

The HERALD Newsletter

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Worship Schedule:

Adult and Nichigo Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

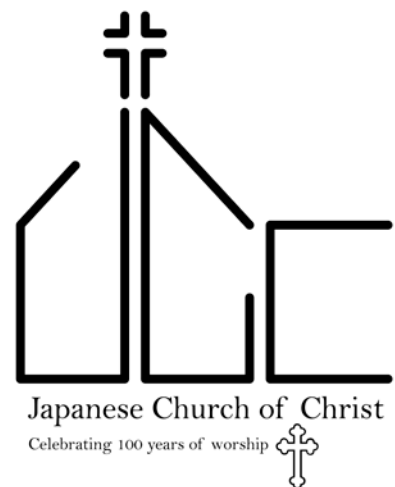
In last month's article, I spoke of the importance of ongoing worship in the life of the Christian. This month, I'd like to offer a couple of practical steps that may enhance your worship of God. The following "practices" are taken from the book *Reinventing Sunday*, by Rev. Brad Berglund.

1. Intentional Preparation – Set aside thirty minutes before you leave for church to read the Bible and spend time in prayer.
2. Mindful Experience – Cross thresholds with care. For example, before you enter the sanctuary, stop at the doorway. Take a minute or two to prayerfully offer your life to God. As a sign of receptivity, open your palms in front of you. Allow that simple act to help you be fully present to the transforming possibilities of worship.
3. Before you go to bed at night, make time to reflect on the experiences of the day. Bring them before God with a humble and grateful heart.

Please keep in mind these are just suggestions, and you can try all of them or none. My hope is that you may find in these, an opportunity to draw closer to God in a new and profound way.

God Bless You,
Pastor Brad

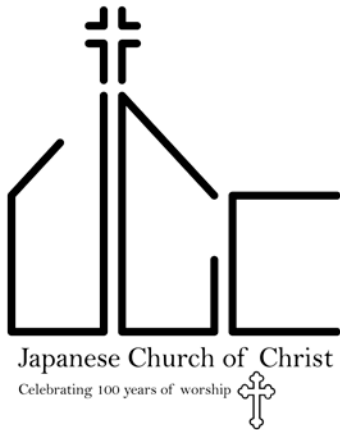
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The JCC Mission Statement

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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Nichigo Mini Retreat

The annual Nichigo Mini-Retreat will be held the weekend of **October 14 and 15, 2017** (Saturday and Sunday) with special guests Reverend Hajimu Fujii and his wife Kayoko from Fresno, CA. For information, contact Keiko Ikeda.

Rev. Fujii will be the guest speaker at the October 15 Sunday worship service. After the service, a potluck luncheon will be held. Please bring a dish to share!

Save the Date!

The Japanese Church of Christ will be celebrating an important milestone next year – 100 years of existence! To commemorate the occasion, the Centennial Committee has set the weekend of **August 25 and 26, 2018** for the big celebration.

On Saturday, August 25, a luncheon and program will be held and Sunday, August 26 will feature a special worship service and pot luck afterwards. Mark the dates and spread the word!

Since this is such a momentous occasion, we will be celebrating all year next year, planning various activities during the months leading up to August to bring everyone together in fellowship – bowling, sushi and mochi making, to name a few! A calendar of events for the year is in the making; stay tuned!

Directory Update

The JCC address/phone/email directory is going to be updated. The last update was 2014! If you have a change to your contact information or would like to have your name added to the directory, contact **Pat Price at patp1406@gmail.com**. Please submit any changes by October 31.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Frank Yoshimura, who passed away at home at the age of 96 on August 27, 2017. Frank will always be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor. Our prayers are with Sadie and her daughters.

Our hearts go out to the Misaka family on the passing of Katie on September 23, 2017. She had been battling pancreatic cancer and is now without pain and suffering. Katie was such a kind and caring person and will be missed. Keep Wat and family in your prayers.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Jana Hansen | Utako Aramaki | Mr. "C" |
| Wat Misaka | Chris Miya | Miki Harada |
| Misaka family | Cristal Aoki | Yoshimura family |
| Sarah and Malachi | Grace Matsumura | Kai Ronning |
| Susan Fukushima | Toshiko Marse | Mas Horiuchi |

First South Slide Show

There was once a photography shop called Marumon that was located in the old Japan Town on First South in Salt Lake City. It was owned by the family of Dennis Kuba, who now resides in California. Mr. Kuba possesses a number of old photographs taken of the former Japan Town. He will be in Salt Lake City on **Sunday, October 1** and will present a slide show of these old photographs during coffee fellowship, 11:30 a.m.

Operation Christmas Child

It's time again to begin filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child to demonstrate God's love to needy children around the world. The shoeboxes will be available during the month of October (*confirmed date was not available at press time*). Come and pick up one or two for your family to fill. They will be due back to the church on **Sunday, November 12**.



Gift suggestions for your box include:

- TOYS - items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, etc.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, soap (put in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
- OTHER - t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries.

NEW CHANGES THIS YEAR:

- **Do not include toothpaste or candy of any kind.**
- **Shipping for the boxes is \$9 per box. Checks are payable to Operation Christmas Child.**

PERSONAL NOTE - You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, food, liquids or lotions, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans.



New Herald Logo

You will notice a new logo on the front page and publication box on page 2 of the Herald newsletter this month. The design is in commemoration of the JCC Centennial and was designed by Isaac Griffin, a student at the University of Utah and the Lassonde program. Isaac is the son of Eunice (Kato) Griffin. Such talent among our young people!

Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's World Community Day Celebration, Friday, November 3, 2017, 9:30 a.m. at Community of Grace Presbyterian Church 2015 E. Newcastle Drive (Sandy).

"Kindling New Fires – Kindling New Fires of Peace"

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Registration: \$1.00 Lunch: \$5.00

Community Outreach: "World Community Bazaar" (Gift Shopping Opportunity)

- ~Rural Africa Crafts – Bolga Baskets woven by indigenous people in Northern Ghana
- ~Bead for Life – Handmade Jewelry, Shea Butter Products, and more by women in Uganda
- ~The Navajo Jewelry Project – Native American jewelry to benefit their communities in Southern Utah
- ~The Vietnam Project – Vietnamese products to benefit overseas communities
- ~Fair Trade Coffee

Free-will Offering: to benefit Church Women United

National Programs:

Please make checks payable to: "Church Women United"

October 2017 - Worship Service Participants

	October 1	October 8	October 15	Music Worship October 22	October 29
Liturgist	Steve Fukumitsu	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Hiro Iwasaki	Greg Paige
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Toshiko Marse	E) Daniel Cheung J) Shigeko Ota	E) Carson Kawabata J) Misako Bowker	E) Jan Aramaki J) Yoko DeRose	E) Alison Cheung J) Yeiko Homma
Greeter	Karla Paige	Karen Okawa	Mary Tabata	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Moto Lochner	Chris Lund Mary Tabata	Lorraine Crouse Pauline Vosburgh	Al Kubota Karen Okawa	Karla Paige Zach Paige
Songs of Praise	---	---	Brian Itliong	---	---
Organist/Pianist	Greg Paige	Elizabeth Ward	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir	JCC Worship Band
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Betty Kubota Laura Olson	---	---	---	
Ed Bldg Monitor	*	*	*	*	*

*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

JCC October 2017 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion, 10:30 am Slide show, 11:30am Special Taiko practice, 1-3pm	2	3	4	5	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7
8	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm	10	11	12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm	14
15	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm	17 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	18	19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21
22 Music Worship, 10:30 am	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24 -Session, 6pm	25	26 -Centennial Planning Meeting, 6pm	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm	28
29 Youth Sunday	30 -Taiko practice, 6pm	31				

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 9/25/17.

For up to date building use information, go to www.jccslc.net, Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

October Community Events

Saturday, October 14, 2017 – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon sponsored by Mount Olympus JACL at the Dai Ichi Ward, 20th South and 900 East, noon.

Congratulations News

To Daniel Cheung upon passing the bar exam; what a great accomplishment!

To Frank Imai for winning first place in the "decathalon" at the Senior center that he attends!

To the Ogden Christian Church on the celebration of their 90th Anniversary! Several of our congregation attended the dinner on September 23.



Thank You – No Flu!

Thank you to Stephanie and Gary Nakao for organizing the Flu Shot day on September 10 and for providing lunch for the church family and nursing staff. We appreciate Stephanie for arranging this service early every fall, so we are prepared when flu season hits!

Couples Class

Pastor Brad will be conducting a class for couples beginning **Sunday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m.** Check with Pastor for details in the following weeks.



Portal of Prayer, Lake Tahoe. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki

Lake Tahoe Retreat Report

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

A tribute to Doc Matsukawa for his devoted evangelism - 2018 Lake Tahoe Retreat Fellowship Report. Mark your calendars for next year July 22-27, 2018. Thank you, Doc Matsukawa for encouraging me to attend in past years the Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat with my mom! I was blessed to have attended this year's retreat after several years not being able to attend. My heart was touched in so many ways.

First, I missed my mom being by my side. But on another note my heart was filled with joy because Lake Tahoe is where my mom grew her faith in Christ. Second, it was such a delight to catch up with Rita Inoway, one of our JCC family members. As well as Lois and Phillip Yuki, Doc's family members. I was uplifted being around their kind and happy spirits once again. There were several I was hoping to see, but learned of their recent passings. These individuals were instrumental in building the foundation for the Lake Tahoe Retreat.

Doc was remembered through a candle lighting in his memory when we did communion. His legacy and spiritual influence and presence remains strong. He always worried the core of the group were older and always emphasized to encourage younger generations to join. Doc, I know you were smiling down at this year's retreat.

A younger generation has stepped into leadership and the group is strong in God's love. Colleen 'Coke' Tani led the group throughout the week. She currently serves as a ministered intern at Buena Vista United Methodist Church in Alameda, California. Her daily lessons involved learning to use body movements to tune in spiritually with God as we ask Him to give us strength through our trials and tribulations and express our gratitude for the blessings in our life. Listening to our bodies and meditating to be more in tune with God was amazing! I learned Coke has a connection in Salt Lake City. She is the niece of Mildred, Mildred's Flowers --thank you Lord for making the connection. Her leadership was fun and engaging for all.

As a tribute to Doc, I invite you to consider attending next year's retreat! If you have never been to Lake Tahoe Retreat, please plan next year. You will have the most amazing experience feeling God's presence and being blessed in the mix of the most amazing people. Doc will be pleased.