

# The HERALD Newsletter

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**Worship Schedule:**  
Service  
10:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

October 2021

I've been doing a lot of reading this year; more than usual. I suppose it is due to living in a time of crises that hit close to home – the pandemic, racial tensions, political upheaval, etc. Most of these books have been good reads. I was reminded however, of a book that has been on my shelf for many years. *Man In The Mirror* by Patrick Morley, is a very insightful analysis of the top 24 struggles faced by men. But not all of these “struggles” are unique to men.

The introductory chapter entitled “The Rat Race” is of particular interest to me because it seems that more and more people are susceptible to the danger of joining the rat race and losing sight of what is truly most important in life. Morley defines the rat race as “the pursuit of the beautiful, wrinkle-free life.” Such a “life” of course, doesn't exist.

How many of us have struggled to avoid falling prey to the empty promises of a culture that places so much value on self- fulfillment and instant gratification? I certainly have. Thankfully there is protection against this trap – it is called the Bible. Throughout God's word, the reader is reminded of a dispiriting emptiness, which results through the endless pursuit of selfish desires. King Solomon discovered this after dedicating himself to finding pleasure in a dizzying array of activities. His conclusion? Apart from God, “everything is meaningless!”

Hopefully you have come to the same conclusion as Solomon, as well as the Apostle Paul who wrote that true contentment in life is found only through reliance upon our Lord Jesus Christ.

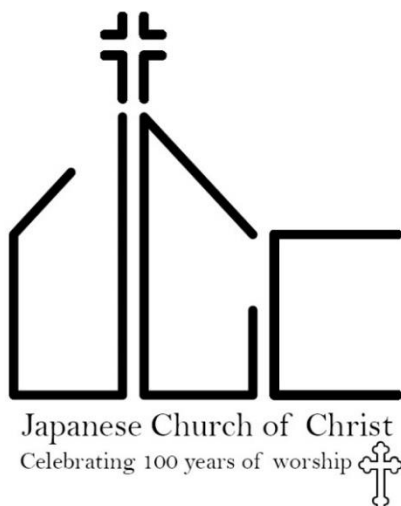
If you are trying to extricate yourself from the rat race, I encourage you to open up God's word, seek the Lord in prayer and discover what true happiness looks like.

May 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: Daniel Cheung**

**Session**

- Lorraine Crouse - Worship
- Steve Fukumitsu - Stewardship, Building and Grounds
- Yoko DeRose - Nichigo
- Allyn Nakashima - Membership
- Greg Paige - Education, Personnel
- Pauline Vosburgh - Finance

**Deacons**

Karen Okawa (moderator), Jan Aramaki, Akiko Oki, Julee Mori, Jean Kobayashi, Laura Olson, Elaine Iwasaki

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Website: [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net)

**Vaccination or COVID Test Requirement**

Reminder - to be inside the building for church services, you will need proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the last 24 hours. A COVID-19 test is not required if you are vaccinated.

People who do not meet these requirements are welcome to join the service outdoors or online. They will be asked to remain outside on the patio during the service and will not be permitted to enter the church building.

A vaccination registry is being maintained. If you have not already done so, please bring your CDC vaccination card to Allyn Nakashima. Allyn will record this information in a private file. It is not necessary to bring your card every week once you are registered. If you have any questions, please contact Allyn.

**Stewardship Drive**

The annual Stewardship drive is beginning and you will soon be receiving a brochure in the mail. The deadline for pledges is **October 31, 2021**, so that we can begin planning the 2022 budget. *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10

**JCC Budget**

Speaking of budget, if you have any expense requests to include in the 2022 proposed annual budget for the JCC, please send your request(s) to Julee Mori. This will help the budget committee to come up with good solid numbers for operations next year.

**QuickBooks Anyone?**

Session is looking for a volunteer to serve a backup role in using QuickBooks, an accounting and business software that JCC uses for bookkeeping. Training will be provided. If you can serve in this capacity, contact Pauline Vosburgh.

**Deacons Brown Bag Project Recap**

On September 23, the Deacons delivered 100 sack lunches to Madsen Park as part of the Salt Lake City program to get the homeless vaccinated for COVID-19. Thank you to all of you that contributed to this project, both monetarily and with food and to everyone who helped with assembling the bags. We were able to fill each bag with several items. Leftover items will be donated to local food pantries.

**Remember in Your Prayers**

If you or know of someone that should be added or removed from this list, please email the JCC website, [jccslc.net](http://jccslc.net), and indicate what should be updated. Thank you!

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Toshiko Marse   | Chris Miya      | Kai Ronning    | Sumi Arakaki |
| Kenta Naraoka   | Saeko Nakashima | Dorthie Conway |              |
| Betty Morishita | Susan Fukushima | Susan Rosvall  |              |
| Mary Tabata     | Steve Fukushima | Sumiko Rosvall |              |

### Operation Christmas Child

The kickoff for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" program will be **Sunday, October 3** and shoeboxes will be available to fill with Christmas gift items to be distributed to children in need around the world. Because of the global pandemic, shoebox donations are welcomed more than ever.



The due date is **November 14, 2021**. Remember, **DO NOT** include toothpaste or candy of any kind and **NO LIQUIDS**. 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.

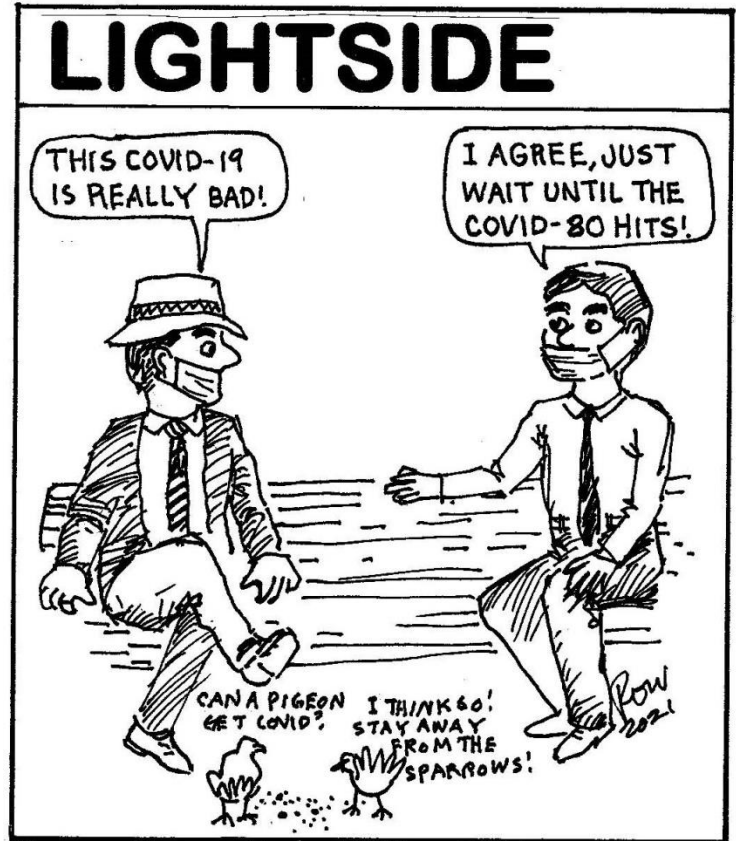
"Filling" suggestions include:

- Toys: small doll, toy truck, stuffed animal, kazoo, harmonica, yoyo, jump ropes
- School Supplies: pens, pencils/sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad writing pads or paper, solar calculator, coloring and picture books
- Hygiene Items: toothbrush, soap (placed in plastic baggie), comb, washcloth
- Other: T-shirt, socks, ball cap, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Every shoebox gift needs a \$9 donation to provide for collecting, processing, shipping, ministry partner training, and the Gospel materials that are given to the children with their gift box. If anyone feels they cannot assemble a shoebox gift but wants to participate in this project, please consider a \$9 donation to help get these shoeboxes to the children. Checks can be made to Samaritan's Purse and simply put in the offering box during worship service.

### Flu Shots Recap

Community Nursing Services provided flu shots at the JCC on September 12. Thanks to Stephanie Mori-Nakao for making the arrangements for this annual event.



### September Guest Pastor

Pastor Tipi Loma Pupua was a guest speaker on September 19. It is always nice to hear his thoughtful sermons.



Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

### October 2021 - Worship Service Participants

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pauline Vosburgh	Jan Aramaki	Julee Mori	Laura Olson	Steve Fukumitsu
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Karen Okawa J) Yoko DeRose	E) Lorraine Crouse J) Mike Flemming	E) Elise Mori J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Akiko Oki	E) Jan Aramaki J) Tomiko Osaki
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Garin Harada Lorraine Crouse	Al Kubota Betty Kubota	Lorraine Crouse TBD	Karen Okawa Lorraine Crouse	Garin Harada Lorraine Crouse
<b>Pianist/Offertory Music</b>	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima	Allyn Nakashima Laura Olson	Daniel Cheung	Yoko DeRose

## Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's World Community Day Celebration 2021.

**When:** Friday, November 5, 2021 (1st Friday)

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. - Morning

**Where:** ZOOM (via an internet device)

### PRE-REGISTRATION

Requested: You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

Nov 5, 2021 09:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwocOupqjsqGNVQ-Pa-97\\_1sHR-7Rj7EGtn](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwocOupqjsqGNVQ-Pa-97_1sHR-7Rj7EGtn)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Contact Kathy Horvat at (801) 502-0708 with any Zoom concerns.

Theme: "Becoming One in 2021 – New Places, New Faces at the Table"

Bible Study: Small Group Discussions

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Community Outreach: Crossroads Urban Center -- Checks Payable to "Church Women United," designated for Crossroads; Mailed to our Treasurer:

Desta Aure  
10227 Hickory Pt. Dr.  
Sandy, UT 84092

Offering: Used for CWU National Programs

Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United" and mailed to Treasurer, Desta Aure

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally. Hope to see you there.

## Living with COVID-19: Vaccination Update

*Submitted by Allyn Nakashima*

Last week there were many changes in COVID-19 vaccination recommendations from the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP – an independent group of scientists, physicians, lay people, and other experts who advise the federal government on immunizations).

The main changes in the recommendations are summarized here:

1. *Can COVID-19 vaccines be given simultaneously with other vaccines (e.g., flu vaccine)?*

The initial recommendation to separate COVID-19 vaccination from other vaccines has been changed. The initial recommendation was only made because of concerns over not being able to distinguish side effects due to COVID-19 vaccine from side effects due to other vaccines. However, more data on side effects have been collected and these vaccines are very safe. Now it is considered more important to encourage people to get vaccinated and making it as convenient as possible. So now there is no longer the need to separate COVID-19 vaccination from other vaccines, e.g., the flu vaccine. It is advisable to give multiple vaccines in different locations, e.g., in different limbs.

2. *When can I get my COVID-19 booster?*

The initial recommendation was 8 months after the second vaccine was given. Last week this time was changed to 6 months, especially for high risk groups, e.g., elderly, immunocompromised, healthcare workers, etc.

3. *Does it matter which booster vaccine I get?*

Yes, you should get the same vaccine as you were initially vaccinated with. So a person initially vaccinated with Moderna vaccine should not get a Pfizer vaccine as a booster.

4. *What is the availability of vaccines for boosters?*

The only vaccine booster that has been approved by the FDA is the Pfizer vaccine. This is available in many drug stores and the county health departments. Moderna and Johnson & Johnson boosters should be approved very soon and are not widely available yet.

If you are not vaccinated, please consider getting vaccinated for your own safety and the safety of others!