

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

February 2016

As I prepared my sermon from Revelation for Feb. 7, I was struck by the "little scroll" in chapter 10. It serves as a symbol for the words of God; specifically, the prophecies beginning in chapter 11. John tells us as he "ate" the little book, the taste was initially sweet - This refers primarily to the sweetness of God's word in general; Psalm 19:10; 119:103. The words become bitter though because they speak of the enduring wickedness of mankind and the resultant judgment of God, which serves to harden even further the hearts of the rebellious.

Life is filled with a mixture of the sweet and the bitter. In eternity, there will be no mingling of the two. Heaven will be filled with the sweetness and glory of God - forever. Bitterness awaits those who reject God.

What John recognized as he ate the words of the little book that there is a future for both the saved and the unredeemed; For the person who has placed his trust in Jesus - sweet fellowship with God throughout eternity. Tragically, there is no sweetness in that future for the unrepentant rebel who refuses to consider turning to life with God; only sorrow and bitterness. And so John is filled with sorrow for their plight: As we should be. Let us pray fervently for those in our lives who face an empty eternity.

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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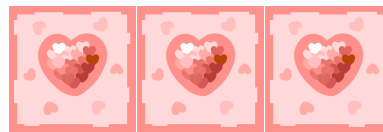
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Congregational Annual Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 21, 2016** to discuss the annual report and present the 2016 budget. The meeting will follow immediately after worship service. Please attend this important meeting.

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon

The February Nikkei Senior Center luncheon will be sponsored by the JCC on **Saturday, February 6, 2016** at noon. All seniors 65+ years of age are invited to attend this event – which includes lunch, entertainment program and door prizes – all for a \$1.00 donation (seniors 85+ are free!).



Mount Hermon Dates

If you are interested in going to Mount Hermon this summer as part of JEMS (Dates – June 26 to July 3, 2016), please contact **Julee Mori at (801) 718-2727** ASAP. Camp slots fill up fast, so it is advised to mail in your registration as soon as possible. Registration forms are currently available online, so there may already be a wait list. The website is at <http://jems.org/pdf/2016MHDatesToRemember.pdf>.

Mount Hermon Agape Scholarship

Scholarships sponsored by the Agape Women to attend this year’s Mount Hermon conference are available to women, 18 years of age and older. Please contact **Julee Mori at (801) 718-2727** for more information.

Per Capita Reminder

Just a reminder if you have not already paid; the per capita apportionment for this year, per JCC member is \$38.00. Thank you to all those who have remitted payment!

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mike Nakamura, 93, who passed away on December 10, 2015.

Revised Statements

Due to a computer glitch, the “Pledge and Offering Summary by Donor” reports for the year 2015, are incorrect and revised reports have been issued. If you do not receive a Revised copy, please contact Lynne Crabbe or Betty Kubota.

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 | Toshiko Marse | Cristal Aoki |
| Jana Hansen | Utako Aramaki | Lillian Nakamura |
| Frank Imai | Garin Harada | Jessie Lamb |
| Wat Misaka | Larry Harada | Mr. “C” |
| Susan Fukushima | Michael Darger | Finn Horve |
| Ronning Family | Keri Kramer | Chris Tabata |

Soup Kitchen Thank You

Submitted by Elaine Iwasaki

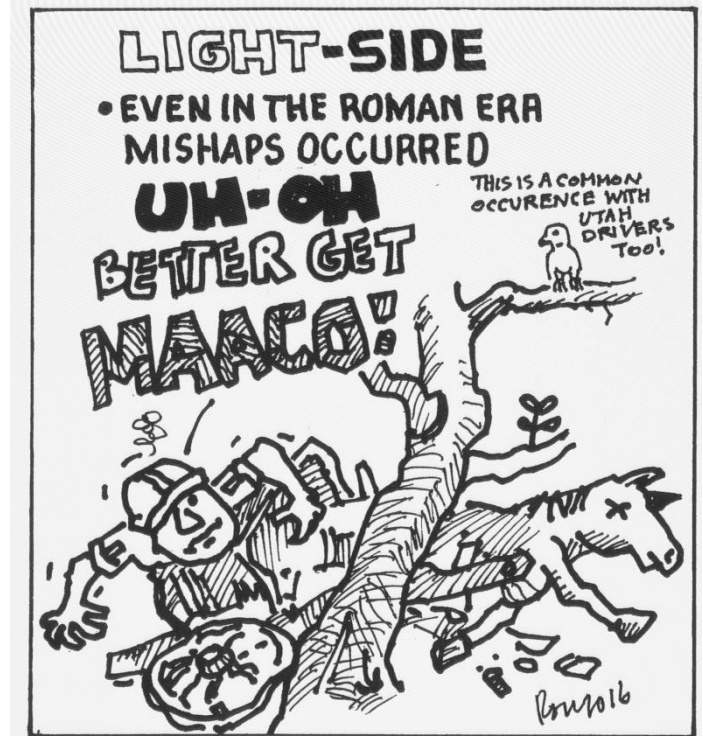
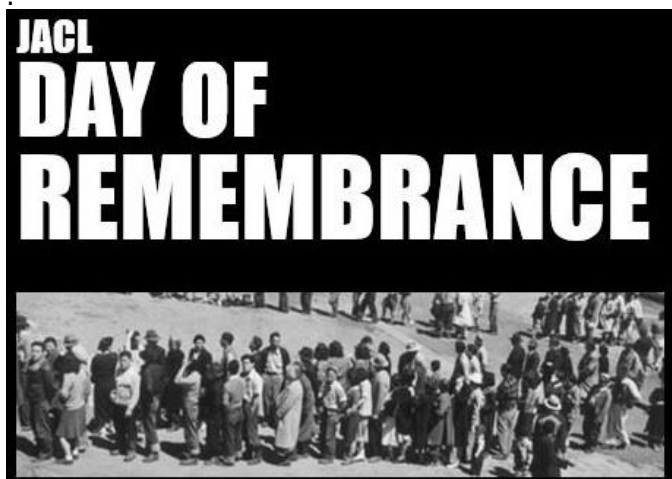
This acknowledgement is late, but we do want to thank those who represented our church and volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in 2015. We appreciated the dedication and willingness to help. The team members were David Harada, Keiko Ikeda, Wilma Kimura, Betty Murakami and Ted and Yeiko Nagata. In appreciation for all of the volunteer teams, St. Vincent de Paul served a special "Thank You Day" in September.

Our thanks, too, to those who stepped in to help when a team member was unavailable. Last year, the group included Dorthie Conway, Jeanette Misaka, Koji Nagata- Brown, "Lala" Nagata-Brown, Seiji Nagasawa, and Keaton Yoshinaga.

Day of Remembrance

The annual JAFL Day of Remembrance will be hosted by the Wasatch Front North chapter on **Saturday, February 20, 2016** from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Library, 5568 South 500 East, in Ogden, UT. The event is free to the public.

State Senator Brian E. Shiozawa will be the guest speaker followed by a remembrance video from a Hawaiian perspective. Box lunches catered by Hanamaru Restaurant are available for \$10.00 each. Contact Alice Hirai at ahirai1@msn.com or (801) 589-8859 to reserve a bento box.



Call for Photographs

This year the theme for the 2016 Nihon Matsuri exhibit will be on "Railroad Workers and Miners in the Intermountain West." If you have any photographs on this topic, please contact **Lorraine Crouse** as soon as possible at **lmcrouse@comcast.net**. The Nihon Matsuri festival will be on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

JCC Athletics

Submitted by Dani Murakami

We are excited to announce the JCC will again participate in the Christian Basketball League. Games will be played at Southeast Christian Church beginning the first week in March. There will be two teams; under 30 and an over 30 team.

We will also sponsor a softball team beginning late April through August. Please call or text **Doug Murakami** at **(801) 580-8404** or **Dani Murakami** at **(801) 860-2557** for information on either.

February Birthdays

- 4 Betty Kubota
- 7 Allison Oki, Jani Fukumitsu
- 14 Pat Arakaki
- 16 Akemi Kawabata
- 17 Elyse Mori
- 20 Keiko Mori
- 23 Derrick Davis
- 27 Alex Okawa



February 2016 - Worship Service Participants

	February 7	February 14	February 21	Music Worship February 28
Liturgist	Rick Aoki	Ron Nishijima	Laura Olson	Hiro Iwasaki
Scripture Readers	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Abi Shino J) Toshiko Marse	E) Matt Miya J) Shigeo Ota	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Hiromi Page
Greeter	Betty Murakami	Dorthie Conway	Sadie Yoshimura	Saeko Nakashima
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Kory Shino	Lorraine Crouse Karen Okawa	Al Kubota Doug Murakami
Songs of Praise	Brian Itliong	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Elizabeth Ward	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda
Offeratory Music	JCC Youth	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima Laura Olson	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	Alex Okawa	Tyler Uyeda	TBD	Tyler Uyeda
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Tosh Nakaya	Richard Uyeda	Tosh Nakaya	---

JCC February 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 -Parking, Jazz game, Chicago, 7 pm	2	3 -Parking, Jazz game, Denver, 7 pm	4	5 -Nikkei Luncheon Prep, 10 am -Parking, Jazz game, Milwaukee, 7 pm	6 -Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, Noon
7 -Communion Sunday	8 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Harlem Globetrotters, 7 pm	9	10	11 -Parking, Marvel, 7 pm	12 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Marvel, 7 pm	13 -Parking, Marvel, 11 am, 3 pm
14 -Parking, Marvel, 1 pm, 5 pm	15 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	16 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	17	18 -Session Meeting, 6 pm	19 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Jazz game, Boston, 8:30 pm	20
21 -Congregational Meeting, after worship	22 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	23 -Parking, Jazz game, Houston, 7 pm	24	25 -Parking, Jazz game, San Antonio, 8:30 pm	26 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	27 -Parking, Jazz game, Brooklyn, 7:30 pm
28 -Music Worship -Herald Deadline	29 -Taiko practice, 6 pm					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing.

February Community Events

- 6 Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by JCC, noon (see article, page 2)
- 20 Day of Remembrance, sponsored by Wasatch Front North JAFL (see article, page 3), noon to 2 p.m.
- 20 Bingo/Pasta Fundraiser, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 6:00 p.m., \$20 pre-sale or \$25 at the door. Contact Lumbini's Garden, lumbinisingarden@gmail.com, for tickets.