

Newsletter of the Ravenswood Fellowship UMC  
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Sunday School/Nursery Available

**Pastor** Rev. Linda Misewicz-Perconte

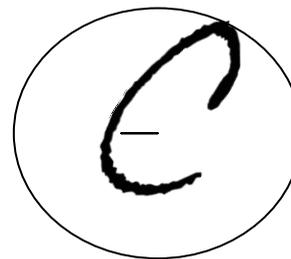
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This  IRCLE Made Especially For

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*  
*The People of the United Methodist Church*



# IRCLE

*We are a Christian community that celebrates diversity and values social justice. All who seek God, inclusive of age, race, economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and special needs, will find a place here.*

## **Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church**

June / July 2017

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Greetings and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ!

The season of summer brings heat, visits to ballparks and the Lake, 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnics, and summer reading. Here are some of the books I'm reading this summer:

**The Gift, Poems by Hafiz The Great Sufi Master**, translated by Daniel Ladinsky.

Hafiz was a Persian poet who lived from 1320-1389. He wrote an estimated 5000 poems.

"I am  
A Hole in a Flute  
That Christ's breath moves through –  
Listen to this  
Music."

"Sitting here  
Loving like this  
Alone again  
In God's valley  
After that magnificent storm  
Of your presence just  
Passed, ..."

Abraham Joshua Heschel ed. By Susannah Heschel

Dr. Heschel lived from 1907 – 1972. He was a professor of Ethics and Mysticism at Jewish Theological Seminary. He authored many books.

"We as a community are committed to learning as our daily bread and compassion is an essential sign of being a human." "see the glory of God in acts of daily celebration."

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**Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance** by Robert M. Pirsig,

Robert Pirsig was a writer and philosopher. He died in April 2017.

“My favorite scaling down exercise is cleaning up, one of the first warning signs of impatience is frustration at not being able to lay your hand on the tool you need...”

**Ephesians** – the NT letter attributed to the Apostle Paul but may have been authored by one of Paul’s colleagues.

It was written in the year 80 or 90. It tells us God has defeated death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are to live in the power of this promise that life is stronger than death. “Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the spirit.” Eph 2:22

All of my reading opens my eyes to the goodness of God in our lives. This goodness allows us to let our light shine.

God bless you in your activities this summer. May God’s face shine upon all near and far.

With thanks for meaningful and joyful reading!

Linda

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PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY

Sympathies and prayers to Jack Perconte’s family on the passing of his cousin Diane Schmidt.

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Did you know our church is on Facebook? Find our page “Ravenswood Fellowship United Methodist Church” and like us! We have also been working on our website which you can find at [www.ravenswoodfellowshipumc.org](http://www.ravenswoodfellowshipumc.org)

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NEWS TO YOU

- On Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed three new members to Ravenswood Fellowship UMC. They are Reid and Deborah Barwick and Dolan McMillan. We are so happy that you have joined our church family! Dolan has joined the choir a while back and we have enjoyed his vocal contributions immensely!
- Congratulations to Ashish Singh, son of Rev. Ernest Singh, who was ordained at this years annual conference.
- Stay tuned: our Lay Leader, Donna Sagami, will share about annual conference during worship service at a future date this summer.
- The choir will sing special anthems on June 18<sup>th</sup> and then take the summer off. If you are interested in joining the choir in the Fall, please see Jonathan for info.
- Sunday school will also be on break until September. We will have special children’s bulletins on Sundays so please bring the kids to worship service!

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SPECIAL THANKS

- Many thanks to all who came out to help with our Spring Clean-Up on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>. There are always many small tasks that need to be taken care of as well as the bigger repairs waiting for attention. The church always looks nicer after clean-up day!

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We will be serving with the Night Ministry in Humboldt Park on July 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to assist after worship service, we could use help in assembling the sandwich suppers. Please see Lisa Dyer or Lisa Goodman if you have any questions.

## Thank You from Duo Yumeno

Dear Pastor Linda,

Thank you for hosting Duo Yumeno's seventh Chicago concert recently. The first RFUMC concert was an important starting point in their career as a duo so it's always wonderful for them to return. Please thank the members of the congregation for their support and give our special thanks to all who contributed to the fabulous reception. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Warmest regards,

Yasuyaki (Tom) and Donna

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Please visit our new website, designed  
by Isamu and Dave Handwerk, at  
[www.ravenswoodfellowshipumc.org](http://www.ravenswoodfellowshipumc.org)

## A Thank You note from Charlotte

Dear Friends at RFUMC,

Thank you so much for your kind send-off and well wishes. I greatly appreciate the personalized traveling communion set and look forward to using it as I answer God's call. Thank you also for the gift which I used to purchase my first set of pastoral robes. Thank you for everything in these past two years.

Sincerely,

Charlotte



## *BIRTHDAYS*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Craggs
4 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Lawlor Hisako Nishimoto
6 <sup>th</sup>	George Eng
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jarrett Fujii
8 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Bhonsley Alexander Stevenson
13 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Davis
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Govas Dorothy Itter
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Myers
19 <sup>th</sup>	Suresh Bhonsley Robert Haan
20 <sup>th</sup>	John Patrick Logsdon
21 <sup>st</sup>	Emery Lawrence Saba Lawrence
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Hiratsuka Maxwell Sloan
24 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Linda Misewicz-Perconte
25 <sup>th</sup>	Billy Agnew
27 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Johnson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Murata

Happy Birthday  
to All!

Please stop downstairs and visit

# Midori Market

A gift shop featuring  
**Fair Trade,  
Repurposed,  
Recycled,  
Eco Friendly,  
Vintage and New  
Jewelry and Gifts**

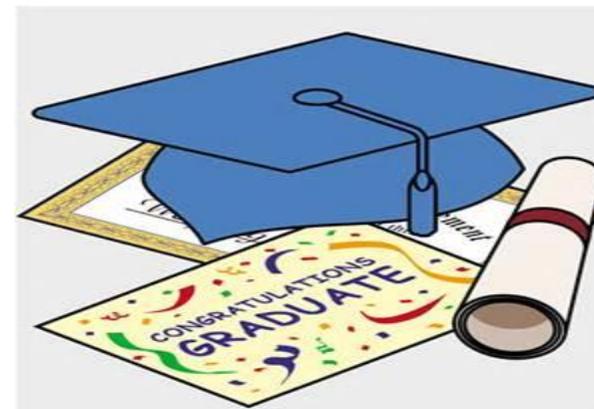


NOTE SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS!  
Mondays-closed, Tues./Wed.-10:00am-1:00pm  
Thurs./Fri.-9:30am-12:30pm  
Until August 31

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING and STRENGTH

Helen Kuwashima, Ann Warnecke, Jane Ogasawara, Lisa Goodman's grandson Hank, George Eng, Nora Yoshimura, Merle Kaneko, Diana Dinager, Steve Hines (cousin of Jack Welch) who is battling leukemia, Steve Johnson (grandson of Rev. Bill Johnson), Rosalie Brozik, Arnold Watanabe, Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Barbara Sechrest, Cristeta Villamin (Angelina's sister), Kane Senda, Tom Shinsato, Robert Omachi, Susan Schroeder, Georgia Chilton, Russell Johnson, Sho Fukawa, Chiyo Omachi



Congratulations to our graduates Lauren (Nikki) Buscato, Michael Sierakowski and Max Sloan. Nikki has graduated from George Washington University in Washington DC with a degree in Anthropological Biology and will be teaching for "Teach for America" right here in Chicago. Michael graduated from Walter Payton College Prep High School and Max graduated from Notre Dame College Prep.



Sunday School will be on summer break until September. Thank you for joining us this year, enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you again in the Fall!

*Thank you Ms. Cheryl!!!*



## NEWS FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

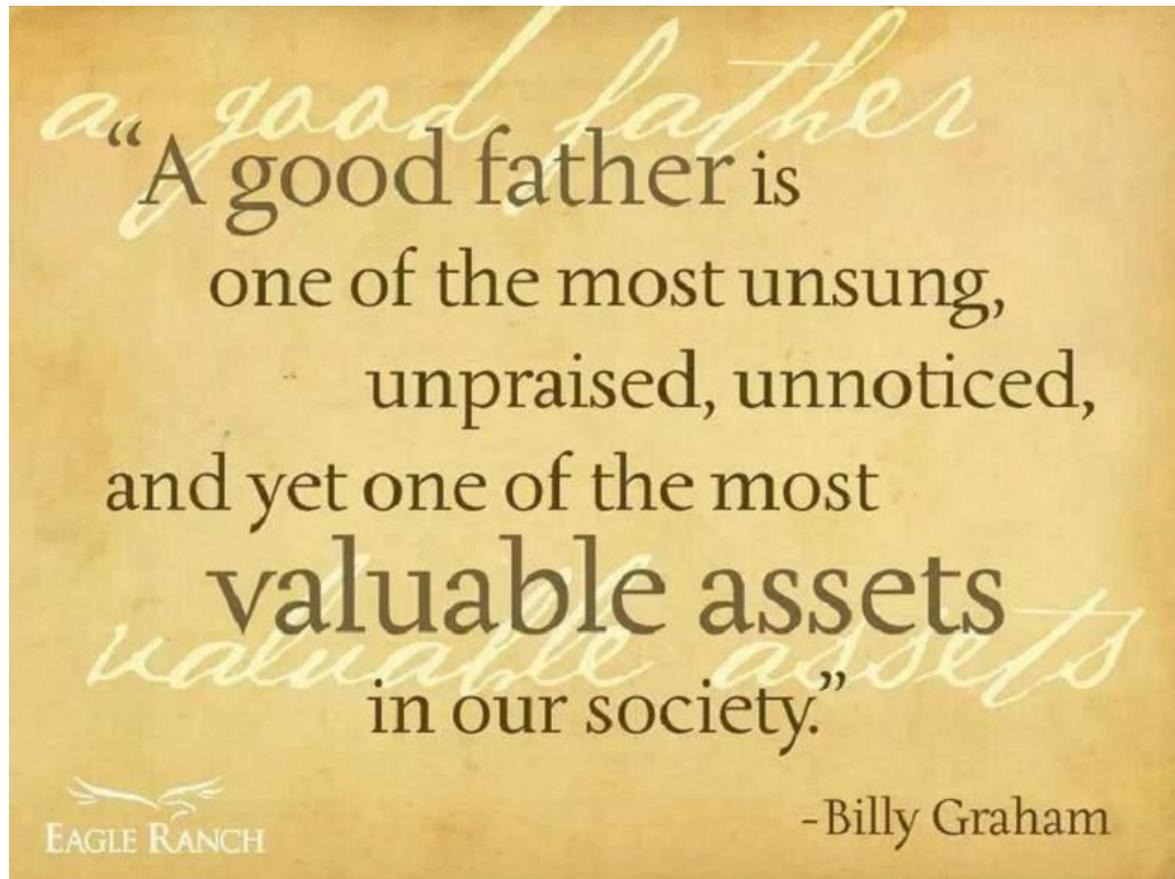
by Donna Sagami

I am going to try to give you regular news in the circle newsletter. Here are some highlights:

1. Annual conference was held June 4-6 at pheasant run in st. Charles. I'll be sharing some news from the conference during service July 16. Biggest news to me was our reorganization.
2. A new ministry program I'm in the process of rolling out is a meal ministry aimed at our members who don't have the time or desire to prepare meals every day. I'll announce the week we will have these individually portioned meals for sale at church. The meals will feature a guest chef-a member or someone known to our congregation, and we'll make a set number of portions. The proceeds will benefit our new latinex ministry and our apportionments.
3. Lay academy will be held in the fall this year, on September 16 & 23. Location will be advised later-but please consider attending to further your Christian education.
4. Now that we have some new members in the choir, this is a perfect time to join. You will be able to sing next to someone who can show you the ropes. Think about over the summer and hope to see you in the fall when we start up.
5. There may be a chance for our church to provide the meal for 25-50 youth at Youth Lounge at Broadway UMC. I'll let you know- I hope you can support it with your gifts-time, money, labor. All of this are needed and appreciated! See me for details.

We'll, that's it for now. On to summer!

Donna Sagami



**THEN THEY CAME FOR ME.**

**INCARCERATION OF JAPANESE AMERICANS DURING WWII AND THE DEMISE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES**

COMING JUNE 2017

*Then They Came for Me* will examine a difficult and painful episode in the history of the United States when our government forcibly removed and incarcerated thousands of American citizens simply for being born Japanese American. Through an exploration of art, artifacts, and programming, *Then They Came for Me* will invite comparisons between this dark chapter in America's past and current political events. **The exhibition will be free and open to the public.**

Alphawood Gallery  
2401 North Halsted Street  
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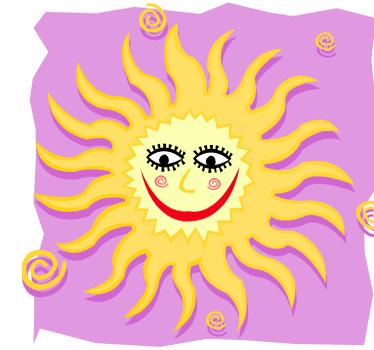
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DOROTHEA LANGE TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA MAY 2, 1942

Then They Came for Me: Incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII and the Demise of Civil Liberties, debuting Thursday, June 29 and continuing through November 19, 2017. Then They Came for Me at the Alphawood Gallery (2401 North Halsted Street, Chicago) is free and open to the public.

Then They Came for Me examines a dark episode in U.S. history when, in the name of national security, the government incarcerated 120,000 citizens and legal residents during World War II without due process or other constitutional protections to which they were entitled. Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, set in motion the forced removal and imprisonment of all people of Japanese ancestry (citizens and non-citizens alike) living on or near the West Coast. During this 75th anniversary year of Executive Order 9066, we look back at this shameful past to learn lessons for our present and future in the face of new challenges created by fearmongering and racism at the highest levels of government.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amelia Graham
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ashley Wilson
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Hidaka Kathy Richards
8 <sup>th</sup>	Shigemi Hasegawa
9 <sup>th</sup>	Merle Kaneko
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ine Fujimoto Patricia Logsdon
13 <sup>th</sup>	Valerie Yoshimura
17 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Ogasawara
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Wolf
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Frances Fort
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Constance Long
28 <sup>th</sup>	Yuko Inoue-Darcy
30 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Johnson Lisa Goodman Kira Fujii
31 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Perconte

*Happy Birthday to all!*

