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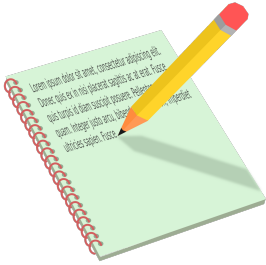
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The Mission of the El Estero Presbyterian Church is to Glorify God
through a Grateful Commitment
to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Pastor Ted's Message

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY, (Continued)



Continuing with the theme of last month's Echoes, "I Love To Tell The Story", a few weeks ago I had the opportunity to sit down with Nancy Nakajima and hear the story of her spiritual journey. I hope that you will be encouraged and blessed as you read how God has moved and worked in Nancy's life.

Nancy Nakajima Testimony

Nancy Nakajima was born in 1929 in Loomis California, about 25 miles north of Sacramento. She comes from a family with a rich Christian history with many family members involved in the church. As far as Nancy can remember she was always attending church and became a Christian at an early age.

Her grandparents were key leaders and instrumental in the Loomis Methodist Church, a Japanese congregation that ministered to the large Japanese population there. For many years, Nancy's mother played the piano for the Issei congregation. The church still exists today, although they have merged with a Caucasian congregation.

Nancy's uncle, the Rev. Samuel Takagishi was a Methodist minister and her Aunt Mary who was a committed Christian and Sunday School teacher married Rev. Norio Yasaki, who pastored a church in Southern California. Nancy's Aunt Ida was another dedicated Christian. Ida passed on her spiritual heritage to her children Stan and Arlene Inouye. Arlene lived in Monterey and attended El Estero in the 1970's working for McGraw Hill. Stan and Arlene started the Christian Ministry IWA in 1981 that has provided resources to help evangelize and disciple the 97% of Japanese American ancestry who are not Christians.

Nancy attended Church as a young child until the evacuation. The family went to Marysville and Tule Lake Assembly Centers before relocating to Amache Colorado until the end of the war. Even while in Camp, Nancy attended the church services.

Following the war, Nancy and the family returned to Loomis. Nancy became disillusioned, disappointed, and discouraged by the anti-Japanese sentiments in Auburn, especially from the classmates she had grown up with. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1946 and attended Placerville and Sierra Junior Colleges before transferring to Cal Berkeley.

It was her future mother-in-law Miyo that introduced her to Clifford. In 1954, they were married at the Oakland Methodist Church and moved to Monterey. For a while, Nancy worked as a med tech for John Gota, (Dr. Cary's father). They began to attend El Estero after their arrival in Monterey. Nancy has served El Estero as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon and member of the churches Presbyterian Women's organization.

Her favorite Bible Story is the encounter of Jesus and Zacchaeus and her favorite hymn is "God Will Take Care Of You."

It is a joy to see Nancy and her son Grant attending church each Sunday.

As you have just read Nancy's testimony, I hope that you will remember her in prayer and also think about how God has moved and worked in your own life, giving thanksgiving and praise to Him.

In the coming months we will have the opportunity to read the testimony of other church members.



Our Guest Speaker, Pastor Mark Hall, July 24, 2022

Pastor Mark Hall has been our guest at El Estero Presbyterian Church for 20 years. On Sunday, July 24, Pastor Mark and his wife, Brenda, and their two children, Gabby and Kelsey visited us once again from Guadalajara, Mexico.

Pastor Mark spoke about the wonders of God building his kingdom. God opens doors, He also keeps some doors closed, while He opens other door for us. God is in control, He has an amazing plan, and Pastor Mark asks us to continue to pray, show love, hug smile, and even offer a glass of water to someone in need. Pastor Mark and Brenda are now helping young people to walk with Jesus, becoming people of prayer, seeking the Lord, and looking for the Lord to reveal his purpose in the lives of the people they serve.

If you would like to support Pastor Mark in his work, please go to www.missionsdoor.org and scroll down to "GIVE" and type in Mark and Brenda Hall. Missions Door and Mark and Brenda Hall have been one of our Outreach mission giving recipients.

Our Guest Speaker, Betty Kasson, Nancy's Project, August 14, 2022

In 1971 Nancy Costello began collecting and distributing food, clothing, and housewares for farm worker communities in Monterey County. To this day Nancy's Project continues the work of providing for farm workers and their families. Five days a week you might see the Nancy's Project van pulled up at the back of grocery stores collecting items to distribute throughout Salinas and Greenfield. This fall for the start of school, Nancy's Project filled and distributed 200 backpacks for school children. Keeping students in school and ready to learn is another important goal for Nancy's Project. Nancy's Project is one of our mission giving recipients.



You may donate new clothing, shoes, underwear, non perishable food or larger items at the Nancy's Project container in the parking lot of St. Dunston's Episcopal Church, Carmel Valley. Or you may donate a check to Nancy's Project, PO Box 1`, Monterey, CA 93942.

Our Guest Speaker, Gerald Tanaka, IDT Baja Mission Program, August 14, 2022

Gerald has been one of our worship service speakers and one of our mission giving recipients for IDT and the Baja Project. For the past 17 years Gerald and many volunteers from Wintersburg Church, Santa Ana, have gone down to Vicente Guerrero, Baja, Mexico to build houses for the people of that community who live in cardboard and salvaged wood houses that do not survive the rain and wind. To date Gerald and his team have built 30 permanent homes. Not only do they build the homes, they furnish the homes with furniture, kitchen supplies, clothes and shoes, food, curtains, bedding, school supplies, non perishable food supplies Even toothbrushes and toothpaste! They not only build a house, they furnish it to become a home.

With COVID they have not ventured down to Mexico. But that does not stop Gerald. They have built a school for the people of Vicente Guerrero to learn cooking, baking, sewing, carpentry, furniture building, cosmetology, hair styling, computer, car and truck repair skills. This gives the people skills to take them beyond working in the fields. While the adults are learning, the program offers child care and Bible Study.



Gerald and his team do amazing work and we are happy to support their program. If you would like to contribute to the Baja Program, you may send a check directly to IDT, PO Box 10732, Fullerton, CA 92838.

Troy Gardner, Samaritan's Purse, August 28, 2022

On August 28, 2022 we will have Troy Gardner from "Samaritan's Purse" as our guest speaker during worship service.

Samaritan's Purse is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of its Christian missionary work. The organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of Christian evangelist Billy Graham.

We look forward to hearing about the work of Samaritan's Purse as our church supports their relief endeavors through our Outreach mission giving.

If you would like to give a "goodwill offering" to Samaritan's Purse. You may write a check to Samaritan's Purse to support their world wide mission.



LISA PAYNE PATTERSON

Our guest speaker on Sunday, September 4 will be Lisa Payne Patterson. Lisa lives in Pomona, California. She is the pastor of Elementary Kids and Recovery Ministries at Purpose Church, Pomona. She is married to Gary Paterson. We are looking forward to hearing of Lisa's faith journey and her heartfelt testimony.

PS: Lisa is also the proud mom and mother in law of Shawn and Karissa Tressa and the loving grandmother of Clayton and Maddy Tressa !!!



Joys and Concerns



Please continue to pray for

Anne Bevier, Bill Bevier, Don and Dori Chin, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Cary Gota, Tom Gunter, Rick Hattori, Nancy Hollingsworth, Wendy Ichiuji, Adele and Marian Kageyama, Mike Kelly, Kiku Kuwatani, Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Bob McIntyre, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Magdalena Thomas, Rev. Sam Tonomura, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, Pat and Shirley Wong, George Wooding.

Prayers for our church family, for members who are ill, those away from their loved ones, and those who are concerned for family and friends.

Prayers for the citizens of our world that we may defeat this Coronavirus.

Prayers for our medical professionals, first responders, emergency workers, caregivers, grocery clerks., teachers

Prayers for those who have been laid off or are without income.

Prayers for our research and medical scientists as they work for vaccines and a cure for COVID19.

Prayers for our world leaders as they deal with the complex issues facing their nations and our world community.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Prayers for our state and local leaders as they work to keep our communities safe.

Prayers for social justice, racial equality, and peace.

While we have worship services on ZOOM, please let Pastor Ted know via email or a phone call if you have any prayer requests.

COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify * Maturity * Membership * Ministry * Mission*

Please join us.



Let's learn together.

**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Daily Devotional: Everyday Pastor Ted writes a Daily Devotional that you can receive online through our church webpage: elesteropc.org and click on This Week

Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning, 10:30 – 11:45 am, online through ZOOM.

A follow up of Pastor Ted's Sunday Worship Service message. Discussion follows a review of Sunday's sermon with the Sunday worship study guide. Please watch for Pastor Ted's invitation to join each Wednesday's Bible Study on ZOOM. If you would like to join a ZOOM online Bible study, please contact Pastor Ted for more information.

Thursday Evening Q&A: Every Thursday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a session of questions and answers about Christianity and the Bible. You may submit your questions to Pastor Ted via email and he will respond to your thoughts on Thursday evening. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and in depth learning. Please contact or email Pastor Ted if you are interested and your questions.

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The OFFERING BOX



As we have reopened our church, we have a couple of procedures that are different from before. You may have noticed that the ushers are not passing our offering plates during worship service. Instead we have an **OFFERING BOX** on a small table behind the pews next to the center aisle. Thank you for continuing to support our church with your tithes and offerings. Your offering helps to run the church, pay the bills, and to provide support for our church community and activities.

We are very blessed to have a generous and loving church family.

THANK YOU

HIKING FELLOWSHIP

The Saturday morning Hiking Fellowship will not meet this month. See you all in September for an invigorating morning walk.



Open ART Studio

Join us for art classes led by Bob McIntyre. We meet on Saturdays at 10:00 am on ZOOM. Our class is sponsored by the El Estero Church. Everyone is welcome to sit in and listen or join in with sketching and painting. Please let Bob or Lynn know if you would like a ZOOM invitation.



Point Lobos At Dawn. Mark



Colton Green, Fourth of July. Mark



Tropical Tea Time. Mark



Wrangler. Suzette

Pacific Grove Scene.
Nancy





Yellowstone. KC



Prince William Sound. KC



Our View. Suzette



Snowy Mountain Peak.
Suzette



Snowy Mountain.
Nancy



Alvarado Ice Cream Binge.
Mark

Little Red House Window at
Cooper Molera.
Mark



Study in Greens. (Erin Patchwork Quilt. Jeanne Dobie)
Mark



Snowy Mountain.
Lynn

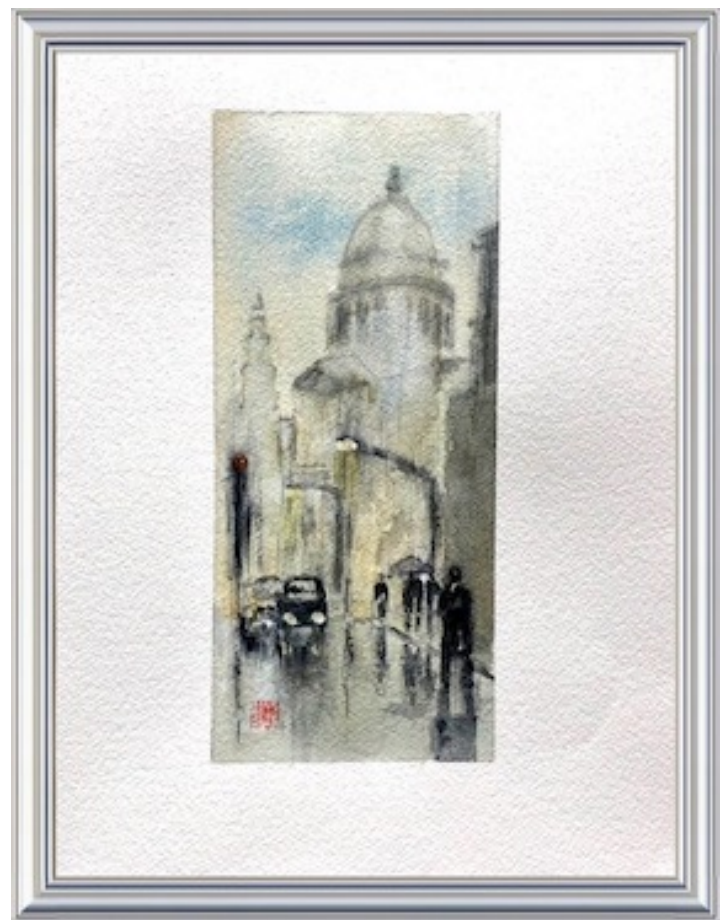


Orchid Cactus in the style of
Georgia O'Keefe.
Irene

Countryside.
Mike



SF Rainy Day. Bob



Rainy Street. Suzette



Rainy City. Nancy

Rainy Scene. Mike



Rainy Day at the
Art Institute. Mark

Beach Rocks. Nancy



Clouds Over the Pasture.
Mar



Sunset, Clouds Over
Point Lobos.
Suzette



Autumn Trees.
Mar



Autumn Scene.
Nancy



On the Tarmac.
KC

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service in church and on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month WE WILL BEGIN WORSHIPPING AGAIN ON SITE WITH COVID PROTOCOLS, STARTING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.				1 1:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	2	3 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
4 10:30 am Worship Service Guest Speaker: Lisa Payne Patterson Communion	5	6	7 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	8 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	9	10 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
11 10:30 am Worship Service Session Mtg.	12	13	14 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	15 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	16 Echoes Articles Due	17 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
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El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, please contact Pastor Ted Esaki and watch for his email invitation. To access the "Sermon Outline" and the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website elesteropc.org and click on Messages.

To join our Wednesday morning Bible Study 10:30 am on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Thursday evening Q & A session 7:00 – 8:00 pm on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Open Art Studio on Saturday, 10:00 am on ZOOM, please contact Bob McIntyre and watch for Lynn's email invitation.

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*Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.*

Psalm 66: 16