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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



**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE**

In Psalm 100, the psalmist writes, ***"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs."***

For the months of June and July, our ukulele group has the opportunity to visit members of our church who are no longer able to attend our Sunday worship services. This past Wednesday, June 13, we visited with Lily Uyeda. In the coming weeks we will visit Sunrise House, Canterbury Woods, and the homes of Royal and Hiro Manaka and Johnnie and Emiko Montoya. On Sunday, June 17, for Father's Day our ukulele group provided the entertainment by singing hymns, oldie tunes, patriotic and Hawaiian songs.

Three years ago a group from my former church, Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, in Santa Ana, came to visit and played their ukuleles in our worship service. Shortly after that we began our own ukulele group. On Monday and Wednesday of each week, about 8 to 12 people gather to practice songs and to enjoy a time of rich fellowship. To me it is amazing to see how a group of beginners and novices have "caught on" so quickly. They enjoy not only playing their ukuleles, but they have stepped up to the opportunity to minister to our church family.

We also have Tomi Tanaka playing drums, Marian Kageyama playing the mandolin and drums, Joyce Gota playing the banjo ukulele, Dr. Cary Gota playing the clarinet, and Maiko Kojima playing the tambourine. We do have a great time gathering together each week. We appreciate the leadership of Marilyn Kodani who organizes our practices and visitations.

There are many ways that we can worship God. We can worship God by attending our Sunday services. We can worship God as we read, study, and apply His Word to our daily lives. We can also worship God as we sing songs of worship and praise to Him. We don't need to play the ukulele or any other instrument to worship God. We can worship God in our own homes and even as we drive or as we walk along the beach.

God does not want part of our lives. God wants all of it. In fact in Matthew 22 Jesus commanded us to ***Love the Lord our God with ALL our heart, ALL our soul, ALL our mind, and ALL our strength.*** God is

pleased when we worship. I often tell people that I can't sing and I can't play the guitar or ukulele very well, but I do enjoy worship. Worship is something that pleases the heart of God. We were created to worship. When we worship, God looks past our words and sees the attitude of our hearts. The Bible says in 1 Samuel 16:7 ***"Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart."***

I hope that you and I will be growing in our desire to worship. It is the way to show God how much we love him. It is also what pleases God the most.

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.

This Bible Study is structured as small group studies with 5 or 6 people in a group. There is 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. Discipleship Adult Bible Study is taking a summer break and will resume studies on the second Sunday in September.

**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, and all are welcome. This Bible Study meets at Pastor Ted's home.



### **Joys and Concerns**

Please continue to pray for

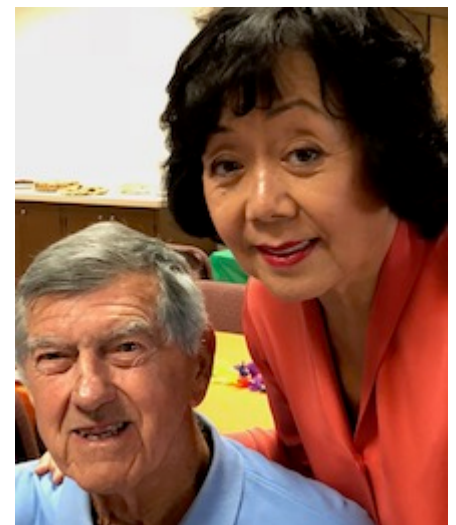


Sherry Esaki, Seon Hashimoto, Ginny Heun, Reiko Kageyama, Kiku Kuwatani, Dorothy Maceira, Royal and Hiro Manaka, Susie Marquez, Marilyn and Mike Masatani, Franco and Renee Mola, Takeko Nishida, Morgan Nishiguchi, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Lily Uyeda, Nami Uyeda, Hisao and Setsuko Yamanishi, Dave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

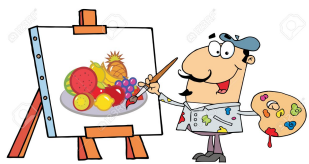




# Father's Day Indoor Picnic




Thank you ladies for providing a delicious picnic lunch for the gentlemen of our church !



**AN ART FIELD TRIP:** Our Open Art Studio will be taking a field trip to the Carmel Art Association on Saturday, July 7, 2018. We will meet at the Carmel Art Association on Dolores Street in Carmel at 10:00 am. Bob McIntyre, our instructor, will be guiding our tour. The Carmel Art Association has new pieces hanging in their gallery, including some of Bob's watercolor paintings. After our guided tour we can wander down to Il Fornaio for a "no host" lunch/coffee in their rotunda. **Everyone is welcome to join us.** And ... maybe you will be inspired to join our first and third Saturday morning painting classes at church.

### Our Service Volunteers for July 2018

July	Leader	Greeters	Ushers	Coffee	Flowers
1	Pastor Ted	Communion Servers Elders: Don C. and Dave R. Deacons: Dori C. and Yuri W.			El Estero 
		Myra M. Bob McI.	Yae K. Junki K.	Joyce G.	
8	Pastor Ted	Junki K. Gene L.	Don C. Dori C.	Lynn G.	
15	Pastor Ted	Yae K. Hiroko K.	Yuri W. Dick W.	Dori C.	
22	Pastor Ted	Ginger K. Dave R.	Lyle Q. Tom G.	Yuri W.	
29	Pastor Ted	Greg M. Chihiro T.	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.



**The Hiking Fellowship** will meet on Saturday, June 30, 9:00 am at the parking lot in front of Orchard Supply Hardware, OSH, in Sand City. We will hike along the bike trail. Come and join the group for a beautiful early morning walk. Let's do coffee after the walk.

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship Service starts at 10:30 am Communion will be on the first Sunday of this month.						
<b>1</b> 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting  9:30 am Pat Zukeran to speak, Fellowship Hall  <b>COMMUNION</b>  Children's Sunday School  Noon: Outreach Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4 FOURTH OF JULY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>       6:00 pm Bible Study at Pastor Ted's home	<b>7</b> 10:00 Open Art Studio Field Trip to the Carmel Art Association, Carmel
<b>8</b> 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting  Dave Hoshiwara to play the piano  Children's Sunday School  Noon: Session Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:30 Ukulele Visiting CANTERBURY WOODS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting  Children's Sunday School	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30 Ukulele Visiting The MONTOYA'S	<b>19</b> 9:00 – noon Quarterly Session/Deacons' Meeting	<b>20</b> Echoes Articles Due  6:00 pm Bible Study at Pastor Ted's home	<b>21</b> 10:00 – noon Open Art Studio
<b>22</b> 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting  Children's Sunday School	<b>23</b> 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:15 Ukulele Practice	<b>26</b> 10:00 Fold and mail The Echoes	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Hiking Fellowship
<b>29</b> 8:30 –9:15 am Prayer Meeting  Children's Sunday School  Ukulele Group to play	<b>30</b> 10:30 am Ukulele Practice	<b>31</b>				

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*Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock  
of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol  
him with music and song.*

*Psalms 95: 1-2*