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To My Mother

Because I feel that, in the Heavens above,
The angels, whispering to one another,
Can find, among their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of “Mother,”

Edgar Allen Poe

Peace and Blessings,

This month we celebrate Mother’s Day. In this midst of a worldwide pandemic, the collective act of pausing to honor mothers offers a much-needed respite to the new life rhythms that we have been forced to adopt. In fact, in a time when there is so much division in this world, there is great comfort in being able to commemorate the almost universally recognized significance of mothers. Even Poe, the brilliant writer better known for the macabre imaginations contained in his more Gothic works, cannot help but let his pen soar with heavenly notions of whispering angels when recalling the love that one experiences from “Mother.”



During this month, we recall the story of Anna Jarvis, the Methodist woman and activist whose dogged advocacy led to the national holiday of Mother’s Day in 1911. Over one hundred years later, I am excited to see how this legacy will be creatively expressed throughout the world through social media and other innovative technologies that have been utilized to great effect during these challenging times.

In this month, I honor the great mothers who have birthed in me the inner resilience to pursue my dreams, the ethical wisdom to ensure I make an impact on the lives of others to whom I am intrinsically connected, and a spiritual tradition of hope that sustains my loftiest of aims.

I am particularly thankful for my mother, Alice Pumphrey Evans, whose loving care is boundless as she effortlessly embodies thoughtfulness and presence. I am also thankful for my wife, Kawami Evans; expressing my gratitude to God for the privilege of having a front row seat to how she parents our daughter with intelligence, grace, heart, and vision.

As we continue to move deeper into this Easter season, let us remember not only our mothers, but all the women who have played a pivotal role in making our world a better place. Far too often, their stories remain silenced, neglected, or untold. However, to that regard, it would be wise to evoke Poe once again and say... “Nevermore, nevermore, nevermore...”

By Pastor Mahsea Evans



As May is Asian American and Pacific Islander month, I would like to highlight the World War II 442nd Regimental Combat Team [RCT] whose troops were composed solely of Japanese Americans. In November 2011 the Congressional Gold Medal was presented collectively to all surviving servicemen and families of those deceased who served in the US Army's 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team [RCT] and the Military Intelligence Service [MIS], collectively known as the Nisei soldiers of World War II ["Nisei" is the Japanese term for the second generation established and born here in the U.S. The Issei, my grandparents, who came from Japan, were the first generation established here].



Henry Keizo Sakaguchi

My dad, Henry Keizo Sakaguchi, two of his brothers and my mom's two brothers were part of the 442nd RCT and the MIS. My dad and one of his brothers were able to attend the ceremony on Nov. 2, 2011 to receive the Congressional Gold Medal and to receive in memory for their other brother, the Silver Star medal. My dad and his 9 siblings were all born and raised in or near the rural town of Brighton, Colorado. My grandfather owned his own farm and during the war hosted various Japanese American families coming from California, some of whom were trying to avoid the internment camps. Eventually an internment camp was established by the Federal government in Colorado [Camp Amache]. Although the Colorado governor at the time, Ralph Carr, could not prevent this action, he refused to inter any Colorado resident of Japanese ancestry. He, of course, paid a career ending price for this and is honored by the Japanese American community for his courageous moral and compassionate act.

SOME HISTORICAL DATA

- ◆ Over 110,000 Japanese Americans on the West Coast were forced into internment camps.
- ◆ Japanese Americans living in Hawaii wanting to sign up for the military found that the Army initially declared them ineligible to serve.
- ◆ Despite an atmosphere of fear, hostility and prejudice, over 30,000 young Japanese Americans from Hawaii and the Mainland would eventually serve with the military.
- ◆ Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, 1,400 Japanese American soldiers from the Hawaiian National Guard formed the **100th INFANTRY BATTALION**. Initially unattached to any regiment, this segregated unit faced prejudice and distrust until they were called to action on the battlefields of Europe.
- ◆ The performance of the 100th Infantry Battalion convinced government officials that Japanese Americans were not only trustworthy in combat but exemplary. In March 1943 the 442nd **REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM** was formed with 3,000 Japanese American volunteers. Ironically many of the men who answered this patriotic call were from internment camps.
- ◆ In June 1944 the 442nd merged with the battle hardened 100th Infantry Battalion. The combined unit served valiantly in Italy and France and became the most highly decorated unit in U.S. military history for its size and length of service. **See BY THE NUMBERS**
- ◆ **MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE [MIS]** – Japanese American servicemen in this unit made vital contributions to the victory in the Pacific war and the successful occupation of Japan. This select group of soldier-linguists used their understanding of Japanese language and culture to translate captured documents, monitor enemy transmissions and interrogation of prisoners of war.

BY THE NUMBERS [the most highly decorated unit in U.S. military history]:

- ◆ 33,000 – number of Japanese Americans who served in the US Armed Forces during World War II.
- ◆ 800 – number of Japanese Americans killed or missing in action
- ◆ 7 Presidential Unit Citations
- ◆ 21 Medals of Honor
- ◆ 29 Distinguished Service Crosses
- ◆ 560 Silver Stars
- ◆ 4,000 Bronze Stars
- ◆ 9,486 Purple Hearts

In November 2013, my dad and his brother, Goro, also received the French Foreign Legion of Honor medal

TWO MAJOR BATTLES

Rescue of the Lost Battalion. When members of the 141st Infantry became trapped behind enemy lines in the Vosges mountains of France in late October 1944, the men of the 100th/442nd were sent to rescue them. After six days of intense combat, the "lost battalion" was saved but hundreds of Japanese American soldiers died in the process. *My dad was one of the troops involved in this battle.*

Gothic Line. In one of the war's most amazing assaults, the 100th/442nd scaled a steep mountain stronghold known as the Gothic Line. The men climbed in complete darkness and surprised the enemy in the early morning hours of April 5, 1945. With Company A in the lead, they advanced against German machine gun nests. As one soldier dropped, another took his place until the impregnable line was broken.

MOTTO

"Go for Broke" was the motto for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which is Hawaiian slang for "shooting the works," or risking everything for the big win in gambling – as the Nisei soldiers did while fighting in the field in World War II and facing prejudice at home in the U.S.

QUOTES FROM SOME VETERANS

"By the time we got near Dachau there was virtually no resistance. It was just going in and occupying the territory. As we got near Dachau, especially at the site or near there, there were a lot of prisoner along the road. Many were dead. They were really emaciated with wearing the purple and dark striped suits. And there were others who were virtually skin and bones who would be begging food from us and jumping into garbage pits where we'd dump our food to eat that." Dr. Susumu "Sus" Ito

522nd Field Artillery Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team
Born in Stockton, CA

"Those days in basic training taught me a lot about my heritage . . . I don't think there was ever the closeness in those other outfits as we had in the 442nd. There was never a guy who didn't finish the march." Sam Terasaki

A Company, 100th Infantry Battalion
Born in Denver, CO

"I lived life to honor those we lost – Go for Broke!" James "Jimmy" Yamane

I Company, 442nd Regimental Combat Team
Born in Payson, Utah

My dad, who was with the headquarters battery of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, also told us the same thing about his experience at Dachau as Sus Ito described above.

All of the above data and quotes are from a photography exhibit "Portraits of Courage," photographs by Shane Sato. Here is what he said about the exhibit:

"I have been photographing Japanese American Nisei veterans for the past 18 years. I started this project because I wanted to photograph veterans in an artistic way and share the stories that needed to be remembered for the next generation. The Nisei almost universally never talked about their war experiences, so I felt it was necessary to share what they could not.

. . . Whether they were fighting on the battlefield or imprisoned in "camps," the inner fortitude or "goman" they showed was stronger than steel. My goal is for people to feel inspired by the triumphs of the Nisei, and also show the complex range of emotions these men must have felt fighting for this country – a country that did not fight for them." Shane Sato

Go for Broke Spirit, by Shane Sato and Robert Horsting

My dad passed away in January last year at the age of 98. At his memorial service in February, when my friend's father, [who was in the Military Intelligence Service of the 442], came up with others to take his turn to offer incense and bow in reverence to my dad's photo and burial urn on the altar, he then stood up straight and saluted.

Tom Koshio also passed away later in November of last year. I will never forget that great gesture of honor, remembrance and brotherhood.

GO FOR BROKE!

Jan Sechrist



Henry Keizo Sakaguchi

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

FRONT

BACK





One Childcare Attendant Wanted

First Church Roseville has an opening for one childcare attendant. The childcare attendant will provide a safe, friendly, and pleasant environment during worship service (8:45 - 11:45 a.m.) and other designated times within the Roseville First United Methodist Church for children from infancy through age 6 years. Typical duties include opening the childcare area each Sunday; ensuring that all children are signed in/out by parent/guardian; leading children in age-appropriate activities such as music, crafts, and story reading; and clean and sanitize infant/toddler toys each week. General job qualifications are completion of a job application providing employment references; preferred two years paid experience as a childcare provider; must pass a pre-employment criminal background check; and ability to lift 50 pounds. Salary is \$15.70 per hour. If interested or know someone who might be, please send resume and contact: Dennis Bull, Staff/Parish Relations Committee chairperson at DWBull4@gmail.com or 630-781-6110.

Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics: March
 Income March 2020: \$ 10,807.84
 Expenses March 2020: \$ 12,829.35
 Net Income March 2020: **\$1,466.02**

Basic Yearly Statistics 2020
 YTD Income: \$37,435.37
 YTD Expense: \$43,450.19
 Net Income: **\$6,014.82**

March Worship Attendance &/or Online Views
Total: 477
Average: 95.4

During this time of closure please remember to mail your tithes and offerings to
FUMC Roseville
109 Washington Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95678
Or
 You are now able to go online to set up your account to make direct contributions using your checking account or a credit card.
 Go to:
<https://www.churchtrac.com/donate?ui=9914464F>
Or
 use the QR codes below

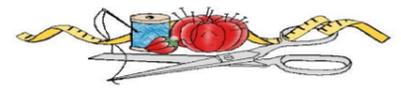


Church expenses continue whether or not we are able to meet. We currently are experiencing approximately a \$2,000.00 a month short fall. So please do your best to support the church until we can resume services. The lunch program for the homeless continues as well as sheltering the Gathering Inn once a month.

Together, with God's help, we will be able to weather this storm. Stay well my family! God Bless!



3 C's Invite You to Join Us!
 By Barbara Hulse & Susan Reining



The 3 c' 's have been given an abundant gift of fabric, yarn and various sewing supplies from Sierra Pointe when they did some cleaning out of their storage. When the 3 c's meet again they will incorporate it into their inventory. Donations are always appreciated. Some members are working on projects at home during the shelter-in home order. We are looking forward to being able to be at church once again.

Blessings,
 Barbara Hulse & Susan Reining



UMW has canceled all meetings until further notice. We pray all of you stay safe and well during this time. Blessings, Shelly Newton, Linda Kennedy, & Nancy Bray

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST CHRISTOPHER GALVIN**
DONNA DAMMANN
- 4TH GARY MC ROBERTS**
- 5TH IGNAZIO "IGGY" SANTIAGO**
- 6TH PHOEBE ASTILL**
- 7TH MARY BUSKIRK**
- 8TH TERRI LYLE**
- 12TH DECLAN WILLIAMS**
- 17TH KATHLEEN MIRTONI**
- 18TH HILDEE GALVIN**
- 21ST ELIZABETH HARVEY**
DONNA HALL
- 22ND GAIL PROVINE**
- 24TH NANCY BALENZANO**
- 27TH ASHLEY RIPLEY**
- 28TH NORMAN EGGERT**
- 31ST DAVE SECHRIST**

FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

- Pastor—Mahsea Evans
- Lay Leader—Sandy Williams
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- Staff Parish Chair— Dennis Bull
- Mission Outreach— Kathleen Mirtoni
- Memorial— Barbara Schwartz
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- Congregational Care— Gail Provine
- Music Director— John Handley
- Communications— Kristi Kinzel
- Lay Leadership Training— Kristi Kinzel



April recycle was canceled. Please keep saving your recyclables to bring in on the Second Saturday of Every Month 9-11 AM in the parking lot as soon as "shelter-in" has been lifted. Every Little Bit Counts! Thank you to all those who contribute! Don Harris



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
Prayer Chain Monitor Needed

Lorri Brady has responded to this opportunity to serve and has volunteered to be our new monitor for our email prayer requests. Thank you, Lorri! Also a big thank you to Cathe Moody who has served us so well in this important area of ministry. Thank you also to Ellen Lopez for being our telephone prayer chain monitor. You are all greatly appreciated!

* Please send prayer requests to RosevilleFUMCPrayers@gmail.com