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### Pastor Ted's Message



#### AND WHEN YOU GIVE

While serving as Pastor at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Hollywood and at the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church in Santa Ana, one of the questions that we wrestled with was the question, shall we publish the names of those who make donations and contributions to the church in the church newsletter.

After thoughtful prayer and discussion we recognized that our giving to the Lord needs to be in line with what the Bible teaches in this area. Our Lord Jesus spoke often about the motives and means by which we give. One of those places is found in Matthew 6:1-4 where our Lord Jesus said, *"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> So when you give, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

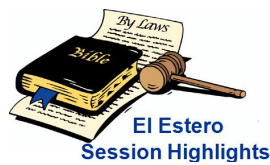
In Matthew chapter 6, Jesus teaches about the proper attitude and motives that we need to have as we practice our spiritual disciplines. Jesus says we should do so in secret and anonymously. From your own study of God's Word, you may remember that the Pharisees were the most "religious" people of Jesus day. They often did things with the wrong motives. They would give, pray, and fast, not out of love or service unto the Lord, but to be seen and recognized by others. In that sense, Jesus said in verse 1 that they would not be rewarded in by our Father in Heaven, but that they had already received there reward because they gained the approval of others.

On the contrary, Jesus taught that when we give we should do so anonymously and in secret and that the Lord who sees what is done in secret will reward those who give in secret.

Ultimately the approval of God is much greater than the approval and recognition of others. That is why Jesus says in verses 3-4 *<sup>3</sup> But when you give, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

To apply this, for the last two issues of the Echoes, the names of those who have given to the work and ministry of the church have not been published. It is truly the hope and desire of the leadership of El Estero that those who give will be blessed and rewarded by God, which is much better.

Thank you to all who give to the work and ministry of the Lord. May God truly cause His face to shine upon you and reward you for your giving. In Christ, Pastor Ted



**Devotion:** Rev. Ted Esaki. J. Oswald Sanders' book, "Spiritual Leadership. Principles of Excellence for Every Believer", points out the Bible says those wanting to lead must be first to serve. In the Bible it is, "Moses, my servant" not "Moses, my leader". Jesus taught true greatness is exhibited in service. Thanks to the Elders for your servants' hearts.

**Clerk's Report.** Lynn Gunter. Average Worship Service attendance with 3 Sundays reported in April was 52 and May with 5 Sundays averaged 53. Our church suffered a loss as Dr. Toshiyo Clifford Nakajima passed away on April 28, 2015. He had faithfully served our church in the office of Trustee.

**Pastor's Report:** Rev. Ted Esaki. Visitations: He has now visited with most of the people in the church and those who have become hospitalized. Dr. Pat Zukeran will deliver a sermon and will be available to answer questions during a brown bag lunch on Sunday, July 5, 2015. He is very well recognized and a sought after speaker in apologetics based in Hawaii. He is in the area to attend the JEMS Conference at Mt. Hermon. Junko Nishiguchi Cheng will provide worship music that morning. She held a concert performance at El Estero a few years ago.

**Church Corporation Meeting: Treasurer's Report:** Yuri Wong, Corporation and Church Treasurer. Outflow was more than double of Inflow last month as a result a decrease in contributions combined with the expenses associated with the Stair Replacement Project. The project expenses continue to be less than the projected budget. Donations made for the One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$500. Check has been sent to the Synod of the Pacific.

**Deacons Report:** Deacons have asked for volunteers to host small group gatherings so our Pastor can get to know people better in a more informal setting.

**Administrative Branch: Building & Grounds Committee:** Stair Replacement Project work continues. 2 Custom made metal handrails will be fabricated for the exterior stairway. **Personnel Committee:** Yuri Wong has asked to be released from the Personnel Committee. Johnnie Montoya will join the committee. **Outreach Branch:** Richard Marquez, Chair. Breakfast on Mother's Day had great food and participation. Father's Day: Yae Kuwatani coordinated. Her committee cooked and served an indoor picnic on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Asian Art Fair: Those making crafts are asked to **not** begin new projects or purchase additional supplies until the AAF Committee meets to discuss projects and food items. A meeting for those interested in participating in the AAF may be announced soon. Church Photo: We will be contacting photographers to schedule a church photo on Easter Sunday 2016. Also exploring having a "Get Together" or reunion with those who participated in the Tri-Church youth group.

**Spiritual Growth Branch.** Don Chin, Chair. Our church pianist will be on unpaid leave during June and July. Marilyn Uwate has scheduled musicians to fill Sundays. Children's Sunday school: Marilyn Uwate is to meet with Nora Shen and Marlene Sato to discuss ideas based on the Beginners Bible. Rev. Ted Esaki shared that he spoke to Children's Ministry Director at Wintersburg about our situation. The director is willing to share, at no cost, resources and ideas. Don Chin conducted multi-media training on May 18<sup>th</sup> on how to operate power point, screen, and projector. Rev. Ted Esaki indicated he can play his guitar if a pianist becomes ill.

**Commissioner to the Presbytery of San Jose Meeting:** Dick Wong. Meeting held on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Presbytery voted to approve Rev. Jason Barraca as temporary part-time pastor of Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rev. Craig Roberts resignation from COM, and the Liaison to El Estero from COM, Elder Frank Bernstein, was elected as the Chair of the Committee on Ministry.

**Future Events:** The Annual Elder and Deacon Training will be held on July 11, 2015 from 9 AM – 2 PM. A Session Meeting will be held immediately afterwards.

## **Pat Zucheran \* July 5**

Dr. Pat Zucheran will be our guest speaker at El Estero during worship service on July 5. Pat is an apologist, an author, a teacher, a radio talk show host, a national and international speaker. He shares his view on world religions, the Bible, and current issues facing our nation guided by our faith. After worship service please stay and join Pastor Ted and Pat Zucheran for an informal open conversation. Bring a sack lunch and join the conversation. All are welcome.

### **Adult Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School classes have been meeting each Sunday from 9:30 – 10:15 in the Meeting Room downstairs. This past week they discussed the Assurance of Victory. Pastor Ted leads the group in learning more about the Bible and our faith through study, discussion, memorization of scripture, and light homework in the workbook, *Lessons on Assurance*. Drop in and join the group. All are welcome.



### **Bible Study**

Pastor Ted is also leading a Bible Study group that began during the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>. The small group Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am at church. They have been discussing the topics on the study sheet that Pastor Ted references in his Sunday worship sermons. Please come and join the group as all are welcome.

On August 7, Pastor Ted will be starting an evening Bible Study at his home at 499 Archer Street, Monterey. This Bible Study will meet on Fridays from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. There will be a light dinner before studies begin. This evening Bible Study will be open to families, as well as individuals. All are welcome to join the group. Please call or contact Pastor Ted if you are interested. [pted.eepc@gmail.com](mailto:pted.eepc@gmail.com) or his office phone at El Estero, 831 644-0687.

### **Exterior Stair Reconstruction Project**

Sunday worship services are being held upstairs in the sanctuary again. The exterior staircase construction has been completed. More work will be done to install the handrails and to paint. Thank you for your understanding and patience with worship service downstairs and the limited parking area during the time of construction. Thank you to Hisao Y., Tom G., Dick W., and Don C. for their dedication to the ongoing safety and maintenance needs of our church.

### **The Work of the Deacons**

The Deacons have collected and discussed information on several medical alert services. The Deacons will present their findings to Session next month so a decision can be made regarding which service to use and who will qualify for scholarships.

Information has also been collected and discussed on MST RIDES, MST Taxi services and ITN. Deacons will offer the information to anyone interested and in need of transportation.



### **Joys and Concerns**



Please continue to pray for

Royal and Hiro Manaka, Bobby Kuwatani, Jenna Escobar, Bill and May Wong, Bob, Joan, and Val Ouye, Shiz Shiozaki, the Kakishiba family with the passing of Karen, Nancy Nakajima and family with the passing of Clifford, the victims of the earthquake in Nepal, friends and families of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

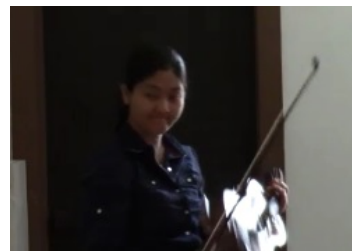
### **Asian Crafts Faire**

Hopefully the Crafts Faire will take place in October, 2015. The Crafts Faire may be scaled down to an afternoon event after Worship Service. Volunteer(s) are needed to chair the event. If you are interested in chairing or helping, please contact Richard M., Yae K., Nora S., or Lynn G.





## SUMMER MUSIC AT EL ESTERO CHURCH



Teruyo, our pianist, and her family are in Japan during June and July. While she is away Marilyn Uwate has arranged for musicians to play for worship services. Kimberlee Uwate, Marilyn and Walter's daughter, did a lovely job playing the viola and the piano for praise songs and hymns to lead off our summer of guest musicians.

The Wintersburg Senior Ukulele Group from Santa Ana visited our church on June 14 with their spouses and friends and filled our church with the joy of ukulele music and singing. Heidi Toy played the piano at the end of June and will return in July.



The music provided by the Wintersburg Senior Ukulele Group inspired some of our members to consider getting together to learn and practice as an El Estero music fellowship. Anyone interested? From beginners to accomplished musicians ... All levels are welcome. Please let Yuri Wong know if you would like to learn to play the ukulele and join a ukulele group at El Estero.



## Father's Day


Thanks to Yae Kuwatani and the Outreach Branch for coordinating a Father's Day event, an indoor family picnic, on Sunday, June 21, after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. It was a **Men's Day Picnic on Father's Day**. We enjoyed grilled hot dogs, Pam's famous chili, all of our favorite salads, chips with Yuri's authentic guacamole, and cake. Beautifully woven ribbon fish and candied almonds were handed out to all of the gentlemen. Thanks to Yae's team of ladies who did the prepping, cooking, serving, and cleaning up.

**Great Job ladies!!!**



## **Sermons online**

You may view Pastor Ted's sermons online on our church's web site: [www.elesteropc.org](http://www.elesteropc.org)  
 Pastor Ted's office phone number at El Estero is 831 644-0687. This number will be Line 2. If you are answering the church phone, please do not pick up when you see Line 2. Let the phone message go to Pastor Ted or to his voicemail.

July	Leader	Greeter	Ushers	Coffee	Flowers
5 <small>Communion</small>	Pastor Ted	Marian K. Reiko K.	Aiko M. Junki K.	Marilyn U.	El Estero
12	Pastor Ted	Hiroko K. Yae K.	Kiku K. Jean T.	Yvonne H.	
19	Pastor Ted	Lyle Q. Meja Q.	Lyle Q. Marilyn U.	Susie M.	
26	Lynn G.	Johnnie M. Emiko M.	Dick W. Dori C.	Yuri W.	El Estero

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO FILL WORSHIP TEAM ASSIGNMENTS**

Please let Johnnie know in which position you may be called to serve.

Also let Johnnie and/or the church office know if you need to make a change or a substitution.

July 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Service 10:30 am Communion is the first Sunday of each month.						
			1 10:30 am Bible Study	2 2:00 pm Deacons Meeting	3	4
5 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  Communion	6	7	8 10:30 am Bible Study	9	10	11 9 – 2:00 pm Deacons/Session Retreat @ EE
12 9:30 am Adult Sunday School  Noon Outreach Meeting	13	14	15 10:30 am Bible Study	16	17 Echoes articles due	18
19 9:30 am Adult Sunday School	20	21	22 10:30 am Bible Study	23 Fold and Mail Echoes	24	25
26 9:30 am Adult Sunday School	27	28	29 10:30 am Bible Study	30	31	

Please remember: Friday evening Bible Study will start on Friday, August 7, 5:30 – 8:00 at Pastor Ted's House, 499 Archer Street, Monterey. Families and individuals are welcome.

### **Please mark your calendar for these special worship service musical events in July.**

**July 5:** Junko Nishiguchi Cheng has played at El Estero a number of years ago. She is a singer, songwriter, worship leader, children's musician. Currently she is a worship leader at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA.

**July 12, 19, 26:** Heidi Toy, Pianist for the San Carlos Mission

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Rejoice in the Lord always  
I will say it again, Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4