



Pastor's Column

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Dear Centenarians:

A popular New Year's Resolution at the start of each year is the desire to lose weight and get physically fit.

We are taking this to heart with the Centenary Chimes, beginning with this issue!

The reasons for this can be understood as two sides of the same coin. One side reflects our efforts to be better stewards of our resources and of the environment.

The other side reflects the benefits of technology, which enables us to reduce the amount of time and resources that go into the actual printing, assembly and distribution of the Chimes each month.

The print edition of the Chimes, which you receive in your mailbox, will emphasize news and information that is of general importance to the congregation.

Our website, www.centenaryunitedmethodistchurch.org, will carry articles of a special nature as well as of specific events. Please take a few moments from time to time to check it out, while you are browsing other websites!

In lieu of a monthly pull-out calendar, we will publish important dates and events of the coming month. A full listing of church activities can be found on the website and printed out for your convenience.

In the same way that news organizations today use both print and electronic media to communicate with their readers, we are making that same shift with the Centenary Chimes. By the way, in addition to receiving it in the mailbox, you can also receive an online Chimes file by sending us an email address.

For many years now, we have been blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers who print, assemble and mail the Chimes faithfully each month. Their invaluable work will continue, but with a somewhat lighter load due to these changes.

We begin the New Year in anticipation of many exciting changes ahead of us.

I am excited about these changes in communicating the exciting news about Centenary, and I hope you will be excited as this year progresses!

Grace and Peace,

Reverend Mark M. Nakagawa