

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 2019

I'd like you to consider the story about Jesus and the Samaritan woman from John 4. This is an incredible encounter that reveals some beautiful truths about our Savior, and how we can respond to His example.

The story opens in verse 4, as the gospel writer tells us that Jesus was on His way to Galilee but had to go through Samaria to get there. The truth is, no Jewish person would ever think to go through Samaria to get anywhere because of the mutual hatred between the two groups. They would invariably take the long way around. But not Jesus; not today. He was on a mission to bring the gospel to a despised people group.

Once arriving in Samaria, Jesus stops at a well and begins a conversation with a local woman of questionable moral character. Simply by talking with this woman, Jesus is crossing a cultural line; but that doesn't matter. During the course of their conversation, the woman comes to suspect that Jesus may indeed be the long awaited Messiah. She runs back into the city, declares what she has heard from Jesus and brings a good number of the townspeople back to see Jesus. Our Lord ends up staying two days with the Samaritans, having an enormous impact. Verse 42 – "They said to the woman, "it is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

Allow me to give you a couple of points to chew on:

1. When the Bible says that Jesus loves the world, that is exactly what it means. As a Jew, He had no business being in Samaria, much less witnessing to them. Yet, His love and compassion constrained Him to break man made rules in order to save souls.
2. Can you and I find it in our hearts to reach out to unlovable or even hated people groups? God's love knows no such barriers. Why does ours?
3. Notice that the Samaritans believed when they heard the message of Jesus. The word of God has power. But it needs to be heard.

Perhaps you and I can take steps to share this life transforming word with someone else in the coming days ahead. Who knows; we may help to change someone's life.

May the Lord Bless You Richly,

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

Daylight Savings Reminder

Remember, Daylight Savings is **Sunday, March 10, 2019**. This time it is "Spring forward" so set your clock one hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night.

REMEMBER TO "SPRING" FORWARD

Congregational Meeting Wrap Up

The JCC Annual Ecclesiastical and Corporation Meeting was held on Sunday, February 10, 2018 immediately after worship service and copies of the Annual Report were distributed for review. Pastor Brad conducted the ecclesiastical portion of the meeting. A quorum of members was in attendance and the agenda approved. The 2019 budget was presented by Julee Mori and was unanimously approved by the congregation. Nominees for deacons, nominating committee and board of trustees were presented. (See page 3.)

Al Kubota, representing Cascade Corporation, presented the corporation report. The parking revenue increased due to several more events held at Vivint Arena and the Salt Palace last year.

Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

Doc Matsukawa would be encouraging you to attend the Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe from July 21 through 26, 2019.

Register for the retreat by March 1 and receive a \$20 discount for early bird registration. Otherwise the regular deadline is March 22, 2019. Let Jan Aramaki know if you are interested in going, (801) 718-2006. Once you attend, you'll want to go again -- You'll feel God's presence and will be in awe with the beauty of the lake and the loving welcoming fellowship.

This year's guest speaker will be Deacon Mike Friedrich. The theme is "Ordinary People Finding Themselves with Extraordinary Power."

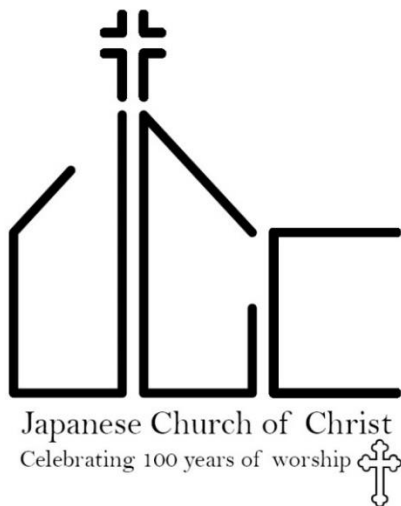
Condolences

Condolences are sent to the Horiuchi family upon the passing of Wayne Horiuchi in Sacramento, CA on January 23, 2019 at the age of 71.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Jana Hansen	Mas Horiuchi	Miki Harada
Larry Harada	Chris Miya	Wat Misaka
Toshiko Marse	Susan Fukushima	Kai Ronning
Yolie LaFontaine	Steve Fukushima	Marie Matsukawa
Kay Nakashima	Susan Rosvall	Saeko Nakashima
Hanabusa family	Horiuchi family	Sumiko Rosvall



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Clerk of Session: Greg Paige

Session

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

Deacons

Jan Aramaki, Wilma Kimura, Misako Bowker, Jean Kobayashi, Karen Okawa

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

Website: www.jccslc.net

New JCC Officers

New officers were announced at the Congregational Meeting on February 10, 2019.

Session: There are no new Elders on Session this year.

Board of Deacons: Jean Kobayashi, Karen Okawa and one additional pending. Current Deacons - Jan Aramaki, Wilma Kimura and Misako Bowker.

Board of Trustees: Jani Iwamoto (need one more additional). Current trustees - Karla Paige, Gary Nakao, Rick Aoki, Doug Murakami.

Nominating Committee: Sadie Yoshimura (need one more additional). Current committee - Yas Iwamoto, Allyn Nakashima, Ron Nishijima, Elaine Iwasaki.

We thank outgoing officers whose terms ended in February: Miki Harada, Elaine Iwasaki, Dorthie Conway, Al Kubota, Laura Olson and Elise Mori for giving their time and serving as leaders of the church.

Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's Human Rights Celebration 2019!

When: Friday, March 15, 2019 (3rd Friday)

Time: 9:30 a.m. Reg; 10:00 - 1:00 Program & Lunch

Where: St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 1975 South 2300 East (SLC)

Theme: "The Time is NOW - Unite to Serve"

Keynote Speaker: Sandra Hollins, Utah House Representative District 23, 1st African-American woman in Utah State Legislature

Award Recipient: TBD

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Community Outreach: Please BRING items for Utah Food Bank (no glass, please): Rotel Tomatoes, Diced Tomatoes, Green Chilies, Enchilada Sauce, Refried Beans, Rice, Canned Beans. Cash Donations (Checks Payable to "Church Women United," designated for Food Bank.)

Offering: Used for CWU National Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United"

Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, March 11.

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally. Hope to see you there.

Fellowship Hall Remodel Update

Submitted by Greg Paige

The Fellowship Hall Remodel Committee held a meeting on February 12 to restart the project. Here are some highlights of the meeting:

1. Unfortunately, due to minimal progress, JCC decided to stop working with Chris Jensen, the architect that initially started the project. In January, Ralph Nagasawa, a local architect, agreed to assist the church and began work on design drawings that will form the basis of a submittal to Salt Lake City Corporation for a building permit. The committee reviewed the work to date and had a good discussion of possible options.

2. Two "wish lists" were compiled as part of the 2018 work. These were presented to Ralph Nagasawa while the committee reviews them to ensure we have not missed any "wishes".

3. The committee looked at possible finishes during the February meeting too. It is still too early to decide these finishes, so a final decision will be made as the project progresses.

4. The committee feels that we are making good progress at this time and asks that you continue to pray for wisdom, proper perspective and good communication for all committee members.

The Fellowship Hall Remodel Committee members are: Greg Paige, Steve Fukumitsu, Lorraine Crouse, Julee Mori, Karen Okawa, Jan Aramaki, Laura Olson, Al Kubota, Paul DeRose.

Community Events

- March 16 (Saturday) - Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon sponsored by Salt Lake JACL chapter at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon.

In conjunction with the luncheon, a Health and Senior Care Fair will be held before the luncheon. Meet with health care professionals (dental, physical therapy, hearing, Salt Lake County Aging Services to name a few) and ask questions! Beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Buddhist Temple.

- March 16 (Saturday) - Mount Olympus JACL Chapter Fundarama, 6:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Junior High School, 178 East 5300 South, Murray, UT. Contact Lynne Crabbe or Sadie Yoshimura for information.

March 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	March 3	March 10	March 17	Music Worship March 24	March 31
Liturgist	Steve Fukumitsu	Ron Nishijima	Pauline Vosburgh	Laura Olson	Hiro Iwasaki
Scripture Readers	E) Allison Cheung J) Akiko Oki	E) Bob Jones J) Fumiko Osaki	E) Patty Price J) Shigeko Ota	E) Elise Mori J) Misako Bowker	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose
Greeter	Sadie Yoshimura	Michiko Kenmotsu	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura	Karla Paige Jana Hansen
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Loraine Crouse Keiko Ikeda	Karen Okawa Mary Tabata	Zach Paige Chris Lund	Al Kubota Julee Mori
Special Music	JCC Choir			Nichigo Choir	
Song of Praise				JCC Worship Band	
Pianist/Organist	Allyn Nakashima	Elizabeth Ward	Yoko DeRose	Yoko DeRose	Greg Paige
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Laura Olson Ron Nishijima	---	---	---	---
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*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

JCC March Calendar

JCC March 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6pm	2 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
3 -Communion, 10:30am	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	5	6	7 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	9 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 11am, 3pm, 7pm
10 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 11am, 3pm, 7pm	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	12 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	13	14 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Concert Bon Jovi, 8pm	16 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
17	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	20	21 -Parking, NCAA Basketball, noon, 4pm	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm	23 -Parking, NCAA Basketball, noon -Herald deadline, noon
24 -Music Worship, 10:30am	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	26	27 -Parking, Jazz, 8:30pm	28	29 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	30
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*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 2/25/19.

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