

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

March 2018

In October of 2017, I completed my 7th year with JCC and thus became eligible for a 3 month sabbatical. Sabbatical comes from the biblical term Shabbat or Sabbath. The word literally means to "rest". The idea behind the sabbatical for a pastor, is the setting aside of a short period of time for the "purposes of renewal of vision, refreshment of ministry, or enrichment of leadership". My intent during this sabbatical is to spend time developing a deeper relationship with Jesus, prepare a new and challenging sermon series, attend a couple of pastor's conferences and yes, focus a bit on personal renewal and rest.

The normal length of a sabbatical is 3 months; I plan on dividing that time into 3 one month segments. This way I will never be gone too long from JCC and will always be available in case of emergency. During March, we have 3 very fine men filling the pulpit in my place. I know you will benefit from their teaching.

I am very grateful for this unique opportunity and privilege to pull back a little and take some time to study and refresh in the hopes of returning with more vigor and having been equipped to be a better steward for our Lord.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving such a wonderful congregation.

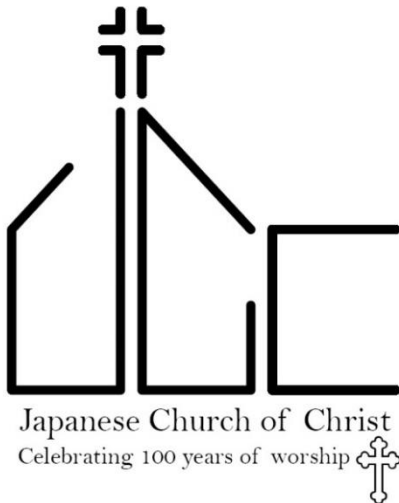
God Bless You,

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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Session

- Julee Mori, Finance
- Greg Paige, Personnel, Education
- Pauline Vosburgh, Worship
- Keiko Ikeda, Nichigo
- Allyn Nakashima
- Patricia Arakaki Price
- Steve Fukumitsu/Lorraine Crouse

Deacons

- Elaine Iwasaki, Misako Bowker, Miki Harada, Dorthie Conway, Lorraine Crouse, Toshiko Marse,

Newsletter articles are due on the last Saturday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

Website: www.jccslc.net

Daylight Savings Reminder

Remember, Daylight Savings is **Sunday, March 11, 2018**. This time it is "Spring forward" so set your clock one hour ahead. You will lose an hour of sleep and be late for worship service if you don't!

REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD!

Spring Cleaning!

The JCC has not had a church wide clean up in years; so we are long overdue! Please bring your mops, rags, buckets and your scrubbing arm on **Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until noon**. The Men's Fellowship is providing lunch for all that can help. A dumpster will be rented to haul off unneeded items that have been "stored" at church for years. If there is something you may have left at church, please come down to claim it; we hate to get rid of someone's "treasures."



Congregational Meeting Wrap Up

The JCC Annual Ecclesiastical and Corporation Meeting was held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 after worship service. Pastor Brad conducted the ecclesiastical portion of the meeting. A quorum of members was in attendance and the agenda approved. Copies of the Annual Report were distributed for review. The 2018 budget was presented by Julee Mori and was unanimously approved by the congregation. Nominees for elders, deacons, nominating committee and board of trustees were presented. (See article on Page 5.) Pastor Brad will be taking a 3 month sabbatical this year (including March); taking it in one month increments (excluding August for Centennial).

Al Kubota, representing Cascade Corporation, presented the corporation report. The chapel renovation is currently on hold, but Al reported the committee will be meeting soon.

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Frank Nakashima who passed away on January 24, 2018.

Condolences also to the family of Nats Nishijima who passed away on February 3, 2018. Services were conducted at the JCC on 2/9. We will miss her gentle smile. Please include Ron, Lynne, Teresa, David and families in your prayers.

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 |
| Yolie LaFontaine | Steve Fukushima | Marie Matsukawa |
| Nishijima Family | Kay Nakashima | Frank Nakashima Family |

Lifetouch Photo Directory Shoot Extra Date!



We have already filled the first two dates originally scheduled for the photo shoots, so a third day has been added. The photo shoot dates are now:

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

Monday, March 5 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (filled)

Tuesday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have not yet signed up for an appointment, contact Patty Price at patp1406@gmail.com to sign up (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.

If you have signed up for an appointment, please show up on time! If you have any questions about your appointment, contact Patty as well.

Centennial Update



Remember to Save These Dates

Mark the dates of **August 25 (Saturday) and August 26 (Sunday), 2018** as the weekend for the JCC Centennial Celebration! A luncheon on Saturday and special worship, dedication and luncheon on Sunday.

We Still Need Photos!

Look through your albums – we still need candid photos from the past 25 years at the JCC. Contact Lorraine Crouse at lmcrouse@comcast.net if you have any old photos to share!

Congratulatory Greetings

Thanks to all who have submitted greetings to commemorate this anniversary. Turn in your form to Julee Mori or send your greeting to jccherald@gmail.com. Small personal greetings are \$25, large greetings are \$45. Corporate or non-profit greetings are \$110.

DUE DATE for greetings: May 10, 2018.

Thank you to those who have made donations to the Centennial; your generosity is very much appreciated.

Upcoming Activities

Family Bowling Party – **Sunday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.**
More details to follow.

Lake Tahoe Retreat Deadline

The Lake Tahoe Fellowship (LTF) Retreat will be **July 22-27, 2018!**

The 39th NCJCCF Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat will again be held at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, July 23-28. It is a scenic and peaceful lake side location ideal for relaxation and spiritual renewal. Last year, we had 49 conference attendees and we anticipate more this year! This year's guest speaker will be Rev. John Oda.

Registration deadline is **March 16, 2018**. If you are interested, please contact Jim Mar at mar.jmail@gmail.com or **Jan Aramaki** at mcj925@gmail.com.

Church Women United Event

Church Women United Human Rights Celebration
Friday, March 9, 2018

9:30 a.m. Registration (\$1.00)

10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch (\$5.00)

Hilltop United Methodist Church

985 East 10600 South (Sandy)

(step-less entry on north side)

"Reaching for Wholeness – In Solidarity with God's Creation"

Speaker: Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman, Congregation Kol Ami

Human Rights Award Recipient: Deb Sawyer

Please BRING items for YWCA Women's & Children's Shelter & Transitional Housing:

- new underwear for women, teens, & children
- diapers (Sizes 3, 4, 5)
- new or "good condition" women's athletic shoes,
- women's PJs
- bath towels & washcloths.

Cash donations and/or checks payable to "Church Women United" designated for YWCA.)

Offering: to benefit Church Women United National Programs. Checks payable to: "Church Women United"

Lunch RSVP to Judy Stevens at 801-487-7115 by **Monday, March 5.**

Easter Offering

Since Easter Sunday is on April 1st this year, the offering envelopes are included in this month's Herald.

March 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	March 4	March 11	March 18	Music Worship March 25
Liturgist	Steve Fukumitsu	Rick Aoki	Jan Aramaki	Greg Paige
Scripture Readers	E) Daniel Cheung J) Yeiko Homma	E) Patty Price J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Bob Jones J) Toshiko Marse	E) Zach Paige J) Shigeko Ota
Greeter	Dorthie Conway	Sadie Yoshimura	Michiko Kenmotsu	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Steve Fukumitsu Al Kubota	Doug Murakami Lorraine Crouse	Chris Lund Mary Tabata
Songs of Praise	---	Brian Itliong	---	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Yoko DeRose	TBD
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	---	---	---	---
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Betty Kubota Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Locked	Locked	Locked	TBD

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

March Community Events

- Saturday, March 17, 2018: Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon.

JCC March 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 8:30pm	3 -Tongan Women's Celebration, 2pm
4 -Lifetouch Photo Shoot, 12- 5pm -Japanese class, 12:30pm	5 -Lifetouch Photo Shoot, 2-9 pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	6 -Lifetouch Photo Shoot, 9-5pm	7	8 -Parking, Disney on Ice	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Disney on Ice	10 -Parking, Disney on Ice
11 -Parking, Disney on Ice -Japanese class, 12:30pm	12 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	13 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	14	15 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Concert Bon Jovi, 8pm	17 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
18 -Japanese class, 12:30pm	19 -Taiko practice, 6pm	20 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	21	22	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24 -Herald Deadline -Parking, Concert, 7pm
25 -Japanese class, 12:30pm	26 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	27	28 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	29	30 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	31

*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

Origami Crane Folding Recap

On Sunday, February 11, an "Origami Crane Folding 101" class was taught by Judy Iwamoto so that everyone could fold a few cranes to contribute to a Senbazuru (1000 crane) picture that will be hung in the chapel as part of our Centennial celebration. Thanks to all the patient tutors who aided and assisted the novice folders.



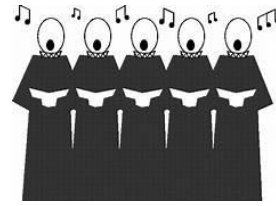
Steve Fukumitsu's masterpiece



Intense folding. Photo courtesy: Jani Iwamoto

JCC Choir Practice Schedule

In preparation for Easter Worship Service, choir practices will be held after worship service on **Sunday, March 18 and March 25.**



New Officers

New officers of the JCC were introduced at the Congregational Meeting on February 18, 2018.

Session:

Patty Price	Yoko DeRose
Steve Fukumitsu	Lorraine Crouse

Board of Deacons:

Wilma Kimura	Jan Aramaki
Misako Bowker	

Board of Trustees:

Rick Aoki	Doug Murakami
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Nominating Committee:

Elaine Iwasaki	
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Thank you to the outgoing officers:
 Session – Hiro Iwasaki
 Board of Deacons – Toshiko Marse, Lorraine Crouse
 Nominating Committee – Yas Iwamoto

We thank these individuals for their service to the JCC. Bless you all!



New officers, from left to right: Misako Bowker, Yoko DeRose, Patty Price, Steve Fukumitsu, Wilma Kimura, Elaine Iwasaki, Rick Aoki, Lorraine Crouse, Doug Murakami. Photo courtesy: Elise Mori

Like Grandfather, Like Granddaughter

For years, Ron Nishijima has created beautiful watercolors for the cover of the JCC annual report. For this year's annual report, his granddaughter Elizabeth Ward's (daughter of Mark and Lynne Ward) art graces the cover. She created the piece for a high school competition. The original acrylic is entitled "Welcome" and depicts the Topaz internment camp. It is currently on display at the State capitol.



Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon Recap

The Nikkei Senior Center luncheon was sponsored by the JCC on Saturday, February 10. Once again, there was a full house! To kick off our Centennial, a photo display of the first 50 years of the JCC was available for attendees to look at. Thanks to Lorraine Crouse for providing the display and to Toshiko Marse for making origami cherry blossom table decorations. The Kenshin Taiko group performed some new numbers that really woke up the crowd!



Pastor Brad serves tea as Larry Harada looks on.
Photo courtesy: Julee Mori

Thanks to everyone who attended, but especially to those that gave up their Saturday to help set up, prepare, plate and serve food. This luncheon is well attended annually and opens our church to the JA community.



A full house enjoys the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon.