

# 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 2019

As 2019 draws quickly to a close, I thought it would be helpful to offer a couple of items for your prayerful consideration. I believe there is power in prayer, yet I sometimes neglect the privilege of bringing certain needs before our Lord. In this latest issue of the Herald, I'd like to rectify this oversight.

- Fellowship Hall Remodel: Things are moving along quite well with the construction in our Fellowship Hall. We've run into a couple of snags so far, but nothing too serious. Please pray that work would go smoothly the rest of the way; that all workers would remain safe; and that there would be enough construction completed to allow us to celebrate our Christmas program in our newly remodeled building.
- Block 67: It appears that work will begin soon on the development directly across the street from our church. We need wisdom as we meet with representatives from the Ritchie Group in order to "hash out" certain details that we hope will bring a positive impact to Japantown. Please pray that God would give us favor and allow the JCC as well as the Japanese-American community to benefit significantly from the coming changes to our neighborhood.
- Spiritual Impact: Finally, let's pray that God would strengthen our witness to the Salt Lake community. Yes we are a small group; but we have considerable visibility. I pray that citizens and leaders in SLC will observe our good behavior and unity in Jesus Christ; and that God would use that witness to bring many souls to Himself.

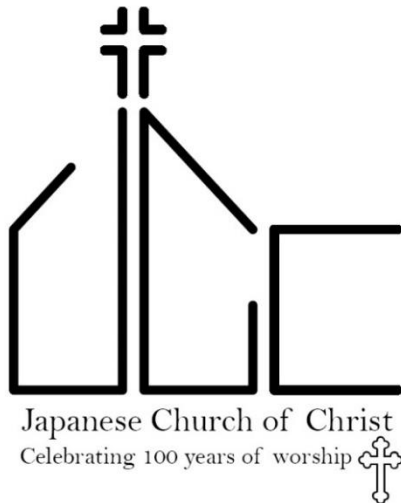
Thank you for your prayers,

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

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**Daylight Savings Reminder**

This year, Daylight Savings Time "Fall Back" is on **Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019**. Before retiring for bed on Saturday night, remember to set your alarm clock **back** one hour.

**Cancellation**

Due to the construction in the Fellowship Hall, we regret that this year we will be unable to hold the annual Thanksgiving dinner put together in November by the Men's Fellowship and Deacons. This is a time to be thankful for the many blessings we have and pray for the continued progress of the Fellowship Hall upgrade.

**No Mochi Fundraiser Either**

We will also be unable to hold the annual mochi fundraiser this year. Traditionally, mochi making is scheduled for the first two weekends in December; but this year the remodeling activities in the Fellowship Hall will not be completed by then and there is no other space to accommodate setting up all of the mochi machines and laying the mochi cakes to cool in a sanitary environment.

If you know of individuals that usually place mochi orders through the JCC, please spread the word and alert them that they will need to find other resources this year. We apologize for this inconvenience, but once the new kitchen is in place, we will be back in business next year!

**Nichigo Retreat**

The annual Nichigo retreat will be held the weekend of **November 8 through 10, 2019**. The Reverend Hajimu Fujii and his wife Kayoko from Fresno and Pastor Grace Suzuki from San Francisco will be the guests pastors at the retreat.

Reverend Fujii will be the worship service guest speaker on **Sunday, November 10**. For more information, contact Keiko Ikeda at [keikoiikeda59@gmail.com](mailto:keikoiikeda59@gmail.com).

**Condolence**

Mas Horiuchi, 97, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2019 after a short illness. Mas was an active member of the JCC and his smiling face will be missed. Services were held on October 18 at Mountain View Memorial Estates. Please keep his daughters Marsha, Karen, Laura, Gladys and Ellen and families in your prayers.

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Larry Harada	Chris Miya	Miki Harada
Toshiko Marse	Susan Fukushima	Wat Misaka
Yolie LaFontaine	Steve Fukushima	Kai Ronning
Kenta Naraoka	Susan Rosvall	Marie Matsukawa
Toy Shimizu	Sumiko Rosvall	Tracy Barnes
Debbie Homma	Tomiko Osaki	Nichole Kramer
Horiuchi family		

## Crossroads Urban Center

In past years, JCC members donated canned goods to the Crossroads Urban Center food pantry; but through the years, that program stopped. The Deacons are going to start it up again. The food pantry helps thousands of people by distributing emergency food boxes to families in need. But it is only through the help of volunteers and donors that this service can be provided.

Canned goods (not expired soups, chili, applesauce, fruit) and non-perishable foods (dried beans, pasta, rice, oatmeal, peanut butter) are examples of needed items.

A donation box will be placed at the front entrance of the chapel for you to deposit your goods and they will be delivered to the pantry on a regular basis.

## Operation Christmas Child

Reminder – filled Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are due back to church on **Sunday, November 17** so that there is time to ship them overseas to arrive for Christmas. As seen on the short video clips played during worship service the last month, these boxes bring joy and happiness to children all over the world.



Remember, DO NOT include toothpaste or candy of any kind. Please do not include used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figurines, food, liquid or lotions, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

If you wish to contribute to shipping (not required), it is \$9 per box. Make checks to Operation Christmas Child. Or if you don't have enough items to fill a box, you may bring individual items that will be combined with others.

## SLBT Holiday Boutique

The Agape Women and Youth/Lake Tahoe groups will be selling goods at the Holiday Boutique at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple (SLBT). Every year the Temple graciously invites the JCC to participate free of charge as a non-profit organization, so sales from this event go towards the travel fund for Mount Hermon and Lake Tahoe and funds for the Agape Women's group.

The boutique dates and hours are Saturday, November 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, November 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event features handicrafts and holiday gift items from the local community as well as a bake sale and food.

## Remodeling Update

*Submitted by Greg Paige*

Here is an update on the Fellowship Hall:

- Framing is about ready for inspection.
- Plumbing rough-in work is well underway.
- The sewer line has been water jet cleaned and ready to go.
- We received the permit for the upsized water line, but no installation date is scheduled yet.
- Work on rough-in for new a/v equipment is scheduled to begin the week of 10/21.
- Electrician should begin rough-in work soon.
- Orders have been placed for the new kitchen equipment and the stage curtain.
- Namba Construction has ordered all flooring material and other fixtures.

It has been a busy time and very productive. The congregation was able to walk through the site to see the upstairs changes after worship on 10/20.

We need to look for potential buyers for our old stove. If anyone knows of a potential buyer or has a possible sale, let us know.

Please keep praying for the project's success and for everyone's safety.



## Guest Speakers

Pastor Brad has the opportunity to participate in a mission to Azerbaijan for two weeks. Pastor Jeff Silliman was the guest speaker on October 27 and Pastor David Rowe will be speaking on November 3. Please pray for Pastor Brad on his journey and we look forward to hearing about his experiences upon his return.

## Save the Date – Agape Luncheon

Mark your day planner on **Sunday, December 8, 2019** for the annual **Agape Women's Christmas Luncheon**. It will be held at East/West Connection (same restaurant as last year), in Foothill Village at 12:30 p.m. Cost is still to be determined and will be announced later this month. But be sure to save the date!

## November 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	November 3	November 10	November 17	Music Worship November 24
<b>Liturgist</b>	Steve Fukumitsu	Patty Price	Rick Aoki	Greg Paige
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Alison Cheung J) Akiko Oki	E) Bob Jones J) Tomiko Osaki	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Shigeko Ota	E) Zach Paige J) Misako Bowker
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen Okawa	Michiko Kenmotsu	Wilma Kimura	Karla Paige
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Chris Lund	Victor Homma Al Kubota	Karen Okawa Sandy Ronning
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Daniel Cheung	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>				Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	---	---	---	---
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---

## JCC November Calendar

JCC November 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6pm	2 -Parking, Nikkei Senior Center luncheon at SLBT, noon
3 -Communion, 10:30am, guest speaker Pastor David Rowe	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm	5	6 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	7	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking Jazz, 7pm	9 -Parking, Harlem Globetrotters, 2pm, 7pm
10 -Guest speaker, Rev. Hajimu Fujii	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Post Malone, 8pm	12 -Parking, Jazz, 8pm	13 -Fellowship Hall Comm Mtg, 5pm -Session, 6pm	14 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	16 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 11am, 3pm, 7pm
17 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 1pm, 5pm	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	20 -Parking, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, 3:30pm, 7:30pm	21 -Parking, Chainsmokers, 7pm	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	23 -Herald deadline, noon -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
24 -Music Worship, 10:30am	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29 -Taiko practice, 6pm	30

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 10/28/19.

For up to date building use information, go to [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net), Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

## November Community Events

- **Saturday, November 2, 2019:** Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by the National JAFL Credit Union, to be held at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 West 100 South, at noon. Seniors 85+ free, 65+ suggested donation of \$2.00. Parking will be available in the JCC South parking lot.
- **Saturday/Sunday, November 16/17, 2019:** Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique. Saturday hours – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday hours – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hand crafted items, food, bake sale.



**October Visitors**

On Sunday, October 6, Masako Toyama and her daughter and grand-daughter, Rie and Risa Banno were in Salt Lake City and attended worship service with us. Masako now lives in Torrance, CA. It was great to see them!



Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

**Harvest Party Abbreviated**

On Sunday, October 27, 2019, the Sunday School children as well as the congregation enjoyed Halloween activities and treats. Thanks to all who provided goodies!

In Pastor Brad’s absence, Pastor Jeff Silliman from Presbytery of Utah was the guest speaker. (Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse)



Laura Olson with Halloween Sunday School. Photo courtesy: Elise Mori

**Church Women United Event**

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU’s Advent Service and Tea:

**When:** Friday, December 6, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Hilltop United Methodist Church, 985 East 10600 South (Sandy)  
**Worship:** Rev. Lynn Miller-Jackson

Community Outreach – Camp Hobe provides summer camp for children being treated for cancer and other disorders, along with their siblings. Please bring stuffed animals, Gatorade/water, baseball caps and/or floppy hats, tissue packets, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, lip balm.

**Temporary Changes, Still in Business**

We are adjusting and working through temporary changes during the Fellowship Hall remodel. The Nichigo group is holding bible study in the pastor’s office and Sunday School is being held on the stage in the Fellowship Hall for the time being. Coffee Fellowship continues right after worship service in the Issei lounge area of the chapel. Quarters are tight, but everyone still enjoys the weekly sermons and fellowship with friends. Please join us and see the progress of the Fellowship Hall construction!



Coffee Fellowship in close quarters. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse.