

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

November 2018

I'm a big fan of the late author and Priest, Brennan Manning. He was one of the most genuine and humble writers I've ever encountered. In his book *Ruthless Trust*, Manning encourages his readers to cultivate a deep trust in God that overcomes all the fears, hurts and temptations which stand as barriers to a joyful Christian walk.

Let's be honest; it is not easy to trust God in the midst of gut wrenching trials. Manning understands this and asks without a trace of insincerity: "How does one dare to propose the way of trust in the face of raw, undifferentiated heartache, cosmic disorder, and the terror of history?"

One answer he offers is by way of gratitude. It is the same answer offered by the Apostle Paul to the church at Thessalonica, "For **in all things** give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus." Notice Paul doesn't tell us to give thanks **for** all things. He says, "**in** all things." That is a crucial difference. And the bottom line is, I can give thanks **in** all things because I have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and welcomed into His family – forever. Now of course there is so much more for which we can be thankful, but that is a great place to start. And I find when I meditate on the many gifts of God I enjoy, my grumbling and complaining starts to subside. Oh not all at once to be sure. But as I reorient my perspective, my heart slowly softens and my trust in a holy and good God returns.

I'll close with this thought from G.K. Chesterton who remarked that "the worst moment for an atheist is when he or she feels grateful and there is no one to thank."

Isn't it extraordinary, that you and I have Someone to thank?

May God Bless You,
Pastor Brad

Operation Christmas Child

Reminder, the Operation Christmas Child boxes will be due back to the church on **Sunday, November 11, 2018** so that they have time to be shipped overseas. Shipping is \$9 per box. Checks are payable to Operation Christmas Child.



Agape News

Kitchen: Thanks to everyone who helped with the Ed Bldg. cleanup for the Centennial celebration. Several items were misplaced. A more complete list is posted in the kitchen: 6 blue/white tea cups, 10 Small beige sauce dishes used for sushi, 6 food thermometers.

Agape Christmas Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for December 9th. A sign up sheet with the details will be posted in mid November.

Food Handlers Permits – If you have not received your food handler permit from the September 16, 2018 class held at the Buddhist Temple, please contact Jan or Suzanne.

Church Women United Lunch

When: Friday, November 2, 2018 (1st Friday)
Time: Morning (9:30 - 1:00, including lunch)
Where: Christ United Methodist Church
2375 East 3300 South

Theme: "Reaching for Wholeness – In Harmony with God's People" Keynote Speaker: TBA
Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00
Community Outreach: "World Community Bazaar"

Nichigo Retreat

The annual Nichigo Retreat will be held on **November 17 and 18, 2018**. Reverend Fujii from Fresno, CA will be the guest speaker. For details, contact Keiko Ikeda at keikoikeda59@gmail.com. Reverend Fujii will once again be the guest speaker on Sunday, November 18.

Budget Requests

If you have any budget request for 2019, please submit them to Julee Mori by **November 10**. The committee will meet to develop the 2019 budget.

Group Photos

Enlargements of the group photos taken on Centennial Sunday, August 26 and also the JCC T-shirt photo taken on October 14 are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to order an 8 x 10 color print. A sign up sheet will be posted; copies are \$5 each.

Update on Fellowship Hall Remodel

Submitted by Greg Paige

1. The project start date has been delayed due to inability to obtain a building permit. Chris Jensen, our architect, met with the Salt Lake Planning staff last Friday to try to jumpstart the process. Due to timing, the committee decided to delay the start of the project until January 2019. The delay means that the project will not impact making manju, Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's celebrations for JCC or the Tongans. This does not mean that the project has stalled or stopped.

2. Work continues on the overall Fellowship Hall redesign. We have had significant "scope creep" relative to simply bathrooms and stairway remodel, but not "budget creep" at this time. No firm cost estimates have been received, but all involved agree we are still within our original budget of \$250,000. The committee's intent is not to come back to the congregation to ask for additional monies unless we find a major problem that needs to be resolved for safety reasons. So, don't let this project impact your giving pledge for 2019!! J

3. The project now has 3 phases:

a. Phase 1: Bathroom construction and stairway modification, installation of new flooring in the fellowship hall, basement stairway, back stairway and stage, construction of a new north wall with associated new electric circuits, computer wiring and video wiring to the kitchen, refacing the stage cabinetry. Work is underway to select a color palette and materials, which will be shown to the congregation prior to finalizing the selection. This phase could involve new windows, sliding doors, etc. depending on the permit(s) required.

b. Phase 2: Installation of new electric service, sized to meet the load for the new project and the existing JCC load. All new construction will be served via the new panels. The committee is investigating the need for surge protection. This phase can "stand alone". Once the new load is finalized, we can contact electrical contractors to get bids on the work.

c. Phase 3: Kitchen remodel. Basic JCC requirements have been compiled and given to Chris. He is working with a kitchen equipment vendor to prepare a design for review by the committee.

4. JCC did receive a proposal from the Utah State Historic Preservation Office to partner in a grant for "under represented communities". This would not require JCC to match funds and USHP would complete all the paperwork. However, it seemed that this grant only applied to a remodel of the Sanctuary. There was a very short deadline for the application of November 1. After discussion, the committee agreed that we have enough on our plate with the Fellowship Hall remodel and the Block 67/Ritchie Group projects.

November 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	November 4	November 11	November 18	Music Worship November 25
Liturgist	Steve Fukumitsu	Ron Nishijima	Greg Paige	Pauline Vosburgh
Scripture Readers	E) Alison Cheung J) Shigeko Ota	E) Patty Price J) Misako Bowker	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose	E) Allyn Nakashima J) Keiko Ikeda
Greeter	Mary Tabata	Karla Paige	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Narumi Kanabuchi Zach Paige	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota	Jan Aramaki Mary Tabata
Song of Praise	---	---	---	---
Pianist/Organist	Allyn Nakashima	Greg Paige	Yoko DeRose	Misako Bowker
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	*	*	*	*

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

JCC November Calendar

JCC November 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	3 -Parking, Harlem Globetrotters, 2pm and 7 pm
4 -Communion, 10:30am -Parking, Russ Concert	5 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	6	7 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	8	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	10
11	12 -Taiko practice, 6pm	13 -Remodel Comm Mtg, 4:30pm -Session Mtg, 6pm -Parking, 21 Pilots, 7pm	14	15 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	17 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 11am, 3pm, 7pm
18 -Thanksgiving Dinner, 5pm	19 -Taiko practice, 6pm	20 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Parking, Trans Siberian Orch, 4pm, 8pm	21 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	22 THANKSGIVING -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24 -Herald Deadline
25 -Music Worship, 10:30am	26 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking	27	28	29 -Parking, Andrea Bocelli, 7:30pm	30 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Metallica, 7pm	

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 10/27/18.

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

Harvest Party Recap

The Sunday School Harvest Party was held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Many thanks to Stephanie Mori-Nakao for planning and preparing all of the goodies for the party. A nice turn out and the children (and adults) all had a great time!



Bobbing for donuts! Photos courtesy: Greg Paige, Julee Mori



Elizabeth and Nora Croft



Yeiko Homma



Wonder Girl and her parents (Kiara, Yoko and Paul DeRose)

In Appreciation

Jason Kato has donated a beautifully framed portrait to the JCC in memory of his parents, Paul and Nobuko Kato. He presented the picture to the Session last month, which was graciously accepted by Pastor Brad and will hang in the chapel for everyone to appreciate during worship service. Thank you Jason, for your generous contribution.



Pastor Brad accepts gift from Jason Kato. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

November Community Events

- Nikkei Senior Center luncheon, sponsored by National JACL Credit Union, Saturday, November 3, at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple at noon.
- Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique, Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, November 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Joint Worship Service

A joint worship service and luncheon with the Tongan and Kachin congregations was held on Sunday, October 28. It is always nice to join together in worship and music. Praise the lord!



Tongan choir performs. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse