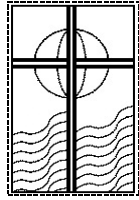


YOKOHAMA UNION CHURCH: GOOD NEWS



Winter 2016
CHURCH NEWS

LENTEN Preaching Series: JONAH

Jan 10-March 20: Calling all visual arts and crafts people for works based on Jonah; be inspired by scripture then draw, paint, craft - help us to imagine. **Due March 13** for inclusion in the display.



Good Friday Worship
Friday, March 25, 7:00PM

Easter Celebration
Sunday, March 27, 10:30AM

WE WELCOME TO YUC

By Baptism: **Nahoko Takahashi**
By Associate Membership: **Missy Hart**

Next Membership Sunday is April 3

While the word "member" is not found in the Bible, we believe it is a Biblical concept and encourage people to consider taking this step. Membership tells us who has committed themselves to this local part of the Body of Christ, who shares a commitment to our ministry and who is committed to the other members of the Body. In turn, we depend on members to lead and share in the Church's ministry and mission.

What do we expect of members? It includes responsible membership, worship, study, witness, fellowship and stewardship. There is a four-part baptism and new member class. Speak with the pastors for more information.

MISSION NEWS

YUC supports three mission agencies that support foreigners in Japan: Asian Rural Institute (ARI) Tokyo English Life Line (TELL) and Donkey House (a local homeless ministry of the Kyodan). See the hallway bulletin board for more information about each of these missions.

Mission offering 2015: Y240, 056

60,000 to TELL, ARI, Donkey

A TELL counseling room at YUC - used weekly

60,000 for emergency Disaster Fund

54 gift boxes for Samaritan's Purse - Nov 15

Months of May & October 2016

Clothing collections for ARI & Donkey House

The YUC Choir & Friends present with Joy

THE MESSIAH

Saturday, February 27, 2:00PM

At St. Maur International School Hall

Tickets: Y2,000 advance

Y2,500 at the door - free seating

Tickets available at church or <http://eplus.jp>

Orchestra: Soli Deo Gloria Ensemble



Saturday, April 30, 10AM-3PM

1. Calling for "Table Sales" - *you or friends*

2. Calling for music performers - *you or friends*

Application forms are available on the church website - due Feb 26

Questions? annayan@yokohamaunionchurch.org

PURPOSE: Outreach to our neighbors, 10% to our Mission offering and a Building Loan Fundraiser. Sign-up lists are available - *you don't have to be a member to sign-up for working on the day*

2015 Tax letters for Americans: Speak with Darlene, Church Treasurer, to get your letter.

***Remember the church calendar is now on the church website and weekly bulletin.

FROM THE PASTORS: Thank you for all the cards and gifts over the holiday season. They certainly encourage us.

Learn more about what is happening at YUC

<https://www.facebook.com/yuc.official>

Japan Bible Society Lectures

(both lectures are in Japanese)

Dr. Yoji Urano: Beyond Cultures:

Meaning between the lines in the Bible

Friday, March 11 18:00-20:00PM (120 people)

Mel Park Hotel 2F, Room Kohaku

Email: info@bible.org

Dr. Garam Bayajargal with Japanese translation

Toward Translation of the Bible into the

Mongolian Language from the original language

Friday March 18, 15:00-17:00PM

Ginza Church, 5F meeting room

Application deadline: 3/11 (100 people)

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Training in Kingdom Living

NEW on Sunday Mornings

- What?** Prayer Time during Sunday School
When? 2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30-10:15AM
Where? In the Sanctuary
Who? Leaders Missy Hart & Nozomi Brownell
Why? Prayer for YUC and you

Two conditions for attendance:

1. No entering the group after the 9:30AM start
2. Absolute confidentiality of prayer requests

Children & Worship for 3-7 year olds

NEW Weekly starting in February



YOKOHAMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A member school of the

Association of Christian Schools, International (ACSI)

Registration is available throughout the year.

For children 2 years old - 3rd grade.

Quality YCS T-shirts for sale

Child size (dark green): Y1,200

Adult size (Black): Y1,500

Black apron: Y2,000

Old preschool t-shirts - light green Y500

Website: school.yokohamaunionchurch.org
<https://www.facebook.com/Yokohama-Christian-School-1195426670485002>

STEWARDSHIP@YUC

Yokohama Union Church is a *self-supporting congregation* and an associate member of the National Christian Council in Japan. Please contact the church office for weekly offering envelopes.

Offering Report 2015

Budget Goal: Y206,000/week

2015 Ave/week: Y175,078; \$29

2015 Mission Offerings: Y240,056

Building Loan payments: 2.4 months available



finance.school@yokohamaunionchurch.org

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BUILDING LOAN FUND?

Monthly loan payments on the 15th-- Y106,000

Remaining loan is Y3,446,276 (done Dec 2018)

Yokohama Shinyo Kinko main 本店 code 01

Account #626311.

(シュウ) ヨコハマユニオンキョウカイ。

Prayerfully consider a regular or one-time offering.

Building Repair Fund: Donations to support the up-keep and repairs of the building.

WEEK DAY CLASSES AT THE CHURCH

Open to all -- Contact the office for more information

WHAT?	FOR WHO?
Violin Lessons	Tuesday 4+
DaVinci English Class	Several days: 7-12 year olds
Piano Lessons	Friday: 3+-adult
FiSH English	Wed & Sat: 6+-adults
Calligraphy	Sat afternoons: 6+

CHURCH STAFF

Co-Pastors: Rev. Ken Saito & Rev. Linda Schmidt

School Head: Rev. Linda Schmidt

Minister to Children & Youth: Nozomi Brownell

Receptionist/Secretary: Tamaki Nagasawa

Bookkeeper: Hiro Fujita

Music Coordinator: Michiko Okuhara

Choir Director: Jesse Astalos Choir Sec: Satoko Suzuki

Board Meeting Highlights for January 2016

- 1. Administrative:** Board positions for 2016
Hanko holder: Pastor Ken **Secretary:** Pastor Linda
Treasurer: D. Nomura **Worship:** M. Okuhara
Property: J. Canaday **PRC:** Darlene Nomura
Christian Nurture: open **Outreach:** M. Yeo
 Requirements for Board members: must be a spiritually mature church member and attend worship regularly
- 2. Worship & Christian Nurture:** The 154th church anniversary on March 13--celebration with cake; we continued the discussion "What is the Christian Education ministry at YUC?" Children & Worship will be every Sunday starting in February
- 3. Mission:** Spring Fair approved; Anna Yan coordinator
- 4. Property:** A visit from the Soshin Girl's School Chancellor and Board of Trustees chair to continue the discussion about the signage request - approved moving forward with planning
- 5. Financial:** Board continues to study stewardship in the Bible; discussed the bookkeeper's report, and thanked God's provision in the Shinkin account for the Building loan. ****Meetings are usually on the 4th Saturday, 2-5PM.**

YUC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30AM to 5:00PM

Please leave a message if no one is available



am the
RESURRECTION
 and the
LIFE.

He who
 believes in
 me will
LIVE,
 even though
 he dies.

John 11:25