

By Pastor Yukio Hamada

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

- John Steinbeck

Steinbeck's comment reminds us that the difficulties in our lives help us to appreciate the good things. That may be why, as Summer draws to a close, the Japanese celebrate their season of "O-Bon," to remember their ancestors with a festival of dancing and revelry and also, as the picture portrays, setting floating lanterns adrift into the open sea to symbolize the soul's

journey to eternity. Summer and O-Bon help the Japanese to recall all the good memories of loved ones and, even though the cold of winter is approaching, the Japanese realize that the warmth of summer memories can remain in their hearts.

Like the Japanese, most ancient cultures, including the Native Americans, understood that life is cyclical; whereas, so-called "modern" culture live as though life is linear - 2024 will be followed by 2025, then 2026, then 2027, and so on. **Ancient cultures recognized that birth, youth, adulthood, aging and death were the reality of human existence** and new life began with the birth of a child into the community.



The church has preserved the ancient way of cyclical thinking by adopting a liturgical calendar that reflects the seasonal cycle from the darkness of Winter to the birth of Spring to the warmth of Summer and to the beautiful colors of Fall. **The church calendar begins with Advent in the darkness of Winter with the promise of life and light.** And that light and life bursts into the world with Christmas and the birth of our Beautiful Savior. Epiphany reveals who this Savior is. But, then, Lent takes us through the dark valleys of life and Holy Week drags us down into the depths of the hopelessness of death. But, **then, Easter bursts forth into a Springtime of light and hope and new life and God's promise of second chances.** And, it doesn't end there. That is actually what some call the first semester, first half of the church year. The second half begins fifty days after Easter with the Festival of Pentecost, the birth of the church. Then, **in all the Sundays after Pentecost, we discover the many ways that Jesus worked through his people while teaching us through the Holy Spirit about forgiveness, compassion, acceptance, and love.** Pentecost shows us how the church was challenged in Bible times and helps us under-

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stand that today's church is facing our own obstacles and trials. But, more than anything, Pentecost lets us know that, despite those challenges, God is faithful and God is with us.

So, as Summer draws to its close and Americans get absorbed in Back to School shopping and return from vacation mode to work, **may we at St. Timothy approach this coming school year as a new beginning.** With God's Work Our Hands fast approaching on September 14 and trees beginning to change color and leaves falling, rather than dreading the cold and darkness, let us remember that Spring and Summer will return. God is the Lord of Life and brings life, light, and love to us. So, despite the difficulties of life, our faith will enable us to endure and to bounce back. Paul tells us in Romans, **"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."** So, John Steinbeck is right, the cold of winter can remind us of the sweetness of Summer; warmth like our faith helps us to face the challenges and to look forward to God's new day.

Social Concerns

Food Pantry: We continue to be very busy providing food for the community. A special thanks to all our members who have risen to the challenge of bringing food on Sunday. From July 1 to July 22, about 454.6 lbs. of food was brought to St. Tim. Still, we have a hard time keeping up. Our next delivery from Portland Food Project is August 10th. Volunteers are welcome at Portland Open Bible Church at 3223 SE 92nd Ave. where food is distributed and back at St Timothy to load into the pantry. We plan to assemble hygiene kits soon and would welcome help with that project, too. Jean Whitford has made copies of summer activities from the Portland city Parks and we

also have information about other pantries that are available.

Snow-Cap: We continue to deliver egg cartons and used clothing for families.

Cultivate Initiatives: We continue to support them and are gratified that they were able to provide clean-up around our property.

Candidates Forum: For those members who live in District 1 of the city of Portland, a forum sponsored by Centennial Community Association and East County Ministerial Association is scheduled for September 10 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Location will be determined soon.

Music in the Park: On August 3rd a special evening in Verdell Burdine Rutherford Park (16555 SE Mill Street) will have Barrio Mestizo band playing salsa, cha cha as well as a food cart beginning at 6:30pm. Come and join your community. The park has no parking, but the school next to it will be available to park. Sponsored by Centennial Community Association.



August Worship Services

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

	August 4	August 11 Church Picnic	August 18	August 25	
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	
Assistant	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Ray W.	
Lector	Lisa S.	Karen O.	Mary F.	Tim H.	
Usher	Ernie R. & Allen P.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Ernie R. & Allen P.	
Sunday Sch. Helper	Daniel R.	Greta C.	Karen O.	Cathy H.	
Communion	Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Cathy H.	
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	
Counters	Mary F. & Jean W.	Candace & Cathy	Ernie & Jean	Ray & Candace	
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	

WHAT'S FOR FAMILIES THIS SUMMER AT THE PARKS?

Lots of playing, arts creations, some free lunches, live music, movies and more!

Here is an example for a nearby park.

Events at Verdell Burdine Rutherford Park
1599 SE 167th Ave.

Monday, June 24th to August 23rd

Free Lunch + Play from 10 am—2 pm.

Meal times 11:30 am to 1 pm. Meals for 18 years and younger only. (no activities on July 4 and 5)

August 3rd 6:30-8:30 pm

Music in the park sponsored by Centennial Community Association, etc.

Salsa music by Barrio Mestizo, food carts, and information.

August 6th—9th

Arts in the Park activities 10 am - 2 pm

August 22nd

Portland Opera's Opera ala Cart

mobile truck 11:30 am to 1 pm

CHECK THE NARTHEX FOR SCHEDULES FOR PORTLAND PARKS' FREE EVENTS INCLUDING MOVIES AND SWIMMING

PLUS WE HAVE THE MUSIC MONDAYS LIST IN GRESHAM FOR JULY AND AUGUST


Church Picnic on August 11 after church

Ray Whitford
Rick Sam
Ato Ta'ale
Lisa Sanders
Allen Perhus
Mylie Jupp
Mau Ta'ale
Mike Reilly
Heide Gunzel
Tom Jasper
Elaine Scott
Chris Willmschen
Vai Ta'ale



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St. Timothy News August 2024

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am-1 pm Food Pantry	2 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	3 9—noon Property Work Party if weather per- mits
4 <i>Pentecost 11</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available <i>Coffee Time After church</i> Bible Study at coffee time	5 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	6 11 am- 1 pm Food Pantry	7 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10— 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs	8 10am-1 pm Food Pantry	9 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Ham- ada's office hrs	10 9—noon Work Party 12:30 pm PDX Food Project: bags from cars to pan- try
11 <i>Pentecost 12</i> 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available 	12 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	13 11 am- 1 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council meets	14 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hama- da's office hrs	15 10am-1 pm Food Pantry	16 <u>Noon</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>Committee</u> <u>meets</u>	17 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits
18 <i>Pentecost 13</i> 9:20am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available <i>Coffee Time After church</i> <i>Bring a picture of a vacation</i> Bible Study at coffee time	19 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	20 11 am- 1 pm Food Pan- try	21 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10 am—1:30 pm Pr. Hama- da's office hrs	22 10am-1 pm Food Pantry	23 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	24 9—noon Property Work Party if weather permits
25 <i>Pentecost 14</i> 9:20 am Choir practice 10 am Worship Zoom available <i>Coffee Time After church</i> Bible Study at coffee time	26 10 am— 1 pm Office & Food Pantry	27 11 am- 1 pm Food Pan- try	28 10—1pm Office & Food Pantry 10— 1:30 pm Pr. H.'s office hrs	29 10am-1 pm Food Pantry	30 10 am— 1:30 pm Pr. Hamada's office hrs	31 9—noon Property Work Party if weather per- mits



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