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"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

1 Corinthians 10:17 (NRSV)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

One World, One Communion

It's a world of laughter, a world of tears; it's a world of hopes and a world of fears. There's so much that we share, that it's time we're aware it's a small world after all.



of global unity imagined through cultural and linguistic diversity sung by dolls of the world.

Do you have a doll or toy representing a world culture? We would like to display it in our church

parking lot for World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 4, 2020. This is also an invitation to our Montebello Plymouth Church family and friends to join us for in-person drive-thru Holy Communion on that Sunday in the church parking lot 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., after the worship service broadcast (which will include virtual Holy Communion). The drive-thru parking lot route will feature the dolls at meditation stations with prayers for the world: the pandemic, natural disaster, the environment, world peace, Christian unity, etc. culminating in a distribution of the communion elements (sanitary pre-filled communion cups with soft wafer). Please drop off your doll/toy at the church office, clearly labelled with your name and which culture the doll/toy represents, by Thursday, October 1. We will return your doll/toy after World Communion Sunday.

Since this will be a socially distanced event: please stay in your vehicle during the whole drive-thru. The only time you may need to roll down your window is to receive the communion elements at the end.

Yes, right now our world seems to

be filled with more of the tears and fears rather than the laughter and hopes, but we still hold onto the faith, that God is still in control of the world and that we can still be witnesses to God's love through Jesus the Christ!

Yours in God's World,

Pastor Mitchell

Worship at MPCC

October 4

Facebook Livestream
Virtual Holy Communion (Drive-thru)

World Communion
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11

Facebook Livestream
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

Facebook Livestream
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

Facebook Livestream
Matthew 22:34-46

News from our Boards

A Message from our Moderator...

Carolyn Barragan

September seemed to be the ultimate test of all of our resilience as we continued to shelter at home, the addition of the wild fires burning across the west coast, and the continued social unrest across our nation.

I continue to pray for our first responders caring for the ill, on the front lines of the fires and walking the neighborhoods of our communities. I pray for a world where wearing a mask is an easy decision to protect the health of the person next to you, where one's decision to celebrate a new life does not come at the cost of thousands of acres burns and unnecessary lives lost, and where we can all walk down the street and been seen as equals. Most importantly, I pray that all of you are remaining safe in your homes, keeping cool during the recent heat wave, and away from the smoke outside.

Many thanks to those who helped cook and serve food during our recent drive-thru box lunches. It has been nice to bring a little bit of church home and share a meal together. Looking forward to the next great culinary experience from Lynne Hanamoto and our church family.

The Council has convened a Constitution Committee to review our current constitution. We have some forthcoming challenges as we prepare for the new year, in particular, approving the 2021 budget when we cannot meet in person to vote on it.

The Council is also exploring some ways we can hold a form of in-person worship, as we know there are many of us who are not accessing our streamlining Sunday Services and virtual coffee hour. Perhaps an open air worship once the temperatures get cooler? We remain hopeful.

Until next time, be well my friends!

A Message from Our Treasurer...

Terry Hino

The Trustee Board would like to thank Lynne Hanamoto for organizing the Hawaii Lunch fundraiser. We netted \$4,294.34. We would also like to thank all who worked so hard cooking, selling, putting together the lunch, serving and buying the lunches. Thank you for your financial support, we are in the black now.

	August	Year to Date
Total Income:	\$24,626.35	\$159,014.68
Total Expense:	\$19,148.40	\$157,464.12
Surplus:	\$5,477.95	\$1,550.56

Building Fund as of 7/31/20 is \$303,394.68

Men's Group

Bob Miwa

8/18/20 Nitaya Young watered the front, lanai and back yard. Terry Hino, Pastor Mitchell and Nitaya Young and Christine Chun folded and labeled the Good News.

8/22/20 Ryan Yamada, Nitaya Young, Roger Ng, Steven Woo, Bien Reyes, Chico Iguchi mowed, edged, weed whacked, cleaned and watered the front yard, lanai and back yard. The donut lady brought donuts for our break. Roger, Bien and Ryan repaired the chain link fence South Mori Hall and the neighbor's.

8/26/20 Nitaya cleaned and watered the front, lanai and back yard.

9/2/20 Nitaya Young cleaned and watered the front, lanai and back yard. Also secured two under house air vent screens (C.E. wing).

9/5/20 Roger Ng and I watered the front, lanai and back yard.

9/9/20 Nitaya and I mowed, edged and cleaned the front yard. She cleaned and watered the front, lanai and the back yard.

Hawaiian Plate Luncheon

I would like to thank all who supported our August Hawaiian Plate Lunch Fundraiser. Cooks: Les and Judy S., Janell, Evelyn Y., Nitaya, Roger, Ed and Cindy Y., Chris C., Ron N., Edith S., Tricia T., Elinor Y, Tran, Kiko, Eileen and Bing, Mitchi and Ron T., and to all who supported by enjoying our Hawaiian Plate Lunch, and to our generous donors, and to our helpers on Hawaiian Plate Lunch Drive-Thru Day.

Mahalo!

Lynne H.

Special Offerings and Gifts

Alimboyao, Fred	Special Offering
Hangai, Barbara	Family Fund
Kobayashi, Edward	Family Fund
Mori, Ann	Thank You for friend's Recovery from Covid-19
Shimasaki, Lynn	In Memory of Hichiri Spencer
Wada, Mari	Chair Yoga & Youth Missions Fund
Yamasaki, Ron and Annie	In Memory of Hiromi Ann Yamasaki
Yoshimi, Evelyn	Plate Luncheon Donation



Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis

All are invited to send a picture of your furry, feathered, scaly, or exoskeletal friends (animals, not husbands) to Pastor Mitchell at mpccucc@yahoo.com for inclusion in our annual Blessing of the Animals which will be part of our worship broadcast for Sunday, September 27. With the picture, please include the name of the pet and your name. Please send pictures by Wednesday, September 23. God bless the beasts and the children!

How We Grow

MPCC's General Fund

The General Fund takes care of the basic day-to-day operations of our church as well as furthering the mission of our church as a whole. Annual pledges (tithes) help the trustees estimate how to distribute and budget our expenses on a monthly and yearly basis. Weekly offerings and special offerings also contribute to the General Fund unless otherwise indicated. Please contact the trustees if you wish to receive a pre-printed box set of offering envelopes.

Building Fund

MPCC's Building Fund is separate from the church's General Fund. Contributions to the fund must be indicated on your offering envelope or in the check memo area. If you have any questions about your pledge please contact Mac Reyes.

Church Family Fund

The Church Family Fund assists families known to our church who are in dire need of assistance. Funds are allocated by committee. If you are able, please donate to the fund.

Youth Mission Fund & Summer Ex Fund

Donations to the Youth Mission Fund will be used to send our youth on trips to serve abroad and locally. The Summer Ex Fund provides scholarships for families who are not able to cover the registration fees. Both are separate from MPCC's General Fund and checks should be written separate from your regular offering.

With Our Church Family

Prayers of the People

With Deepest Sympathy to the family/ies of:

- Eric Johnson, a Compton police officer, who died of a blood disorder. He leaves his wife Tammy and son Dyllan. Tammy is a good friend of Michi Tanimoto.
- Noble, a dance group friend of Lynn Higa. She asks for prayers for his family and is comforted that Noble is in heaven now.
- Pastor Michael Olsen, former MPCC associate pastor, who passed away on August 23. We pray for his wife Leila and their three children.
- 82-year-old mother of Marti Ayala, friend of Michi Tanimoto.
- Chadwick Boseman, an American actor who died of cancer at the age of 43. He was known internationally for his role in the movie, "Black Panther."
- Roy Kobayashi, father of Lorna Hertogh and long-time friend of Rev. Michio Oyakawa from their Papaikou, HI days.
- Benjamin Hayakawa, who passed away on July 27. Ben was the half-brother of Ron Nitta.
- Kevin Hagihara, youngest son of Frank Hagihara. Kevin passed away at the age of 51, while in remission from a long battle with leukemia. He leaves his mother Tomi, wife Julie and daughter Kristen. He was a nephew of Eddie Hagihara and June Fujita.

Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Blessing for:

- The safety for all students, parents, teachers and administrators as school begins, by Mamie Okamoto.
- Tak Matsuno, who had surgery to remove a tumor, and June Matsuno, who is now in hospice care at home. Tak and June are the parents of Karen Petersen.
- John and Michelle Sato, who contracted Covid-19. They are both recovering at home. Michelle spent some time in the hospital. John is the brother of Chris Sato.
- The people whose homes were damaged/destroyed by Hurricane Laura on Aug. 30.
- The people of Kenosha, Wisconsin, dealing with the protests after the shooting of another Black man, Jacob Blake, now paralyzed.
- Japan's prime minister, Shinzo Abe, who resigned due to a chronic illness that has flared up after being under control for many years.
- For everyone, by Toni Martinez.
- Two family members, by Ida Gonzales: 1) daughter-in-law Benett Gerd, suffering shortness of breath from gastroesophageal reflux disease 2) brother-in-law Benito, who is in need of surgery after a heart attack.
- Legend Leal, son of Mari and Albert Leal and Luis' baby brother, who had a catheter test at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Prayers for the whole family as they shower Legend with love and care.
- Gwen Jones' mother, who is in the hospital with ovarian cancer from Jan Fukushima, who follows one of Gwen's classes.
- The first responders battling the wildfires in California, Oregon and Washington and all the people who have suffered great loss from the fires, by Tricia Tao.

Thanksgiving:

- By Robert Haynes, for having a motel room for several weeks, esp. during the heat wave.
- By the Ramos-Young family, for MPCC's prayers and support in their on-going Covid-19 story.
- The whole family - parents Karen Fay and Darryl, their children Taylor, Jessea and Nikki and the children's step-grandmother - contracted the disease from three different sources! The three children are still recovering under their doctors' wonderful care.

October Birthday Celebrations

1	Mitchell Sakado
5	Czarina Alimboyao
6	Mary Ishibashi
6	Julianna Okamoto
6	My Thuy Tran
9	Kyle Tabata
10	Samantha Bedolla
10	Ben Fujita
10	Daniel Low
12	Edwin Fujita
14	Midori Hamabe
16	Irene Hagihara
19	Frances Tanouye
21	Denise Bender
26	Helen Oyakawa
28	Bing Purisima
29	Godfrey Phillips
29	Annie Yamasaki
30	Michi Lew
31	Art Hanamoto
31	Lori Katayama

The majority of the prayer requests were concerns and celebrations of the congregation lifted up during the Pastoral Prayers each Sunday. If you have additional prayer requests please contact the church office.

NOTE:

For prayer requests in the month of October e-mail Pastor Mitchell at mpccucc@yahoo.com or call (323) 893-2672 by the Friday before the Sunday service to be included in the Pastoral Prayer.

Save Used Stamps

Used Stamps Project continues! Please help us by continuing to save your used stamps. Our contributions help Japan overseas. The partnership provides health care and assistance to people by selling the used stamps to collectors.

Collect used stamps and bring them to church. Please leave at least 1/8-1/4+ around the stamp and if it is multiple stamps cut it together. For more information call Evelyn Yoshimi.

VIRTUAL CHAIR

YOGA

WITH JOCELYN YAMASAKI

WEDNESDAYS @7:30AM

VIA ZOOM



Plate Lunch Fundraisers!

The next event will be Japanese Bento on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The bento will feature shoyu chicken on rice, somen salad, cucumber salad, hijiki, spinach and other Japanese garnishes.



Contact Lynne Hana-moto or Suzy Hino or call the church office to let us know how many plates you want us to prepare for you. Let us know if you can pick up the plates in our %drive-thru+or whether you would like the plates delivered to you by volunteers. We have a suggested donation of \$10 but we graciously accept whatever you can offer to support the mission and ministries of your Montebello Plymouth Church. Thank you!

Please tune-in to our weekly worship broadcasts or check the online church calendar for a possible plate lunch fundraiser on Saturday, October 31 (Halloween/Dia de los Muertos). Thank you for your continued service and fellowship in the current socially distanced climate.

Virtual Coffee Hour

Every Sunday at 11:15 am via Zoom

Meeting ID: 820 1599 7091

Password: mpcc

Or

call 1(669) 900-9128

Meeting ID: 820 1599 7091 #

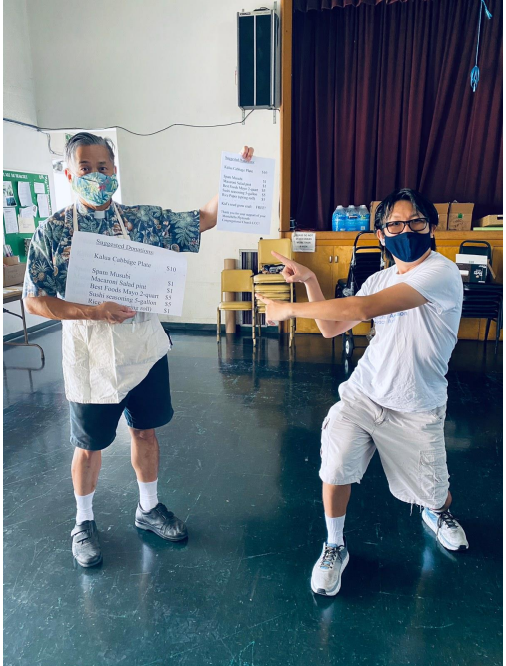
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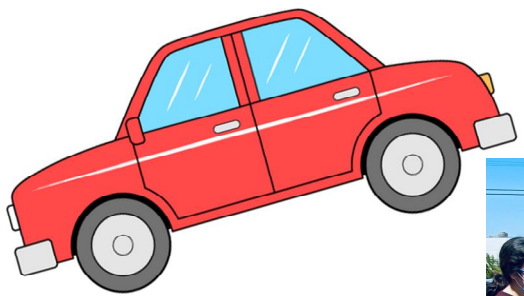
Eagle Scout Recycling

Trent Hata of Boy Scout Troop 286 is collecting recyclable bottles and cans to fund his Eagle Scout project to beautify the lanai at MPCC. Please support his efforts by bringing your recycling to MPCC on M-F 10am to 4pm and leave your bagged cans and bottles on the lanai. Contact the church office when stopping by the campus.

Fellowship



Hawaiian Plate Luncheon
August 29th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>NOTE: Events marked with an asterisk (*) are private classes and not church events. Please contact the church office for more information.</div>				1	2	3 Men's Group @ 8am
4 Neighbors in Need Offering Drive-thru/Virtual Holy Communion CE Meeting	5 *Virtual Dance Class @ 5pm	6 Virtual Bible Study @ 10am	7 *Virtual Chair Yoga @ 7:30am	8	9	10
11 GoodNews Due	12 *Virtual Dance Class @ 5pm	13 Virtual Bible Study @ 10am	14 *Virtual Chair Yoga @ 7:30am GoodNews Mailing	15	16	17 Men's Group @ 8am Youth Fellowship @ 3pm
18 Council Meeting	19 *Virtual Dance Class @ 5pm	20 Virtual Bible Study @ 10am	21 *Virtual Chair Yoga @ 7:30am	22	23 Last day for Pre-Orders for Plate Luncheon	24 Halloween Event
25	26 *Virtual Dance Class @ 5pm	27 Virtual Bible Study @ 10am	28 *Virtual Chair Yoga @ 7:30am	29	30	31 Drive-thru Plate Luncheon

Coming in November 2020:	29	Budget Hearing	See our updated online calendar at: http://Montebelloucc.org/
	29	First Sunday in Advent	
	TBA	Virtual Sunday School	

Join us for our **Virtual Worship Service on Sundays at 10 a.m. :**

Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/mpccucc) or
Subscribe to our Youtube page to watch our latest videos
(www.youtube.com/mpccucc)

*Contact our Church Office for more info
(323) 721-5568 mpccucc@gmail.com

Listen in to our Live Worship Service

1. Call: 1(669)900-9128
2. After the prompt, type in the meeting ID: 9474557406#
3. A second prompt will ask you to type in your participant ID or push #
4. Push #
5. You should be connected and will hear the audio on your phone

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