

HEART-TO-HEART

Merry Christmas to All!

*May the love and beauty of Christ
touch each and every one of you
this holiday season.*

Message From Your Editors

Dear Members and Friends of
WOCC:

A lot of things fell to the
wayside during our pandemic
years, including our very
lovely newsletter, Koinonia.

At our first revisioning
meeting, one of our members
mentioned that he misses it.
Hence, Julie Morita
approached yours truly

(Linda Kunimitsu) to see if we
could start a newsletter, and this is
the result of that initial contact.

"Heart-to-Heart" was chosen for
the name of this newsletter
because it reminds us that Christ is
in our hearts and we in His and that
love connects all of us in unity.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter,
and we welcome any comments,
suggestions, and submissions of
articles.

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Sermons on Love

Pastor Stan's sermons for the past few weeks have been on love - God's love, love for others, Pastor Stan's love for the church.

In Matthew 22:36-39 Jesus says that the greatest commandment is that we

love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and the second commandment is to love others as you love yourself.

Let us continue to pray that our love will shine on others, that we may represent Christ in a way that is pleasing to Him.



Newsworthy

Small groups are coming to an end for this season.

One small group led by Gloria Onishi focused on the Holy Spirit using Charles Stanley's book, "Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit."

Did you know that the Holy Spirit is a person? Did you also know that the Holy Spirit fills us with the power to do God's work?

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work in us and through us to do God's will.

"Love does no harm to a neighbor.

Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

ROMANS 13:10

CHURCH SCHEDULE

English Worship Service
Sundays
10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Japanese Worship Service
Sundays
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

A Night to Remember

by Linda Kunimitsu

At about 9:30 p.m. earlier this year, I received a text from my 17-year old grandson, Keith.

"Hi, grandma, are you busy?"

"Not at all. What's up?"

"Grandma, I feel uneasy."

"Hm. Keith, have you ever accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?"

"No, I don't think so."

"Where are you? Are you alone?"

"No, I'm downstairs in the living room. Mom's in the kitchen, dad's in the bathroom."

"Where's your sister?"

"Upstairs in her room."

"Can you go to the upstairs bathroom, close the door, and call me?"

"Sure, grandma."

A minute later, I answer my phone. "Are you in the bathroom?"

"Yes, grandma."

"Okay, repeat this prayer after me. 'Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are real. Thank you for loving me and dying on the cross for my sins. I accept you as my Lord and Savior. Amen.'"

The next day, I texted Keith to see how he was doing. He said, "Grandma, I don't know why, but I feel happy!" "That's because Jesus is in your heart. He took your uneasiness away."

In the book of Romans, it says to confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. If you have not yet done so, please do so immediately. It will change your life!

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

MARK 11:24

Prayer List

WOCC Re-Visioning Meetings - Continue to pray for God's direction to be revealed to the participants as we move forward at WOCC.

Our Missionaries - Continue to pray for our missionaries as they spread the Word of God to people from other countries.

Our Congregants - Pray for those in our congregation who need God's healing power to restore their health and spirit.

Sunday Fellowship

Norio & Linda Kunimitsu have generously opened their home for fellowship once a month on Sundays after church. The next fellowship session is scheduled for **January 8, 2023 from 1-4 p.m.** at their home (1221 Komo Mai Drive). Beverages and paper goods will be provided.

Bring your own lunch or you can place an order with Linda for a bento from Mamaya.



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