



The El Estero Echoes
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The Mission of the El Estero Presbyterian Church is to Glorify God
through a Grateful Commitment
to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

A Devotional Message



On July 19 a mighty disaster hit Maui, Hawaii. A devastating wildfire roared through the beautiful island destroying towns, homes, ancient trees, cherished churches, and a peaceful lifestyle for so many folks. The fire left over 388 people missing and at the latest count, 115 people dead. The lovely town of Lahaina was completely leveled.

With global warming and climate change we are seeing more catastrophic disasters. So, who do we turn to and how do we respond?

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. Psalm 57:1-2

God calls on us to help our neighbors with love and compassion. Our church's OUTREACH and MISSION GIVING committee is charged with reaching out to people at home and around the world to spread the word of God, especially in times of great need.

In 2022 our church through our OUTREACH and MISSION GIVING committee supported Nancy's Project as they took food, clothes, home goods, and personal items to farm workers who lost homes in the flooding of the Salinas River. We supported Samaritan's Purse as they transported and built hospitals and relief stations in Ukraine at the start of the war. And this year we are giving again to Samaritan's Purse as they immediately arrived in Maui to set up relief stations providing water, food, clothing, medical supplies, and more to the folks on the fire ravaged island.

This year our church has been blessed to also be able to give to Gerald Tanaka and IDT the organization that permanent builds houses in Vicente Guerrero, Baja, Mexico. The folks in Baja build houses out of found cardboard and scraps of wood. IDT has also built schools to teach folks cosmetology, hair cutting, computer skills, woodworking, automotive, baking and cake decorating, sewing, and other skills. We also gave to Mark Hall of Missions Door, Totonicapan, Guadalajara, Mexico. Pastor Mark and his wife, Brenda help young people gather and follow the Lord and to become people of prayer and fellow Christians.

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10*

With our Lord’s guidance our church’s OUTREACH and MISSION GIVING committee was able to grant \$6,500.00 to these organizations bringing relief to folks who are of great need.

Nancy’s Project, Monterey County

Gerald Tanaka, IDT, Baja Mexico

Mark Hall, Missions Door, Guadalajara, Mexico

Samaritan’s Purse, world wide missions and Maui, Hawaii

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.” Matthew 25:40*

Our church will continue to work for the glory of God through your tithes and offering and our church’s OUTREACH and MISSION GIVING committee.



Pastor Nominating Committee Update

We are in the last parts of some discussion with a possible candidate for EE!! It has been a busy process and we are praying that it is nearly finished! God is sovereign in all things.."

**THANK YOU TO THE PNC FOR THEIR
DEDICATED WORK. THIS IS A WONDERFUL AND
EXCITING TIME FOR EL ESTERO CHURCH.**



Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for



Bill Bevier, Don and Dori Chin ,Teresa Erickson, Bill Esaki, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Joyce Gota, Tom and Lynn Gunter, Nancy Hollingsworth, Adele and Marian Kageyama, Mike and Linda Kelly, Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Bob McIntyre, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Magdalena Thomas, Rev. Sam Tonomura, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, Judy Yamashita, George Wooding.

Prayers for our church family, for members who are ill, those away from their loved ones, and those who are concerned for family and friends.

Prayers for the citizens of our world that we may defeat this Coronavirus.

Prayers for our medical professionals, first responders, emergency workers, caregivers, grocery clerks., teachers

Prayers for those who have been laid off or are without income.

Prayers for our research and medical scientists as they work for vaccines and a cure for COVID19.

Prayers for our world leaders as they deal with the complex issues facing their nations and our world community.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Prayers for our state and local leaders as they work to keep our communities safe.

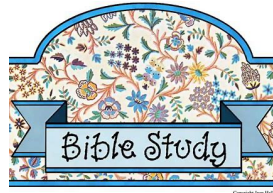
Prayers for social justice, racial equality, and peace.

While we have worship services on ZOOM, please email your prayer request to our church's email at elesteropc@gmail.com

COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify * Maturity * Membership * Ministry * Mission*

Please join us.



Let's learn together.

Daily Devotional: You can read a Daily Devotional online through our church webpage: elesteropc.org and click on This Week.

Thursday Evening Q&A: Every Thursday evening, 7:00 pm. We completed a very thoughtful study of Psalm 23. Now we are doing a 4 week study of "Jonah". Please join us and we can learn together.

Our Thursday evening Bible Study will be taking a "vacation" in October. Watch for more Bible Study news in our October Echoes.



UKULELE PRACTICE

We will be having ukulele practice at church once again. **We will meet the first** Sunday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a "brown bag" lunch and we will eat lunch before we practice. Richard and Natsuko are looking forward to leading us. Invite a friend as all are welcome to join us. Ukulele, guitar, mandolin, banjo, drums

Hiking Fellowship



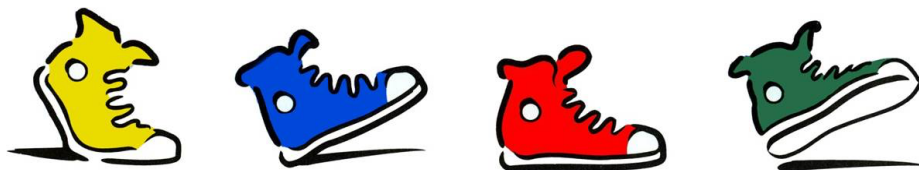
Please join our Hiking Fellowship to Elkhorn Slough Reserve near Moss Landing on Saturday, September 23rd. We will meet at 9:30am at Walmart Marina, near the 7/11 and carpool to the reserve.

We'll be walking a relatively flat two miles along a trail offering views of oak woodlands, salt marsh, tidal flats and wildlife.

The reserve also features a visitor center, restrooms, picnic tables and ample parking.

After the hike, we'll enjoy lunch and fellowship. Sandwiches and chips will be provided. Please bring your own drinks and water.

If you would like to join the hike, please call 831 884-6671 or email richardmarquez228@gmail.com





Please join us on Saturday, October 14, 9:00 am to Noon
at El Estero Presbyterian Church, 400 Camino El Estero, Monterey
for a **Drive Up and Drop Off Holiday Donation Drive**
to benefit the Salvation Army.

We are collecting new blankets, pajamas for kids and teens, and toys.



Drive up on Pearl Street and our volunteers will unload your donations.
We will hand you a donation receipt and you don't even have to get out of your car.
We will do the work for you.
Just drive up and drop off and off you go with our grateful thanks for your donation!

If you are walking by with a monetary donation, we will accept your donation in a
Red Kettle and you can join our **"DONATE AND DANCE"** with Bob McIntyre.
Monetary donations are accepted. Just drop it in the Salvation Army Red Kettle.
Donate, Dance and enjoy the music!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14, 9:00 am to Noon.

DRIVE UP AND DROP OFF HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

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Thank you !!!



Open ART Studio

Join us for an art class led by Bob McIntyre. We meet on Saturdays at 10:00 am on ZOOM. Our class is sponsored by the El Estero Church. Please send an email to elesteropc@gmail.com if you are interested and we will send you a ZOOM invitation. All are welcome to join us.



Super Bloom Corizo Plain. Nancy



Something Out Of Nothing. Nancy



Spring Bloom Mixed Flowers. Nancy



San Francisco Waking Up.
KC



Paradise Lost.
Suzette



Paintings by Kim



Beginning. Mark

End. Mark

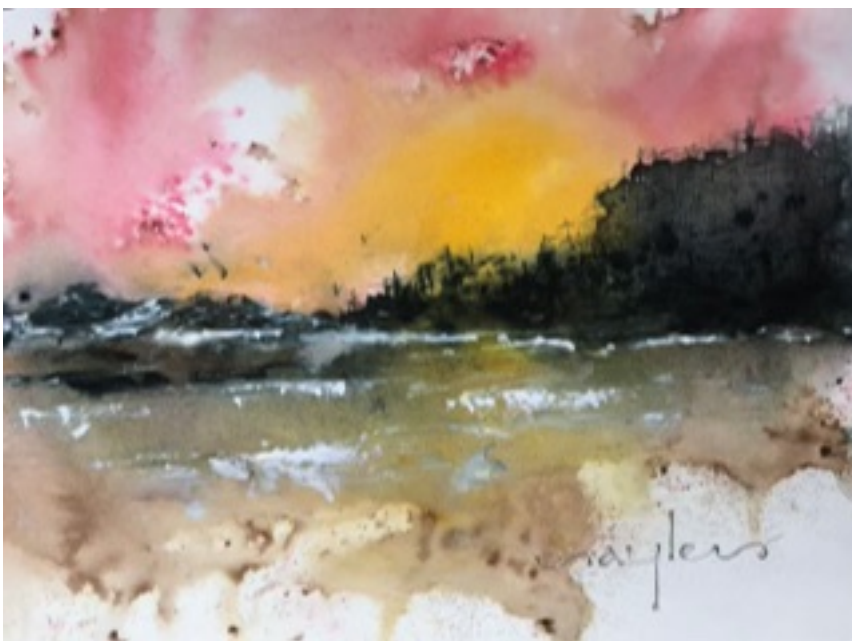




Fruit in the Window. Mar



Irish Village. Mike



Point Lobos Abstract. Suzette



Redwood Grove.
Nancy



Gulls At Sunset. Nancy



Carmel Lagoon
Ribera Hillside.
Mark



Carmel Lagoon Bluff and Hillside. Mark



Still Waters. Mar



Congratulations to all of our ART participants who entered their work in the Monterey County Fair ... a fabulous job!!!



Striped Horse. Mike. 1st Place



Yellow Rose. Suzette



Calle Principal Rainy Day. Mark. 1st Place



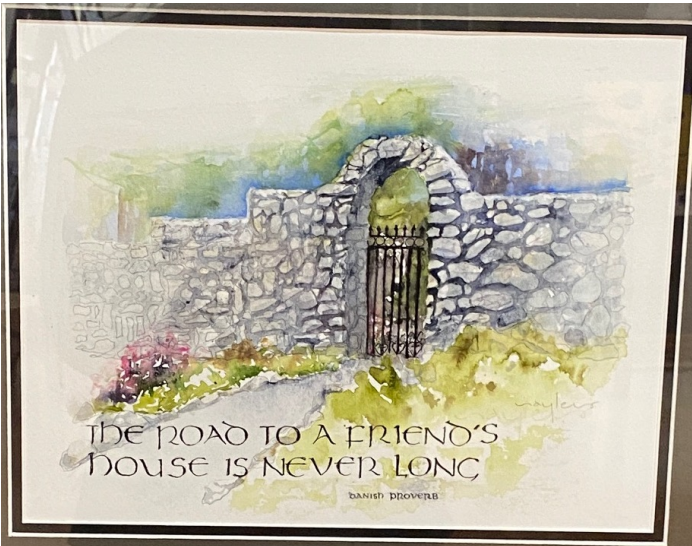
Irish Village. Mike



West Side View 9/11/2022. KC. 1st place



Orange Lilies in Orange Frame. Irene



The Road Is Never Long. Suzette



Butterfly Iris. Irene. 2nd place



Morning At Flanders Mansion. Mark. 2nd place



San Luis Lighthouse. Mark. 3rd place




Morning At The Lake. Mark.



China Cove. Tomi. 1st place

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service in church and on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month						
1 10:30 am Worship Service Guest Speaker Communion Coffee Hour Ukulele Practice	2 7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg	3 7:00 pm Finance Mtg	4	5	6	7 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
8 10:30 am Worship Service Guest Speaker	9	10 6:30 pm Deacons' Mtg	11	12	13	14 9:00 - NOON DRIVE UP DROP OFF HOLIDAY DRIVE TO SUPPORT THE SALVATION ARMY
15 10:30 am Worship Service Guest Speaker	16	17 7:00 pm Outreach Mtg	18	19	20 Echoes Articles Due	21 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
22 10:30 am Worship Service Ukulele Group to play Guest Speaker	23	24	25	26	27	28 9:30 am Hiking Fellowship
29 10:30 am Worship Service Guest Speaker	30	31				

El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, please email the church at elesteropc@gmail.com to request an email invitation to ZOOM worship service.

To access the "Sermon Outline" and the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website elesteropc.org and click on Messages.

To join our Open Art Studio on Saturday, 10:00 am on ZOOM, please request an invitation from our email at elesteropc@gmail.com.

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*I will say of the Lord,
“He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:2*