

Daily Devotion For October 23, 2022

“Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.” I Peter 4:9

Yesterday, 22 of us gathered for our October Hiking Fellowship at the Marina Library where we enjoyed a 1 ½ mile walk followed by a wonderful time of fellowship at the home of Richard and Natsuko Marquez.

When we arrived at the Marquez home we were warmly greeted and looked at the wonderful meal that had been prepared by Natsuko for us to enjoy. Richard and Natsuko also lead us in singing on their ukuleles so that everyone that came had a wonderful time of fellowship. All of us who were able to attend appreciated their hospitality.

In the New Testament, hospitality was a hallmark of Christian living. It is listed as a characteristic of church leaders in I Timothy 3:2 and Titus 1:8. In Romans 12:13 and I Peter 4:9, it is commanded for every Christian as an expression of love. One meaning of hospitality is that we are gracious host in opening our homes to others.

But there is also another meaning of hospitality which means a love of strangers. When Paul speaks of being “given to hospitality” in Romans 12:13, he is calling us to pursue relationships with people who are in need.

Thought For Today: Whether we live in a home, a college dorm, a prison cell, or a military barrack, we can all welcome others as a way of showing the love of Christ to others. In what ways are you or can you show hospitality to others?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that God would grand you the spiritual gift of hospitality so that others can come to know the love of Christ through you. Deo Volente.

