

# 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**

**March 2020**

As of this writing, I am preparing to leave for Kampala, Uganda on a one week trip to train African pastors. You may remember back in October of 2019, I spent a week in Baku, Azerbaijan doing something very similar. This time I will be serving under the direction of K.E.S.T. – Kampala Evangelical School of Theology, and I will be team teaching with my friend Steve White, a Pastor from Park City.

The seminary president in Kampala has asked us to teach from the Old Testament book of Isaiah. This is a great prophetic book that ultimately offers hope to the nation of Israel in the midst of their suffering. The challenge will be to take Isaiah's 66 chapters and distill it into 4 days worth of material in a way that will really get to the hearts of the 20 - 30 pastors attending the conference.

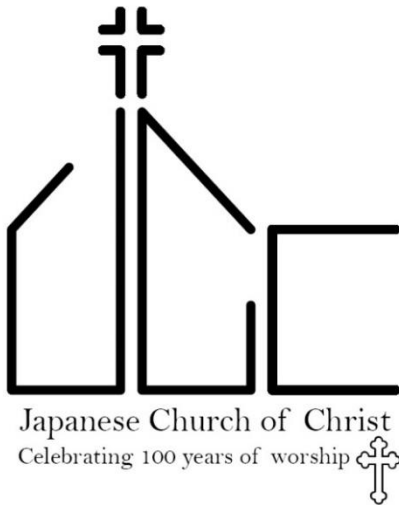
These men will be coming to Kampala from various parts of Uganda in order to receive formal biblical teaching, which is very rare in their country. And this is the real joy for me: to have the privilege of teaching the Bible to men who are hungry to learn from God's word, and desire to then teach it to others. What usually happens on trips like this, is that I am the one who gets richly blessed. And it happens by simply interacting with people whose customs and traditions differ significantly from mine, but with whom I share a deep love for our Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Bless you,  
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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**It's Almost That Time**

Nihon Matsuri 2020 will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 and since the Fellowship Hall remodel is almost complete, the JCC will be participating in the festival this year, after taking a one year hiatus. More details on the festival itself will be posted in the Herald next month; but in the meantime, we are calling for volunteers to help!

On two consecutive **Saturdays, March 28 and April 4**, we will be making yaki manju to freeze in preparation for the manju trays we will be selling at Nihon Matsuri. If you want to learn to make yaki manju, please join us. Contact **Laura Olson** to sign up for one or both Saturdays. We will begin at **9:00 a.m.**

**Food Handlers Class**

On **Sunday, March 15**, a Food Handlers Class will take place at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple at **12:30 p.m.** This class is presented by the State Health Department and people working in the kitchen and handling food are required to have a permit when working at the festivals. The cost is \$30, but is good for 3 years. All volunteers for events such as Nihon Matsuri and Aki Matsuri that help with food preparation are now required to have a state food handler permit. Contact **Suzanne Hata** at [suzhata@hotmail.com](mailto:suzhata@hotmail.com) if you plan to take this class, as the class will fill up quickly.

**Congregational Meeting Wrap Up**

The annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 9 after worship service. Pastor Brad opened with prayer and Greg Paige provided an update on the status of the Fellowship Hall remodel; the electricians have completed their work and new lighting has been installed. Julee Mori presented the budget, which was approved by the membership. Al Kubota then reported on activities of Cascade Corporation.

**Guest Pastor**

As mentioned in this month's Pastor's Message, Pastor Brad is in Uganda on a training mission. The guest pastor on the pulpit for **Sunday, March 1** will be **Pastor Jeff Silliman**.

**Chili Donburi Fundraiser**

The annual Chili Donburi Fundraiser in memory of Doc Matsukawa will be held on **Sunday, March 29, 2020** after worship service. Cost is \$5 or donation for a bowl of chili rice.

**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   | Nichole Kramer  |
| Debbie Homma     | Sumiko Rosvall  | Saeko Nakashima |
| Betty Morishita  |                 |                 |

**Church Women United**

Human Rights Celebration  
 Friday, March 13, 2020  
 9:30 a.m. registration (\$1.00), 10:00 a.m. program

*2020 Vision for the Future—United to Serve*  
 Speaker: Troy Williams, Ex Director Equality Utah  
 Human Rights Award Recipient—Mary Daniels  
 Outreach—The Inn Between (medical respite provider for  
 people experiencing homelessness)  
 Please bring: powdered creamer, bed pillows and  
 washable covers, toilet paper, personal wipes, cash  
 donations

Lunch (\$5.00) Please RSVP Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-  
 9223, Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 E Vine St.

**Presbyterian Women in the  
 Presbytery of Utah**

Spring Gathering April 18-19 2020  
 Friday 5:00-Saturday 2:30  
 Community of Grace Presbyterian Church

Guest Speaker: Jeri Joy PW Synod of the Rocky  
 Mountains USA Mission Experience  
 Participant \$15  
 To register contact your local PW moderator or  
[carolanneday@gmail.com](mailto:carolanneday@gmail.com)

Following in the Footsteps of Great Women  
 Maren Haynes Marchesini leads us in song as Women of  
 Faith.

**Presbyterian Pastors Meeting**

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, the JCC hosted the  
 Presbyterian Pastors meeting. Thanks to Daniel Cheung  
 and Yoko DeRose for providing musical numbers and to  
 the Deacons for making luncheon arrangements.

**Utah Museum of Fine Arts Exhibits**

The Utah Museum of Fine Arts on the University of Utah  
 campus has two exhibitions on Japanese art that will run  
 through July 5, 2020.

“Seven Masters: 30<sup>th</sup> Century Japanese Wood Block  
 Prints” and Beyond the Divide: Merchant, Artist, Samurai  
 in Edo Japan”. Experience Edo-period Japan and its  
 beautiful scrolls, screen dividers, sculpture, prints, and  
 samurai armor and weapons.

Regular admission is: \$15.95 for adults; \$12.95 for  
 seniors and youth (6 to 18). Free admission on the first  
 Wednesday of the month and third Saturday of the  
 month. Go to <https://umfa.utah.edu/> for more  
 information.

**Lake Tahoe Retreat**

Reminder - the Lake Tahoe Fellowship Retreat at  
 Zephyr Point registration is now open. The speaker for  
 this year’s retreat will be Pastor Brad Kramer.

An early bird \$20 discount will apply for registration  
 postmarked by **Friday, 3/6/20**. Contact **Jan  
 Aramaki** at (801) 718-2006 for more information and  
 a registration form.

**Resolution**

On February 20, 2020, a concurrent resolution was made  
 at the State Capitol for Wat Misaka. It was also  
 announced that his U of U jersey will be retired at a  
 basketball game next year!

**Agape News**

Missing something? Check out the Lost and Found on  
 the table in the corner of the Issei Lounge in the  
 chapel.

New copies of “Our Daily Bread” are available in the  
 chapel.

We will no longer be collecting aluminum soda cans as  
 it is no longer cost effective. Please place your soda  
 cans in the regular blue recycling bin.

The Agape held a meeting on Sunday, February 23  
 after worship service. During the meeting, the coffee  
 fellowship schedule was revamped as follows:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> - Nichigo Misako Bowker, Keiko Ikeda, Akiko Oki, Shigeko Ota and Motoko Lochner	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> - Deacons (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) Sadie Yoshimura, Wilma Kimura, Gayle Hughes (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) Yas Iwamoto, Julie Mori, Elise Mori, Jani Iwamoto (Mar, June, Sep, Dec) Janice Oike, Yuri Uyeda, Betty Kubota
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> - Deacons Jan Aramaki, Elaine Iwasaki, Karen Okawa, Karla Paige	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> - Agape Jean Irwin, Jean Kobayashi, Allyn Nakashima, Laura Olson
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> Mt. Hermon and Lake Tahoe	

From now on, birthday cake celebrations will be held  
 quarterly rather than every month. A relish tray and  
 birthday cake will be served on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the  
 month.

Coffee fellowship brings together many talented cooks  
 in the congregation that share their culinary skills  
 which is a treat for us. But keep in mind that some  
 Sundays may be simpler fare than others!

**March 2020 - Worship Service Participants**

	March 1	March 8	March 15	Music Worship March 22	March 29
<b>Liturgist</b>	Hiro Iwasaki	Ron Nishijima	Patty Price	Greg Paige	Jan Aramaki
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Betty Kubota J) Akiko Oki	E) Patty Price J) Tomiko Osaki	E) Bob Jones J) Shigeko Ota	E) Zach Paige J) Misako Bowker	E) Alison Cheung J) Yoko DeRose
<b>Greeter</b>	Jean Irwin	Lil Nakamura	Betty Murakami	Karla Paige	Wilma Kimura
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Chris Lund	Lorraine Crouse Karen Okawa	Betty Kubota Al Kubota	Lorraine Crouse Victor Homma
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Yoko DeRose	Daniel Cheung
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Nichigo Choir	Daniel Cheung
<b>Acolyte</b>	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
<b>Guest Speaker in Pulpit</b>	Pastor Jeffrey Silliman				

**JCC March Calendar**

JCC March 2020 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -Communion, 10:30am; guest pastor Jeff Silliman	2 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, SL Stars, 6pm	3	4	5 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	7 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 3pm
8 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 10 am	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	10	11 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	14 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
15 -Food Handlers Class, SLBT, 12:30pm	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	17 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am -Session Meeting, 6pm	18	19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	21 -Parking, Post Malone, 8m
22 -Music Worship, 10:30am	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24 -Parking, Jazz, 8pm	25	26 -Parking, Celine Dion, 7:30ppm	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jon Jon Siwa, 7pm	28 -Yaki Manju making, 9 a.m. -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
29	30 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	31				

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 2/23/20.

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

**March Community Event** – Mount Olympus JAFL Fundarama, Saturday March 28, Hillcrest Junior High School. Fundraiser for scholarships. Dinner, bingo, bake and sushi sale. 5:30 p.m.