

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

February 2020

We are a little past the half way point in our sermon series on the book of James, and I must say I am pleased with how the messages are being received as well as how this small epistle is challenging me on a personal level. Working through a particular sermon series is always a joy for me because of what God teaches me in the midst of my study. And then of course there is the privilege of standing before God's people and proclaiming His truths.

I have noticed though in preaching through the book of James, that people seem to be tracking a little more closely than usual, and I am being convicted like never before. The primary reason, I believe, is the immensely practical nature of this book. Now all of the biblical books have great practical value for us, but there is something about James that really strikes a chord in most of us. He seems to get right to the areas where we struggle most deeply, expose our weaknesses, and then challenge us to rely on the transformative power of our Lord as we strive to live more godly lives.

For instance; in chapter one we are told that one of the purposes behind difficult trials in our lives is so we can learn perseverance, which will ultimately lead to spiritual maturity – which is exactly what we should desire as Christians. Elsewhere in chapter 2, James exposes our tendency to favor certain people based upon their wealth or popularity. The apostle points out that when we do this, “we have made distinctions among ourselves, and become judges with evil motives.” That is strong language, but sometimes necessary in order to wake us up to our sin, and lead us to repentance.

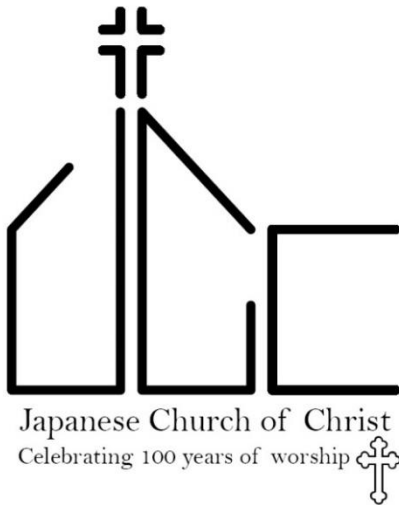
I am so thankful for the enduring power of the Bible, and ask that together we would take time to allow God's word to penetrate our hearts so deeply that we would be moved to greater heights of holiness until we are reunited with our Heavenly Master.

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



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Clerk of Session: Allyn Nakashima

Session

- Pauline Vosburgh, Finance
- Lorraine Crouse, Worship
- Keiko Ikeda, Nichigo
- Patricia Arakaki Price, Membership
- Steve Fukumitsu, Building
- Yoko DeRose
- Allyn Nakashima
- Daniel Cheung

Deacons

- Jan Aramaki, Karen Okawa, Akiko Oki,
- Misako Bowker, Wilma Kimura, Jean Kobayashi, Julee Mori

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Website: www.jccslc.net

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, February 9, 2020**, immediately following worship service. The subject of the meeting will be to review the Annual Report and approve the 2020 budget. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon Postponement

Last month it was announced that the JCC would be hosting the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon on February 8, 2020. However, due to a setback in the Fellowship Hall remodel, **we are postponing the luncheon until June**. The new date will be announced as soon as we check on other conflicting dates and events in that month.

Nikkei Senior Center attendees will be contacted regarding the postponement, but please spread the word to others that may not hear the news!

Mount Hermon Reminder

If you have registered to attend Mount Hermon this summer, please contact **Julee Mori** to get your airplane reservations made. Her number is **(801) 718-2727**.

Per Capita Reminder

Remember to submit your Per Capita for the year, **\$39.00**.

Fellowship Hall Update

Submitted by Greg Paige

Work continues and inspection is scheduled for the first part of February. Unfortunately, mold was discovered in the Pastor's office which led to potentially larger issues. An evaluation is taking place to develop a proposed solution/correction and cost estimate.

Because of these issues, the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon scheduled for February 8 will be postponed to a later date; but the Presbyterian Pastors event is still scheduled to be held at the JCC on 2/22/2020.

Condolence

Our sympathy goes out to Steve Fukumitsu and family upon the passing of his father Ralph on January 17 in Hawaii. Please keep Steve, Jani and family in prayer.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Toshiko Marse | Chris Miya | Kai Ronning |
| Yolie LaFontaine | Susan Fukushima | Marie Matsukawa |
| Kenta Naraoka | Steve Fukushima | Tracy Barnes |
| Toy Shimizu | Susan Rosvall | Nicole Kramer |
| Debbie Homma | Sumiko Rosvall | Mike Homma family |
| Harada family | Saeko Nakashima | Fukumitsu family |

Installation

On Sunday, January 12, 2020, Daniel Cheung was installed as a new Elder to serve on Session. Daniel and his wife Alison are originally from Southern California; he is an attorney for the State of Utah legislature. Welcome Daniel!

Daniel replaces Julee Mori, who has served two terms as an Elder and she will now serve as a Deacon. Greg Paige is also leaving his post as Clerk of Session. We thank Julee and Greg for their dedication in serving the Lord.

The current officers of the JCC:

Elders:

Allyn Nakashima (Clerk of Session), Steve Fukumitsu, Lorraine Crouse, Patty Price, Keiko Ikeda, Yoko DeRose, Pauline Vosburgh, Daniel Cheung

Deacons:

Jan Aramaki (Moderator), Wilma Kimura, Misako Bowker, Karen Okawa, Jean Kobayashi, Julee Mori

Trustees:

Karla Paige, Gary Nakao, Rick Aoki, Doug Murakami

Nominating Committee:

Yas Iwamoto, Allyn Nakashima, Ron Nishijima, Elaine Iwasaki, Julee Mori



Daniel Cheung stands before the congregation as Pastor Brad installs him as an Elder. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Food Handlers' Class

A Utah Health Department food handlers' class will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2020** at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple at 12:30 p.m. The cost of a food handler's card is \$30 and good for three years.

Farewell Lynne

Lynne Crabb and her husband Mark will be moving to Manassas, Virginia next month as Mark is transferring there with his company. Lynne has served as the accountant/bookkeeper for the JCC taking care of paying the bills, payroll and other duties involving the church finances. We appreciate her dedication and service.

We wish Lynne and Mark all the best in their new adventure on the East Coast! Keep in touch!

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) gives relief to those in need. Through donations, OGHS helps those affected by disaster to resume their lives again, feed people all over the world and provide empowerment. An envelope is included in this newsletter if you can give to this program.

Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat at Zephyr Point

Sunday, July 19, 2020 – Friday, July 24, 2020

Speaker: Pastor Brad Kramer

Topic: "Lessons Learned From the Miracles of Jesus"

The Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat at Zephyr Point registration is now open. The speaker for this year's retreat will be our very own Pastor Brad Kramer.

An early bird \$20 discount will apply for registration postmarked by **Friday, 3/6/20**. Hard copies of the registration form will be available on the table in the chapel entrance, or contact Jan Aramaki at (801) 718-2006.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen Participation

Another year begins and we are happy to report that we have a full team of volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen: David Harada, Keiko Ikeda, Yas Iwamoto, Wilma Kimura, Ted & Yeiko Nagata. A very special thank you to Dorthie Conway, a faithful member of the group, who is "retiring" this year. Our thanks to Yas for volunteering to take Dorthie's place. An acknowledgement also to those who filled in for us when the regulars couldn't help. The group includes the following: Yas Iwamoto, Jeanette Misaka, Alyce Shiba, and Yuri Uyeda.

The St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen has been remodeled and is a modern, well-equipped facility. Our group serves on the third Tuesday of each month. The time commitment is from 11:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you would like to be a volunteer, please call Elaine Iwasaki (801-277-3805).

To all our volunteers, thank you for representing the Japanese Church of Christ in service to the broader community! We appreciate you!

February 2020 - Worship Service Participants

	February 2	February 9	February 16	Music Worship February 23
Liturgist	Patty Price	Ron Nishijima	Hiro Iwasaki	Allyn Nakashima
Scripture Readers	E) Alison Cheung J) Misako Bowker	E) Bob Jones J) Yoko DeRose	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Jan Aramaki J) Toshiko Marse
Greeter	Sadie Yoshimura	Michiko Kenmotsu	Betty Murakami	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Chris Lund	Victor Homma Lorraine Crouse	Keiko Ikeda Karen Okawa
Organist/Pianist	Daniel Cheung	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Misako Bowker
Offeratory Music				Nichigo Choir
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Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---

JCC February Calendar

JCC February 2020 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Communion, 10:30am	3 -Parking, WWE, 5:30pm -Taiko practice, 6pm	4	5 -Parking, Jazz, 8pm	6	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 8:30pm	8 -Parking, Brandie Carlisle, 8pm
9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11	12 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm	15 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	19	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	22 -Parking, Jazz, 3pm
23 -Music Worship, 10:30am -Parking, Toby Mac, 7pm	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	25	26	27	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	29 -Parking, U92, 7:30pm

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 1/25/20.

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

Community Events

Saturday, February 15, 2020: Day of Remembrance, sponsored by Salt Lake JAACL Chapter. Location - Salt Lake City Library; time is tbd.