Jeanni Kadotani

Worship Team for February 19, 2012

Pulpit	TBA
Chair	Edna Nagata
Greeter	Nancy Yamamoto
Usher	Louise Sako
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Diane Mio, Shirley Wong, Nancy Watson
Counters	David & Jeanni Kadotani

Worship Team for February 26, 2012

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Lynne Nagata
Greeter	Reiko Yamamoto
Usher	Nancy Watson
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Leslie Hoffman, Candy McCarty, Edna Nagata
Counters	Edna Nagata, Lynne Nagata

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Yoneko Mizokomi

The Mizokami Family: Our eternal thanks to the Church, its members and hospitality committee. Our mother enjoyed being a part of its Christian message, fellowship and friendships.

Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Yamada

In Memory of Lorraine Enomoto

Michelle Mio

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hanson

Mary Meifu

In Memory of Charles Shikuma

Ester & Ko Abe

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Yamada

In Memory of James Yamamoto

Nancy Yamamoto

Christmas

Lester & Michelle Aoki

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Shikuma

Jack & Karen Byers

Barbara Yoshino

Richard & Haruyo Ishibashi

Grace Chiyeko Fujita: In memory of husband Yoshio Fujita

Holiday Decorations

Nancy Watson: In loving memory of my unforgettable father Hiroshi Shikuma

Thanksgiving

Jack & Karen Byers

Richard & Haruyo Ishibashi

Refreshments

Mary Meifu

Capital Campaign

Lester & Michelle Aoki

Diane Mio

Wally & Lou Osato

Robert & Jane Yoshida

General

Joyce Nakamoto

Matthew & Suzanne Mine-Eguchi

Alan Yagi