

The HERALD Newsletter

Japanese Church of Christ
268 West 100 South (Japantown Street)
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
(801) 363-3251 www.jccslc.net

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
SLC, Utah
Permit No.1645



Pastor Brad Kramer
info@jccslc.net

Winter Schedule

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

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

November 2015

"Ben" Stein is an American writer, lawyer, actor, and commentator on political and economic issues. He has a unique ability in his writing to connect the head with the heart: he makes me think and feel.

For example, I came across an article he wrote 10 years ago on the true meaning of "hero". I wanted to share a few excerpts with you, because it is just as relevant in 2015 as it was in 2005. The premise of Ben's column is that sometimes our notion of what constitutes a hero is upside down. Instead of fawning over Hollywood celebrities, we should be recognizing those who live sacrificial lives; like those who have served in our military and police and fire departments.

"A real star", says Stein, "is the U.S. soldier who was sent to disarm a bomb next to a road north of Baghdad. He approached it and the bomb went off and killed him." "A real star, is the US soldier in Iraq who saw a little girl playing with a piece of unexploded ordinance on a street near where he was guarding a station. He pushed her aside and threw himself on it just as it exploded."

He goes on: "Think of each and every fireman who was running up the stairs at the World Trade Center as the towers began to collapse. Now you have my idea of a real hero." His conclusion as he reflected upon such selfless behavior is one we would do well to remember: "It is my duty, in return for the lavish life God has devolved upon me, to help others He has placed in my path."

In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul urges his readers to "look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

That truly is God's will for our lives.

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

THE HERALD

A monthly publication of the Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake City, UT.

Pastor Brad Kramer

Clerk of Session: Greg Paige

Session

Julee Mori, Finance
Lorraine Crouse, Worship
Hiro Iwasaki, Stewardship
Greg Paige, Personnel, Education
Lynne Aramaki, Building and Grounds
Karen Okawa, Membership
Alan Shino, Evangelism/Missions

Deacons

Jan Aramaki, Moderator

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.net

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Edward and Roopa Hashimoto on the passing of Roopa's father, Candadai Seshachari.

Condolences are also extended to the family of Roberta "Minko" Kamaya Chin who passed away on October 14 and to the family of Shay Miya, who passed away on October 22.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder

Daylight savings time ends on **Sunday, November 1, 2015**. Before you go to bed on Saturday night, be sure to set your clock **BACK** one hour and gain more sleep, or be early for Bible Study!

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

Sunday, November 22, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Join us at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, as together we show our appreciation for the many blessings we have received. The Men's Fellowship will prepare the turkey and trimmings.

Bring a pot luck side dish, salad or dessert to share!

**Commitment Sunday - Stewardship Drive**

Pledge cards were mailed last month; please return them on **Sunday, November 15, 2015** during worship service to affirm your commitment to God. Let us honor him by our faith giving.

Tis Advent Season

Advent is the four-week period before December 25th when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. During Advent, we prepare to welcome Jesus by sharing special Advent readings, lighting candles on the Advent Wreath and praying together. This year the Advent Season begins on **November 29** with the lighting of the first candle representing HOPE by the Uyeda Family.

Budget Requests

The Finance committee will be meeting soon to plan the 2016 JCC budget. If you need money budgeted for a project or a need of the church next year, contact Julee Mori.

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	Utako Aramaki	Jessie Lamb
Wat Misaka	Garin Harada	Mr. "C"
Susan Fukushima	Larry Harada	Finn Horve

Reminder - Operation Christmas Child

The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due on **Sunday, November 15, 2015.**

(Don't forget to include \$7.00 per box to cover shipping.)



Holiday Culture Class

The Holiday Culture Class will be held on **Sunday, December 6th at noon.** Karla Paige will show us how to create Holiday cards and packaging for Christmas gift giving. Cost for the class is \$5.00 for materials.

A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Because of the popularity of these classes, **please sign up ahead of time** so the correct number of kits can be prepared. Priority will be given to names on the signup.

Mochi Tsuki

The month of December is mochi making time – scheduled for Saturdays – December 12 and 19 and we could use your help in making it. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Please place your orders as soon as possible; forms will be available in early November. Contact **Suzanne Hata** or **Laura Olson** to place an order.

Youth Group News

The youth group will be participating in the Holiday Boutique at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22, selling mochi bits and other items as a fundraiser. We will be meeting on **November 20 and 21** at church to make the microwave mochi and package them for selling. Please come and join a hand! Times are still TBA, but contact Elise Mori at elisemore17@gmail.com if you can help.

We also need volunteers to man the table on Saturday and Sunday. If you can help then, contact Elise as well.

No Soup Kitchen

Note there will be no soup kitchen serving scheduled for November 17. The next scheduled date is December 15.

Update – From the Alexanders

We received a brief note from Reverends Bill and Pat Alexander with a donation to the Herald fund. Thank you so much! They enjoy receiving the Herald to keep up with friends in thought and prayer. Pat and Bill are moving back to their original home state of Colorado, to Colorado Springs. They give their warmest regards to the JCC family and wish Yeiko Homma a happy 90th birthday!

Agape Holiday Luncheon



Sunday, December 6, 2015
12:30 p.m.

Dim Sum House (1158 S State Street)
\$13.00 per person (tax/tip included)

Set menu

Sign-up sheet posted in
Fellowship Hall.

No limit on seating.

Reminder – Church Women United World Community Day Celebration on **Friday, November 6, 2015** beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 700 East. Details in last month's Herald. Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00 Community Outreach: "World Community Bazaar" (Christmas Shopping Opportunity)

Make a note on your calendar and plan to attend **CWU's Advent Service and Tea!**

- When: Friday, December 4, 2015 (1st Friday)
- Time: Afternoon -- 1:00 p.m.
- Where: Trinity African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, 239 East Martin Luther King Blvd (6th South) (SLC)
- Worship: Rev. Nurjhan Govan

Community Outreach: Davis County Children's Justice Center – NEW stuffed toys at least 12" in length / height AND/OR Primary Children's Hospital – Boys & Girls Underwear, Sizes 8-12, Finger nail polish, T-Shirts in pastel colors, Sizes 8-18, Pillow Cases in "light" colors, Hard-cover Books for Babies, Baby Rattles.

November Birthdays

2	Marie Matsukawa
3	Crystal Aoki
8	Sandy Matsushita
11	Cal Nakamura
15	John Matsushita
	Julee Mori
22	Yas Iwamoto
24	Norton Kanzaki

November 2015 - Worship Service Participants

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	Music Worship November 29
Liturgist	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Jan Aramaki	Rick Aoki	Alan Shino
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Josh Uyeda J) Toshiko Marse	E) Julee Mori J) Shigeko Ota	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Hiromi Page	E) Abi Shino J) Misako Bowker
Greeter	Saeko Nakashima	Mary Tabata	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Moto Lochner	Christine Lund Joe Ota	Lorraine Crouse Doug Murakami	Al Kubota TBD	Kory Shino Barry Nakamura
Songs of Praise	---	Brian Itliong	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	Brian Itliong
Organist/Pianist	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose
Offeratory Music	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima Laura Olson	Youth Group	Allyn Nakashima	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	Nichole Kramer	Tyler Uyeda	Nichole Kramer	TBD	Tyler Uyeda
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Danni Uyeda	Barry Nakamura	Tosh Nakaya	Danni Uyeda	---

JCC November 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -Communion, 10 am	2	3	4 -Parking: Jazz vs. Portland, 7 pm	5	6 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	7 -Parking: Jazz vs. Memphis
8	9 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	10	11	12 -Parking: Disney on Ice, 7 pm	13 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking: Disney on Ice, 7 pm	14 -Parking: Disney on Ice, 11:30 am, 3:30 pm, 7 pm
15 -Commitment Sunday -Parking: Disney on Ice, 1 pm, 4:30 pm -Operation Christmas Child boxes due	16 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	17	18 -Parking: Jazz vs. Toronto, 9 pm -Session Meeting, 6 pm	19	20 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking: Nitro Circus, 7 pm	21 -Parking: SLBT Holiday Boutique, 10 to 5 pm
22 -Thanksgiving Dinner, 5 pm -Parking: SLBT Holiday Boutique, 11 to 3 pm	23 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking: Jazz vs. OK City, 7 pm	24 -Parking: Trans-Siberian Orchestra, 4 pm, 8 pm	25	26 -THANKSGIVING DAY	27 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	28 -Parking: Jazz vs. New Orleans, 7 pm
29 -1 st Sunday of Advent	30 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking: Jazz vs. Golden State, 7 pm					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 10/25/15.

Parliament of World Religions

The JCC participated in a walking tour of local churches for the Parliament of World Religions conference held at the Salt Palace the weekend of October 16-18. Attendees came from around the world and toured our chapel. A display of historic photographs of the JCC and SLC's Japan Town was featured and entertainment provided by the Kenshin Taiko.



Laura Olson invites attendees to participate in a taiko lesson. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse



Lorraine Crouse discusses photo display with onlookers. Photo courtesy: Danni Uyeda

October Culture Class Wrap Up

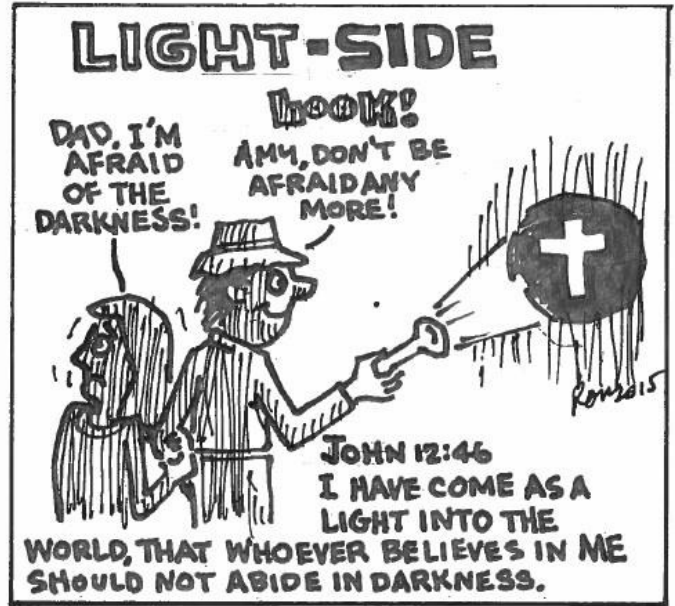
The October Culture Class on October 4 featured Karla Paige showing us how to create Halloween goodies and cards just in time for Trick or Treating. Everyone took home a bag full of cute ideas! Thanks, Karla for setting this up!



Crafting is for all ages! Kiara DeRose assembles her "Spider Cider."



Elise Mori, Danni Uyeda and Nichole Kramer study the model.



Joint Worship Service – October 25

A joint worship service was held on Sunday, October 25 with the JCC, Kachin and Tongan congregations participating in song and spirit. How great to worship together as one and rejoice in the Lord.



Nichigo, Kachin and Tongan choirs perform during worship service. Photos courtesy: Jan Aramaki

JCC Softball Season Ends with Tournament

Submitted by Lorraine Crouse

The JCC Softball Team finished the season in the top third in the league, earning a slot to compete against the top teams in the post-season upper bracket of the tournament.



L to R: Coach/Player Doug Murakami, Mark Ward, Luke Murakami, Wally Doi, Lauren Erlacher, Dylan Johnson, Thomas Mori, Alix Oike, Briar Doi, Ernie Garcia, Frank Ujifusa, Dan Crouse

Not shown: Mike Erlacher, Keith Garcia, Jodi Iwasaki, Eric Murakami, Midori Murakami, Janelle Olt, Zach Paige. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Stewardship Sermon

Hiro Iwasaki was guest speaker on Sunday, October 18, to kick off the stewardship campaign. Thank you for your insightful and inspiring message.



Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Building Committee Update

The Building Committee continues to meet with the architects at BGW to make changes and enhancements to the layout. Updated drawings and models will be available for the congregation to review soon.

Upcoming Community Events

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, Saturday, November 14, 2015 sponsored by National JACL Credit Union, to be held at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple at noon. Seniors 85+, free.

Walk in U.S./Talk of Japan

Prime Minister's Cabinet Office of International Relationships - A delegation of 5 will be speaking:

- Ken Shimanouchi – Former Japanese ambassador to Spain and Brazil
- Akemi Takayama – Worked for several financial institutions in Japan – Bank of Tokyo, Deutsche Bank and Kumon Leysin Academy of Switzerland
- Kyoko Shibata – Credit officer of Sumitomo Mitsui Bank
- Michiko Iwanami – Researcher at Sojitz Research Institute
- Norimichi Hayashi – Former employee of Itochu Corp. and Kurita Waters Industries

The meetings are open to the public, but you must RSVP:

Thursday, November 12

Lunch Session, Noon to 2 p.m. University of Utah Union Building. RSVP – Jeanette Misaka, (801) 560-2308

Dinner Session, 6 to 8 p.m. at Weber State University Union, RSVP – Bev Rudd, (801) 626-6468

Friday, November 13

Lunch Session, Noon to 2 p.m. BYU David Kennedy Building. RSVP – Jeanette Misaka, (801) 277-9303 or jmisaka@earthlink.net

Dinner Session, 6 to 8 p.m. Little America Hotel, RSVP - Tomoko Tanaka (SL JACL) (801) 232-8805 or tomoko@kizunaGroup.com

For more information, contact Tomoko Tanaka (SL JACL) (801) 232-8805 or tomoko@kizunaGroup.com

Holiday Boutique at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple

Saturday, November 21 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 22 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Handcrafted items for Christmas gift giving; lunch sold on Saturday and bento boxes on Sunday. For information, e-mail lumbinistgarden@gmail.com.

Salt Lake JACL Membership Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Annual meeting and elections to follow. Text or call Tomoko at (801) 232-8805.