



**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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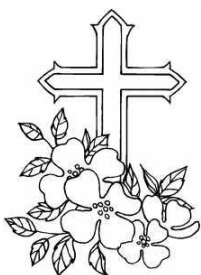
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**Condolences**

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](mailto: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:

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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     | 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.

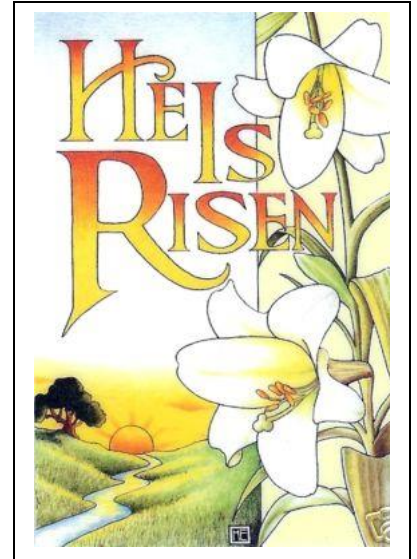
The gospel writer Luke describes a moment when the light went on for a couple of first century disciples. The setting is the road to Emmaus, where two young men are walking along in crushing disappointment over the death of their Master, Jesus of Nazareth. They are joined by a stranger who seems to know 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.





## 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.

