

# The HERALD Newsletter

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### Schedule:

Traditional Worship Service at  
10:00 a.m.

Urban Grace (Contemporary  
Service) at 11:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

July 2016

One of the most potent verses in all of scripture is found in Ephesians 4:32, where the Apostle Paul instructs followers of Jesus to "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." The real challenging part of this call for Christian love is found in the modifying phrase – just as in Christ God forgave you."

What this means is that we are to put no conditions or restrictions on extending forgiveness to others. When a person places his or her faith in Jesus as Savior, and confesses their sinful nature, God does not accept them only if their sin is kept within acceptable limits; because there are no limits. The Psalmist rejoiced in the fact that as far as the east is from the west, so far has he (God) removed our transgressions from us.

If God, Who is without sin, can forgive all of our sin, no matter how ugly and wretched, can we not extend the same grace to fellow sinners? As we respond in obedience to this command, we discover great freedom. Lewis Smedes understood this when he said – "When you release the wrongdoer from the wrong, you cut a malignant tumor out of your inner life."

Granted this is easier said than done. How can we let go of the deep hurts caused by other people? I will close this letter with a very insightful and practical suggestion from writer Ken Boa:

"As an exercise before God, take a piece of paper and write down the names of those who have hurt you over the years through disloyalty and betrayal. Offer this list to God along with all the pain it rekindles, and make a choice through faith in Christ to forgive each person on the list. Then crumple the paper and burn it before the Lord Who forgave you from the cross."

May God bless us as we seek to forgive others,  
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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**Building Committee Update**

Al Kubota continues to work with the Building Committee and BGW on the plans for renovation of the chapel. An initial draft of the floor plan is in development and then decisions on the materials (type of flooring, windows, etc.) need to be made. After those decisions, a preliminary cost estimate will be made and then bids will be solicited. The process is a slow one, but necessary. The committee will resume meetings shortly.



**Softball Final Games**

The JCC softball season has two games remaining in the month of July:

Friday, July 8 - vs. Mountain Visa United Church	7:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, July 15 - vs. Capital Church 2	6:30 p.m.	Green Field

All games are held at the West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South. A double elimination tournament will be held following the regular season (July 29, August 5 and 12). Contact Doug or Dani Murakami for the time schedule on the tournament.



**Community Farming**

**Chiyoko Chiba** was highlighted on a news story on KSL television last month. The story featured a non-profit group called Green Urban Lunch Box and its Back-Farms project that joins elderly community members with local volunteers who work together to convert backyard space into urban farms. With Back-Farm's apprentices' help, Chiyoko's overgrown backyard was transformed into a fertile vegetable garden. The vegetables grown will be divided evenly between Chiyoko, volunteers, and immediate hunger relief organizations.

The video clip and feature transcript are found here: (hopefully this link works this time.) Or go to KSL.com and search "Chiba" as a keyword. The results will show "Backyard farms." <https://www.ksl.com/?sid=40192159&nid=148&title=backyard-farms-are-growing-food-and-cultivating-friendships>

**Corrections**

In the June Herald, Toshiko Marse's name was inadvertently omitted from the Memorial Day worship service choir photo and Dorthie Conway was left off of the birthday list in the May Herald issue. Apologies to both; the omissions were by no means intentional.

**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 | Toshiko Marse   | Cristal Aoki      |
| Jana Hansen      | Utako Aramaki   | Lillian Nakamura  |
| Frank Imai       | Larry Harada    | Jessie Lamb       |
| Wat Misaka       | Michael Darger  | Mr. "C"           |
| Susan Fukushima  | Keri Kramer     | Finn Horve        |
| Kevin Turner     | Barbara Woody   | Chris Tabata Lund |



**Off to Mount Hermon**

Eight Mount Hermon JEMS attendees boarded a plane early on Sunday, June 26 headed for the JEMS Mount Hermon Conference. Thank you to the congregation, families, and friends for your generous support and donations that helped raise funds for the transportation. Please keep the attendees in your prayers as they gain spiritual growth and new friends and experiences with God.



At the airport: Yeiko Homma, Tyler Uyeda, Madison Kramer, Pastor Brad, Nichole Kramer, Shoji Mori, Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu, Elizabeth Ward. Photo courtesy: Julee Mori, Jani Iwamoto

**Urban Grace**

Don't forget – Urban Grace, the new contemporary service is held at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday. Invite your friends!

**July Birthdays**

- 4 Nats Nishijima
- 9 Hank Misaka
- 12 Landon Kawabata
- 18 Alan Okawa
- 24 Klew Mori
- 21 Beverly Kikuchi
- 28 Lorraine Crouse

**Our Daily Bread**

In the foyer of the Fellowship Hall, copies of "Our Daily Bread" booklet are available for anyone to take. People around the world are encouraged every day through Our Daily Bread; with text passages to draw individuals closer to God. Of course, in today's online world, Our Daily Bread is also accessible to all through a website and through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and even a mobile app. Go to <http://odb.org/>.

**Father's Day Picnic Wrap Up**

The traditional Father's Day picnic was held on Sunday, June 19 at Sugarhouse Park. Pastor Brad led an informal service with music and prayer. Mount Hermon attendees were commissioned by Elder Greg Paige. Everyone dined on pot luck, followed by bingo. Thanks to all who helped with set up and tear down.



Commissioning the Mount Hermon attendees: Yeiko Homma, Shoji Mori, Tyler Uyeda, Madison and Brad Kramer.



Victor Homma – Father's Day tradition

**July 2016 - Worship Service Participants**

	July 3	July 10	July 17	Music Worship July 24	July 31
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jan Aramaki	Steve Fukumitsu	Ron Nishijima	Laura Olson	Greg Paige
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Chrstine Lund J) Shigeko Ota	E) Julee Mori J) Misako Bowker	E) Laura Olson J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yeiko Homma	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose
<b>Greeter</b>	Mary Tabata	Dorthie Conway	Betty Murakami	Betty Kubota	Karla Paige
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Doug Murakami Karen Okawa	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota	Lorraine Crouse Karen Okawa	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	Brian Itliong	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	Brian Itliong
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Misako Bowker	Keiko Ikeda
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Nichigo	Keiko Ikeda
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	Tyler Uyeda	TBD
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Tosh Nakaya	Paul DeRose	Tosh Nakaya	---	Paul DeRose

**Upcoming Community Events**

- **Saturday, July 9 – Obon Festival**, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, food from 1:00 p.m., taiko performance 7:30 p.m., dancing 8:00 p.m.
- **Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14 – National JAACL Convention**, Las Vegas, NV
- **Monday, July 25 – JAACL Tri-Chapter Matsumoto Sister City Picnic**, Jordan Park, 1060 South 900 W

JCC July 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6pm	2 -Tongan Congregation Event
3 -Communion Sunday, 10 am -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 -Parking , Utah Jazz Summer League, 3 pm	6 -Taiko rehearsal, 6pm	7	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm	9
10 -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm	12	13	14	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm	16 -Parking, 21 Pilots Concert, 7 pm
17 -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Parking, Days of 47 Rodeo, 7pm	20 -Parking, Days of 47 Rodeo, 7pm	21 -Parking, Days of 47 Rodeo, 7pm	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Days of 47 Rodeo, 7pm	23 -Parking, Days of 47 Rodeo, 7pm
24 -Music Worship, 10 am -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	25	26	27	28	29 -Taiko practice, 6pm	30
31 -Urban Grace, 11:30 am						

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 6/26/16.

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