

# The HERALD Newsletter

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Fall/Winter Schedule:  
Nichigo, Adult, and Youth  
Bible Study/Sunday School,  
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

**November 2016**

I've been preaching through the gospel of Luke the past few months, and as is often the case when studying one of the gospels, I come away profoundly impressed by the person of Jesus Christ. Many of us already believe in Jesus as our Savior, but Luke and the other writers challenge us to get to know our Lord in a deeper way. We are brought face to face not only with the deity of Jesus but with His humanity as well:

- Jesus was the consummate teacher who had a unique and refreshing way of communicating truth. His interactions with the crowds and religious leaders often left people astounded by His brilliance.
- Although Jesus was without sin and preached humility, it doesn't mean He lacked courage. He was a man's man, who projected a certain strength by the force of His personality. He was no one's doormat.
- And our Lord demonstrated tremendous compassion. Jesus showed without a doubt that He loves and cares for each of us deeply.

These are just a few of the characteristics that describe the Carpenter from Nazareth. Please allow yourself the opportunity to get to know Him better by opening God's word to either Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, and allow Jesus to transform your heart.

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

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Website: [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net)

**Daylight Savings Time Reminder**

Remember, Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 6, 2016**. Be sure to set your clock **BACK** ("fall" back) one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

**Stewardship**

Pledge brochures were mailed out in October. If you have not already, please return your filled out pledge card to affirm your personal commitment to JCC and to God.

Also, Thanksgiving offering envelopes are included with this Herald.



**Omochi Time Soon**

Mochi will be made on two Saturdays in December - **December 10 and 17**. However, the maximum production per day is 140 pounds. There will be an order sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall kitchen during November. We always sell out, so please sign up early; or orders will be put on a wait list. We also need volunteers to help shape, cool, brush, weigh and package the mochi cakes on both dates. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board as well.



**Nichigo Retreat**

The annual Nichigo retreat with Reverend Fujii and his wife Kayoko will be held on **November 12 and 13, 2016**. For information on the retreat, contact **Keiko Ikeda** at [keikoiikeda@gmail.com](mailto:keikoiikeda@gmail.com).

Reverend Fujii will also be the worship service guest speaker on **Sunday, November 13th**. A pot luck luncheon will be held in his honor after the service. **Please bring a dish to share.**

**Condolences**

Our condolences go out to the family of Wayne Pendergrass, who passed away on October 17, 2016 of a heart attack. Funeral services were held in Roy, UT.

**Thanksgiving Dinner TBD**

At press time, plans for the traditional JCC Thanksgiving dinner had not yet been finalized. Event date and time will be announced from the pulpit in the next couple of Sundays. Information will also be posted on the JCC website, [jccslc.net](http://jccslc.net), when it is available.

**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   |
| Yoshiko Nakagama | Grace Matsumura    | Grace Oshita      |
| Jana Hansen      | Toshiko Marse      | Cristal Aoki      |
| Frank Imai       | Utako Aramaki      | Lillian Nakamura  |
| Wat Misaka       | Larry Harada       | Jessie Lamb       |
| Susan Fukushima  | Michael Darger     | Mr. "C"           |
| Kevin Turner     | Keri Kramer        | Finn Horve        |
| Joanne Nakaya    | Barbara Woody      | Chris Tabata Lund |
| Steve Fukushima  | Pendergrass family |                   |

### Worship Service for All

There are some pre-school little ones that are attending service lately, so a new schedule has been developed for child care during worship service time:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month    | Children stay in worship service and have coloring activity |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month    | Elise Mori, Elizabeth Ward, Nichole Kramer                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month    | Laura Olson and Karla Paige                                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month    | Yoko DeRose and Salena Echols                               |
| If 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month | Laura Olson and Karla Paige                                 |

A short lesson will be taught to the children on the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> weeks of each month. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see **Karla Paige or Laura Olson**.

Remember, adult Bible Study taught by Greg Paige and youth Bible Study taught by Elise Mori are held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

### Nominations Open

There are openings for Deacons, Elders, Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee members to serve for the next 3 years. If you are interested in serving the JCC in one of these capacities, contact a **Nominating Committee** member (Yas Iwamoto, Lillian Nakamura, Ron Nishijima, Laura Olson, Allyn Nakashima, Kory Shino or Elise Mori). You must be a baptized member of the JCC to serve in office.

Outgoing officers with terms ending this year are:  
 Session - Julee Mori, Karen Okawa, Lorraine Crouse, Alan Shino  
 Deacons - Jan Aramaki, Wilma Kimura, Karla Paige  
 Board of Trustees - Gordon Hashimoto, Gary Nakao  
 Nominating Committee - Yas Iwamoto, Lillian Nakamura, Ron Nishijima

### Youth Group News

The youth group will be participating in the Holiday Boutique fundraiser at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple on November 19 and 20. We will be making goodies (dipped pretzels, cookies and more) to sell on our table and will be working on the items on Saturday, **November 12** at the Mori's residence. We will also need help staffing the table on the days of the Boutique as well. Contact **Elise Mori** at **elisemori17@gmail.com** for more information on the time. Proceeds will go towards the Mount Hermon fund and youth group activities.

### Budget Requests

The Finance Committee has met to begin planning the 2017 JCC budget. If you need money budgeted for a project, event or a need of the church for next year or if you have suggestions or recommendations, see **Julee Mori**.

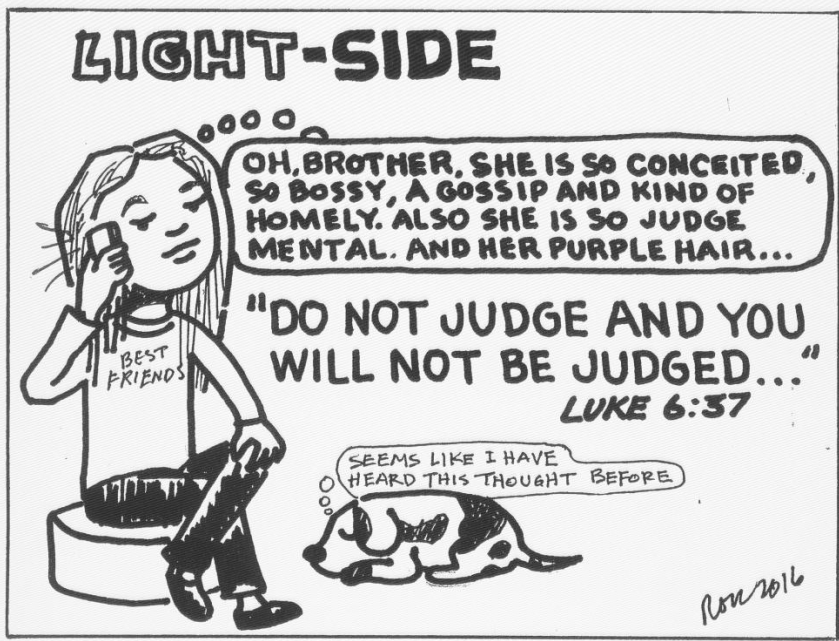
### Holiday Crafts Class

Our resident crafter Karla Paige will be teaching a Holiday Craft Class on **Sunday, December 5** after worship service. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Materials fee is \$5.00.



### Operation Christmas Child

This is a reminder that the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due back to the church on **Sunday, November 13** so they may be gathered and shipped abroad in time for the holidays. Thanks to all who have generously filled a shoebox to brighten a child's Christmas. If you can, don't forget to include \$7.00 per box to cover shipping.



## November 2016 - Worship Service Participants

|                          | November 6                                | November 13                           | November 20                      | Music Worship<br>November 27     |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>         | Greg Paige                                | Ron Nishijima                         | Laura Olson                      | Lynne Crabb                      |
| <b>Scripture Readers</b> | E) Zach Paige<br>J) Misako Bowker         | E) Pauline Vosburgh<br>J) Yoko DeRose | E) Jan Aramaki<br>J) Yeiko Homma | E) Karen Okawa<br>J) Keiko Ikeda |
| <b>Greeter</b>           | Karla Paige                               | Mary Tabata                           | Saeko Nakashima                  | Betty Morishita                  |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Misako Bowker<br>Motoko Lochner           | Karla Paige<br>Karen Okawa            | Matt Miya<br>Lorraine Crouse     | Lorraine Crouse<br>Doug Murakami |
| <b>Songs of Praise</b>   | Brian Itliong                             | ---                                   | Brian Itliong                    | JCC Worship Band                 |
| <b>Organist/Pianist</b>  | Yoko DeRose                               | Yas Iwamoto                           | Allyn Nakashima                  | Misako Bowker                    |
| <b>Offeratory Music</b>  | Yoko DeRose                               | Yas Iwamoto                           | JCC Choir                        | Nichigo Choir                    |
| <b>Acolyte</b>           | TBD                                       | Nichole Kramer                        | TBD                              | TBD                              |
| <b>Communion Servers</b> | Al Kubota<br>Ron Nishijima<br>Laura Olson | ---                                   | ---                              | ---                              |
| <b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>   | Paul DeRose                               | Tosh Nakaya                           | Paul DeRose                      | Tosh Nakaya                      |

## Upcoming Community Events

- **Saturday, November 5:** Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by National JAACL Credit Union, at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon.
- **Saturday/Sunday, November 19/20:** Holiday Boutique, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## JCC November 2016 Events Calendar

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                           | Thursday                                 | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|
|   |  | 1  | 2<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. Dallas, 7pm | 3  | 4<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. San Antonio, 7pm                   | 5   |
| 6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS<br>-Communion<br>Sunday, 10:30am  | 7<br>-Taiko practice, 6pm                                | 8 ELECTION DAY                                   | 9                                   | 10<br>-Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm       | 11<br>-Taiko practice, 6pm<br>-Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm | 12<br>-Parking, Disney on Ice, 11:30am, 3:30pm, 7:00pm<br>-Nichigo Retreat (off site) |
| 13<br>CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES DUE<br>-Reverend Fujii speaker and lunch<br>-Parking, Disney on Ice, 1pm, 4:30pm | 14<br>-Taiko practice, 6pm<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. Memphis | 15<br>-St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am | 16                                  | 17<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. Chicago, 8:30pm | 18<br>-Taiko practice, 6pm                                 | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br>-Taiko practice, 6pm                               | 22<br>-Parking, Concert, 4pm, 8pm                | 23<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. Denver     | 24<br>THANKSGIVING                       | 25<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. Atlanta, 6pm                      | 26  |
| 27<br>-Music Worship, 10:30am<br>-Herald Deadline   | 28<br>-Taiko practice, 6pm                               | 29<br>-Parking, Jazz vs. Houston                 | 30                                  |  |  |   |

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 10/25/16.

For building use information, go to [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net), Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link



**Church Women United Event**

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

- When: **Friday, November 4, 2016** (1st Friday)
- Time: Morning (9:30 - 1:00, including lunch)
- Where: Cathedral Church of St. Mark (Episcopal)  
231 East First South, SLC
- Theme: “Gathering at God’s Table – Sharing Gifts at the Table” Keynote Speaker: TBA
- Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00 (Please note \$1 increase in lunch cost.) Lunch RSVP: To Phyllis Allen at 801-298-7197 by **Monday, October 31, 2016.**

Community Outreach: “World Community Bazaar” (Christmas Shopping Opportunity)

- Rural Africa Crafts – Bolga baskets woven by indigeneous people in Northern Ghana)
- Bead for Life – Handmade jewelry, shea butter products and more by women in Uganda
- 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”

**Correction**

Last month it was reported that Dr. Jeanette Misaka was awarded The Imperial Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver Rays from the Consul General Ito of the Consulate General of Japan in Denver. In fact, the imperial medal was delivered and presented to Jeanette by Consul General Ito on behalf of his Majesty Emperor Akihito and sealed by Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

This is the highest imperial medal awarded to U.S. citizens and includes Secretary Norman Mineta and Mike Masaoka in this exclusive list that Jeanette is now part of. (Thanks to Tomoko Moses for providing this clarification.)

**November Birthdays**

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

**Birthday List Update Reminder**

If you haven’t already, remember to please fill in your name and birthdate on the calendar sheets that are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board near the kitchen. The calendar sheets will be available to fill out until **11/27**. Or you may also send your birthday information to the JCC website e-mail at **heraldeditor@gmail.com**. Include month, date and year.

In order to keep our records current and to ensure that your name is included in the Herald birthday list and monthly birthday cake celebrations, make sure you are accounted for on the calendar.

**Halloween Culture Class**

On Sunday, October 16, Karla Paige showed us how to make some cute Halloween favors and cards. As always, the class was full and enjoyed by all who participated.



Kerry Lee and Yeiko Homma display their Trick or Treat crafts.



Karla Paige shows the class how to measure, trim and glue. Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse.