

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 – February 2018

In a few weeks I plan on preaching from a passage in the gospel of Luke that might be a little uncomfortable for many of us. It is for me; because the parable told by Jesus in Luke 18 (verses 9-14) is meant to shine a light into our hearts in order to expose the self-righteousness that lurks within all of us to a certain degree. Of course, we would rather not admit that, but it is true.

In my more honest moments of self-reflection I see a proud man who thinks he is more spiritual than he really is. It is that reality that lies at the heart of our Lord's parable, in which he contrasts the so-called "religious" person with the "sinner". You see, many of us evaluate our spirituality by the number or type of good deeds we perform. And if we've accumulated a number of these "righteous" activities, we just might begin to overlook the ugliness of the sin that resides within us.

This was the case for the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like "other men" (meaning sinners). The tax collector, on the other hand, had no doubt he was a sinner as he humbly pleads for God's mercy. Jesus concludes by remarking to the shock of His audience that it was the tax collector who found God's approval. This parable serves as a great reminder of the beauty of God's grace and mercy, which is reserved for those who admit their sin and their need for a Savior. Praise God for His great gift of forgiveness.

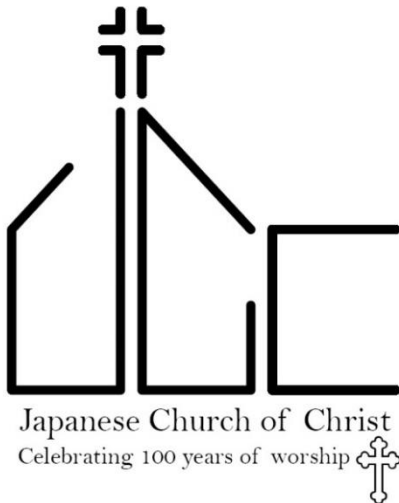
God Bless You,

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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Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018 budget and review the Annual Report will be on **Sunday, February 18, 2018** immediately following worship service.

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon

The JCC is sponsoring the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon for the month of February on **Saturday, February 10, 2018 at noon**. Seniors 65+ are invited to attend (\$2 donation) and those 85+ attend free of charge. Join us for lunch, entertainment and door prizes! To kick off our Centennial Celebration, there will be a display of JCC photos. Come early to view the display!



If you can help with food preparation or serving, please contact either Suzanne Hata or Karen Okawa. The JCC luncheon is always one of the most popular Nikkei Senior Center luncheons and well attended, so we can always use your help!

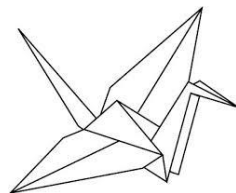
Senbazuru Project

Senbazuru (千羽鶴) is a group of one thousand origami paper cranes. A Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes will be granted happiness and eternal long life. The Japanese crane is said to live for a thousand years.



As a part of the JCC Centennial Celebration, a senbazuru will be created in a framed arrangement to be hung in the chapel to commemorate our 100 years of existence and grant a wish for 100 more years!

We want each person at the JCC to be a part of this arrangement and contribute to it by folding a few cranes (or even just one!). In that way, a "piece" of your effort will be represented in the framed arrangement.



You don't know how to fold an origami crane? There is no excuse! Join us for an **"Origami Crane 101"** class to be taught by Judy

Iwamoto on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, after worship service.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Jana Hansen | Mas Horiuchi | Mr. "C" |
| Larry Harada | Chris Miya | Miki Harada |
| Toshiko Marse | Grace Matsumura | Wat Misaka |
| Pastor Hanabusa | Susan Fukushima | Kai Ronning |
| Iris LaFontaine | Steve Fukushima | Yolie LaFontaine |

Lifetouch Photo Directory Shoot



As part of the Centennial Celebration, the church photo directory (last printed in 2004) will be updated. Lifetouch is a national company that will coordinate the photo shoot and provide copies of the directory for us. Individuals and families may optionally choose to purchase portrait prints for themselves. The photo shoot dates are:

Sunday, March 4 from Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 5 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Contact Patty Price at patp1406@gmail.com to sign up for an appointment (appointments will be scheduled every half hour). Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in and allow 1 hour for the sitting, image viewing and selection.

Spread the Word!



Mark These Dates

Mark the dates of **August 25 (Saturday) and August 26 (Sunday), 2018** as the weekend for the JCC Centennial Celebration! A luncheon and program will be held at the Cottonwood Country Club on Saturday, 8/25 and a special worship service, dedication and luncheon on Sunday, 8/26. Spread the word to out of state family members and friends who grew up at the JCC to come home and join us in celebrating this milestone.

The committee continues to work on events throughout the year leading up to that weekend as well. Keep updated through this newsletter and posting on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board!

Basket Raffle

In conjunction with the luncheon, a basket raffle will be held to offset some of the Centennial costs. If you are interested in donating a basket, or would like to contribute items towards a basket, please contact a committee member.

Congratulatory Greetings

Remember too, to send a congratulatory greeting to appear in the Centennial commemorative book. Turn in your form to Julee Mori or send your greeting to jjcherald@gmail.com. Small personal greetings are \$25, large greetings are \$45. Corporate or non-profit greetings are \$110. (See January Herald for form or copies are on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.)

JCC Address Directory

In addition to the photo directory, the regular JCC phone and address directory is being updated. This time, all names on the Herald mailing list will also be included. However, this list only has addresses and not phone numbers or email addresses. If you would like to add that information, contact Patty Price at **(801) 556-1484** or patp1406@gmail.com.

If you **DO NOT** want to be in the directory at all, contact Pat by **March 1**. Otherwise, your name will be included in the updated directory.

Mount Hermon

The dates for Mount Hermon this year are July 1–7, 2018. The theme is "He restores my soul. Psalms 23:3." The main family camp registration began on January 22, 2018. Registration will only be online through the Mount Hermon website, www.mounthermon.org/jems. If you need assistance, you may select "Online Registrations Step-by-Step on the website. You may also request live assistance by selecting "We Can Help."

The link to the online Youth camp registration will be available on **February 12, 2018**.

The JEMS website is located at:

<http://jems.org/mt-hermon/registration.php>.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) gives relief to those in need. Through donations, OGHS helps those affected by disaster to resume their lives again, feed people all over the world and provide empowerment. An envelope is included in this newsletter.

Class Reminders

Remember that a Couples Class is held every other Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The classes for February will be on the 4th and 18th.

A Japanese language class is taught by Tomoko Moses every Sunday beginning at 12:30 p.m. Take advantage of the free lessons!

A prayer circle will begin after worship service starting in February. Stay tuned.

Reminders

The annual per capita apportionment per JCC member is \$38.00 this year.

If you leave food in any of the refrigerators at church, please label with date and owner!

February 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	February 4	February 11	February 18	Music Worship February 25
Liturgist	Greg Paige	Julee Mori	Pauline Vosburgh	Jan Aramaki
Scripture Readers	E) Bob Jones J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Elise Mori J) Shigeko Ota	E) Daniel Cheung J) Misako Bowker	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose
Greeter	Michiko Kenmotsu	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura	Karla Paige
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Karen Okawa Narumi Kanabuchi	Lorraine Crouse Doug Murakami	Chris Lund Mary Tabata
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashimra	Keiko Ikeda	Yoko DeRose	Greg Paige
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	---
Acolyte	---	---	---	---
Communion Servers	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 February 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -Parking, Brad Paisley concert, 7pm	2 -Taiko practice, 6pm	3 -Parking, Toby Mac, noon
4 -Couples Class, 9:30am -Communion, 10:30 am -Japanese class, 12:30pm	5 -Taiko practice, 6pm	6 -Parking	7	8	9 -Nikkei Luncheon prep, 9am -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	10 -Nikkei Senior Center luncheon, noon
11 -Origami Class, after worship service -Japanese class, 12:30pm	12 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	13 -Session Meeting, 6pm	14 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	15	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm	17
18 -Couples Class, 9:30am -Congregational Meeting, 11:30am -Japanese class, 12:30pm	19 PRESIDENTS DAY	20 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	21	22	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	24 -Herald Deadline
25 -Music Worship, 10:30 am -Centennial Meeting, 11:30 am -Japanese class, 12:30pm	26 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	27	28	March 1	March 2	March 3 -Tongan Women's Celebration, 2pm

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 2/25/18.

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

February Community Events

- Saturday, February 10, 2018: Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by the Japanese Church of Christ (see article on page 2), at noon.