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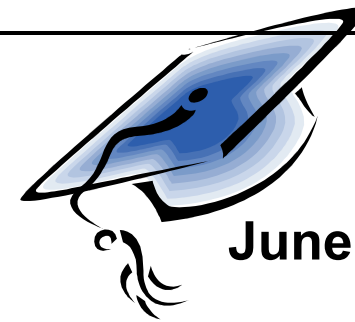
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June 2010

Special Dates

Sunday, June 6

4:00pm Keith Yamamoto installation @
St. Mark's Upland

June 1-6 Mo. Marilyn on retreat

Wednesday, June 16

6:00pm South Bay Bible Study, Partridges

Sunday, June 20

11:15am Vestry meeting
a.m. Treasure Chest item collection

Sunday, June 27

11:00am Christmas boutique workshop

Regular/Ongoing Events

Every Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Holy Eucharist
9:45 am Sunday School/Nursery
11:45 am Holy Eucharist (Spanish)

Every Wednesday

11:15 am ESL Reception
11:30 am Noonday prayer
6:30 pm Spanish Service/Christian
Formation, Bible Study/Children's Program

Every Saturday

Morning Altar Guild

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Clergy Corner . . .

June is traditionally a time of endings and beginnings. The school year is ending with students completing studies and graduating from their schools. We give thanks for their accomplishments. The graduates are also entering a new time of beginnings-new careers and new schools; new settings and new possibilities.

This June is marked by the “Celebration of New Ministry” at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Upland as Fr. Keith Yamamoto is installed as their rector. This special service takes place on Sunday, June 6 at 4 pm.

At their May meeting, the vestry approved the less costly bid for the repair of the organ. This work will begin during the summer months. It includes replacing the organ blower (the mechanism that produces the wind for the organ pipes), upgrading the power supply, rewinding and tuning the organ.

Other tasks continue at St. Mary’s. We are preparing the rectory for the interns of the Episcopal Urban Intern Program (part of the Episcopal Church Jubilee Consortium). Tentative plans are for the interns to move into the rectory in mid-August. Members of St. Mary’s have asked if the interns will need furnishings (St. Mary’s members provided furnishings for the interns residing in the Celtic Cross house in the 1990’s). We will have a list of “needed items” as we get closer to their moving date.

The vestry continues their work for the July half-day retreat with Fr. Van Horn. Because of a scheduling conflict, **the date has been changed from Saturday, July 17 to Saturday, July 31, 9am - noon.** This retreat is a follow-up meeting with the three vestry groups reporting on the status of their “Mission and Ministry” projects: 1) Mission Recovery Project, led by Margaret Yuki and including Larry Higa, Jake Ohara, Ken Watase and Fr. Van Horn; 2) “Energy” Audit led by Gayle Kawahara and including Carl Kubota, Michelle Kurihara and Dave Iwataki; and 3) Local Community Needs Audit led by Fr. Butch and including Erik Suzuki, Carolyn Lee and Faith Ichida. For more information about this work, please read the Clergy Corner article in the May newsletter.

As I reflect on these endings and beginnings as well as the continuing work of this transitional time, I see this as a time of faithfulness. I have a favorite prayer from **Markings** by Dag Hammarskjold that comes to mind.

For all that has been, Thanks!!

For all that will be, Yes!!

Faithfully, Mo. Marilyn



Thank You . . .

APR ALTAR GUILD

Flowers in loving memory of:

JANICE KOYAMATSU

Friends of Janice Koyamatsu
HATSUKO SHISHIMA

Keiko Hamagiwa & family
GOICHI YAMAZAKI, HARU
YAMAZAKI, WILLIAM OKU,
SHIRO OKU

Matsunaga & Oku families
TOM TOMIO YUKI

Margaret Yuki & family
BOBBIE JEAN MIYANO

Keiko Hamagiwa
Kay Shishima

Lilies in loving memory of:

GEORGE.MATSU SAKUMA
HEISHI, JIMMIE/ALICE HEISHI
ITO, JOE/HELEN HEISHI
MURAMOTO

May Porter
OSAMU IWATAKI

Kuwa Iwataki
Alice Ishibashi

HELEN ZANE, ROBERT ZANE
M/M William Partridge

SHIRO KUNITSUGU
M/M Yosh Kunitsugu

MOLLY DIONZON
MARY AKI ISHIGAMI

M/M Jeff Bass
YUKIO KAKO

Frances Nishibayashi

HARUKO NAKASORA

Betty Yoshimura
Emi Ishibashi
Mitch Ohye

Candles in loving memory of:

MANSHIN NAKAMA

M/M James Yoshina
TOM KAWAHARA

Mildred Kawahara
NATHANIEL SENO

M/M Steve Hayashi
TAMANO YAMAMOTO

M/M Clarence Yamamoto
Correction: TAKANORI/KIYO

TSUCHIYAMA (from Mar)
M/M Tak Murase

Altar Guild Memorial Fund:

OSAMU IWATAKI
KARL NAKAZAWA

Al Nakazawa
WILLIAM ALAN OKU

Miye Oku
ROSARY HOKODA

Frank Omatsu
RUBY CHUMAN

Paul/Takako Chuman, Daniel
Chuman

ITSUKO FURUTA

Yoneko Itow, Yoko Murakami,
M/M William Zaima, M/M Kenji

Tanimoto, D/M Mark Yamazaki,
Thomas H Matsunaga, M/M

LeRoy Ichida, M/M Hideo

Matsunaga, Scott H Furuta, M/M
James Robinett, M/M Tomio
Kawamura, M/M Jim Sakabe,
M/M Stanley Furuta, M/M A.J.
Uyemura

APR THANK YOUS

Memorial:

FRED TANAKA
Kiyu/Kazie Higa

Bob/Penny Ahn
BRYONS

Judy Shima

Thank Offering:

For Col. George Suzuki
Bill Hoff

Endowment Fund:

TSURUKO NEWCOMB
Ro/Kazumi Suzuki

Mo. Marilyn Discretionary Fund

Barbara Ohno

Fr. Butch Discretionary Fund:

Marian Kubota (for ESL)
Barbara Ohno

Ida Akahoshi Memorial Fund:

PETER, IDA, MICHAEL
AKAHOSHI

Susan Mahoney

Easter Basket/Bazaar: Mio Okuda

Adams Harbor Sack Lunches:

Aiko Tomikawa, Marian Kubota,
George Kawahara, Yuri
Matsunaga

A Collect for Guidance (adapted from the BCP p. 100)

O Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, especially during this transitional time at St. Mary’s, we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reports: Approval of the Minutes from 3/21/10 with one minor correction M/S/A with one absence. Financials: tabled until next month.

Episcopal Urban Internship update. Marilyn, The Rev. Jason Cox, EUIP Director and The Rev. Jaime Acton, Jubilee Consortium Director toured the rectory. Jaime and Jason are very excited about the program expansion.

Eagle Scout project, Vestry member responsibilities, Priest-in-Charge report, Celtic Cross Board report – all tabled until the May Vestry meeting

Pipe Organ (blower motor failure) – Our 80-year-old organ has been tripping the electrical breaker and now the blower is sparking. Two estimates vary greatly: Rister Pipe Organs (\$3,700) and Williamson-Warne & Associates (option 1: \$9,750 or option 2: \$27,250). This would be a capital improvement and could be funded by the Endowment interest. It will take 3 months to complete the work (the blower would come from Germany).

Isao and Yoshiko Sakurai Trusts A & B – motion to receive funds, M/S/A. The financial and endowment committees will meet and make recommendations at the May meeting.

TWO NEW BISHOPS SUFFRAGAN!!

It was a historic day and a memorable service. On May 15, 2010 at Long Beach Arena, the Los Angeles Diocese Episcopal Church consecrated not one, but two women Suffragan Bishops—Diane Jardine Bruce and Mary Douglas Glasspool in a very colorful and festive ceremony. Over 3,000 people were in attendance for the service. Chief Consecrator was The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church of America.

The Right Reverend J. Jon Bruno was Homilist. Besides our clergy, Mo. Marilyn Omernick and Fr. Floyd "Butch" Gamarra, other St. Mary's members participating were Grace Fukuto and Ayako Takano in the choir; Steve Nishibayashi, lay canon; Kathryn Nishibayashi and Mary Dee Hacker representing Hillside Home for Children, Gwendolyn Davis representing the Vestry of St. Mary's and Faith Ichida, usher and ECW assistant for the floral decorations. There were numerous Bishops in attendance, including retired L.A. Bishop Frederick H. Borsch and the Right Reverend Barbara C. Harris, retired Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts and the first female Bishop. Other guests included ecumenical and Interfaith representatives. It was a joyous occasion and everyone left with a smile on their face and wonderful memories of this historic day.

BISHOP SUFFRAGAN DIANE BRUCE AT JUNE EAM/LA MEETING

Bishop Suffragan Diane Bruce will participate in this EAM/LA meeting. She will talk about new ways of doing liturgy in our congregations. All are invited to attend: June 29, 9:30 am-3:30 pm at Holy Trinity/St. Benedict's Church in Alhambra.

Upcoming Events . . .

KEITH YAMAMOTO CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY – JUNE 6

On Sunday, June 6, at 4:00pm, KEITH YAMAMOTO, will be installed as rector of St. Mark's, Upland, 330 East 16th St, Upland, CA 91784. All are welcome!



SOUTH BAY BIBLE STUDY – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

South Bay Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 6:00pm at the Partridges house. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark, chapters 10-12.

COLLECTION OF RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS BEGINS JUNE 20!

We will be having a Rummage Sale to benefit the Building Fund on August 21. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, June 20 and sorting workshops will be held in August. We will accept almost anything! For more information, please call Fifi at 213-215-3883.



NEXT CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE WORKSHOP – JUNE 27

The Women of St. Mary's will hold Christmas Boutique workshops on the following dates (all are on Sunday, except as noted): June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26, October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 27 (Sat) & 28, December 4 (Sat). Please mark your calendars!

Graduates!!



GRADUATES – COLLEGE

ANSON FOREST STEWART, grandson of Frances Nishibayashi and son of Craig Stewart and Paula Nishibayashi, is graduating from Swarthmore College with a B.A. in Urban Studies and B.S. in Engineering. He received a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to study transportation systems in Latin America and Africa. After a year abroad, he will pursue a Master of Science in Transportation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

GRADUATES – HIGH SCHOOL

ALEXANDRA MARIE BASS, daughter of Jeff & Lauren Bass, and granddaughter of Judy Dionzon, graduated from Westlake High School. She was co-captain of the Tennis team and participated in Vocal Ensemble and Premiere Show Choir. She will attend Moorpark College, focusing on Music and Business.

KRISTINA COX, daughter of David & Tami Cox and granddaughter of Penny Cox, graduated from Saugus High School. She received a Saugus Centurion Academy of Pupil Recognition award, a Career Pathway Certification-Fine Arts, was on varsity Track and was Tennis team captain. She will be attending College of the Canyons in the fall.

JEFFREY JAKE FUJII, son of Christiane Ohara Fujii, and grandson of Jake Ohara and Keiko Hamagiwa, graduated from Calvary Chapel Christian School in Murrieta. He lettered in track and choir and received a drama award. He will be attending Biola College in the fall, majoring in Christian Ministry.

SYDNEY KUROYAMA, daughter of Jon & Lisa Kuroyama and granddaughter of Bob & Penny Ahn, graduated from North Torrance HS. She played varsity basketball for 4 years, received a F.O.R. Scholarship, a Sammy Saxon award, Athletic Achievement award and Scholar-Athlete award. She will attend El Camino College, majoring in kinesiology.

JUSTIN MORINISHI, grandson of Marian Kubota, graduated from Marquette High (MO). He was a member of National Honor Society (treasurer), Student Council, a peer math tutor, a 4-year USAG Academic All-American (First Team), and College Board AP Scholar w/ Honor. He will attend the University of Minnesota, majoring in Engineering.

KENDALL NISHIBAYASHI, son of Glenn & Kathy Nishibayashi and grandson of Fran Nishibayashi, will graduate from Cerritos High. He was recognized by the Kevin Cook Memorial Foundation as a scholar-athlete active in his community and was on the Cross Country, Track, Soccer, and Volleyball teams. He will attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall.

SARA RIDNOR, daughter of Doug and Laura Ridnor and granddaughter of Yosh and Ida Kunitsugu, will be graduating on June 3, 2010 from Saugus High School. She plans to attend College of the Canyons in the fall.

CORRIE MIEKO WONG, daughter of Glenn and Lynn Wong and granddaughter of Fusa Sugawara, graduated from Alhambra High. She was on band, played on the school basketball team, and was part of Junior Civitan Service Club. She will be attending Cal State Northridge in the fall, majoring in Athletic Training.

GRADUATES – MIDDLE/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

KEIMI FUJII, daughter of Christy Fujii and granddaughter of Keiko Hamagiwa and Jake Ohara, graduated from Calvary Murrieta Christian School where she was named to High Honor Roll. She will continue at CMCS's High School program.

MARTIN HEITHE, son of Madeline Heithe and grandson of Esther Lee, graduated from Northview Intermediate School. Placed 2nd in America's Kids Art (teen category) and was a member of the CA Jr. Scholastic Federation. He will attend Duarte High School.

MELISSA HEITHE, daughter of Madeline Heithe and granddaughter of Esther Lee, graduated from Northview Intermediate School. She was active in Chorus and Leadership and was a member of the CA Jr. Scholastic Federation. She will attend Duarte High School.

JESSICA SVOBODA, daughter of Bill & Sandi Svoboda and granddaughter of James & Margaret Yoshina, graduated from Pine Hollow Middle School. She was an honor student and was on the high school band. She will attend Clayton Valley High School.

about our members . . .

REGIONAL TEAM MEMBER

JUSTIN MORINISHI, grandson of Marian Kubota, competed at the Region III Level 10 Championships on April 10 in New Orleans (Region III is TX/OK/KS/LA/AR/MO). Justin placed 5th All-Around, 2nd on Floor and 5th on High Bar. His All-Around placement qualified him to the Regional All-Star team to compete at the Jr. Olympic National Championships in Knoxville TN. Congratulations, Justin!



Parish News . . .

ADAMS HARBOR

Please note that there will be no sack lunch collection for the Adams Harbor Food Kitchen in June. Adams Harbor has shut down until further notice.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Thank you all who helped to support our corsage and floral arrangement sale for the St. Mary's Bazaar Fund. Once again beautiful cymbidium orchids were donated by George Oshita, Stanley Nakamura and two Gardena Orchid Club members, Helen Nakakura and Edith Murata. Vases, assorted greenery, ribbons, oasis and filler flowers were donated by Fumi Miyatake, Marian Kubota, Kent Ichida, Stanley Nakamura and Helen Nakakura. Thank you to the corsage makers led by Melinda Sata and the floral arrangers, Marian Kubota & Aiko Tomikawa. The other floral crew members were Kazie Higa, Kumi Gerber, Yuri Matsunaga, Fusa Sugawara, Margaret Yuki, Marcy Yuki Hashimoto, Fifi Newcomb, Maxine Yamamoto, George Oshita and Faith Ichida. Funds earned will be used to repair our organ, rectory and other major church repairs. A delicious potluck luncheon followed. Thanks to everyone, the workshop and sales earned a sales record of over \$1200.

This year the Women of St. Mary's organization is planning to have a few other workshops to help with our Bazaar Fund. Be on the alert to help with the preparation and/or purchasing of these homemade delicacies.

VESTRY SUMMARY – APRIL 18, 2010

Future of St. Mary's: Discussion with Fr. Van Horn (see April Spirit for article). Originally St. Mary's mission was to minister to the immigrant population (at the time, Japanese). Tasks: Energy audit (energy of the membership)–Carl, Gayle, Michelle; Needs audit (community)–Fr. Butch, Erik, Carolyn; Mission recovery project dialogues–Richard, Larry, Margaret, Ken, Jake; St. Mary's Ownership issues – after the completion of the above areas. Follow up meeting: Sat, July 31, 9am-noon with reports from the above sub-committees.