



## SERVING YOUR CHURCH

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Masthead art: Shingo Nishiura  
 Heart Mountain, WWII

## ALDERSGATE

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It's said that time stands still for no one. A few months before Pearl Harbor was attacked, California Ushiro married Jay Sasagawa's sister, Bessie, in a ceremony held at an early version of Aldersgate, the Page Mill Methodist Church.

Bessie wore white lace and carried orchids. Ushiro, a graduate of Stanford, was interning at San Francisco General Hospital, an experience he would put to good use in France during WWII. Ushiro would soon become a surgeon for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

He landed in Italy on May 29, 1944 and returned to the states in mid 1946. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Medical Badge for his service.

"We all are called by God and by history and by conscience to make our nation free and fair," said President Joe Biden on Memorial Day. "If we do our duty, then ages still to come will look back on us and say that we, too, kept the faith."

Ushiro and his new family kept that faith, regardless of the challenges that faced them. He survived the war and raised his family, including his granddaughter, Andrea Imazeki-Miyahara. He and Bessie are buried at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto.



## Roger's Last Sermons, Vacation and Preparations for Farewell

On Sunday, June 27, we will be hosting an event for Rev. Roger and Chris to say thank you for all of their contributions to Aldersgate over the past 20 years. If you are interested in attending, we require that you sign-up in advance. No drop-ins allowed.

Sign-ups for specific 30-minute time slots (between 10 AM to 1 PM) will be available online. Unfortunately, due to COVID, we need to manage the number of attendees that are present at one time. (Max. 30 people per time slot)

We are expecting many people to attend and say a word of thanks, please arrive and check-in at your reserved time and exit the courtyard at the end of your time to make space for the next group of guests.

TIME SLOTS: Masks required  
10am to 10:30 FULL - not available

10:30am to 11am: Fully vaccinated only (limited number of slots available)

11am to 11:30: Anyone (lots of space available)  
Noon to 12:30: Anyone (lots of space available)  
12:30pm to 1pm: Anyone (lots of space available)

**If you cannot register online, contact Lori Wong at [lori\\_wong@yahoo.com](mailto:lori_wong@yahoo.com) or 650-279-2788.**

## Memorial Service for Tak Nishiura

**Saturday, June 19 • 11am**

A Memorial Service for Tak Nishiura will be held on the **church patio and also through Zoom**. We request attendees be fully vaccinated and masks will be required. **Space is limited so sign-ups are required.** To attend in person, please RSVP to Rev. Roger at [RVM878@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RVM878@GMAIL.COM) or call at 650 575-2250. The Zoom info will be coming in the future.

## Special Gifts!

### Donations April 21 to May 31

Tomoko Ozawa  
Paul and Patty Sakuma  
Joyce Hikido  
Frances Tamura  
Sachiyo Yamasaki  
Harry and Syd Hatasaka  
Steve and Marice Shiozaki  
David Nelson and Jeanne Shizuru  
Judy Wong

**In memory of Kiyo Shizuru**  
Mike McCray

**In memory of Yasuko Befu**  
Jon Befu

**In memory of Kimi Tsukushi**  
Sachiyo Yamasaki

**In memory of Art Wong**  
Judy Wong

**In memory of Sylvia Hirose**  
David and Hiroko Yoshida

**In memory of Shingo-Chiyoko-Takao**  
Frank and Kumi Nishiura

**Easter**  
Harry and Syd Hatasaka

**Bazaar**  
Steve and Marice Shiozaki  
Judy Wong

### PAYPAL from Apr 21 to May 31

Alice Bowden  
Family Medicine & Lactation  
Joan Haratani  
Herb Gong  
Lori Mackenzie  
Joy Nakamura  
Ed Nieda  
Patsy Obayashi  
Brynn Saito  
Janelle Shiozaki  
Chris Takimoto  
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The monthly printed newsletter will be coming out at the beginning of the month, versus the middle, which is why you are receiving it shortly after the previous newsletter.