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Hope

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen! Hebrews 11:1



As this New Year begins we all have hopes in our lives: it may be hopes for health, hopes for the well-being of loved ones, hopes to make it financially, hopes for renewal in your life, or...

I have hope for our church—hope that God will show us the path to reaching out to new people, hope that we can continue to be a place where young and old are nurtured in their faith through quality worship, Biblical teaching, loving community, and meaningful service to those in need.

In this New Year I pray all areas of our lives can be filled with faith and hope.

It is hard at times to hold onto hope, but it is what faith is all about.

It is hard at times to hold onto hope, sometimes we are seen as foolish or naïve.

Most if not all of the “greats” in Scripture were seen as foolish or naïve at times, so we are in good company.

- Noah building an ark with no sign of rain and miles from a body of water,
- Gideon reducing the number in his troops before a battle because God said he had too many and God would not get the glory for the victory,
- A known harlot believing she could be well received by a king (Jesus) when she poured perfume on his feet and wiped it with her hair
- The belief that a band of 11 disciples could change the world by sharing about their “dead” leader.

Yes, faith and hope often call us to naïve foolishness.

We are called to be the most hopeful people in the world, for as the reformers would say, “faith is the heart of the Gospel.” There is no room for pessimism.

Take a moment to pray about your hopes for 2012. Also take a moment to pray about your hopes for Westview Presbyterian Church. God can do amazing things through our church if all of us in the WPC family truly pursue God seeking to:

1. Be connected to God daily so we can live the Gospel of Love and Grace everywhere we go, especially with the needy. Share of our loving God when the Spirit prompts.
2. Care for each other well in honesty and forgiveness
3. Welcome all newcomers with open arms especially the poor, the hungry, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned (Matthew 25)
4. Meet together regularly in prayer and worship and small group Bible study

I pray God will make us a blessing to others as we are indeed being the church.

It is a joy serving with you. You are wonderful people redeemed by Christ, God is using you in many ways to extend his embrace.

In this New Year I pray that God will speak and continue to show us the path.

I pray for faith, hope, new creativity, and responsiveness to God’s Spirit in our church.

I am grateful for our church family.

God bless you,

Pastor Dan

In Loving Memory



Yoneko Mizokami, a beloved member of our Church, passed away on December 5th, 2011 at 89 years of age. She was preceded in death by her husband, Shigeo Mizokami. She is survived by her brothers, Yoshinari and Kazumi Miyata, her sister Chiriko

Imafuji, her son Paul Mizokami, daughter Nancy Yamada and son-in-law Gerald Yamada and grandchildren Nicole, Kyle, Casey, Garrett, and Erin. Born in Los Angeles, California in 1922, her family returned to Kagoshima, Japan, when she was the age of 5. Yoneko returned to the United States in 1940, where she married her husband, Shigeo. Interned during the war at Topaz internment camp, afterwards they eventually settled in Watsonville. The two owned their own business, Mizokami Farms and worked in agriculture for more than four decades before retiring. Her warmth, generosity, and love for her family will be truly missed. A memorial service and reception were held at Westview on December 16th.

From the Deacons

Our next Salvation Army meal preparation will take place on **Friday, January 6, 2012.**

We start cooking at Westview at **2 p.m.**, arrive at the Salvation Army at 5:45, serve food at 6:00, and go back to the Church to wash dishes. We will prepare and serve meals on the first Friday of the month through April. Volunteers are always welcome and we always have a good time together! A meaningful way to bring in the New Year!



SALVATION ARMY MEALS

The Deacons also took teacher appreciation baskets to the following schools in December: Landmark, Rolling Hills and Cesar Chavez. Donations are greatly appreciated so more baskets can be made and passed out to various Pajaro Valley Schools. Please contact Candy McCarty at (831) 234-0679 or Jane Yoshida at (831) 722-1265 for donation information.

Wednesday Study Series

A Study of the World's Major Religions

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. When possible we will go to the places of worship. We will be studying Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, and Islam. The text to read for supplement: *The World's Religions* by Houston Smith (\$4 used on Amazon).

This study is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from February through May at 6:30 p.m. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month we will hear from a representative of Religion at various sites of worship. On the 4th Wednesday of each month we will discuss main points and how they compare with Christianity at Westview.

We will begin on **February 8th at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Buddhist Temple** in Watsonville with a discussion led by **Rev. Hanayama**. 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:

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 Ichiuji, Jane Sugidono, Ichiro Sugidono, Gwen Koda and the Koda Family, Bea Shinta, Doug Warner, Hiroko Shikuma, Laura Cass, Karen Hirahara, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

In celebration of the New Year, our annual **SHINBOKUKAI** luncheon will take place on **Sunday, January 29th** immediately after worship service. Please bring your favorite Japanese dish to share with others at this fun and festive potluck event. Don't forget to bring an appetite since the food is guaranteed to be delicious! What a great way for fellowship with family and friends and to bring in the year 2012.



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

Sunday Message Series

In January we will finish our series: "Changed by Grace!" In February we will begin a new series "Come and See!" - a study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Worship Team for January 1, 2012

Pulpit Rev. Lee Tyler (communion)
Chair Edna Nagata
Greeter Ray Sako
Usher Faye Hashitani, Diane Mio
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments Nancy Watson, Candy McCarty, Diane Mio
Counters Lester & Michelle Aoki

Worship Team for January 8, 2012

Pulpit Rev. Karla Norton
Chair Michelle Aoki
Greeter Louise Sako
Usher Nancy Yamamoto
Pianist Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments Wauhillaue Erbe, Jane Yoshida, Jeanni Kadotani
Counters Lester & Michelle Aoki

Worship Team for January 15, 2012

Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Lynne Nagata
Greeter Dick Wong
Usher Nancy Watson
Pianist Evelyn Veal
Refreshments Irene Yuhara, Edna Nagata, Faye Hashitani
Counters Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Worship Team for January 22, 2012

Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair David Kadotani
Greeter Reiko Yamamoto
Usher Jane Yoshida
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments Michelle Aoki, Jane Sugidono, Lynne Nagata
Counters Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Worship Team for January 29, 12

Pulpit Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair Susan Manabe
Greeter Craig Yuhara
Usher Yukio Nagata
Pianist Lynne Nagata
Refreshments **Shinbokukai – Everybody!**
Counters Diane Mio, Randy Mano

Youth/Children's Ministry

Child/Youth Gym night: 1st and 3rd Fridays every month. In **January** Gym nights will be on the **6th** and **20th**. On **1/6** from, **3 – 7:30 p.m.** we will be helping to prepare and serve the **Salvation Army meal**. On **1/20** from **6 – 8 p.m.** please join us for fun and pizza!

December – A Joyous Time of the Year!!

Christmas Appreciation Luncheon



Church members and friends filled their plates full of delicious Chinese food after Sunday worship service



Everyone formed a circle and participated in the gift exchange.



As Joanne shows Louise her lovely gift one is always constantly reminded that this occasion was a perfect time for fellowship!

Once again our annual Christmas Appreciation Luncheon held on **December 4th** was a wonderful occasion for meeting old acquaintances and new friends. Approximately 65 people attended and Randy Mano thanked everyone for their help and support throughout the year. The food from New Asia Chinese Restaurant was delicious. After everyone stuffed their bellies, member and friends went to the gym and formed a circle to take part in the gift exchange. Gifts were passed around the circle until the music stopped. Whatever gift you had in your hand when the music stopped was the gift you ended up with. And once again it was a memorable experience for all who attended.

Ray and Louise Sako Celebrate their 68th Wedding Anniversary

On **December 14th, 2011** Westview members Ray and Louise Sako celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to the very happy couple!! You can tell from their lovely photo below just how truly happy they are.



Other Events that took Place in December

On **December 10th** approximately 15 Westview Christmas carolers visited Country Villa, Valley Convalescent, Valley Haven and Wesley House to sing and bring good cheer to all the residents and workers. Afterwards the tired carolers replenished their lost energy with some pizza at Cassidy's Pizza.

After worship service on **December 18th**, many volunteers helped out to bag our traditional Cracker Jacks, candy canes, and oranges for the Senior Center and to hand out after Christmas service on Sunday December 25th. The bags and their contents have been a tradition for over 70 years; nobody really knows exactly when it started. Many people have said that long ago when the Church handed out the bags, that it was the only present that they received for Christmas. The children really looked forward to getting the toy inside the Cracker Jacks (back then Cracker Jacks had some pretty cool toys).

On **December 11th** Sunday school youth/children decorated 45 bags and the Deacons filled them with treats on **December 18th**. Upon the request of Rev. Karla Norton these were given to the Santa Cruz County inmates.



Westview had a great turnout for **Christmas Worship Service**. Members from United Presbyterian joined us for worship. Volunteers from the Congregation wore costumes and took part in a participatory Christmas play. The traditional gift bags were passed out and we had a delicious refreshment fellowship hour.



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In Memory of Rose Mayeda

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In Memory of David Shikuma

Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi

In Memory of Jean Tsuchimoto

Min & Marian Niiyama

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Marlon & Evelyn Veal

68th Wedding Anniversary

Ray & Louise Sako

Janitorial:

Ichiro Sugidono

Birthday

Robert Yamamoto

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