



The El Estero Echoes
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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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*"For the steadfast love of the LORD never cease, his mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning. Great is Thy Faithfulness."*

Lamentations 3:22-23



On Tuesday August 14th as our Session met for our monthly elder meeting, my devotion was on The Fruit of the Spirit is Faithfulness.

As we looked back at the 106 year history of El Estero Presbyterian Church, we recounted the many ways that God has been faithful to our church. From the pastors that have filled the pulpit, to the elders and deacons that have served so faithfully, and to all those who have given sacrificially of their time, talents, and treasures to leave a legacy that we enjoy today, we give thanks for His Faithfulness.

We have seen God's faithfulness in recent months as God has provided for some much needed work on the church. For those who haven't noticed, many of the windows around the church that were dry rot and termite infested have been replaced. The church has been brightened up with a new coat, or shall I say two new coats of paint, the fellowship hall has also been painted, the electrical upgraded, new TV monitors have been installed, and these are just a few of the major upgrades that have taken place recently.

2018 has also seen new elders and deacons called to serve, new individuals and families that have visited or joined the church. At our session meeting, our church treasurer Maiko Kojima shared that our church giving has increased each year. For all of these things we give our grateful praise and thanksgiving to God.

What does the word “faithful” mean? It means that God is Trustworthy, Dependable, Reliable, and Sure. For the past two months in my Sunday sermons, I have been preaching on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. Here Paul writes, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”* These are fruit that are never out of season. They are also virtues that God desires to cultivate in our lives. The fruit of the Spirit is also a measurement if we are truly growing spiritually. How would you answer this question? Am I more loving, joyful, patient, kind, etc. than I was a year ago? If you can answer yes to that question, praise God, you are cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in your life!

As you reflect upon your life, can you see God’s faithfulness? I truly hope so. Why not take a moment now to bow in a moment of silent prayer and thank God for His Faithfulness.

In Christ, Pastor Ted

COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify * Maturity * Membership * Ministry * Mission*

Please join us.



Let’s learn together.

**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Prayer Meeting: Every Sunday, 8:30 – 9:15 am, Pastor Ted’s office.

Adult Discipleship: Every Sunday morning, 9:30 – 10:15 am, Fellowship Hall.

Discipleship Adult Bible Study will resume studies on Sunday, September 2. This Bible Study is structured as small group studies with 5 or 6 people in a group. We will be studying the Book of John and growing in our personal faith in Jesus. There will be a weekly study guide for your daily Bible reading at home and questions to guide your studies. Discussion follows in the small groups on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time during our studies.

Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning, 10:30 – 11:45 am, upstairs.

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. This Bible study also reflects on the Discipleship reading of the previous week as Pastor Ted links his Sunday morning message to the Discipleship studies.

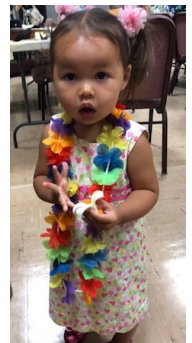
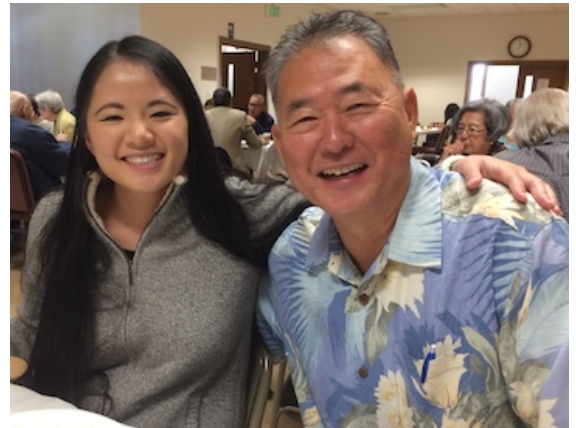
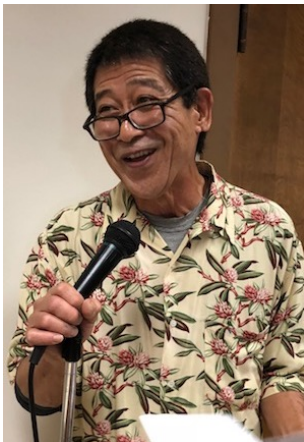
Evening Bible Study: First and third Friday of each month, 6:00 pm. College students, young adults, working folks, all are welcome to join this evening Bible Study. This Bible Study meets at Pastor Ted’s home.



ALOHA POTLUCK

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Our church's Outreach Committee hosted an **ALOHA POTLUCK LUNCH** as it was time to say "Hello" to new friends and "Farewell" to old friends.



Thank you everyone for the delicious dishes that we enjoyed for our Aloha Potluck Lunch. Thank you also to the ukulele group for the Sing Along and thanks to Richard, our "MC with the most-est".



Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for



Sherry Esaki, Seon Hashimoto, Ginny Heun, Reiko Kageyama, Kiku Kuwatani, Dorothy Maceira, Royal and Hiro Manaka, Susie Marquez, Marilyn and Mike Masatani, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Jeffrey Shen, Lily Uyeda, Nami Uyeda, Hisao and Setsuko Yamanishi, Dave Walker, May Wong, George Wooding, the Takarabe family with the passing of Rev. Hei's mother, Michiko Takarabe.

Elder Care Symposium

The MPC Symposium Working Group is hosting an informative community response to Elder Care for those who care for the elderly, especially family member caregivers, and for those who are interested in issues concerning seniors.



Saturday, September 15, 2018
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monterey Peninsula College




This event is free and open to the public. Lunch is provided. Donations appreciated.

For more information and to register, please go to <https://eldercaresymposium.eventbrite.com>

There is a flyer on the bulletin board or if you have any questions, please talk to Nancy Hollingsworth, who is the representative from our church.

Our Service Volunteers for September 2018

September	Leader	Greeters	Ushers	Coffee	Flowers
2	Pastor Ted	Communion Servers Elders: Richard M. and Dave R. Deacons: Tom G. and Junki K.			El Estero 
		Dave R. Ginger K.	Junki K. Yae K.	Joyce G.	
9	Pastor Ted	Greg M. Chihiro T.	Don C. Dori C.	Yvonne H.	
16	Pastor Ted	Mark H. Nancy H.	Tom G. Lyle Q.	Lynn G.	
23	Pastor Mark	Yae K. Hiroko K.	Dick W. Yuri W.	Dori C.	
30	Pastor Ted	Johnnie M. Emiko M.	Robert S. Taye S.	Helen N.	

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO FILL WORSHIP TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

Please let Dori know in which position you would like to serve. New greeters, ushers, and coffee volunteers are welcome. Please see the sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. You may sign up with a relative or a friend. Please let Dori or the church office know in advance if you need to make a change or substitution.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 am. Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday of this month.						1 10:00 - noon Open Art Studio
2 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting 9:30 -10:15 am Adult Discipleship COMMUNION Children's Sunday School Noon Outreach Meeting	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 10:30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Ukulele Practice	6 10:30 am Deacons' Meeting	7 6:00 pm Bible Study at Pastor Ted's home	8
9 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting 9:30 – 10:15 am Adult Discipleship Children's Sunday School Noon Session Meeting	10 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	11	12 10:30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Ukulele Practice	13	14 Echoes Articles Due 6:00 pm Bible Study at Pastor Ted's home	15 10:00 – noon Open Art Studio
16 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting 9:30 – 10:15 am Adult Discipleship Children's Sunday School	17 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	18	19 10:30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Ukulele Practice	20 10:00 am Fold and mail The Echoes	21	22
23 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting 9:30 – 10:15 am Adult Discipleship Children's Sunday School Pastor Mark to speak	24 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	25	26 10:30 am Bible Study 12:15 pm Ukulele Practice	27	28	29
30 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting 9:30 – 10:15 am Adult Discipleship Children's Sunday School	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>The Hiking Fellowship will meet in October 2018. Watch for hiking news in our September issue of The Echoes.</p> </div>					

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"Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His loving kindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 7: 9