

## By Pastor Yukio Hamada

**I** also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."  
- Revelation 21:2-3

We live in a time of uncertainty and unrest and division. But, this was also true when Winston Churchill paraphrased Spanish philosopher, George Santyana in a 1948 speech to Parliament, "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." And, when we look back through

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history, humankind has kept repeating the chaotic patterns of history in violence, oppression, hatred, and fear. Will it ever end?

St. John in his Revelation says that the chaos will end. That's why I am hoping members of St. Timothy will consider joining our summer coffee hour Bible discussions on John's Revelation beginning in late June. This six-week discussion group will skim through the book and in the process will help participants to understand to whom John was writing and why. And, while some Christians have interpreted Revelation as an apocalyptic, end-of-the-world scenario, I think John wrote his Revelation as a book of hope and renewal.

Certainly, the "Left Behind" series from the 90s and the 2014 movie had focused on the "end times" as the "Late Great Planet Earth" by Hal Lindsey in the 1970s also did. In our study and discussions, we will certainly examine that apocalyptic portion of the Revelation. I hope we'll realize that many others in history have had similar interpretations, such as Martin Luther in the midst of the Reformation and probably others during the Black Plague, the World Wars, and other catastrophic times.

But, I hope the participants in our discussions will realize that, when we consider God's story - His story, history - from Genesis to Revelation, we will understand the Bible is not about the end of the world but about the fulfillment of God's kingdom. We all know that God created and all was good. But, we also know that, instead of living in



God's perfect garden, humankind chose to want to be like God and ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge. As a result we were separated from God's presence. The Bible is God's story of trying to get us back into that perfect relationship. John understood that and envisioned that reunion in Revelation.

These verses from Revelation 21 are John's vision of the creation of the new age. John envisioned a new holy city, a new dwelling place for God, a new Jerusalem descending from heaven, like a bride coming to meet her beloved with joy and hope and love. That's how John saw the future, not a future of war and violence and fear, but a future of love and hope and joy.

John's hope and our hope is to see God's kingdom descend into this world of chaos and turbulence, speaking into the darkness and proclaiming, "Let there be light," because where God is, there is light. And, even though we know that God's kingdom is not here yet, we do know that God's kingdom is here in the Body of Christ, now. And, we affirm that, when we confess, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints..." we are the Bride of Christ bringing the New Jerusalem into the darkness...

## Social Concerns

**Food Pantry:** We have truly been found and have been serving more and more people. Thanks to shoppers we are restocking, but it is a challenge. Donations of non perishable foods are welcome. With our plan for better signage our visitors may increase. We volunteers often have stories to tell from our conversations—just ask Jean, Sherry, Karen O., Gary, or Cheryl. We help so many. Our next food pick up from PFP is June 8th. We have great volunteers already.

**Snow-Cap:** We continue to collect and deliver egg cartons and gently used clothing.

**Our Just Future:** I attended a luncheon at their new housing, the Aurora, at 160th and Stark. This property was the former family shelter—so nice to see and hear about their work on building housing and working with 3 shelters.

**Cultivate Initiatives:** Our monetary support monthly and prayerful support is appreciated. Leslie McCartney and I went to their Meet and Greet at the Rest Village on May 24th. It was a great, enjoyable event with music, get to know bingo, kids space, and free food. Well done, Matt and crew. A reminder that God's Work, Our Hands will be at Cultivate in September.

Sherry

From Leslie:

Sherry and I had a lot of fun at the event. It was so sweet! It had the petting booth and balloons, free food and live music. We liked the music so much we checked it out for our picnic. We played bingo and met so many people.

**Relay for Life:** The only event this year is a luncheon honoring cancer survivors and caregivers on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (yes this is after church) from 12 to 2 at the Gresham Center for the Arts Foundation. The event will have the current queen of Rosaria, and a comedian, free food, and support for one another. You are invited as a caregiver even if person with cancer is deceased. Please come and enjoy.



Sylvia Dow was born on September 18th, 1926 in the small town of Vilna, Canada. She was the daughter of immigrants from Eastern Europe. Her mother's family arrived in 1913 for a land grant. They were hard working farmers, living in harsh conditions.

Her father worked for the Canadian National Railroad. He laid track and later maintained the tracks. Sylvia attended a one room school house, many of the students riding their horses to school. At 13 she worked at the town store, filling orders for the farmers who came into town on Saturdays. While still a teenager she moved to Edmonton, living with her aunt and uncle. She worked at the Mayfair golf course as a pie baker and tea hostess. While working for the bureau of Vital Statistics she changed her name from Sophie to Sylvia. Mom kept busy with work and her church's young peo-

ple's group. She met her husband, Robert Dow, marrying in 1947. Times were not easy and many moves followed. In Portland they bought a little house on Tibbetts Street. Sylvia worked 20 years for Fred Meyers as a fabric store manager. Sylvia was always able to make a friend in a new place. Retired and enjoying her friendships from church, work and Cascade Athletic Club Silver Sneakers. Her long time friend from work, Joanne, brought her to St. Timothy Church where she enjoyed many more friendships. At 94, she



left her home on Tibbetts for Powell Valley Assisted Living. This was difficult for her as she had such an independent spirit. She had friends from the past and many new ones. She enjoyed playing games and the fellowship of others. At 97 her health declined and she passed away on April 1, 2024.



Our mail box was broken and is being repaired. August 11 will be our church picnic day, grilling hamburgers and hotdogs with side dishes brought by the congregation. June 5th Sunday is for Relay for Life. October 5th Sunday is for Coats for Kids. December is still open. We are dropping the recycle container from our garbage service contract. We recycle cardboard and office paper. Two families have already volunteered to take these home to add to their own recycle pickup. You can help here, too!

## June Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	June 2	June 9	June 16 Father's Day	June 23	June 30
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>	<b>Pastor Curtis Zieske</b>	<b>Pastor Curtis Zieske</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>	<b>Pr. Yukio Hamada</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Tim H.</b>	<b>Tim H.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Cathy H.</b>	<b>Mary F.</b>	<b>Lisa S.</b>	<b>Cathy H.</b>	<b>Tim H.</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Steve &amp; LeAnn T.</b>	<b>Steve &amp; LeAnn T.</b>	<b>Gladys K. &amp; Greta C.</b>	<b>Ernie R. &amp; Allen P.</b>	<b>Gladys K. &amp; Greta C.</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Elaine S. &amp; Karen O.</b>	<b>Cathy H.</b>	<b>Candace O., Gladys K.</b>	<b>Elaine S. &amp; Karen O.</b>	<b>Cathy H.</b>
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Ernie</b>	<b>Mary F. &amp; Jean W.</b>	<b>Candace O. &amp; Cathy H.</b>	<b>Ernie R. &amp; Tim H.</b>	<b>Mary F. &amp; Jean W.</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>
<b>Care Coordinator</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>



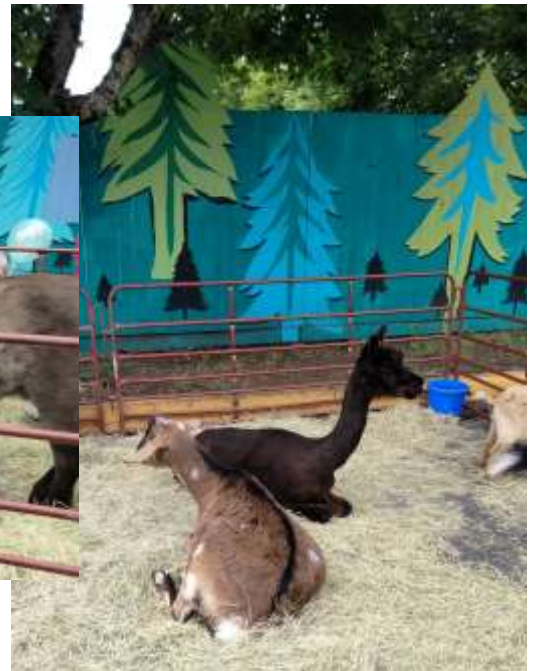
Pantry Shelves Empty?



Then we must be getting as much food to our neighbors as we can!

Next food drop from PDX Food Project is June 8, about 12:30 pm at St. Tim.

*Leslie and Sherry found a petting zoo at the 'Meet, Greet and Eat' sponsored by Cultivate Initiatives on 122nd and Burnside last week.*




Karen Ropar  
Amber Strutz  
Keegan Reilly  
Ernest Rippe  
Isabell Standley



*Photos of pantry: Gary Shannon  
Photos of petting zoo: Leslie McCartney*

# June 2024

St. Timothy News June 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Celebrating birthdays on June 9 at coffee time! Everyone can bring a baby picture to share!</p>						<p>1 <b>No</b> Property Work Party</p>
<p>2 Pentecost 2 9:20 am Choir practice <b>10 am Worship</b> Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>3 10 am—1 pm Office &amp; Food Pantry</p>	<p>4 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>5 10—1pm Office &amp; Food Pantry 1-2 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs</p>	<p>6 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits 12:30 pm PDX Food Project: bags from cars to pantry</p>
<p>9 Pentecost 3 9:20am Choir practice <b>10 am Worship</b> Guest Pastor Curtis Zieske Zoom available Celebrate Birthdays at Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>10 10 am—1 pm Office &amp; Food Pantry</p>	<p>11 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council meets</p>	<p>12 10am—1pm Office &amp; Food Pantry</p>	<p>13 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>16 Pentecost 4 Father's Day 9:20am Choir practice <b>10 am Worship</b> Guest Pastor Zieske Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>17 10 am—1 pm Office &amp; Food Pantry</p>	<p>18 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>19 10 am—1pm Office &amp; Food Pantry</p>	<p>20 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>23 Pentecost 5 9:20 am Choir practice <b>10 am Worship</b> Zoom available Coffee Time After church</p>	<p>24 10 am—1 pm Office &amp; Food Pantry</p>	<p>25 11 am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>26 10 am—1pm Office &amp; Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs</p>	<p>27 10am-1 pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>28 11 am Fourth Friday Pot-luck Lunch, Bingo</p>	<p>29 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits</p>
<p>30 Pentecost 6 9:20 am Choir practice <b>10 am Worship</b> Zoom available Coffee Time After church <u>5th Sunday offering for Relay for Life</u></p>	<p>Luncheon</p> 					

Please give to our 5th Sunday for June, **Relay for Life**,  
in support of the **American Cancer Society**  
**ACS Patient Programs and Services**

ACS/Relay for Life funds research to fight this disease and the following services.  
24/7 Cancer Helpline

Our helpline provides support for people dealing with cancer. We can connect you with trained cancer information specialists who will answer questions about a cancer diagnosis and provide guidance and a compassionate ear. Call us at 1-800-227-2345.

Lodging During Treatment

Getting the right treatment sometimes requires traveling away from home. We help reduce lodging expenses through our Hope Lodge® program, lodging grants to local healthcare system partners, and a partnership with Extended Stay America.

Navigation Support

ACS CARES™ (Community Access to Resources, Education, and Support) is a new program that connects people with quality curated information and one-on-one support.

Rides to Treatment

Road To Recovery volunteer drivers provide rides to patients who have no way to get to their cancer treatment. We also provide transportation grants to local healthcare systems partners.

Connecting Cancer Survivors

The Cancer Survivors Network provides a safe online connection where cancer patients and caregivers can find others with similar experiences.

Breast Cancer Support

You may want to connect with someone who knows what you're feeling – someone who has "been there." Through our Reach To Recovery website and app, you can match with a trained volunteer who is a breast cancer survivor.

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