

# 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

February 2017

At a critical point in His ministry, Jesus asked His disciples "Who do people say that I am?" They responded with several names that the crowds had put forth as possible identities. Jesus then asked very pointedly, "Who do you say I am?"

This is frankly the most important question for all of mankind – "Who is Jesus?" How we answer it will determine our eternal destiny. Similar to the first century, people today have a variety of mistaken opinions on Jesus. But it is vitally important to discern who Jesus is not:

He is not a "co-operator" in our salvation – salvation is not a case of Jesus saving us after we have worked as hard as we can to please Him. It is not a case of Jesus "plus" my good works.

He is not simply a great teacher- He was much more than that. IN fact, He never would have gone along with such a designation.

He is not a "legend" – Jesus was a real person Who walked the earth. To suggest otherwise is to ignore the abundance of historical evidence; and to cast doubt upon the existence of countless other ancient figures.

Thankfully, the Bible delivers a clear verdict on the identity of Jesus: He is the Son of God, come to earth in order to pay the penalty for our sins, so that by trusting in Him alone, we may be credited with His righteousness and be adopted into the family of God as His beloved children. If you have not seriously considered this question, please take the time to do so and allow Jesus to transform your life and eternity.

God Bless You,  
Pastor Brad





### St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

We thank our volunteers who served at lunchtime once each month in 2016 at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. The "regulars" were David Harada, Keiko Ikeda, Wilma Kimura, Betty Murakami, Ted and Yeiko Nagata. We appreciate the team's willingness to serve again in 2017.

When someone was unable to go, there were others willing to step in. This group included Koji Brown, Jamie Eckstein, Susan Nagata Brown, Hiro Iwasaki, Jeanette Misaka, and Yuri Uyeda.

Our thanks to everyone for serving joyfully and sharing blessings from our church!

### Lake Tahoe Retreat

Happy New Year from the Lake Tahoe Fellowship (LTF) Board!

Come join us at the 38th Annual Lake Tahoe Conference at the beautiful lakeside Zephyr Point for fellowship and spiritual growth. The dates of the retreat are **Sunday, July 23 through Friday, July 28, 2017.**

Our key note speaker this year will be Colleen "Coke" Tani. Her theme, "Dissolving the Walls and Opening our Hearts: For Such a Time as This" addresses questions such as "What do we assign to the silent margins within ourselves, and who do we as a society assign to the visible and invisible margins in our times? What are the relationships between these, and how can our openness to God's grace facilitate healing, wholeness and right relations?"

Early bird discount! Registration forms postmarked by Monday, 2/28/17 receive a \$10 discount. To guarantee your spot, please turn in your forms and check before or by **3/13/17**. Registration forms postmarked **after 3/13/17** are charged a **late fee of \$25.**

A registration form and pricing information are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

### Agape News

- Campbell's Labels for Education program will be discontinued at the end of this school year (June 2017). Campbell's discontinued printing label points in August 2016. Please check your pantry for labels for education. All labels collected will be mailed one final time to Menaul School at the end of May 2017.
- Please save clean, empty spam cans for Agape.
- Please save pop tops for Ronald McDonald House

### Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's **Human Rights Celebration 2017**

When: Friday, March 10, 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday)  
Time: 9:30 a.m. Reg; 10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch

Where: Centenary United Methodist Church  
1740 South 500 East (Salt Lake City)

Theme: "Kindling New Fires – Kindling New Fires of Hope"

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Award Recipient: TBA

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Community Outreach: Please BRING items for The Road Home: Specifics to follow. Cash Donations (Checks Payable to "Church Women United," designated for The Road Home)

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, March 6.**

### February Birthdays

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

**February 2017 - Worship Service Participants**

	February 5	February 12	February 19	Music Worship February 26
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	---	---	---	Guest Speaker
<b>Liturgist</b>	Hiro Iwasaki	Ron Nishijima	Laura Olson	Greg Paige
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Yoko DeRose	E) Julee Mori J) Yeiko Homma	E) Karen Okawa J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Zach Paige J) Toshiko Marse
<b>Greeter</b>	Mary Tabata	Betty Murakami	Betty Morishita	Karla Paige
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Doug Murakami Karen Okawa	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota	Lorraine Crouse Karla Paige
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	---	---	---	Brian Iltiong JCC Worship Band
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Paul DeRose	Lorraine Crouse	Paul DeRose	Lorraine Crouse

**JCC February 2017 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Parking, Jazz vs. Bucks	2 -Taiko practice, 6pm	3 -Nikkei luncheon preparation, 9am	4 -Nikkei Senior Center luncheon, noon -Parking, Jazz vs. Hornets, 7pm
5 -Communion, 10:30 am	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Harlem Globetrotters, 7pm	7	8	9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11 -Parking, Jazz vs. Celtics, 8pm
12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz vs. Clippers, 7pm	14	15 -Parking, Jazz vs. Trailblazers, 8:30pm	16 -Session Meeting, 6pm	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18
19 -Congregational Meeting, after worship service	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	22	23	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25 -Parking, Stevie Nicks, 7pm
26 -Herald Deadline, noon	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm	28				

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 1/27/17.

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

**February Community Events**

- Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by JCC (see page 2)
- Day of Remembrance – February 25, 2017, Salt Lake City Public Library, guest speaker Mike Honda. For more information, contact Diane Akiyama at [dianeak25@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeak25@yahoo.com)

## Happy Birthday Frank!

Frank Imai celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 13, 2017! Happy Birthday Frank!



Frank celebrates his milestone with cake! Photo courtesy - Lorraine Crouse

## Jccslc.net

Just a reminder to take time to visit the JCC website at [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net). The website is updated monthly with new photos of activities of the JCC. This Herald is also posted there in full color! Links to the calendar of monthly events and facilities calendar are also found here for quick access. In the near future, we will be posting recordings of the weekly sermons; audio and visual. Keep checking!

## Nichigo

Thank you to all who contributed to the annual Nichigo Ozoni fundraiser on January 8, 2017. It was a chilly day and a warm bowl of ozoni and mochi hit the spot!



Nichigo Choir performs during worship service. Photo courtesy - Jan Aramaki

## Outgoing Officers

We wish to acknowledge the church officers whose terms expired in January 2017:

**Session:** Julee Mori, Lorraine Crouse, Karen Okawa, Alan Shino  
**Board of Deacons:** Jan Aramaki, Wilma Kimura, Karla Paige  
**Board of Trustees:** Gordon Hashimoto, Gary Nakao  
**Nominating Committee:** Yas Iwamoto, Lillian Nakamura, Ron Nishijima

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*