



Redeemer Reflections

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Our Mission Statement:

To spread the Good News to all through joyful worship and
service, so that others may believe and accept Jesus Christ as their
Lord and Savior.

Our Redeemer Lives!



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Worship for Sunday, January 2nd
One Service at 10:00 AM
Bishop Andy Taylor will be presiding!

A Conversation with . . .

Fran and Bob Shigeno

by Carol Tuntland



This verse was part of my daily devotion in the days prior to my conversation with Fran and Bob Shigeno, and I thought it appropriate to their story, especially early in their lives.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

~Luke 2:10-12

Bob and Fran both spent Christmas in 1942 and 1943 in internment camps. Neither of them remembers how their family celebrated. Neither family ever discussed their experiences in the camps. Bob and Fran haven't explained this period of their lives to their sons, who haven't asked about the camps. But they want people to know that the incarceration happened.

The United States wasn't involved in World War II until immediately after December 7, 1941. Two months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt authorized Executive Order 9066, and thus began the creation of concentration camps for people of Japanese descent. Called "War Relocation Centers," "Detention Centers," or "internment facilities," the United States government forced 120,000 Japanese Americans to relocate into one of ten concentration camps set up in the western interior of the United States. Bob's family and Fran's family were among those Japanese Americans. This is their story of that time . . .

Bob was born in 1940 in Seattle, Washington. Both his mother and father were born in the United States and were citizens. Fran was born in 1941 in the Watsonville area of California, and her mother was also a United States citizen, having been born in Sebastopol, California; but Fran's father was born in Hiroshima and had immigrated to the United States while a teenager.

Most Japanese Americans were relocated in 1942. People were first moved to "holding areas," such as racetracks and fairgrounds, until the camps were established. Santa Anita Racetrack was one of those holding areas. However, both Bob and Fran were too young to remember anything about the time they spent in the "holding areas." But Fran's mother


told her that "the FBI came to their home and ransacked it. They weren't neat about it—they threw things around and left a mess." And Bob knows that when his family was sent to their "holding area," his father was not with them. Bob was held in Puyallup, Washington, where the county fair was held.

When Bob was born, his father was a storekeeper, and his family were farmers. His mother was homemaker and took care of Bob and his younger brother. Since Bob's father did not go when they were sent to the camp, Bob's "family" consisted of grandparents, aunts, uncles, as well as his mother, brother, and Bob.

Bob does have memories of the final camp in Minidoka because he was about 5 years old then. The camp had "blocks," which consisted of 20-30 barracks. Each "barrack" housed between six and eight families. These barracks had a central eating area and a couple of restrooms and shower areas. The families lived in one room, where they all slept. Each family also had a porch and a garden area, where they were permitted to grow food items to supplement the diet provided by the government. To keep themselves busy, some people volunteered to cook, clean, educate, and take care of the camp population. Others also sang, danced, and made crafts and artwork to entertain themselves.

The United States government permitted Bob's father to continue farming, but not on his own land. The government designated specific land where the Japanese American farmers were allowed to grow potatoes, onions, and berries. Some Japanese Americans worked in Cincinnati and Colorado as laborers.

Right after the war, Bob's father died of tuberculosis. Upon release from the internment camp, Bob, his mother, brother, and grandparents went back to Seattle. His grandmother was a strong woman who worked in hospitals. Bob's mother remarried and later had a daughter; his stepfather had two children, so there were five children in the family. (Continued on p. 4)

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	JAN 2 2022 Our Redeemer Church 12301 Magnolia Avenue Garden Grove, California 92841 <i>"Bring the full tithes into my storehouse, that there may be food in my house..."</i>
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HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES???

Don't delay!

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the church foyer. If you are unable to pick them up, please call Julie at the church office (714.539.9541) to request they be mailed.

Fran's family came from Aromas, California; they were sent to a camp in Poston, Arizona for internment. Her family consisted of Fran, her mother and father, and Fran's older brother, who died in the camp. A younger brother was born in the camp, and two sisters were born after World War II. Fran's father had been married previously and after his first wife died in childbirth, the five children from that marriage were sent back to Japan and raised by her father's older sister in Hiroshima.

Fran's father owned a fruit-drying plant prior to the war, and when the family was interred, he asked a neighbor to look after the plant. The neighbor did not take care of the plant and the machinery was rusted and inoperable when they returned. Fran's father then decided to share-crop strawberries in Watsonville, California.

Fran shared a story about the milk that was provided by the United States government. Since the family was lactose-intolerant, Fran's mother used the milk to water the spinach in her garden. Her spinach crop was really good! Fran also said the men would sneak out at night to go fishing; the camp guards turned a "blind eye" to their escape into the desert. But the men always came back, bringing trout to eat!

The Japanese weren't all released from camp at the same time. The government had to find transportation and places for the Japanese to live.

Fran's father was very active in the Presbyterian church in Watsonville. Fran's family celebrated Christmas with a little tree. Because they lived on the farm and church was in town and Fran's father didn't get a day off when the berries were producing, the pastor picked up Fran and drove her to church. (Remember Watsonville strawberries? Those strawberries still have a very fine reputation!) Fran attended Sunday School from the time she was five or six, when the pastor could drive the family to church.

Bob's mother was Christian and the family celebrated Christmas with a Christmas tree every year. There were church services every year. He had a Catholic friend who invited him to Mass—it hurt Bob's knees! (Those Christmas services go on forever!)

Fran's and Bob's parents didn't talk about their experiences after they were released. They resumed their lives to the best of their abilities, often moving and starting over. Information about life in the internment camps tends to come out at family reunions when relatives get together and talk. And as children and future generations begin to learn about United States history, some light is shed on the relocation and incarceration of Japanese Americans. Bob and Fran have had few conversations with their sons about the camp experiences. (Continued on p. 8)

Upcoming Weekly Events at Our Redeemer

SUNDAYS

WORSHIP SERVICES—at 8:30am AND 10am

8:30am Worship Outside (weather permitting)
Traditional Service
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary (Masks required)
Prayer & Praise Service
Children's Sunday School in Preschool Rm 1

MONDAYS

GRIEF GROUP—at 11am

Resumes meeting on **January 10th** (Endter Hall), with
Patty Trevor leading.

TUESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY—at 12pm

Resumes meeting in **February** with Interim Pastor.

PRAISE TEAM—at 7pm

Rehearsal (Sanctuary).

WEDNESDAYS

HANDBELL CHOIR—at 5pm

Rehearsal (Sanctuary).

THURSDAYS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—at 7am

Meets via ZOOM. Contact Lynn Badertscher
(lbadertsch@aol.com or 714.852.2064) for more info.

ADORATION CHOIR—at 7pm

Rehearsal (Sanctuary).

SATURDAYS

LORD'S PANTRY—9am until 12pm

Distributing food (Patio).

Upcoming Monthly Events at Our Redeemer

SUNDAY
January 2nd

ONE SERVICE—at 10am

Our Worship Service on **January 2nd** will be led by Bishop Andrew Taylor. Continue praying for our congregation and the changes and challenges that this new year brings . . .



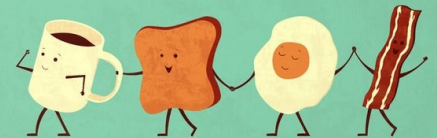
MEN'S BREAKFAST—at 7:30am

All men of ORC are invited to Endter Hall on **January 8th** beginning at 7:30 am to enjoy a great breakfast served by our own ORC chefs! **Gus Sauter** will talk about his recent visit to a life-size replica of Noah's Ark in Williamstown, Kentucky.

Don't forget your cans and bottles which help support our Compassion International students.

*Contact Will Fleming (714.318.3394 or willvalran@aol.com)
if you have questions or need more information*

SATURDAY
January 8th



MONDAY
January 17th



YOUNG-AT-HEART—at 11am

Join us for a Culinary Trip Around the World!

Sign up to bring ethnic dishes (Mexican, German, Italian, Norwegian, Chinese, etc.); break out those family recipes and let others taste foods associated with your heritage! Please wear clothing associated with your family heritage or travels.

FASHION SHOW!
MUSIC!**

*Contact Dorothe Bair (714.746.6290 or ddbair@gmail.com)
if you have questions or need more information*

****Prizes awarded by judge**

RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP —at 7:40pm

All interested persons are invited to attend the ZOOM meeting of the Racial Justice Group on **January 19th** at 7:40pm.

Contact Traci Fitzharris
(traci.fitzharris@gmail.com)

If you have questions or need more information

WEDNESDAY
January 19th

*"Nobody's free until
everybody's free."
~Fannie Lou Hamer*

SATURDAY
January 22nd

*"There are greater
crimes than burning
books; one of those is
not reading them."
~Ray Bradbury*

ORC BOOK CLUB—at 2pm

Meeting **January 22nd** at 2pm at the church for fellowship and discussion of:

January's book	<u>Caste</u> , by Isabel Wilkerson
February's book	<u>Caste</u> (we will discuss this book for two months)
March's book	<u>Circe</u> , by Madeline Miller
April's book	<u>Saving Freedom</u> , by Joe Scarborough

Contact Ron Stearns (714.891.9462) for more info.

Upcoming Special Events at Our Redeemer

SATURDAY
January 15th

PASTOR BRIAN'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON —at 11am

At Mile Square Golf Club, from 11am until 3pm. Reservation required—please call the office if you would like to attend.

SATURDAY
January 29th

MEMORIAL SERVICE —at 11am

Memorial Service for Peggy Frostad.

A Conversation with . . . Fran and Bob Shigeno

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Bob attended the University of Washington, majoring in aeronautical engineering. He later moved to Los Angeles to work at Douglas Aircraft. Fran went to Cal State Los Angeles and specialized in education of young children. But Fran discovered that she didn't really like teaching young children, so she went to work for Academic Press and TRW in the library.

The couple met when Fran was working at TRW and one of her friends married a friend of Bob's from Seattle. Bob and Fran married in 1965 and were blessed with two sons, Eric and Reid. Bob worked at Douglas, McDonnell Douglas, and Boeing; he retired in the late 1980s. Fran worked for a few more years before joining Bob in retirement. Their son Eric was a doctor, practicing in Palm Springs and Corona. He died of a massive stroke during the early stages of COVID-19. His memorial service was held at Our Redeemer in October 2021. Reid works in environmental science and is married to Yvonne and they have three daughters (6, 5 and 2). The granddaughters keep them busy! Fran and Bob have many friends and enjoy a full life of hobbies (have you seen Bob's orchids?), travel, church, choir for Fran, and babysitting and other activities with their family.

ORC is blessed to have Fran and Bob Shigeno as part of our church family.

2022 ALTAR FLOWER DONATION CHART

Choose the Sunday in 2022 you would like to donate altar flowers.

Sign up on the Chart on the BULLETIN BOARD

Donation of Altar Flowers If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory of someone or to commemorate a special occasion, you can sign up by providing your name, the event and/or person you wish to honor on the sign-up sheet on the **bulletin board**; flower arrangements are \$30. You can then pay the church by check with a note in the memo indicating "Flowers—DATE of donation."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION (Part 2)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT for news about the **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION (Part 2)**. An email and announcements during Sunday worship services will provide date and time. Or call the church office (714.539.9541).

HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesdays at 5pm—6pm

Playing in a handbell choir is not just for experienced musicians. It's for anyone who has an interest in music or just wants to give of themselves. Our goal is to utilize each member's strengths and provide a nurturing and rewarding environment.

"I cannot say enough regarding how wonderful it is to be a part of our newly-established Handbell Choir. Brian Pereboom is very professional, yet sensitive to the level of expertise that each member possesses, and he assigns parts accordingly. Brian is also able to work individually with each person, as needed. Our little group encourages and assists each other whenever possible. Ringing bells, collaboratively, and making music is such a joyful experience, especially since it is a beautiful and worship way to glorify our God!" ~ Wendy Fitzharris

If you would like to try ringing the bells without making a commitment, you may sit in on a rehearsal or schedule a **FREE LESSON**. Non-ORC members are welcome to join!

*Contact Brian Pereboom
(brian.pereboom@gmail.com or 714.487.7824)
for more information.*

Service Opportunity at Our Redeemer

LORD'S PANTRY NEEDS

Canned foods with pop-tops

(e.g., tuna, Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli-O's, Chili, soups)

Sometimes those who need food do not have access to can openers, stoves, microwaves, etc. to open and heat the groceries that are provided. Any kind of foods which can be eaten out of the container and have a lid which can be opened by hand are needed for ORC's Lord's Pantry. **THANK YOU!**

Dora DeWitt has MOVED:

Dora DeWitt
The Groves of Tustin
1262 Bryan Avenue., Apt. 310
Tustin, CA 92780
Telephone: 657.210.4602



DON'T FORGET!!

If you move or change your contact information, don't forget to advise the church office. Help us keep our records updated.

Contact Julie at office@orcgg.org or 714.539.9541. **THANK YOU!**

BLESSING TREE

Thank you to those who donated items to
bless the children in our community.



December Anniversaries

Mary & Allen Kent	01/01
Leslie & Thomas Roedl	01/22

December Birthdays

Randy Jerue	01/01
David Vansickle	01/03
Clara March	01/03
Tiffany LaMarre	01/03
Connie Mathany	01/07
Susan Kent	01/09
Larry Klevos	01/10
Beth Mayer	01/12
Larry Collier	01/18
Angela Grieco	01/19

Tammy Wilson	01/24
Lynne Prechel	01/24
Sandra Collier	01/26
Carrie Guardino	01/26
Beel Channita	01/29
Mark Roznos	01/30
Angelika Rupp	01/30
Nathaniel Greene	01/31

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Congratulations to Dylan Jarrell! December 11, 2021



OUR REDEEMER PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL DATES

~Saturday, January 1st~
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



~Monday, January 17th~

School Closed for
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY



~Wednesday, January 19th~
National Popcorn Day!



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and Friends
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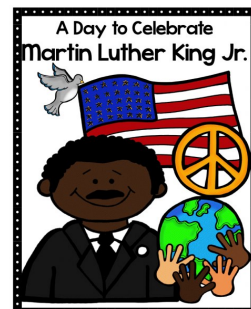
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to you!



Dominic M.	Jan. 2nd
Happy H.	Jan. 4th
Olivia N.	Jan. 14th
Alana M.	Jan. 18th
Sophia B.	Jan. 29th



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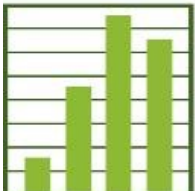
✠ JANUARY-AT-A-GLANCE ✠

Mondays	@ 11am	Grief Support Group RESUMING Jan. 10th (Patio)
Tuesdays	@ 7pm	Praise Team Rehearsals (Sanctuary)
Wednesdays	@ 5pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsals (Sanctuary)
	@ 6pm	Boy Scouts Meeting (North Hall)
Thursdays	@ 7am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
	@ 7pm	Adoration Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Saturdays	@ 9am-12pm	Lord's Pantry (Patio)
January 8	@ 7:30am	Men's Breakfast (Endter Hall)
	@ 8am	Scout Leader Committee Meeting (North Hall)
January 10	@ 12pm	Grace Circle/WELCA
	@ 1pm	Sincerity Circle/WELCA
	@ 4:30pm	Ministry Resources Meeting (Choir Room)
	@ 5:30pm	Preschool Board Meeting (Choir Room)
January 11	@ 7pm	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
January 15	@ 11am	Pastor Brian's Retirement Party (Mile Square Golf)
January 17	@ 11am	Young-At-Heart (Endter Hall)
		NO GRIEF GROUP MEETING
January 19	@ 7:40pm	Racial Justice Group (Zoom)
January 22	@ 2pm	ORC Book Club
January 25	@ 6:30pm	SHIP Board Meeting (Endter Hall)
	@ 7pm	New Joy Circle
January 26	@ 4pm	New Faith Circle/WELCA
January 29	@ 11am	Memorial Service for Peggy Frostad

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KEEP CONNECTED at Our Redeemer!

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**Please submit by email to the
office@orcgg.org**