

The HERALD Newsletter

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

Pastor's Message

June 2015

This past Memorial Day weekend I had the honor of being asked to share a few words at the Sunday service on behalf of our Japanese-American brothers who served so bravely and faithfully in WWII. I used my time to speak about their character; the kind of character, which compelled them to take up arms for the same country that placed them in internment camps.

I am afraid that the virtues, which contribute to such character, are in short supply in our culture today: Virtues such as humility, courage, integrity, and faithfulness. These qualities spring from a solid heart. The Bible tells us that God has a keen interest in a person's heart; because it reveals who we really are.

Notice I Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

I am grateful for the immense sacrifices made by my Japanese-American brothers, so that I could live in a great nation that not only allows, but encourages me to speak and to worship my God freely.

I am in awe of their character; and it is one of my goals in life to cultivate those qualities that made them heroes, and which inspire us to honor their lives and service.

May 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

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One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

Condolences

Our prayers go out to the family of Kiyo Nakamura, who passed away on May 19, 2015.

Summer Schedule

The JCC summer worship schedule will start on **Sunday, June 21, 2015** beginning with the Father’s Day picnic (see Page 3). From that week on, worship service will start at **10:00 a.m.** every Sunday until Labor Day. Children’s Sunday School will resume in September.



Class of 2015

Congratulations to the graduates in the Class of 2015:

High School:

- Matt Aramaki
- Nathan Iwamoto-Fukumitsu
- Madison Kramer
- Kennedy Misaka
- Abigail Shino

Class of 2015



College:

- Sara Galica

These students will be honored on Sunday, June 7 during worship service.

Ice Cream Sunday

In celebration of the graduates and also to commemorate the end of another Sunday School year, the traditional Ice Cream Sunday will be held on **Sunday, June 7** right after worship service. Come make a sweet treat with the works - syrup, toppings and candy!

Mount Hermon Attendees

The following will be attending Mount Hermon from June 28 through July 4. Please keep them in your prayers as they bond with others in JEMS fellowship. The attendees will be commissioned during the Father’s Day worship service on June 21.

Elise Mori	Shoji Mori	Alex Okawa
Elizabeth Ward	Nichole Kramer	Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu
Yeiko Homma	Tyler Uyeda	Pastor Brad Kramer

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	Barbara Woody
Nakamura family	Garin Harada	
Susan Fukushima	Mr. "C"	

Father's Day Picnic

The annual Father's Day picnic will be held **on Sunday, June 21, 2015** beginning with worship service at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Sugar Beet Pavilion** in **Sugarhouse Park** (2100 South and 1300 East).



The Mount Hermon attendees will be commissioned during worship service. After service, bring a potluck item to share; drinks will be furnished.

To find Sugar Beet Pavilion, enter the park from 2100 South and follow the one way road to the right. Continue to follow the road to the southeast corner of the park. The pavilion parking lot will be on the right side of the road.



Softball Schedule

The WVCFFC Church Spring League schedule for June and July:

Friday, June 5	6:30 p.m.	Red field
Friday, June 12	6:30 p.m.	Yellow field
Friday, June 19	8:30 p.m.	Green field
Friday, June 26	7:30 p.m.	Green field
Friday, July 10	8:30 p.m.	Yellow field

Games are played at West Valley softball fields at 5415 West 3100 South. For information, contact Doug Murakami at (801) 580-8404.

Upcoming Community Events

- "Yellow Face" - A social comedy (some adult content) directed by Kerry Lee. At Sugar Space Arts Warehouse, 132 South 800 West. June 5-6 and 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and June 7 and 14 at 3:00 p.m. \$15.00. www.peopleproductions.org
- Utah Asian Festival at Southtowne Expo Center, Sandy, UT, Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Cookie decorating class at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, Sunday, June 14 at noon. Cost \$10.00.

Aki Matsuri Planning

There will be an Aki Matsuri festival this year, after a one-year respite in 2014. The event will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Aki Matsuri planning is currently underway. We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning. Please contact **Danni Uyeda** at (385) 232-9419 or join us at the first meeting **Wednesday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

Nihon Matsuri Receipts

Please turn in any receipts for reimbursement of Agape sushi or manju expenses for Nihon Matsuri to Suzanne Hata as soon as possible.

Congratulations

Ted Nagata was recognized as a 2015 Outstanding Asian Professional at the Utah Asian Chamber Scholarship and Awards Gala on May 16, 2015.

Saburo and Marion Masada were honored by HandsOn Central California with a Lifetime Achievement Award for their volunteer service.

June Birthdays

- 8 Joy Hashimoto
- 9 Zach Paige
- 11 Frank Yoshimura
- 12 Mary Tabata
- 14 Elaine Iwasaki, Alix Oike, Stephanie Nakao
- 23 Max Sueoka
- 24 Harry Ota
- 25 Tosh Nakaya
- 27 Dawn Yoshinaga
- 28 Utako Aramaki



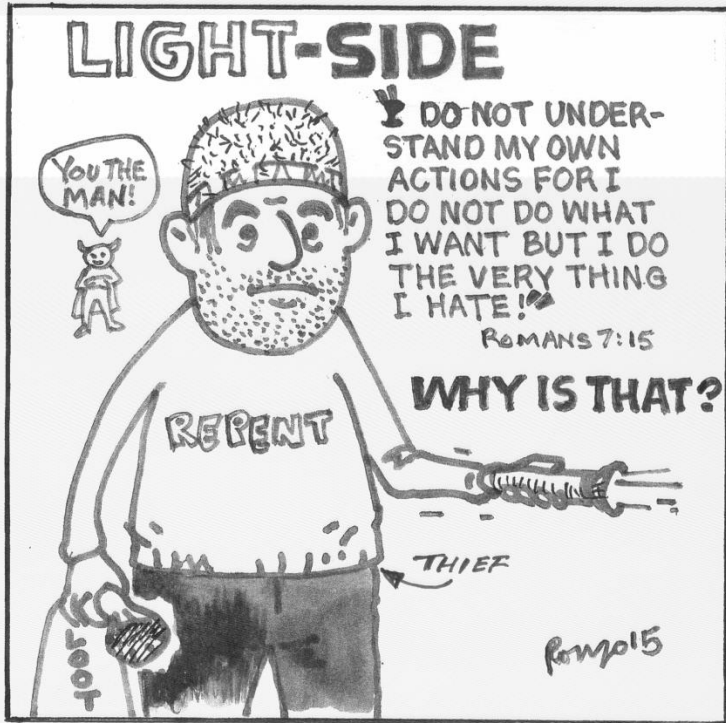
June 2015 - Worship Service Participants

	June 7	June 14	Father's Day June 21 (Sugarhouse Park)	June 28
Liturgist	Greg Paige	Ron Nishijima	---	Laura Olson
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Misako Bowker	E) Alex Okawa J) Yeiko Homma	E) --- J) ---	E) Jan Aramaki J) Toshiko Marse
Greeter	Mary Tabata	Sadie Yoshimura	---	Betty Murakami
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Al Kubota Joe Ota	Lorraine Crouse Doug Murakami	Barry Nakamura Kory Shino
Songs of Praise	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	---	Keiko Ikeda
Offeratory Music	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Victor Homma	Nichigo
Acolyte	Tyler Uyeda	Alex Okawa	---	TBD
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Jan Aramaki Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Uyedas	Barry Nakamura	---	---

JCC June 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 -Taiko performance, East Canyon, 6:00 pm -Softball, 6:30 pm	6 -Parking Event: WWW Live, 7:30pm
7 -Communion, Graduates Recog., 10:30 am -Ice Cream Sunday, after worship	8 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	9	10	11	12 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Softball, 6:30 pm	13 -Taiko performance, Asian Festival, 4:45 pm
14	15 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	16 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	17 -Aki Matsuri planning meeting, 6:00 pm	18	19 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Softball, 8:30 pm	20
21 -Father's Day picnic, Sugarhouse Park, 10 am	22 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	23	24	25 -Nichigo Bible Study, 10 am	26 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Softball, 7:30 pm	27
28 -Departure for Mount Hermon -Herald Deadline	29 Mount Hermon	30 Mount Hermon -Herald Mailing				

*Events current as of Herald printing date, 6/2/15.



Building Committee Report

Submitted by Greg Paige

On Sunday, May 31, Greg Paige presented status of recent meetings on the chapel remodeling project.

(The report below is a brief summary of a larger report, but due to space limitations, it could not all be included here. The full report is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.)

In discussing the proposed cost of the facility, Building God’s Way (BGW) feels like their current estimate of \$650,000 is within +/- 10% of the final cost. BGW suggested that JCC should look at a fund raising campaign BEFORE committing to such a project, and completing all drawings, even though we have a significant portion of the money currently available.

We discussed with BGW the possibility of using sweat equity in the project to help reduce cost. They are open to the idea, subject to our understanding that it could impact the project schedule.

A series of renderings of how the building could look, a floor plan and also sample sanctuary chairs are available in the Fellowship Hall. These are representative, not the final product. The largest selling point for the chairs is the flexibility they provide for seating arrangements and also the comfort afforded to congregants. Please try them out and let us know why you like them or why you don’t like them. We should have them for the next few weeks, so please vote early and often!

Nihon Matsuri Thanks

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make this year’s Nihon Matsuri a huge success! The JCC is blessed to have this time of year to bring us together -- whether you helped to cook, set up, organize, clean up, serve, help with exhibits, etc. The time you spent to pitch in and be a part of this event is appreciated. Your presence is always a blessing. Everyone works behind the scenes with such dedication. The JCC food booths sold out of food! God works in amazing ways -great fellowship and welcoming others to the JCC are the biggest blessings of all. Thank you!

Culture Class Wrap Up

On Sunday, May 17, Danni Uyeda and Janice Oike showed us how to make “mochi bits” from sweet rice flour and sugar. The class was “hands on” as we learned to mix the batter, cook it in the microwave, and how to roll it out to cut and wrap. Recipe copies are on the bulletin board.



Janice Oike demonstrates how to roll out the mochi as Tyler Uyeda, Yeiko Homma, Mary Tabata, Alex Okawa and Sadie Yoshimura look on. Photo courtesy: L Crouse

Memorial Day Services

The annual Veteran’s Memorial Day service was held on Sunday, May 24 at the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Later that morning, the traditional candle lighting ceremony was held at JCC during worship service.



Wat Misaka and Mas Horiuchi at Veteran’s Memorial

Taiko News

The Kenshin Taiko group has been busy with performances this spring. They performed at the Nihon Matsuri in April, a Japanese arts and crafts exhibit at the Chapman Library, and the Living Traditions festival at Library Square in May.

The June/July schedule includes:

June 5, 6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts of America, East Canyon Resort
June 13, 4:45 p.m.	Asian Festival, SouthTowne Center
July 1, 9:30 a.m.	Episcopal General Convention, Salt Palace
July 1, 7:15 p.m.	Episcopal General Convention, Tabernacle



Photo: Kenshin Taiko group performs at Chapman Library. Photo courtesy: Danni Uyeda

Basketball Season End

Submitted by Doug Murakami

We finished up the basketball season a few weeks ago - the over 30 team lost in the first round of the playoffs to the K2 Church. Their team was BIG! Former All-Pro NFL Defensive Tackle Luther Ellis, goes about 6'6" 350 lbs! Enough said.

The under 30 team really shined! They lost in the championship game, but it was the game an hour before that was one of the best games I've witnessed! Double overtime win against the 1st place team. Down 17 at halftime, the young JCC team came out strong and never gave up. Nick and Isaiah fouled out in the overtime period leaving just 4 players - Nate, Zach, Tim and Brian! It was one of those games where there were so many great plays made, it would be take several pages to list them all!

The bottom line is they played their hearts out and shocked the first place team. It was an exciting and fun season and we're looking forward to next year already!



JCC Under 30 Team: (From left to right) Coach Doug Murakami, Brian Itliong, Thomas Mori, Isiah Ford, Nick Aoki, Tim Domian, Walker Murakami, Nate Fukumitsu, Zach Paige, Coach Jake Murakami. Not present: Yukio Leo, Dylan Watanuki, Anderson Murakami



JCC Over 30 Team: (From left to right) Row 1 - Alex Aoyama, Raymond Uno, Landon Kawabata. Row 2- Dan Crouse, Wally Doi, Lucas Murakami, Jon Llenares, Jake Murakami, Doug Murakami. Not present: Greg Takenaka, Keith Garcia.