

# 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

## Pastor's Message

February 2015

In his book, *The Life You've Always Wanted*, Pastor John Ortberg pinpoints a life of "Servanthood" as a rewarding spiritual discipline. Jesus Himself placed great emphasis on cultivating a servant's heart. As His followers, we should be known by our willingness to simply help other people. This is of course, easier said than done – being a servant to others is not flashy, it's often not fun, and when performed with the right heart, receives little or no attention. But there is fulfillment and joy in practicing this discipline. And we all have a number of opportunities each day to serve others. Ortberg calls this the "Ministry of the Mundane" – everyday situations in which we can bless people by serving them.

He relates one humorous example of how not to serve:

*"This ministry can happen at home in the middle of the night when one of the children cries. I could fake being asleep and then, as my wife is leaving the room, say a few words very groggily, as if I would have tended the child but I'm just a heavier sleeper so it's too late now. This way I get both the credit for wanting to help and the luxury of staying in bed".*

The uncomfortable part of this example is that it describes me to a tee during the early years of our marriage. I desire to be a servant, yet I battle with the ministry of the mundane. My hope is that Jesus would continually be stirring within my heart a growing motivation to serve as He did – selflessly and unconditionally.

God Bless You,  
Pastor Brad

**The JCC Mission Statement**

To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and seek spiritual growth for the entire congregation through:

- Worship, prayer, and Bible study
- Outreach and evangelism
- Loving service to the Church and community
- Fellowship
- Cultural activities unique to our ethnic congregation

**THE HERALD**

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Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to [klokawa@msn.com](mailto:klokawa@msn.com)

Website: [www.jccslc.org](http://www.jccslc.org)

**Congregational Meeting**

A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 15, 2015** immediately following worship service, to approve the 2015 budget and review the Annual Report.

**February Culture Class**

The February Culture Class will be on **Sunday, February 15, 2015** immediately following the Congregational Meeting.



**“Topaz, From a Last Generation Survivor”** will feature guest speaker **Ted Nagata** who will give his perspective as a 9-year old boy incarcerated at Topaz. The presentation will commemorate the anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and Day of Remembrance.

Please join us for this first hand recollection of a dark period of our nation’s history.

**Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon**

The JCC will host the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon for the month of February. The luncheon will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2015** at noon. Seniors 65 years of age and older are invited to attend (\$1 donation); those 85+ years are free of charge.

As part of the program, LuAnne Nakamura will present information on a Japanese arts and craft exhibit to be held at the Salt Lake City library this spring.

Also, if you are able to help prep, cook or serve at the luncheon, we can always use you! The annual JCC sponsored luncheon is always well attended and well regarded!



**Per Capita Reminder**

Remember, the Per Capita assessment is due at the end of this month; \$38 per member. Envelopes are available on the table near the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of Akemi Seko who passed away on January 9, 2015.



**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Saeko Nakashima       | Shawna Johnson    | Chris Miya        |
| Susan Rosvall         | Joy Hashimoto     | Bernice Kida      |
| Miki Harada           | Betty Murakami    | Marie Matsukawa   |
| Yaeko Tomomatsu       | Grace Matsumura   | Grace Oshita      |
| Yoshiko Nakagama      | Kristen Kobayashi | Cristal Aoki      |
| Jana Hansen           | Toshiko Marse     | Carleen Maholmes  |
| Frank Imai            | Naraoka Family    | Lillian Nakamura  |
| Eunice Kato Griffin   | Utako Aramaki     | Steve Koga        |
| Robert/Colleen Warren | Garin Harada      | Jessie Lamb       |
| Wat Misaka            | Frank Yoshimura   | Wayne Pendergrass |
|                       | Mr. “C”           |                   |

**Mount Hermon Dates**

If you are interested in going to Mount Hermon, or know of anyone interested, please contact **Julee Mori** at **(801) 718-2727** so that we can include you in the group e-mail distribution. Also, family and Nichigo registration forms are now available only online and should be filled out ASAP. In addition, the youth camp registrations will be out on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Try to complete and mail your registrations out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to better your chances of securing a spot at camp.

The youth group will begin fundraising efforts for Mount Hermon with a "Mixed Plate" fundraising dinner on Saturday, March 21, 2015 and a rummage sale later this spring.

Ticket sales for the Mixed Plate fundraiser will begin later this month, but mark your calendars now! We are also looking for volunteers to help with this dinner; contact Elise Mori (801) 631-9804, Julee Mori (801) 718-2727 or Karen Okawa (801) 864-2386.

**Note to the Congregation**

Keri and I wanted to let everyone know how much we appreciate all the gifts we received during the Christmas season. We are always moved by your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you so much!

Brad and Keri Kramer

*Thank you!*

**It's Basketball Season!**

The JCC basketball season is coming up soon! We need to confirm who is going to play this year as we need to commit to one or two teams: Under 30 Team and Over 30 Team.

The season begins the first week of March. Practices are set up for 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 21 and 28 - (please bring a few dollars to contribute to the \$40 per practice fees). The location is Southeast Christian Church - 1881 East Vine Street, Salt Lake City, UT. Player fees are TBD, but estimate between \$30-\$40.

We will need volunteers to help score games throughout the season...please let us know if you can help.

For more information, contact: **Doug Murakami** at (801) 580-8404 [dmurakami@utah.gov](mailto:dmurakami@utah.gov) or **Dani Murakami** at (801) 860-2557 or [dani@lovecomm.net](mailto:dani@lovecomm.net).

**LIGHT-SIDE**



**February 2015 - Worship Service Participants**

	<b>February 1</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>Music Worship February 22</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Steve Fukumitsu	Ron Nishijima	Hiro Iwasaki	Greg Paige
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Hiromi Page	E) Nichole Kramer J) Misako Bowker	E) Nate Fukumitsu J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yeiko Homma
<b>Greeter</b>	Dorthie Conway	Mary Tabata	Nob Iwamoto	Sadie Yoshimura
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Joe Ota	Doug Murakami Frank Yoshimura	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota Barry Nakamura
<b>Songs of Praise</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	Keiko Ikeda
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Nichigo
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	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	---

**February Event Calendar**

**Regularly Scheduled Meetings**

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

<b>February</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
7, Saturday	Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by JCC	Noon
15, Sunday	Congregational Meeting	After worship service
	February Culture Class – guest speaker Ted Nagata	After congregational meeting
17, Tuesday	St.Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen	11:15 a.m.
21, Saturday	Day of Remembrance	
22, Sunday	Herald deadline	Noon
26, Thursday	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.

**February Birthdays**

- 4 Betty Kubota
- 7 Allison Oki  
Jani Fukumitsu
- 14 Pat Arakaki
- 16 Akemi Kawabata
- 17 Elyse Mori
- 20 Keiko Mori
- 23 Derrick Davis
- 27 Alex Okawa



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**Upcoming Community Events**

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon – Sponsor, JCC Agape Women, Saturday, February 7, 2015, noon. For details, see Page 2 of this newsletter.

JACL Day of Remembrance – Bus trip to Topaz Museum on Saturday, February 21, 2015. For details, see Page 6 of this newsletter.



### Installation of New Officers

The installation of new officers took place on Sunday, January 11, 2015. The following members were installed:

**Session:** Hiro Iwasaki, Greg Paige

**Deacons:** Misako Bowker, Danni Uyeda, Miki Harada

**Board of Trustees:** Rick Aoki, Doug Murakami

**Nominating Committee:** Laura Olson, Allyn Nakashima

Please give these members your support as they serve the JCC.



Laura Olson, Misako Bowker and Victor Homma perform a musical number during service.



From left to right: Pastor Brad (at pulpit), Hiro Iwasaki, Misako Bowker, Allyn Nakashima, Laura Olson, Danni Uyeda, Greg Paige and Doug Murakami. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

### Call for Japantown Photographs

To commemorate the 10th Nihon Matsuri (Japanese festival) which will be held on Saturday April 25th, the Japantown exhibit from the first festival will be on display with additional images.

The goal is to get photos of all of the businesses and buildings, as well as people in Japantown. If you have photos or other related items, please contact **Lorraine Crouse** at [lmcrouse@comcast.net](mailto:lmcrouse@comcast.net) or **801-943-3863**.



**nihonmatsuri**  
JAPAN FESTIVAL SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
**APRIL 25, 2015**  
10 am - 5 pm  
100 South (Japantown Street)  
Between 200 & 300 West  
**FREE ADMISSION**

### Mount Hermon Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Yeiko Homma and Elise Mori as the inaugural Mount Hermon scholarship recipients from the Agape Women. Yeiko and Elise will be attending Mount Hermon at the end of June.



Yeiko Homma and Elise Mori

### Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who turned out on Saturday, January 24, 2015 to help make yaki manju for the upcoming Nikkei Senior Center luncheon! The job went a lot quicker with so many hands to help!



Hiromi Page and Keiko Ikeda are still smiling after the job is done! Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

## JACL Day of Remembrance Event

Day of Remembrance

### 2015 Day of Remembrance Event

Our Day of Remembrance is the annual commemoration of the issuance of Executive Order 9066 during World War II that led to the internment of over 110,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry. Please join the Mt. Olympus JACL on a chartered bus ride to Delta, Utah, to listen to speaker Jane Beckwith (Topaz Museum board member and local resident), tour the new Topaz Museum, view the exhibit of Topaz internees' artwork and take an excursion to the internment camp site.

**Date of Event:** Saturday, February 21, 2015

**Bus Departure Times from Salt Lake City:**

- 8:30 am Sears parking lot (southwest corner) 781 South Main Street
- 9:00 am Kmart parking lot (east end near Java Jo's) 4670 South 900 East

*If you will be driving separately, please meet 11:30 am at The Community Center, 75 West Main Street, Delta, UT, adjacent to the Topaz Museum.*

**Bus Return Time:** 4:30 pm

**Cost:** Bus ride will be complimentary, but donations are welcome and appreciated


**Lunch Options:** (no food services available at facility)

- Preorder a \$10 teriyaki chicken bento lunch and drink (see RSVP section below) or
- Bring your own lunch and drink

**Special Needs:** Contact Lynne Aramaki, eiggam03@yahoo.com or 801-641-8880

**RSVP by February 14:**  
**Confirm number of bus passengers and/or quantity of bento lunch orders to Lynne Aramaki, eiggam03@yahoo.com or Sadie Yoshimura, 801-484-6994**

This event has received funding from Utah Humanities (UH). UH empowers Utahns to improve their communities through active engagement in the humanities.



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## Words of Wisdom

A few thoughts from the Words of Wisdom 4 You website:

"Make allowances for your friends' imperfections as readily as you do for your own."  
 H. Jackson Brown, Jr., Life's Little Instruction Book Volume II

"Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you, but not in one ahead."  
 Bill Mcglashen

"Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting."  
 William Arthur Ward

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seed that you plant."  
 Robert Louis Stevenson

"Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down."  
 Oprah Winfrey