



THE TRYLON

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OCTOBER 2024

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS HERE!

Saturday, October 12th

Hartzell
Fellowship Hall

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



THE SPOOKTACULAR RETURNS!!



SUNDAY, October 27th is
COSTUME SUNDAY!

Lots of good food and pumpkin
carving awaits after our Sunday
worship.

Join us in the Lounge for some
hauntingly good food and
fellowship.

A Message from PASTOR JAE

“Immersing Ourselves in the Colorful Season of Autumn!”



” After a long summer of warm and hot days, Yang and I planned a little break in mid-October to refresh and recharge. When I asked her what she had in mind for the trip, I was stunned by her response: 'I want to try trail trekking in the mountains around Mammoth Lakes and Tioga Pass.' Wow! What an adventurous spirit she is! She wants to do a few backpacking trips in the backcountry of

the Sierra Nevada, immersing herself in the colorful autumn foliage. I'm amazed and energized by her excitement!

I am thrilled to walk into this new month of October, which is the season of Autumn and harvest. As we witness the vibrant transformation of nature and the fruits of the harvest, what if we reflect on the seeds of faith and hope that we have planted in our seasons of Spring and Summer?



October invites us not only to admire the changing leaves but to remember that God also allows renewal and harvest for us in this season. “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains” (James 5:7).



A Japanese poet, Toyo Shibata, published a poetry collection three years before passing away at the age of 102. After the death of her husband, who was a chef, Shibata began writing poetry at the age of 92 and eventually published a collection of poems. The title of the collection was “くじけないで (kujike naide, *Don't Give Up*)” which she published using 1 million yen (about 7,000 dollars) that

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she had saved for her funeral expenses. The poem “Don’t Give Up” goes like this:

You know, don’t sigh just because you’re unhappy
The sunshine and the gentle breeze aren’t one-sided
Dreams can be dreamed equally
I’ve had my share of hardships too, but I’m glad to be alive
You too, don’t give up

In Japan, selling 10,000 copies of a book is considered successful, and her collection sold an astonishing 1.58 million copies. Her poems were a great encouragement to the Japanese people, who were in the midst of the “Lost 20 Years,” a period of economic recession. When people are struggling, they can gain great strength even from a single word of encouragement from the wisdom of an elderly person’s life.

As we experience the richness of autumn, may we also be reminded of our calling to encourage and uplift one another. Just as Toyo Shibata’s words brought strength to a nation during a time of hardship, we too can be a source of hope for those around us. Like Toyo Shibata, who began her poetic journey at 92, it's never too late to start something new. What if we not only



admire the changing leaves but also actively sow seeds of kindness, faith, and love in other’s lives, as well as our own? Let us take a moment to reflect: What seeds of faith, love, or kindness have we planted this year, and how can we nurture them in this season of renewal? “Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all” (2 Corinthians 4:16-17).

In this colorful season of Autumn, what if we immerse ourselves in the colorful grace of God? As we take a time for a break to refresh and recharge, what if we could be mindful of the seeds we planted? What if we are hopeful for the harvest and renewal God offers us each day? I am grateful to journey alongside you.

Best regards,

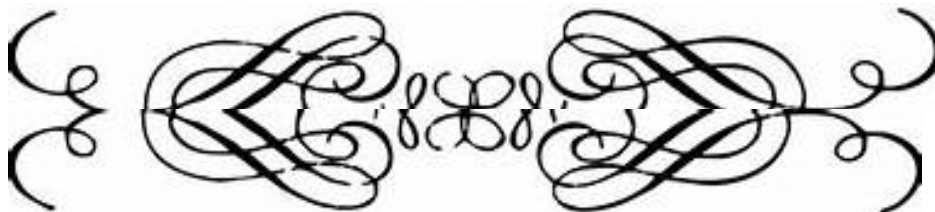
Pastor Jae Lew

OCTOBER Lectionary Readings:

October 6	Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10; Heb. 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
October 13	Job 23:1-9, 15-17; Heb: 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31
October 20	Job 35: 1-7 (14-41); Heb. 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45
October 27	Job 42: 1-6, 16-17; Heb. 7: 23-28; Mark 10: 46-52

PSALMS for October:

October 6	Psalm 26 or Psalm 25
October 13	Psalm 22: 1-15
October 20	Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c
October 27	Psalm 34: 1-8 (19-22)



Pastor Jae's Sermon titles and Worship scripture for October

October 6	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday <i>"In Childlike Awe"</i> Mark 10: 2-16
October 13	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost <i>"The Joy of Rummage"</i> Mark 10: 17-27
October 20	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost <i>Laity Sunday</i> Mark 10: 44-45
September 27	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>"The Happy Ending"</i> Job 42: 1-11

SARAH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

Our October book is *"The Kitchen House"* by Kathleen Grissom.

Contact Jill Schofield to pick up a copy.

The next meeting is Friday, October 25th at 12:30 p.m. at Sally Follett's house.

THANK YOU JOHN WERTHWEIN!



At left, you can see the sorry state of our Memorial Garden as it was before mid-September. We've been fighting weeds and losing stones for the six years since we fixed it last time.

A little elbow grease, a lot of excavating and we have a 'brand new' garden. Thanks John, for this work and everything you did to fill in for Francisco during his absence.



The Wortham Memorial Meditation Garden is beautiful once again!



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, October 12th

Pastor Jae visited Lois and Bill in September



We collect food donations on the first Sunday of every month, to be distributed to local food banks.

Please Note:

The food banks to which we send your donations **will not accept** food in opened containers or with expired 'use by' dates. Please just throw them away rather than bringing them to First Sunday.



Happy 100th Birthday, Margaret Herndon!



Margaret celebrated,
and we all got cake!!!



Don't Forget!
COSTUME SUNDAY
October 27th

HOME CARE AVAILABLE

Maria Luna, a member of our church, is available. She does personal care for women or men. No housework, and no less than 5 hours a day. Maria's contact info is in your church directory, or you may contact Pam in the church office to get in touch with Maria for her rates and services.



Sarah Circle
Book Club meets
on Fourth Fridays

Sally Follett's
house



CARD CREATION

meetings will be announced.

Call Sally Follett if you want to meet her individually to make cards.



- 1 David Crismer
- Yang Lew
- 3 Dee Suzuki
- Steve Bridal
- 19 Ed Peterson



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**“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.”
Psalm 25: 1**

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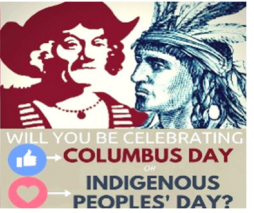

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

29	30	1	2	3 	4	5 YOUNG MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST - LL CAF POTLUCK LL
RUMMAGE IN HARTZELL FELLOWSHIP HALL SALE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th						
6 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship	7  World Architecture Day	8	9	10  U.S. Naval Academy Day	11	12  Fall RUMMAGE SALE
13 21 st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship Pastor APPRECIATION DAY	14  WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY? INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY?	15 FINANCE COMM. 4:00 p.m.	16  HAPPY GLOBAL CAT DAY	17	18	19 CAF POTLUCK HH
YANG AND PASTOR JAE ON VACATION 10/17 to 10/23						
20 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship LAITY SUNDAY	21	22  Happy National Color Day!	23	24	25 SARAH CIRCLE 12:30 p.m. Sally's House	26  HOWL AT THE MOON DAY AND NIGHT OCTOBER 26
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27 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship Costume Sunday	28	29	30	31  Happy Halloween	1	Abbreviations LL = Library Lounge SH = Sierra House SHCR = SH Conference Room HH = Hartzell Fellowship Hall WC = Wesley Chapel