

# The HERALD Newsletter

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### **Worship Schedule:**

Nichigo Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study on summer  
break.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

July 2019

In his book, "The Purpose Driven Life", Pastor Rick Warren takes a few pages to tackle the issue of surrendering to God. This form of "surrender" is really a matter of submitting myself daily to God's gracious guidance in my life. The Apostle Paul captures this idea in Romans 12:1 - I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

I agree with Warren that surrender, or "presenting ourselves to God" is best demonstrated by obedience and trust. This is not always easy of course. For example, consider the man who has just lost his job and still has to find a way to provide for his family. Or the young woman who is diagnosed with a serious disease and is forced to contemplate her promising life being cut short. And to be honest I have struggled with trusting God in some of the most trivial circumstances. Let's face it, surrendering to God can be very difficult. I'd like you to consider the words of C.S.Lewis in describing what can result when we learn to turn our troubles and ourselves over to God.

*"The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become – because He has made us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be...It is when I turn to Christ, when I give myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own."*

God Bless You This Month,

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

**Remodel Update**

We are still waiting for building permit approvals, but in the meantime we are preparing so that we will be ready for teardown as soon as we get the thumbs up from the city!! On Saturday, June 22, members of the JCC, Kachin and Tongan congregations got together to “pack up” the kitchen. It was amazing to see how many items were stored in that small area. But the shelves are completely bare now!

We will still have coffee fellowship after worship service, but we will have to scale down for a few months and be creative – we might hold fellowship in the chapel or on the patio during the summer months. Please be patient if you can’t find certain platters or serving ware that got packed into one of the moving boxes! It will surface again once the construction is completed!

Thanks to Steve Fukumitsu for organizing the pack up and to Lillian Nakamura for her generous donation that was used to provide lunch for all of the crew.

Soon we will have layouts and samples of tile, floor coverings, etc. for everyone to take a look at.

It is an exciting project; there will be two accessible restrooms on the main floor and a commercial kitchen. Long awaited and needed!

**Special Worship Service**

On **Sunday, July 21**, there will be a special worship service as the JCC receives new members through baptism and transfer. Akiko Oki and Narumi Kanabuchi have chosen to profess their faith and discipleship with the Japanese Church of Christ fellowship.

Daniel and Alison Cheung are also transferring their membership to the JCC at this time. Please join us for this special service and welcome these new members to our church family.

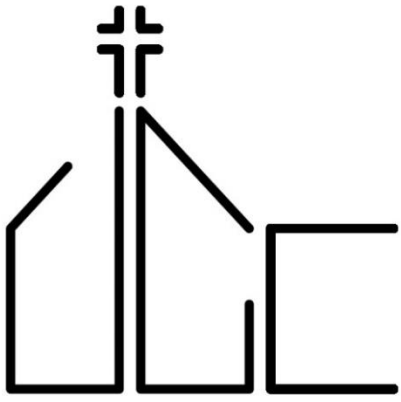
**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Kasai family on the passing of Jana Kasai Hansen on Sunday, June 23, 2019. Jana resided in Sacramento, CA but was living in Salt Lake City recently with her sister Karla Paige, while receiving treatments at the Huntsman Cancer Center. Our hearts and prayers go to the family; keep Greg, Karla and Zach in prayer.

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Larry Harada	Mas Horiuchi	Miki Harada
Toshiko Marse	Chris Miya	Wat Misaka
Yolie LaFontaine	Susan Fukushima	Kai Ronning
Kay Nakashima	Steve Fukushima	Marie Matsukawa
Kenta Naraoka	Susan Rosvall	Saeko Nakashima
Toy Shimizu	Tracy Barnes	Sumiko Rosvall
Kasai Family		



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**JCC Softball News**

Because of the wet weather in the month of June, the softball schedule has been revised again with games in July and the tournament pushed out until August. The games are held at West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South, West Valley, UT.

- Friday, July 12 – 8:30 p.m., Purple field
- Friday, July 19 – 6:30 p.m., Yellow field

A tournament will be held in August on August 2 and August 9. Come on out and watch and cheer the team on!

**Japanese Class Hiatus**

The advanced and beginner Japanese classes taught by Tomoko Moses are on summer recess until the Fellowship Hall remodeling is completed. Students can continue their studies on YouTube and review what they have learned in the past.

**Fellowship Photos**

With the remodel, we will have to take down the colorful mural that Ron Nishijima painted on the north wall. Thanks to Lorraine Crouse for taking a photo of Ron with the mural to put in our church archives. It has graced the Fellowship Hall for years!



Artist Ron Nishijima created this mural in the Fellowship Hall.



Members of the JCC, Kachin and Tongan congregations joined together to pack up the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

**Use Caution**

Our Fellowship Hall had a break-in last month; nothing was taken as the alarm system deterred the intruder, but glass was broken and required replacement. We are grateful to Paul DeRose for his work in clean up and replacement.

Also recently, homeless individuals have also set up camp on our property. If you should encounter such individuals if you are going to the church during the weekdays, please be cautious. Call the SLC police department at (801) 799-3000; this phone number will go directly to the department that deals with homeless issues.

**JACL Convention Table**

The JACL national convention will be held in SLC on July 31, August 1-3 at the Little America Hotel. In local community support, the JCC has reserve a table at the Sayonara Banquet on Saturday, August 3, at the non-profit rate of \$110 per seat. (Regularly \$150.) If you are interested in attending the banquet, contact Steve Fukumitsu at stevinshi@comcast.net.

**Class of 2019 Graduates**

The Class of 2019 high school and college graduates were recognized during worship service on Sunday, June 9. Congratulations to all on your achievement and best wishes in your future endeavors! An Ice Cream Sundae Sunday celebrated the graduates after service.



The tall and short Masters of the class – Zach Paige and Elise Mori

**Blitz Kids**

*Submitted by Lorraine Crouse*

A book signing of the book, *Blitz Kids: The Cinderella Story of the 1944 University of Utah National Championship Basketball Team*, by Josh Ferrin and Tres Ferrin took place on June 15, 2019 at the Utah Sports Hall of Fame Museum. Arnie Ferrin and Wat Misaka were on hand to personally sign books. This incredible museum opened up in March and has historical images and artifacts of Utah's greatest sports figures. It is located at 99 W South Temple at City Creek Mall, across from Temple Square. Check it out!



Seated are Tres Ferrin, Josh Ferrin, Arnie Ferrin, Wat Misaka. Standing are Julee Mori, Elise Mori and Lorraine Crouse.

**Kenshin Taiko Performances**

Kenshin Taiko has been busy the past few months with appearances at community events such as Living Traditions and the Asian Festival. On June 2, the group hosted Marco Lienhard with an evening concert Japanese flute performance.



Photo courtesy Jan Aramaki

**Rummage Sale Report**

Thanks to all who donated items (you have a cleaner house now!), purchased items or helped sell at the rummage sale. We made over \$1700 net! Proceeds from the sale go toward the Fellowship Hall remodel! Leftovers were donated to Goodwill and Big Brothers/Big Sisters organizations.

**Father's Day Wrap**

The annual Father's Day worship service and picnic was held on Sunday, June 16 at Sugarhouse Park as we honored dads. Victor Homma performed a touching musical number during worship service. After service, a potluck lunch and bingo took place.

**Summer Worship**

On Sunday, June 30, Chiyoko Chiba was in town and attended worship services. Mrs. Chiba was an active member of the JCC before moving to Oregon a few years ago. It was nice to see her looking well!



Chiyoko Chiba and her daughters Lisa and Cyd.

On that same Sunday, Laura Olson and Suzanne Hata provided the offertory music during worship service. It's nice to have new talent participate; great idea Allyn!



Laura Olson and Suzanne Hata sing during Sunday service.

**July 2019 - Worship Service Participants**

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
<b>Liturgist</b>	Jan Aramaki	Ron Nishijima	Patty Price	Hiro Iwasaki
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Tomiko Ozaki	E) Alison Cheung J) Shigeko Ota	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Yoko Azuma	E) Elise Mori J) Misako Bowker
<b>Greeter</b>	Karla Paige	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura	Karen Okawa
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Narumi Kanabuchi Lorraine Crouse	Keiko Ikeda Julee Mori	Mary Tabata Chris Lund
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Greg Paige	Daniel Cheung	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	---	---	---	---
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---

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

**Upcoming Community Events**

- Obon Festival – Saturday, July 13, 2019, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple. Food from 3 p.m. Dancing at 8:00 p.m.
- Nikkei Senior Center Picnic – Saturday, July 27, 2019, Canyon Rim Park, noon.
- National JACL Convention, July 31 through August 3, Little America Hotel.

**JCC July Calendar**

JCC July 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, NBA, 3:30pm	2 -Parking, NBA Summer, 5pm	3 -Parking, NBA Summer, 5pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6
7 -Communion, 10:30am	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm	9	10	11 -Parking, Hugh Jackman, 7pm	12 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Hugh Jackman, 7pm	13 -Parking, Ariana Grande, 8pm
14	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm	16 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am -Fellowship Hall Remodel, 4:30pm -Session, 6pm -Parking, Shawn Mendes, 7:30pm	17	18	19 -Taiko practice, 6pm	20
21 -Baptismal, 10:30am	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm	23	24 PIONEER DAY	25	26 -Taiko practice, 6pm	27 -Herald deadline, noon -Parking, Big 3 Basketball, 7 pm
28	29 -Taiko practice, 6pm	30	31			

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 6/30/19.

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