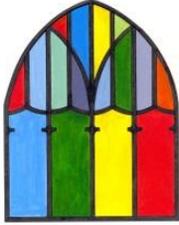


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Worship Schedule:

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

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

September 2019

Thanks to the generosity of Pastor Corey Hodges from The Point in SLC, I had the opportunity to attend the most recent Global Leadership Conference. Over the course of two days, a number of experts in various fields came together to speak on significant leadership principles. I was pleased to gain some good insights from several of the speakers. One of them was Bear Grylls, the host of the Discovery Channel's *Man V. Wild*, which I watched with my kids years ago (Full Disclosure – I did not get the chance to hear Bear speak; but I did get one of his books, and that is what I'd like to address):

The book is entitled *Soul Fuel*, and it is presented as a Bible devotional. Each day the reader can encounter various Bible passages, thoughts from Bear, as well as sound biblical application. All of this is helpful; but it is his introduction that really grabbed me the other day. He begins by saying that people often ask him "about stuff I've done". No question Mr. Grylls has an impressive resume; including climbing Mt. Everest, crossing the Arctic Ocean in an inflatable boat, and serving in Great Britain's special military forces.

He writes this: "A more relevant question might be, "Where does my strength come from? But any strength I do have seems to come in the quiet moment at the start of my day. It comes when I am on my own, on my knees. It comes from taking time to be still with God."

I need to be reminded from time to time of the importance of having times of prayer and Bible reading each day. Bear's words are an encouragement and a gentle challenge to me. I trust they are for you as well.

God 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

Back to Bible Study

Now that the summer is fading, it is time for Adult Bible Study to start up again! Greg Paige will resume bible study beginning on **Sunday, September 8, 2019** at **9:30 a.m.** in the Issei Center Lounge area. We will study the Gospel of John. All are invited and welcome to attend!

Although children have been excused for Sunday School through the summer already, Rally Day will officially ring in the fall class on that same Sunday.

May the Demolition Begin!

On the Fellowship Hall Remodel, the JCC received the building permit on August 14. Thanks to Ralph Nagasawa for following up with the city. Namba Construction is finishing up another job and is expected to begin with our project around September 16. The sewer line inspection showed that the line is in good condition. However, the water line will be replaced upon recommendation of the engineer.

We urge the congregation to be aware of the construction area. We will need to monitor the children to ensure everyone stays safe during the construction! Please pray for the safety for all workers and members of the congregation during this work.

Flu Shots

Flu shots will be offered at the JCC on **Sunday, September 15, 2019** after worship service. Please bring proof of insurance, social security, or Medicare card and also wear a short sleeved shirt or top. For those with no eligible coverage, the cost will range between \$25-\$30. Thanks to Stephanie Mori-Nakao for making the arrangements as always!

Stewardship Drive

The annual Stewardship drive begins this month! You will be receiving a brochure in the mail soon. Pledges are due **October 31, 2019** so that we can begin planning the 2020 budget. "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. "

1 John 4:17

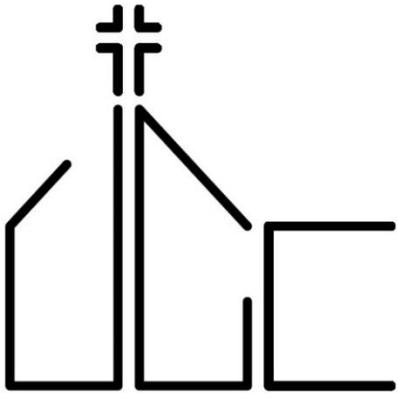
Herald Fund Drive Thank You

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Herald fund drive. Your generous donations help support the printing, labeling, and postage of this newsletter.

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
Kenta Naraoka	Steve Fukushima	Marie Matsukawa
Toy Shimizu	Susan Rosvall	Saeko Nakashima
Sumiko Rosvall	Tracy Barnes	



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Portraits of Courage Exhibit

From now until September 20, there is an exhibit entitled "Portraits of Courage" on display at the Salt Lake City Main Library, 200 East and 400 South. The exhibit was shown at the JACL Convention in July and features 12 portraits of WWII Veterans taken by photographer Shane Sato. The exhibit is sponsored by the Go For Broke Foundation in Los Angeles. One of the portraits in the exhibit features our own Wat Misaka!

On **Thursday, September 5**, an Artist's Talk and Reception will be held at the library at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Library Exhibit Hall. Shane Sato, the photographer will talk about his project and then participate in a panel discussion. Admission is free.

JACL Honors Wat Misaka

On Saturday, August 3, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) honored Wat Misaka as a recipient of the organization's 2019 President's Award for his achievement of being the "first person of color" to play in the NBA.

Wat was presented the award by Jeffrey Moy, National JACL President, at the Sayonara Banquet of the national convention held in Salt Lake City this year. Many JCC members attended the convention and banquet, which was co-chaired by Lynne Crabbe. Great job!



Presbyterian Women from Utah - Fall Gathering

June Scott, the Synod PW Racial Ethnic Member at Large will present her experience at the Big Tent event in Baltimore at the Presbyterian Women from Utah Fall Gathering, "Loving Conversations on Racism", on September 20-21, 2019 in Richfield, UT.

If you are interested in attending the Fall Gathering, contact Suzanne Hata for more information.

Lake Tahoe Testimonies

On Sunday, August 18, 2019, Jan Aramaki, Narumi Kanabuchi, Sandy Ronning, Daniel and Alison Cheung gave their testimonies on their experiences at the Zephyr Point Lake Tahoe retreat held last month. Each of them spoke with enthusiasm about the other attendees, speakers, weather (temperatures in the 70s!), scenery, and even the food! They encouraged everyone in the congregation to go next year. Doc Matsukawa would have been so pleased!



Daniel and Alison Cheung, Narumi Kanabuchi, Sandy Ronning and Jan Aramaki sporting Zephyr Point 40th Anniversary t-shirts.

Ninety is the New...

Toshi Hirose was in town from San Francisco to visit with daughter Laura and visited the JCC on Sunday, August 4. She is looking well, as do the rest of the 90+ seniors!



Dorthie Conway, Wilma Kimura, Lillian Nakamura, Toshi Hirose, Beverly Kikuchi, Betty Murakami and Betty Morishita.



Yeiko Homma and Wat Misaka.

Don't they all look great!

Christian Church Softball League Tournament Results

Submitted by Doug and Dani Murakami

The 2019 JCC Softball Season ended on a high note!

Entering the final night – Friday, August 23, with one loss, in a double-elimination tournament, the team reeled off three straight victories to take first place in our bracket.

Standout Mitch Imamura cranked out two home runs, Mark Ward came through with many clutch hits and defensive plays, Frank Ujifusa blasted a sweet two out line-drive into right field keeping our rally alive. Cy Miyake caught a ball on a throw out at home plate from Keith Garcia deep in center field.

The highlight of the season came when the team honored Frank with an MVP trophy. Thanks to all of our fans that supported the JCC team every Friday night!



MVP Frank Ujifusa celebrates with the champions! Photo courtesy: Dani Murakami



Photo courtesy: Janice Vander Molen

Front row: Chris Sundwall, Mitch Imamura, Frank Ujifusa, Alix Oike, Midori Murakami

Second row: Lauren Erlacher, Briar Doi, Stacey Doi, Cy Miyake

Third row: Janelle Ott, Justin Sanchez, Dan Crouse, Keith Garcia, Mark Ward, Luke Murakami, Ernie Garcia, Coach Doug Murakami

Not pictured: Wally Doi, Thomas Mori, Zach Paige

September 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22 Music Worship	September 29
Liturgist	Pauline Vosburgh	Ron Nishijima	Julee Mori	Steve Fukumitsu	Allyn Nakashima
Scripture Readers	E) Jan Aramaki J) Akiko Oki	E) Chris Lund J) Tomiko Osaki	E) Daniel Cheung J) Shigeko Ota	E) Bob Jones J) Yoko Azuma	E) Zach Paige J) Misako Bowker
Greeter	Mary Tabata	Sadie Yoshimura	Wilma Kimura	Michiko Kenmotsu	Dorthie Conway
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Sandy Ronning	Pauline Vosburgh Mary Tabata	Alison Cheung Narumi Kanabuchi	Al Kubota Betty Kubota
Organist/Pianist	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Yoko DeRose	Greg Paige
Songs of Praise	---	---	---	---	
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir	
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	

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

JCC September 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -Communion, 10:30am	2 LABOR DAY - Deacons Bento project	3	4 -Parking, Elton John concert, 8pm	5	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7
8 - Rally Day, Adult Bible study begins, 9:30am	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm	10 -Fellowship Hall Remodel, 5pm -Session, 6pm	11	12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm	14 -Parking, Carrie Underwood, 7pm
15 -Flu Shots, after worship service	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm	17 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	18	19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 - Parking, NHL LA Kings, 7pm
22 -Music Worship, 10:30am	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24	25	26	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm	28 -Herald deadline, noon -Parking, Bob Seaver, 8pm
29	30 -Taiko practice, 6pm					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 8/26/19.

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

September Community Events Calendar

- Thursday, September 5: Portraits of Courage Artist’s Talk and Reception, SLC Public Library, 7:00 p.m. See article on Page 3.
- Saturday, September 21: Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by Mount Olympus JACL at Dai Ichi Ward, 2000 South 900 East, noon.
- Saturday, October 5: Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Food Festival, 211 West 100 South, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.