

# The HERALD Newsletter

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Fall/Winter Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Adult and Nichigo Bible Study  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## **DRHHH**

**January 2015**

As 2014 comes to an end, I trust that you are anticipating a joyful and productive 2015. Of course, no season, no matter how promising can fully meet all our expectations because as we are often painfully aware; life simply does not work that way. As we journey through another year, we will find certain trials and even heartache that threaten to diminish the abundant life which God has promised all those who follow Him. One of the keys, I believe in living a full life in the face of various struggles is to place our focus on the promised return of Jesus for His people.

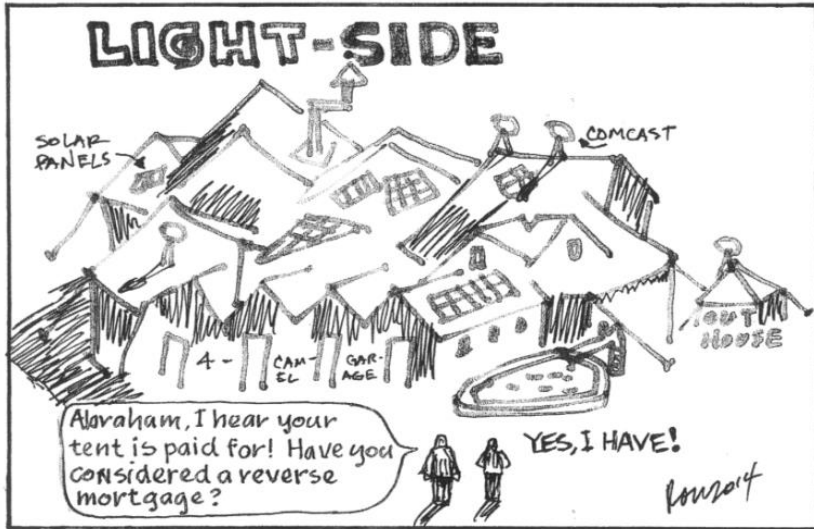
The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the church at Thessalonica seeks to assure the believers there that there is coming a time when their Lord will rapture all Christians from the earth and take them to be with Him in glory. No one knows when this event will take place, but we can all be assured that it could happen at any time. And when it does, it will mark the end of all pain and sorrow, and the beginning of a glorious eternity.

When we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them (those Christians who have died), in **RRRHRLHLDLDRHDDDEHLHRI** (I Thessalonians 4:17).

This is a great reality. And even though the rapture of the church may not happen in our lifetime, the Bible tells us the moment we die; we will enter the presence of Jesus Christ. As we enter into this New Year, let us fix our eyes on our Savior and live in hopeful anticipation of the time when we will see Him face to face.

God Bless You,  
Pastor Brad





### St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

Our church was well represented at the soup kitchen in 2014 by the following team of happy, dedicated volunteers: David Harada, Keiko Ikeda, Wilma Kimura, Betty Murakami, Ted & Yeiko Nagata. They were and are a wonderful group representing the church. Thank You, Team!

We also thank our volunteers who substituted when someone on the team couldn't make it: Miki Harada, Jean Kobayashi, Daisy Miele, Jeanette Misaka, Betty Morishita, Susan & Koji Nagata Brown, Alli Nakamura, and Pat Otterbein. Of note, David Harada, Kay and Edith's son, started as a substitute and enjoyed it so much he's now a "regular." We're pleased! If you would like to be a part of the "fun," please tell someone on the team.

### Congratulations

A conferment ceremony in honor of Judge Raymond Uno was held at the Grand America Hotel on December 6, 2014, in which Judge Uno received the Imperial decoration, "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette." Dr. Jeanette Misaka, a recipient of the Commendation of the Foreign Minister of Japan in 2013, and Dr. William Higuchi, a recipient of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon in 2011 were also recognized. Judge Uno's long time dedication in preserving Japanese heritage and sharing traditional Japanese culture in Utah was commended. Congratulations to all for their outstanding achievements.

### Save Your Pop Tops!

The collection of soda can "Pop Tops" was started many years ago by Rose Kanzaki and were donated to help with dialysis expenses. In the past few years, pop tops have been donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Sadie Yoshimura's neighbor is collecting them now for a donation project. Please save your pop tops and give them to Sadie.

### Construction Update

A chapel building committee meeting will be held after worship service on **Sunday, January 4, 2015.**

### Culture Classes for 2015

We will take a break from a Culture Class in January. If there is a topic that you would like to learn about, let either Lorraine Crouse or Karen Okawa know. If you have a topic of interest that you would like to demonstrate or lecture on, please let us know as well!

In 2014, we learned about Japanese gardens, bonsai, origami, ikebana, temari balls, and Sho-Chiku-Bai. A special thanks to Gordon Hashimoto, Theresa Mori-Sueoka, Judy Iwamoto, Toshiko Marse and Ken Yamane for taking the time to teach us more about the Japanese culture.

### Healthy New Year

*From Reader's Digest*  
Welcome the New Year with a renewed commitment to living healthy with "wellness" resolutions in 2015:

- Control your portions
- Be active
- Control sodium consumption
- Increase antioxidants
- Quit smoking
- Floss your teeth
- Wear sunscreen all year
- Strengthen with exercise
- Expect good things from yourself



**January 2015 - Worship Service Participants**

	<b>January 4</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>Music Worship January 25</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rick Aoki	Ron Nishijima	Hiro Iwasaki	Greg Paige
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Yeiko Homma	E) Nichole Kramer J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Alex Okawa J) Toshiko Marse	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Shigeko Ota
<b>Greeter</b>	Karla Paige	Sadie Yoshimura	Nob Iwamoto	Keiko Mori
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Joe Ota	Barry Nakamura Frank Yoshimura	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota Barry Nakamura
<b>Opening Music</b>	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	JCC Worship Band
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Greg Paige	Victor Homma Laura Olson	Yas Iwamoto	Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	Nichole Kramer	Nichole Kramer	Alex Okawa	Tyler Uyeda
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Tosh Nakaya	Barry Nakamura	Dylan Johnson	---

**January Event Calendar**

**Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

- Prayer meeting: every Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- Agape meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month
- Taiko practice: Mon & Fri evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- Deacon's meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

<b>January</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
4, Sunday	Ozoni Fundraiser	After worship service
	Building Committee Meeting	After worship service
11, Sunday	Sunday School resumes	9:30 a.m.
	Installation of New Officers	10:30 a.m.
	Mount Hermon Meeting	12:15 p.m.
15, Thursday	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.
20, Tuesday	St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen	11:15 a.m.
25, Sunday	Herald Deadline	Noon
	Annual Reports Due	Noon

**January Birthdays**

- 5 Tyler Uyeda
- 7 Josef Sueoka  
Shigeko Ota
- 13 Frank Imai  
Joe Ota
- 14 Miya Titmus
- 15 Sumiko Rosvall
- 16 Larry Harada  
Grace Nakamura
- 19 Toshiko Marse
- 20 Dani Murakami
- 26 Miki Harada  
Kay Nakashima
- 31 Michael Darger

**Upcoming Community Events**

**Christ Women United Annual Meeting**

The Christ Women United annual meeting will be held on **Friday, January 30, 2015**. Registration will be from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.00. The location is First Baptist Church, 777 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City. Election and installation of CWU officers, tea, social, fellowship.

For Community Outreach – Please bring socks and underwear for men, women and children; pots and pans; baby diapers, baby food and wipes. Cash donations accepted – checks payable to “Church Women United” designated for Crossroads Urban Center. Free-will Offering: Stays with Local SLC / Bountiful CWU unit: Checks payable to “Church Women United.”

**Utah JA History Book Reprint**

This book was last published in 1997, but documents 100 years of Japanese in Utah. Call Jane Sakashita (801) 582-0560 or National JACL Credit Union to obtain a copy. \$50 each; hardbound, 296 pages.

### Greetings from Truckee

Elaine Iwasaki wanted to share this photo that she and Hiro received from Utako Aramaki, who moved to Truckee, CA to be with her eldest daughter Diane and son-in-law Finn. Utako is doing well in her new home.



(Photo: Utako Aramaki and son-in-law Finn Horve.)

### Christmas Wrap Up

Christmas events began Sunday morning, December 20 with worship service and lighting of the Advent wreath. Later in the evening, the annual potluck and Christmas program were held. See more photos on Page 6 and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. (Greg Paige has a set part-time job once he reaches retirement age...)

On Christmas Eve, a candle lit chapel provided the setting for a joyous service with soup and dessert afterwards.



JCC choir was led by Mr. C.



Tyler Uyeda and Alex Okawa light the candle of Love. (Photos courtesy: Ron Nishijima)



Elise Mori performs.



Nate Fukumitsu, Elizabeth Ward



The Wise Men: Zach Paige, Dylan Johnson and Josh Uyeda.

### Culture Class – Sho-chiku-bai

On December 7, Theresa Mori-Sueoka showed us how to make a Sho-Chiku-Bai arrangement to display in our homes to welcome in the New Year with good luck. A full house attended the class and created beautiful arrangements of pine, bamboo and plum.



Teacher Theresa and Yeiko Homma (Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse)

### Photos With the Man in Red

Thanks to Ron Nishijima who took all of the photos at the Christmas events. More photos are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



Rowan Erlacher isn't too sure about this guy.



Santa's helpers – Carson and Akemi Kawabata



Santa shares a laugh with sisters Yeiko Homma and Keiko Mori.



Saeko and Kay Nakashima



The Nishijima Family



Arlene and Rick Aoki



Al and Betty Kubota, Kory, Alan and Abi (front) Shino