

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.



Maundy Thursday and Seder Meal

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Please join us for Maundy Thursday, a brief service beginning at **6:00 p.m.**, commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles. The service will be followed by the Passover Seder Meal.

A signup sheet for volunteers to provide items for the Seder Meal will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday

Friday, April 19, 2019

No services at JCC, but remember this day as the resurrection of Jesus.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Get up a little earlier on Easter Sunday and enjoy a bountiful breakfast before worship service, prepared by the men's group. The buffet begins at 8:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.

The traditional Easter egg hunt for the Sunday School children will be held just before worship service.

Easter Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Brad will deliver the Easter message, along with musical selections from our choirs.

Annual Easter Photo

The traditional group photo will be taken in front of the chapel immediately following worship service.

Coffee Fellowship

Following photo session. Enjoy a sweet treat and coffee in fellowship with family and friends.



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

Fellowship Hall Remodel Update

The tentative schedule (subject to change):

- Submit plans to Salt Lake City to obtain building permit, mid to late May.
- Submit plans to Namba Construction, mid-to-late June.
- Hopefully, begin remodel in July and be completed by late September 2019.

We are currently researching repair or upgrade estimates for the dishwasher and the gas range in the kitchen. Evaluation of the electrical panels and systems and work on the mechanical system design is underway. Things are moving along at this point!

No Participation in 2019

Because of the uncertainty of when the Fellowship Hall kitchen remodeling project would begin, it was decided that the JCC would not participate in running a food booth this year at Nihon Matsuri. We will also be starting to "pack up" items in the kitchen in anticipation of the teardown. However, the buildings will be used for dressing facilities for the program performers at the festival.

But now everyone can experience the festival on April 27 and visit the vendor booths and food stalls. (See poster on Page 6.)

Thus those volunteers that made manju, sushi, and onigiri in the past get a break for this year! (But we will probably hold a sushi/manju sale later in the year...cooking in our new kitchen!)

Installation of Officers

On Sunday, March 24, Karen Okawa and Jean Kobayashi were installed as Deacons of the JCC for a 3 year term. The charge of the Deacons is to minister to those in need and to the sick both within and beyond the community of faith.

Condolences

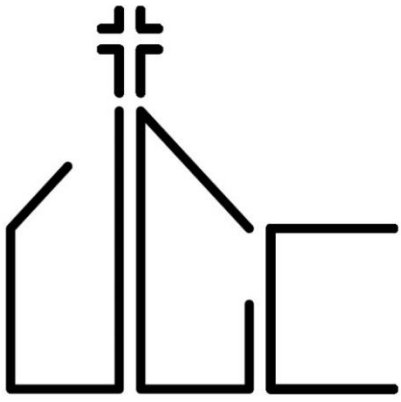
Condolences to the family of Ron Miya, who passed away on March 7, 2019.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Kiyo Hata, who passed away on March 11, 2019 at the age of 100. Please keep her children, Norman and Suzanne in your prayers. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| 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 |
| Kenta Naraoka | Hata family | Sumiko Rosvall |
| Miya family | | |



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Website: www.jccslc.net

April 2019

Easter Message

In all 4 resurrection accounts in the gospels, Mary Magdalene, either alone or with other women, is identified as the first witness to the empty tomb and the first to testify to Jesus' resurrection. I am struck by the response of the other disciples when Mary informs them of what she has seen and heard:

When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it (Mark 16:1).

Luke's account is even more telling:

But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe.

Of course, the disciples would soon change their collective tune once Jesus revealed Himself personally to them. And they would go on to proclaim the gospel of their Lord's death, burial and resurrection until they themselves were either martyred or exiled. Their lives were changed forever because of their certainty that Jesus conquered death.

Today, millions more are convinced of this wonderful truth. But what about those who are not? What about those, who like the disciples in their initial skepticism, see this miracle as "nonsense"? The Bible tells us they will perish in their sins unless they place their faith in Jesus and His triumph over death.

As we celebrate Easter this month, let us be moved to amazement and gratitude that God would graciously offer His Son as a sacrifice for the payment of the world's sins. But let us also take time to think deeply about our loved ones who are lost in their sin; and then let us ask God to grant us opportunities to share this incredible story with them, that they too may experience new life through our Savior's resurrection power.

Because He Lives,

Pastor Brad



April 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	April 7	April 14	EASTER SUNDAY April 21	Music Worship April 28
Liturgist	Rick Aoki	Ron Nishijima	Jan Aramaki	Hiro Iwasaki
Scripture Readers	E) Bob Jones J) Shigeko Ota	E) Zach Paige J) Toshiko Marse	E) Patti Price J) Akiko Oki	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Tomiko Osaki
Greeter	Michiko Kenmotsu	Dorthie Conway	Sadie Yoshimura	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	Lorraine Crouse Chris Lund	Al Kubota Karen Okawa
Songs of Praise	---	---	Japanese Hymn – Congregation	---
Organist/Pianist	Keiko Ikeda	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Misako Bowker
Offeratory Music	---	---	JCC Choir	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	---	---	---	---
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima 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.

JCC April 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	2	3 -Parking, Pink concert, 7:30pm	4	5 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	6
7 -Communion, 10:30am	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm	9 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	10	11	12 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Gabriel Iglesias, 7pm	13 -Parking, NBA playoff, 7pm
14	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm	16 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am -Fellowship Hall Remodel, 4:30pm -Parking, NBA, 7pm	17	18 -Maundy Thursday Service and Seder Meal, 6pm	19 GOOD FRIDAY -Taiko practice, 6pm	20 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
21 EASTER SUNDAY -Breakfast, 8:30am -Worship, 10:30am	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm	23	24 -Parking, NBA playoff	25	26 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, NBA playoff	27 -Nihon Matsuri -Herald deadline, noon
28 -Music Worship, 10:30am	29 -Taiko practice, 6pm	30 -Parking, NBA semifinal (tentative)				

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 3/31/19.

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

Our State Senator at Work

Our own state Senator, Jani Iwamoto, has been very busy in the state Legislature which just ended this month. In addition to sponsoring numerous campaign finance revisions and other bills, her bill for campus safety passed the Utah legislature. The Utah House passed SB134 in a 67-2 vote, sending it on to Gov. Gary Herbert's desk for approval.

Lauren McCluskey, a University of Utah student, was killed near her dorm in October by a parolee she had briefly dated but stopped seeing once she learned he was a sex offender. There has been heavy criticism on how the police department handled the situation.

The bill requires all Utah public colleges and universities to create and implement a campus safety plan. The bill forces greater accountability on colleges by requiring them to develop and publicize a plan to make sure those victims can report the crime and get the help they need.

Recipe Request

The following recipe was requested to be shared with everyone:

Fruit Cocktail Kantan

Dissolve 3 packets of Knox gelatin with water to a mushy consistency. Combine 3 cups of milk, 1 C sugar and mix in Knox gelatin mixture. Stir well on very low heat until gelatin is completely dissolved. Pour into an 8-1/2 x 11 rectangle pan. Chill until set.

Cut into small squares. No need to worry that squares are uniform. Once cut into small squares, use a spatula and lift squared gelatin from pan. Add into a large serving bowl along with a large can of fruit cocktail at Smith's Food King. Mix and serve. Makes approximately 60 servings. Serve in cups. Best when mixture is cold before serving.



March 23 Music Worship – Elise Mori, Pastor Brad, Wes Kida and Dean Shiba. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Fistula Mission

Submitted by Jean Kobayashi

The JCC Agape gifted nearly 200 beautifully crocheted 11 x 11 inch squares to the Fistula Mission in Masaka, Uganda. The squares were made into colorful blankets with our prayers and hopes of helping return dignity to these women.

This project kicked off our Centennial Celebration in the Summer of 2018. A handful of talented women spent hours non-stop to meet the challenge and exceeded our "100" goal. The squares were done to perfection! Judy Iwamoto crocheted 120 granny squares and Kory Shino was recognized with the "people's choice" votes.

The Fistula Project is on-going. We use up our "yarn donations" by keeping actively involved in this special endeavor. Our gratitude for your support. It's time to start on our next 100!

Chili Donburi Thanks

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

Doc Matsukawa's evangelism carries on... thank you for supporting Doc's Chili Donburi fundraiser for the 2019 Lake Tahoe Retreat to be held Sunday, July 21 to Friday, July 26.

We raised \$336 to help with transportation costs. Doc was with us in spirit and encouragement. There is still time to register. Contact Jan Aramaki if you can join a week in building your relationship with God, (801) 718-2006 or mcj925@gmail.com. This will be a week of fellowship that will be memorable.

Community Events

- Saturday, April 27, 2019 – Nihon Matsuri (see flyer on Page 6 of this newsletter)
- Saturday, May 4, 2019 – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon



Nichigo Choir, March 23



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SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2019

10 AM TO 5 PM

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JAPANESE AMERICAN
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**ART AND ARTIFACTS FROM THE ALLEN
HENDERSHOTT EATON COLLECTION**

- Taiko Drum Performances
 - Japanese Dancing
 - Martial Arts Demonstrations
 - Kimono Fashion Show
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 - Japanese Food and Crafts
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 - Traditional rice cake pounding
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