

# The HERALD Newsletter

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Summer Schedule (through  
Labor Day weekend):

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Adult Bible Study and Sunday  
School resume in September.

## Pastor's Message

**August 2015**

One of the benefits of attending the annual J.E.M.S. conference at Mt. Hermon is the opportunity to sit under some good teaching from the various guest speakers. This year I was especially inspired by Ken Shigematsu; Sr. Pastor of Tenth Church in Vancouver, BC, one of the largest and most diverse city – center churches in Canada.

Pastor Ken covered a lot of the material in his book "*God In My Everything*", which speaks to the need of all believers to establish a type of rhythm of spiritual practices in life, intended to "help us experience the transforming presence of Christ in everything and extend His grace to the world."

Of particular interest to me are the rhythms of practicing Sabbath, and daily meditation. The biblical idea of Sabbath speaks to a full day of rest from our normal work routine. I have been negligent in making time for Sabbath; so my goal is to now set aside one day per week to simply rest – easier said than done. Moreover, I am striving to be more consistent in my times of daily meditation, as I seek to quiet myself before God. Ken's book is a wealth of helpful and encouraging insight. I would encourage you to pick up a copy for yourself – you will find it to be a very good investment.

Lord's Blessings,

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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**Nichigo Next Month**

Reverend Hajime Fujii and his wife Kayoko from Fresno will be visiting the JCC on **September 12 and 13, 2015**. More information will follow in the September Herald.

**Acts 16:5 Small Groups**

Acts 16:5 "small groups" have started meeting again on Monday evenings. Everyone is welcomed to join in and share in God's word together. Contact Pastor Brad for information on the location of the next scheduled meeting.

**Youth Worship Service**

On **Sunday, August 30**, the youth group will be conducting the entire worship service; from ushers, to music and speakers (with the exception of the scripture lesson in Japanese). Speakers will include those that attended the Mount Hermon conference.



Come hear the testimonies of our youth as they share their experiences during the week at Mount Hermon. Worship service will begin at **10:00 a.m.**

**Check Requests**

From now on, the office will be issuing reimbursement checks twice a month - on the 5th and 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please plan to submit your reimbursement or check requests early if you need a check cut by a certain date. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Aki Matsuri 2015**

Remember to mark your calendars for Aki Matsuri 2015 to be held on **Saturday, August 29, 2015** from **noon to 6:00 p.m.** There will be food (see bento article on Page 3), entertainment, displays, an opportunity drawing and silent auction, anime contest, crafts and children's activities! Admission and parking are free (park in Salt Palace lot with entrance on 300 West between South Temple and 100 South). Please spread the word. A flyer is included in this issue of the Herald. Feel free to make copies of it and post them where you can!

**Volunteers Needed!**

Of course, when planning a festival for the public, volunteers are always needed. If you can spare a couple of hours (or better yet, the entire day) helping at Aki Matsuri, please contact **Danni Uyeda at (385) 232-9419**. We can use help on both **Friday, August 28** (preparation) and **Saturday, August 29** (festival activities).

**NOTE:** If you will be working with food, please bring your current food handlers permit if you have one; and if possible, please provide your own aprons and hair covering (visor, hat, baseball cap, or hairnet).

**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       | Utako Aramaki     | Jessie Lamb      |
| Wat Misaka       | Garin Harada      | Barbara Woody    |
| Kai Ronning      | Larry Harada      |                  |
| Susan Fukushima  | Mr. "C"           |                  |

### Aki Matsuri Bento Box Pre-Sale

In order to better plan quantities for the food at Aki Matsuri this year, a Bento Box will be offered on a "pre-sale" basis. The Bento Box will include: Teriyaki chicken donburi, gyoza, and cabbage salad. (NO substitutions.)

The bento box price is \$10.00. Bentos sold on the pre-sale will be reserved and available for pick up on the day of Aki Matsuri (August 29, 2015), beginning at noon. However, pre-sale orders must be **picked up by 3:00 p.m.** that day.

If you would like to reserve a Bento box, contact **Julee Mori**, or **Karen Okawa**. The deadline for pre-sale Bento boxes is **Thursday, August 20**.

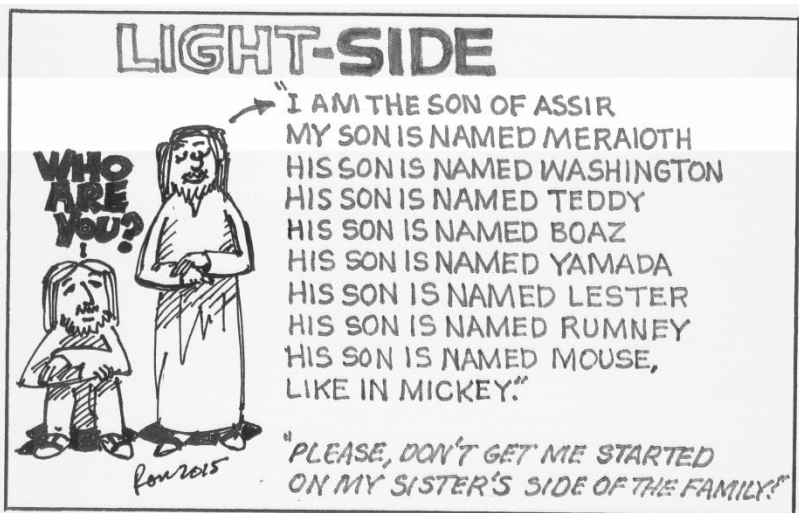
If you can also help sell tickets, contact either Julee or Karen.

A la carte items will also be available for sale on the day of Aki Matsuri: agedashi tofu, somen salad, spam musubi, sushi and manju, gyoza, chicken donburi and cabbage salad.



### Agape News

Agape will have a craft booth at Aki Matsuri selling our handmade quilts and other items and will be meeting periodically during the month of August to sort and price our inventory. Please let **Jean Kobayashi** or **Suzanne Hata** know if you have any items you wish to include in our booth or if you have time to help with the booth preparation.



### Happy Birthday!

**Yeiko Homma** will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 16 and inviting members of the JCC congregation to a party in her honor on **Saturday, August 22, 2015** from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Congratulations Yeiko-san on turning 90 years young; your vigor and energy are inspirational to us all. Thank you for your dedication and service to the JCC.

### Building Committee Report

The Building Committee continues to meet regularly and have been receiving input and feedback on the renovation plans. A concern is that the renovation will affect the JCC's status on the historical building registry, so this will be brought up with the architect.

### Temari Ball Wrap Up

On Sunday, July 12, 2015, Toshiko Marse demonstrated part two of her temari ball class. It takes a lot of yarn! Thanks again to Toshiko for sharing her talents in making the decorative balls.

### August Birthdays

- 4 Ron Nishijima
- 8 Danni Uyeda
- 11 Aidan Okawa
- 15 Bernice Kida
- 16 Yeiko Homma
- 19 Madi Shino
- 20 Arlene Aoki
- 23 Amy Murakami
- 25 Donna Davis

### Upcoming Community Events

- Mount Olympus JACL August Outing, Friday, August 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at Evergreen Park. Pot luck. Contact either Lynne Crabbe or Sadie Yoshimura for more information.
- Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Golf Tournament, Sunday, August 16, 2014. Stonebridge Golf Course. Contact Sherrie Koga, [sskoga@msn.com](mailto:sskoga@msn.com) for information.

**August 2015 - Worship Service Participants**

	<b>August 2</b>	<b>August 9</b>	<b>August 16</b>	<b>Music Worship August 23</b>	<b>Youth Worship August 30</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Greg Paige	Hiro Iwasaki	Ron Nishijima	Steve Fukumitsu	Josh Uyeda
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Nichole Kramer J) Toshiko Marse	E) Jan Aramaki J) Shigeko Ota	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Hiromi Page	E) Alex Okawa J) Misako Bowker
<b>Greeter</b>	Keiko Mori	Saeko Nakashima	Betty Murakami	Sadie Yoshimura	Nichole Kramer Shoji Mori
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Joe Ota	Lorraine Crouse Doug Murakami	Barry Nakamura Al Kubota	Katie Fukumitsu Tyler Uyeda
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	JCC Worship Band	JCC Youth
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Keiko Ikeda	Elizabeth Ward
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Nichigo	JCC Youth
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	Nichole Kramer	TBD	Tyler Uyeda	Nichole Kramer Alex Okawa
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Barry Nakamura	Uyedas	Barry Nakamura	---	Tosh Nakaya

**JCC August 2015 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Communion, 10 am	3 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	4	5	6	7 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	8
9	10 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	11	12	13	14 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	15
16	17 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -	19	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	22 -Mrs. Homma's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, 4-8 p.m.
23 -Music Worship	24 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	25	26	27	28 -Aki Matsuri prep and set up, all day; manju and sushi prep	29 -AKI MATSURI, noon to 6:00 p.m.
30 -Youth Worship Service, 10 am -Herald Deadline, noon						

\*Events current as of Herald printing date, 7/26/15.

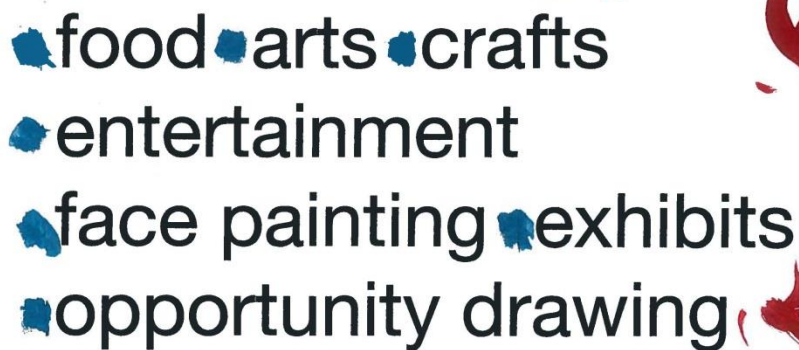


Japanese Fall Festival

# AkiMatsuri



Aug. 29, 2015 Sat.  
12:00(noon)-6:00pm



- food • arts • crafts
- entertainment
- face painting • exhibits
- opportunity drawing



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