

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## Winter Schedule

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

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

October 2015

This past Sunday, I began a short sermon series based on the book by Ed Stetzer entitled "Subversive Kingdom". The premise is that we as Christians are living in a world that continues to rebel against God; and we have a responsibility to answer that rebellion by living lives that shine the light of God's kingdom into this world.

It is to be sure, no small task: Our world is seductive. There are a myriad of temptations and distractions that pull us away from loyalty to our true King. Jesus raises this issue in His parable of the Sower (Matt. 13:7,22).

Stetzer observes that "Jesus was saying that all the things we own and our daily lives can get in the way of our relationship with Him. These are the thorns that choke the life out of the word of the kingdom. Sadly, this is the place where many of us have found ourselves – knowing that we should be living differently and yet so caught up in the daily grind and the constant pursuit of more and more stuff that we barely give the things of the kingdom a second thought."

My goal in this sermon series is that we develop a kingdom perspective; where we learn to embrace the call to live as citizens of Heaven.

Let's begin by simply asking God to change our hearts, so that living for Him rather than for ourselves becomes our priority.

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

**THE HERALD**

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**Joint Worship Service**

A joint worship service with the Tongan and Kachin congregations will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2015**. The service will begin at the regular **10:30 a.m.** time and will have participants from all three congregations.

After the worship service, a pot luck luncheon will be held. Bring a dish to share.

*Acts 2:44 – "And all who believed were together and had all things in common."*

**October Culture Class**

The October Culture Class will be held on **Sunday, October 4 at noon**. Karla Paige will show us how to create cute Halloween treat holders and gifts just in time for the "Trick or Treaters". Cost for the class is \$5.00 for materials. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



**Note**

Dear JCC Congregation,

As liturgist, on September 20, Sunday, I made inappropriate comments about the BYU football team. These comments should not have been said from the pulpit. It was not an expression of God's Love for all of us. I sincerely apologize for my error in judgement.

Ron Nishijima

**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of:

Dave Yukio Aoki, who passed away in California on September 9; uncle of Edie Mitko and Lois Sabetane.

Eunice Yamane who passed away on September 13. Mother of Ken Yamane.

JT Nakashima who also passed away on September 13; grandson of Frank Nakashima.

Ichiro Doi, who passed away on September 6 at the age of 98.

**Thank You!**

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Herald Fund. Your donations help cover expenses for paper, printing and postage.

**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      | Mr. "C"          |
| Susan Fukushima  | Larry Harada      | Finn Horve       |

**Operation Christmas Child**

It's time again to begin filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child to demonstrate God's love to needy children around the world. JCC will have shoeboxes available on **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Come and pick up one or two for your family to fill. They will be due back to the church in mid-November.



Gift suggestions for your box include:

- TOYS - items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, etc.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, soap (put in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc. OTHER - t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries.

PERSONAL NOTE - you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

**Church Women United Event**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's World Community Day Celebration.

- When: **Friday, November 6, 2015** (1st Friday)
- Time: Morning (9:30 - 1:00, including lunch)
- Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 8575 South 7th East (SLC)
- Theme: "Companions on a Journey – Our Journey Together"
- Keynote Speaker: TBA
- Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00 (Please note \$1 increase in lunch cost.)

Community Outreach: "World Community Bazaar" (Christmas Shopping Opportunity)

- The SHE Project – Pakistan products to benefit women & children in Pakistan (SHE = Struggle, Hope, Empowerment)
- The Navajo Jewelry Project – Native American jewelry to benefit their communities in Southern Utah
- The Vietnam Project – Vietnamese products to benefit overseas communities
- Fair Trade Coffee
- Free-will Offering: Used for CWU National Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United"

Lunch RSVP: To Phyllis Allen at 801-298-7197 by Monday, November 2.

**Aki Matsuri Wrap Up**

The financial figures for the 2015 Aki Matsuri have been compiled. The festival had a net gain of over \$9,000 which will be applied to the General Fund. Thanks again to Danni Uyeda for serving as chairperson for this fundraising and community event. Thanks also to everyone who served in various capacities – set up and tear down, program, cooking, selling, etc. The event would not have happened without all of you. We are so blessed!

**Agape Notes**

**Aki Matsuri:**

Please return any Aki Matsuri containers/lids/ aprons/white wash cloths/etc. as soon as possible.

**Lost and Found:**

Lost and Found table items will remain in the Ed Bldg foyer until Oct 11. Any remaining items will be donated. Please claim your property.

**Agape In-kind Donations:**

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Agape booth. Preliminary profit was over \$1,000. If you need an Agape In-Kind donation receipt, please contact Suzanne Hata. For all other In-Kind Donation receipts, please contact Danni Uyeda.

**Omochi Project:**

Order sheet will be posted first week of November.

**October Birthdays**

- 1 Tyler Crouse
- 5 Carter Titmus
- 6 Chiyoko Chiba
- 8 Emma Rose Hashimoto
- 9 Misako Bowker
- 11 Victor Homma
- 16 Matt Miya
- 18 Jerry Mori
- 22 Alan Shino
- 23 Doug Murakami
- 24 Michael Yeh
- 26 Mike Erlacher
- 29 Lauryn Erlacher
- Mike Homma



**October 2015 - Worship Service Participants**

	<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 11</b>	<b>Stewardship October 18</b>	<b>Joint Worship October 25</b>
<b>Pastor/Speaker</b>	Brad Kramer	Brad Kramer	Hiro Iwasaki	Pastors of the JCC, Kachin and Tongan Congregations
<b>Liturgist</b>	Greg Paige	Ron Nishijima	Steve Fukumitsu	Hiro Iwasaki
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Hiromi Page	E) Alex Okawa J) Misako Bowker	E) Nate Fukumitsu J) Yeiko Homma	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yoko DeRose
<b>Greeter</b>	Karla Paige	Betty Murakami	Lorraine Crouse	Jean Kobayashi
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Moto Lochner	Christine Lund Joe Ota	Doug Murakami Pauline Vosburgh	Al Kubota Barry Nakamura TBD
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	Brian Itliong	Brian Itliong	Brian Itliong	Brian Itliong
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Yas Iwamoto	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Nichigo Choir Kachin Choir Tongan Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	Nichole Kramer	Alex Okawa	TBD	Tyler Uyeda
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Uyedas	Tosh Nakaya	Barry Nakamura	---

**JCC October 2015 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	3
4 -Communion, 10 am -Culture Class, Halloween Favors, noon	5 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	6	7	8	9 -Taiko performance; UofU Asian Studies	10
11	12 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking: Jazz Pre Season, Portland, 7 pm	13	14	15 -Parliament of World Religions through 10/19	16 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Interfaith Walk About, 5 to 7 pm	17
18 -Stewardship Sunday	19 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	20 -St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Parking: Jazz Pre Season, OK City, 7 pm	21	22 -Parking: Jazz Pre Season, Denver, 7 pm	23 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	24 -Parking: Concert, Janet Jackson, 8 pm
25 -Joint worship service with Tongan and Kachin congregations, 10:30 am -Potluck Luncheon	26 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	27	28	29	30	31

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 9/25/15.





**Nichigo Wrap Up**

The Nichigo group held a mini retreat during the weekend of September 12 and 13. Reverend Hajimu Fujii and his wife, Kayoko of the Fresno Japanese Chapel were the featured guests.

Nichigo participants joined at Misako Bowker’s home for fellowship on Saturday. Reverend Fujii then spoke during the regular worship service on Sunday, September 13. His message “Not by Bread Alone” provided word of inspiration. A pot luck luncheon was held after the worship service.



Reverend Fujii speaks to the congregation. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

**Youth Activity**

On Sunday, September 6, the youth group was invited to the Iwamoto cabin in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Thanks to the Iwamoto-Fukumitsu family for hosting the event. What a great way to say goodbye to summer and ease into fall and back to school.

There were about a dozen kids and almost 20 adults. Jani and Steve had a great feast for everyone and then everyone took a walk around Silver Lake.

Hopefully we can get another activity together soon!



Photo courtesy: Danni Uyeda

**Building Committee**

The Building Committee continues to meet on Thursday evenings. Everyone is invited to attend. Layouts are almost finalized. Contact Al Kubota on the next meeting.

**Adult Bible Study**

Remember, Adult Bible Study takes place every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the chapel. Teacher Greg Paige provides great insight to a packed house every week! Everyone is welcome.



Adult Bible Study students listen intently to the weekly lesson. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

### September Culture Class Wrap Up

On Sunday, September 27, Culture Class participants created "Lucky Bamboo" arrangements, thanks to instructor Judy Iwamoto. Keeping lucky bamboo inside houses and business places is believed to bring happiness and prosperity.

If you have a talent or craft to share with the congregation – a handicraft, cultural subjects, cooking lessons, etc. - please let Karen Okawa or Lorraine Crouse know! We would love to have you share your knowledge!



Judy Iwamoto, Laura Olson, and Stephanie Mori-Nakao display their arrangements.



Nichole Kramer works on her arrangement as her grandmother Jan Doll learns how to care for her bamboo from Judy Iwamoto.



Tosh Nakaya assembles his bamboo stalks.

Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

### Congratulations

To Tipiloma Pupu'a and Anitoni Ma'u of the Tongan-American Free Wesleyan Church as they were ordained on Saturday, September 19 at an ordination ceremony at Columbus Community Center. Tipi is the pastor of the Tongan congregation and Anitoni is the choir director.



Ordination ceremony. Photo courtesy: Danni Uyeda

### Upcoming Community Events

**October 10, Saturday** – Holiday Crafts Class, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon. Instructor: Karla Paige. Materials cost - \$10.00. Projects include – Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas ideas.

**October 11, Sunday** – Halloween Cookie Class, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon. Instructor: Vanessa Shiba. Materials cost - \$10. Learn to "flood" cookies.

Sign up for either or both classes at Lumbini's Garden (SLBT retail store in West Building) or [lumbinisingarden@gmail.com](mailto:lumbinisingarden@gmail.com).

**October 15 – 19 – 2015** - Parliament of the World's Religions, Salt Palace Convention Center. The Parliament is the oldest, the largest, and the most inclusive gathering of people of all faith and traditions. The Parliament expects 10,000 or more attendees from 80 countries and 50 faith and spiritual traditions.