

Something to Explore This Week

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As History would have it: The Singer With the ‘Voice of the Century’



In *The New Yorker*, Alex Ross, from the new collection: the Easter hymn “Crucifixion,” which in 1935 left an audience in Salzburg in “a silence instinctive, natural and intense, so that you were afraid to breathe.

Marian Anderson etched her place in American history when she performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939. A new box set of her recordings, stretching from 1924 to 1966, offers a [view of her career](#) beyond her most well-known performance, Anthony Tommasini writes in *The Times*.

The Lincoln Memorial concert was an important moment for civil rights. After the Daughters of the American Revolution had barred Anderson from performing at Constitution Hall because she was Black, federal officials offered her the new venue. In her contralto — the lowest range for a female voice — she sang to a crowd of 75,000 people, and millions more over the radio.

Anderson performed across Europe, earning adoration from crowds — and from the famed conductor Arturo Toscanini, who said she possessed a voice heard “once in a hundred years.” After returning to the U.S., her recordings and tours made her wealthy, though segregation forced her to live as a second-class citizen.

[Autumn's] golden richness speaks not of the innocence of spring, nor of the power of summer, but of the mellowness and kindly wisdom of approaching age. It knows the limitations of life.— Lin Yutang, writer and inventor

Tuesday at the Table is a series of conversations about the United Methodist Faith...

Here is an interesting one:

Do I have to believe a certain way to belong?
Tuesdays at the Table, Session 5

Through the centuries, the church has disagreed. From the councils of the first 500 years of the church, through the Reformation, and even to the labels and struggles of today, there have been differing understandings of our Christian faith. We have repeatedly separated and joined together.

Dr. Ashley Boggan Dreff, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History, will share the role of our Christian tradition and how it continues to inform our thinking today.

Session 5

Host: Rev. Dr. Jacob Dharmaraj

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ON HEALING

Mr. Rogers

Forgiveness is a strange thing. It can sometimes be easier to forgive our enemies than our friends. It can be hardest of all to forgive people we love. Like all of life's important coping skills, the ability to forgive and the capacity to let go of resentments most likely take root very early in our lives.

As History would have it:
Japanese sharpshooter Masako Katsura was a trailblazer of the
pool halls in the 1950s.

By Nick Fouriezos

Welker Cochran, owner of San Francisco's legendary poolroom the 924 Club and an eight-time world champion in billiards, had heard about Masako Katsura. American servicemen returning from Tokyo had described her skill with a cue, and Cochran had sent his own son to scout her out in Japan (famously, his son reported: "This girl is better than you are!"). Still, he was stunned when Katsura, 5 feet tall and less than a hundred pounds, strode into his club.

Katsura, sometimes called Katsy for short, arrived in the United States in 1950 at the age of 37 ... and shortly thereafter broke the gender barrier in three-cushion billiards, a popular form of pool in which the cue ball must touch three cushions to earn points. She placed seventh (of 10) while becoming the first woman to compete at a championship in San Francisco in 1952, then went on to finish fifth and fourth the next two years. Her career brought her a measure of fame, with television appearances on ABC's *You Asked for It* and CBS' *What's My Line?* in 1958. Yet she disappeared from the scene not long after, eventually moving back to Japan before passing away in 1995.

[Japanese billiard player Masako Katsuro demonstrates her skills to Air Force men ...HD Stock](#)



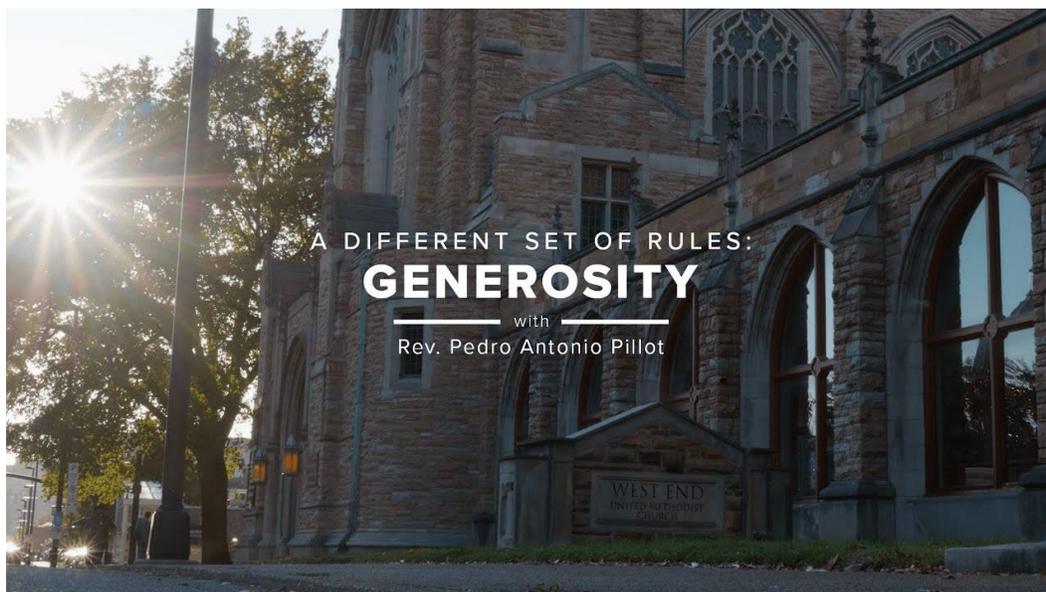
In 1976, a group of young female players founded the Women's Professional Billiard Association. Katsura was one of the first people inducted into its Hall of Fame..



AT: UMC.org

My name is Pedro Pillot. I'm the pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Camden, New Jersey.

The first time I ever drafted in my checking account, and got multiple \$34 fees for spending more money than I had, I learned something about the world. The world tends to be generous toward those who have, and stingy toward those who don't. And once you see it, you start to notice it everywhere. You realize it's expensive to be poor. Like, if you can't buy products in bulk, you end up paying more in the long term for your necessities, just because you started out with less. And it's just the way things work, but it's not the way things should be or the way things have to be.



Get Them Talking is a series of resources to help families start conversations about issues of faith.



Get Them Talking: Generosity

Scripture

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7, Common English Bible*

Reflection

Parents often teach children to receive by saying, "Thank you." We also teach them to share with a friend or sibling. At other times, it is important to teach our children to give.

Generosity doesn't always come easy. One of the keys is to understand that all we have is a gift from God to us. When we are grateful for what we have received, we are more likely to give to others. Following God's example of generosity is what makes us cheerful givers.

Get them talking

- Name something for which you are thankful.
- When have you had to ask someone for something?
- When has giving been difficult? When has it made you feel good?
- Why do you think God asks us to be generous?
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Prayer

Teach me, O God, to be generous. Amen.

Activity

Gather items to donate to a local thrift shop. Talk about how the items will be a blessing to the recipients.

"Mutual courtesy and respect is the foundation of culture."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Ice stupas: the artificial mini glaciers bringing water to some of the driest, coldest places on Earth"



<https://theconversation.com/ice-stupas-the-artificial-mini-glaciers-bringing-water-to-some-of-the-driest-coldest-places-on-earth-170768>

Bad days happen to everyone, but when one happens to you, just keep doing your best and never let a bad day make you feel bad about yourself.– Big Bird

A most unusual chapel and is surrounded by a large old cemetery. Those who needed burial, were overwhelming the cemetery during the **Black Plague**. The

priest who was in charge of the cemetery, walked to Jerusalem and brought back sacred soil from Jerusalem.

Sedlec Ossuary, Czech Republic



Blessed by a handful of soil from Jerusalem that was strewn over the grounds of the Sedlec Ossuary, this Roman Catholic chapel nestled in the suburbs of Kutna Hora rapidly became Bohemia's most coveted burial site. Housing over 40,000 bodies at one point, the Church of Bones sought a solution that allowed all who wanted to be buried there to rest in peace by employing local wood carver František Rint in 1870 to arrange the skeletons into ornate embellishments. Every human bone was artistically arranged into bone chalices, candelabras, and chandeliers for some of the world's most unusual chapel art.

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