

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

NIHON MATSURI 2015

Volunteers Needed!

The annual Nihon Matsuri will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**. The JCC will have a booth at the festival selling sushi and manju and the youth will be selling food (fried rice and onigiri) as well. This is a good fundraiser for the JCC and opens our doors to the Salt Lake community.



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JAPAN FESTIVAL SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

APRIL 25, 2015

10 am - 5 pm

100 South (Japantown Street)

Between 200 & 300 West

FREE ADMISSION

Your help is needed! If you can help, contact **Danni Uyeda** at (801) 486-8813, **Jan Aramaki** at (801) 718-2006 or **Laura Olson** at (801) 755-1706. A volunteer signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.

Flyers are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you can distribute some around the valley.

NOTE: If you have a current Food Handler's permit/card, please bring it with you. Health Department rules require at least one person in the food booth to have a permit at all times.

Tell your family and friends about the festival! Admission is free. Free parking is available in the Salt Palace 300 West lot (entrance located on east side of 300 West between South Temple and 100 South).

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

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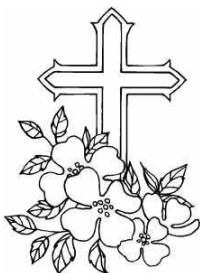
Misako Bowker, Miki Harada, Keiko Ikeda, Wilma Kimura, Lillian Nakamura, Karla Paige, Danni Uyeda

Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

Website: www.jccslc.org

Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Rick and Arlene Aoki and the Kano family on the passing of Arlene's mother, Aileen, on March 2, 2015 at the age of 98.



Spring Basketball Schedule

The Southeast Christian Church basketball league started last month and continues into April. The JCC has two teams – one in the under 30 division and one in the over 30 division.

Date	Under 30	Over 30
Thursday, April 2	6:00 p.m.	Bye
Tuesday, April 7	Bye	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	6:00 p.m.	Bye
Tuesday, April 14	8:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25	11:00 a.m.	Noon

Or How About Softball?

The softball season is coming up soon! Practices are scheduled for the following Friday nights – April 3 and 10, 6:00 p.m. Location: TBD

First Game: **Friday, April 17** (game time is tba) at West Valley softball fields, 5415 West 3100 South

Dues: League fees \$425.00, approx. \$30-\$35 per player

For more information on either the softball or basketball teams, contact: **Doug Murakami** at (801) 580-8404.

April Culture Class - Yaki Manju Lesson Part II

Part II of the Manju Class will be on **Sunday, April 12**. We will show you how to shape and bake the manju. (Last month we learned how to make an from lima beans and also the dough.) For those that missed the first class last month, you are still welcome to join this class. For those that did participate in the first class, please bring your copy of the recipe that was handed out.

The class will start after coffee fellowship. If you have any questions, contact **Hiromi Page** at jlhtpage@hotmail.com.

CWU May Friendship Day Celebration 2015

When: Friday, May 1, 2015 (1st Friday),

9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 - 1:00 Program and Lunch

Where: Calvary Baptist Church, 1090 South State St. (SLC)

Theme: "Companions on a Journey – Journey of the Caregiver"

Annual FLC: Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering / Dedication

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$4.00

Lunch RSVP: Phyllis Allen 801-298-7197 by Monday, April 27, 2015

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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	Lillian Nakamura
Frank Imai	Naraoka Family	Jessie Lamb
Wat Misaka	Utako Aramaki	Wayne Pendergrass
Kiyo Nakamura	Garin Harada	Barbara Woody
Susan Fukushima	Mr. "C"	

Easter Message

April 2015

We often use the phrase, “seeing the light”, or “the light went on”, to describe a situation when someone is brought to a point of understanding or sees the truth for what it really is. We’ve all had those moments haven’t we, when our hearts or eyes were opened to something in a new and wonderful way?

“I remember when I “saw”: I mean really saw the Grand Canyon for the first time. I’d seen pictures and movies before, but nothing could prepare me for seeing it in person. It completely altered my view of this incredible place. The light went on. For a long time I would speak in awe of the Canyon. I guess I still do.

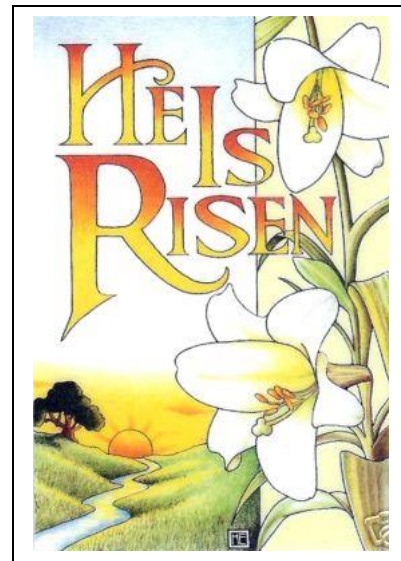
The gospel writer Luke describes a moment when the light went on for a couple of first century disciples. The setting is the road to Emmaus, where two young men are walking along in crushing disappointment over the death of their Master, Jesus of Nazareth. They are joined by a stranger who seems to know nothing of the events in Jerusalem concerning the crucifixion of Jesus. In the course of their journey this mysterious man unfolds the scriptures to them concerning the divine plan concerning Messiah. There comes a point where Luke tells us “their eyes were opened and they knew Him.” What an incredible moment. It was the resurrected Jesus in the flesh, the conqueror of death.

“32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together
34 and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen.

It is my prayer this Easter season that many in our community will have their hearts opened to the truth of a resurrected Lord Who gives life to all who would put their trust not in good behavior but in Jesus Christ, Who paid the price for our sin. Let us be quick to share this great message.

To God’s Glory,
Pastor Brad



Holy Week Events

Please join us in these traditional events leading up to Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Communion and Seder Meal – Communion service at **6:00 p.m.** with Seder Meal to follow. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper. *Maundy* refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday (no special services)

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday

- Breakfast hosted by Men’s Fellowship (see adjoining article)
- Easter egg hunt, 10:00 a.m.
- Worship service, 10:30 a.m.
- Traditional Easter group photo in front of church immediately following service.

Easter Breakfast

Join us for a bountiful Easter breakfast hosted by the Men’s Fellowship!

When: Sunday, April 5, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Adults \$5.00, children 12 and under are free.



April 2015 - Worship Service Participants

	Easter Sunday April 5	April 12	Music Worship April 19	April 26
Liturgist	Greg Paige	Ron Nishijima	Alan Shino	Hiro Iwasaki
Scripture Readers	E) Karen Okawa J) Toshiko Marse	E) Nichole Kramer J) Shigeko Ota	E) Dylan Johnson J) Hiromi Page	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Misako Bowker
Greeter	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Nob Iwamoto	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner Doug Murakami	Lorraine Crouse Joe Ota	Al Kubota Barry Nakamura Frank Yoshimura	Lorraine Crouse Barry Nakamura
Songs of Praise	Brian Itliong	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	JCC Worship Band	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer
Organist/Pianist	Yas Iwamoto	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda	Greg Paige
Offeratory Music	JCC Choir Nichigo Choir	Allyn Nakashima Laura Olson	Nichigo Choir	Greg Paige
Acolyte	Alex Okawa	Nichole Kramer	Nichole Kramer	Tyler Uyeda
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Barry Nakamura	Dylan Johnson	---	Tosh Nakaya

JCC April 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Jazz Game - Denver	2 -Nichigo Bible Study, 10 am -Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal, 6 pm -Basketball U30, 6 pm	3 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Tongan - Good Friday Service, 7 pm -Softball practice, 6 pm	4 -Tongan - Easter Program, noon
5 EASTER SUNDAY -Easter Breakfast 8 to 10 am -Worship Service 10:30 am	6 Taiko practice, 6 pm	7 Basketball O30, 6 pm	8 Jazz Game - Sacramento	9 -Nichigo Bible Study, 10 am -Basketball U30, 6 pm	10 -Jazz Game- Memphis -Softball practice, 6 pm	11 Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by Mt. Olympus JACL, noon
12 Manju class, after worship	13 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Jazz Game - Dallas	14 Basketball O30, 7 pm, U30, 6 pm	15	16 -Nichigo Bible Study, 10 am	17 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -First Softball game	18
19	20 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Nihon Matsuri prep	21 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Nihon Matsuri prep	22 Nihon Matsuri prep	23 -Nichigo Bible Study, 10 am -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Nihon Matsuri prep	24 Nihon Matsuri prep, all day	25 -Nihon Matsuri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. -Basketball U30, 11 am
26 Herald Deadline	27 Taiko practice, 6 pm	28 Herald Mailing	29	30 -Nichigo Bible Study, 10 am		

April Birthdays

3	Nathan Fukumitsu	9	Lillian Nakamura	23	Rick Aoki	29	Joni Aoki-Foxley
	Eric Murakami	10	Tammy Nakamura	25	Donna Goeller		
5	Kylie Murakami	20	Saeko Nakashima	27	Karen Okawa		

Building Committee Report

On Thursday, March 26, the Session, Board of Trustees and Building Committee met to discuss the project and "where we are." There has been a lot of discussion in the congregation regarding remodeling in the proposed building.

During the meeting, the discussion returned time and again to one fact: to get going on this project, we need drawings. We need floor plans to show us a layout and give us some idea of the room sizes and relative location. We need renderings so that we can get an idea of what the building will look like and cost of the architect's concept.

As the group discussed these ideas, we realized that we probably have the cart ahead of the horse, so to speak. Before we can get drawings, both JCC and our architect, Building God's Way (BGW) need additional information. Accordingly, a meeting will be scheduled (hopefully) this coming week with city officials to discuss essential items: historical requirements, seismic concerns, civil, electrical, structural, mechanical, storm water management, asbestos analysis and abatement requirements with experts. This meeting will cost nothing. Further, we need to discuss the architect's fee, reviews, approvals, insurance, etc. with BGW. Depending on the results of these meetings, we may be back with an interim report. If it is expedient, the design process will start.

In order to start this process, the Session authorized expenditure's up to \$50,000 at the February 26 meeting. As is customary, we expect that the architects will design a building that they "see" in their mind. It is quite likely that this will be beyond our reach financially. However, the Session, Trustees and Building Committee will bring this information to the congregation and seek input from everyone to decide "what to keep" and "what needs to go". At the same meeting, the Session authorized a budgetary amount of up to \$500,000. We fully expect that at least the initial cost will be much higher, but we don't want to limit the design process. No action will be taken without the congregations input. We are also in the initial stages of identifying ways to finance the project. It is important for each JCC member to commit to the project not just verbally, but also financially. The question right now is: how much commitment can our church afford? It is too early to tell or even give a guideline, because, again, it comes back to the design, fit and finish that we approve as a congregation.

If you have any questions, please contact any Session, Trustee or Building Committee member. We are happy to answer questions, but realize that we have determined that we need to see if there are any surprises on designing the building before we can begin to look at the interior organization and finishes. Building Committee members:

Al Kubota	(801) 365-7036	Alan Shino	(801) 597-7016	Lynne Aramaki	(801) 641-8880
Doug Murakami	(801) 265-2999	Gary Nakao	(801) 424-8992	Greg Paige	(801) 272-2266

Lost Items

A book "Origami from the Heart" by Florence Temko, belonging to the SL City Library was mistakenly taken from the Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon held at the JCC in February. Contact LuAnne Nakamura at (801) 594-8621.

Also, a large piece of black velvet fabric that was used to cover the back of the piano is missing. Please contact Toshiko Marse if you have or find it.

Church Women United Thank You

CWU sends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Japanese United Church of Christ women for ALL of their efforts in making the 2015 Human Rights Day Celebration a wonderful event. Thank you for your hospitality, your organization, and a healthy "home-cooked" lunch. A special "Thank You" is extended to Karla Paige, Elaine Iwasaki, Laura Olson, and Pastor Brad Kramer for their leadership and coordination efforts. The facility, the food, and your CWU support were great!

With Grateful Sincerity,
Church Women United Board for Metropolitan
Salt Lake City & Bountiful

Note: The event was held on Friday, March 13. A special thank you also to Betty Morishita for baking an assortment of cookies that were enjoyed by all!



Upcoming Community Events

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon – **Saturday, April 11, 2015**, noon, sponsored by the Mount Olympus JACL at the JCC.

Youth News

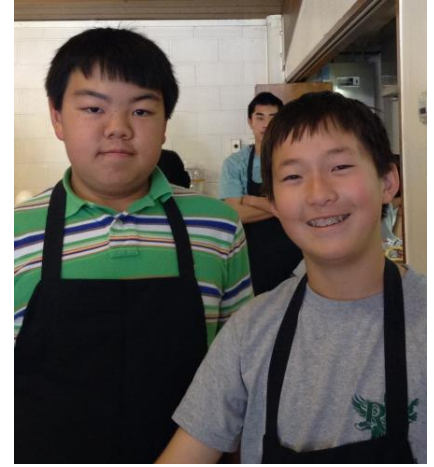
The Mixed Plate youth fundraiser to send JCC youth to Mount Hermon was held on **Saturday, March 28, 2015**. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and especially to those who helped in food preparation, selling tickets, serving, and general duties during the day. You made this event a big success! A special thanks to Jerry Mori for preparing the Luau Ribs and teriyaki chicken!

This year, Mount Hermon will be from June 28 through July 4. Those attending: **Yeiko Homma, Elise Mori, Katie Fukumitsu, Pastor Brad Kramer, Nichole Kramer, Shoji Mori, Alex Okawa** and **Tyler Uyeda**.

The next youth fundraising activity will be at Nihon Matsuri on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**. The youth group will have a booth and we need help in making onigiri, cooking, and selling in the booth. Contact **Danni Uyeda** at (801) 486-8813 if you can help.



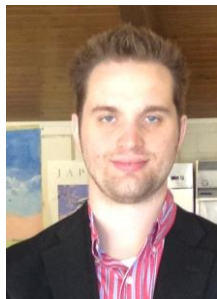
Mixed Plate volunteers: Tyler Uyeda, Nate Iwamoto-Fukumitsu, Elizabeth Ward, Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu, Abi Shino, Kory Shino



Happy Busboys – Shoji Mori, Alex Okawa

Special Visitor

JCC member Michael Flemming returned to Salt Lake for a short visit at the end of March and attended the March 28 worship service. Mike moved to Japan a few years ago and is now working as a consultant in Tokyo. He also got married there and he and his wife are expecting their first child in July. The Nichigo group held a lunch in his honor after worship.



March Culture Class

The March Culture Class featured paper crafting by Karla Paige who showed us how to create 3 projects for Easter; an Easter greeting card, Easter box basket and M&M goodie bag.

Thanks to Karla for her creative ideas! The class was enjoyed by all.

Right: Betty Morishita displays her handmade Easter gifts.



Presbyterian Women in Utah Spring Gathering

To be held April 24 and 25, 2015. Details are listed on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Yaki Manju Class Part I

On March 22, Yeiko Homma showed us how to make the "an" from lima beans and Shigeko Ota taught us to make the dough. Thanks to Hiromi Page for organizing the class. Manju takes time to make, but worth every bite!



Abi Shino, Marcia Garcia and Betty Murakami carefully add ingredients