

The HERALD Newsletter

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Winter Schedule

Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

January 2016

I have been reflecting on the biblical story of Zacchaeus. You remember Zacchaeus? He was the little man from Jericho who climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus passing through, not realizing that his life would be changed dramatically as a result of his meeting with the Savior.

This transformation of a hated tax collector doesn't take place without a recognition by Zacchaeus of a need to bring change to his life. He had to resolve to change. And that's how it works for us as well. Yes, God is there to come alongside us and give us the strength we require for real change. But we have to get in the game ourselves.

So here is my suggested resolution for the JCC family as we approach 2016. I want to challenge all of us to invite Jesus to bring about real change in our lives this year; but that's just part of the resolution. In order for that change to occur, we need to intentionally seek that change through the opening of our hearts to His word.

So my challenge is that we would take the time to open up the Bible every day. Even if it is only for a few minutes. In fact, set a reasonable goal for yourself. If 5 minutes a day in the word is what you think is doable, then do that. You and I can experience deep changes in our lives if we follow through on this resolution. New Year's resolutions are rarely easy, but this is one that can reap lifelong, even eternal dividends.

God Bless you this New Year,
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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Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

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Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 24, 2016** to present the nominees for Elders, Deacons, Nominating Committee and Board of Trustees and to go over the budget. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Oishii Oshogatsu Ozoni

The annual Ozoni fundraiser for the Nichigo group will be held on **Sunday, January 10, 2016**. Cost per bowl is \$5.00. Ring in the New Year with a hot bowl of ozoni soup with mochi!



Annual Report Deadline

The deadline to submit reports for the 2015 Annual Report is Sunday, **January 24, 2016**. Please submit your reports electronically to Betty Kubota, bm Kubota@gmail.com or place your article in her mail slot in the Fellowship Hall.

Per Capita

The annual Per Capita apportionment for each JCC member is \$38.00. An envelope is included for your convenience. Please remit this amount by the end of January. If paying by check, please indicate "Per Capita" on the check.

Condolences

Heartfelt sympathy is sent to the family of Chizuko Ronning, who passed away on December 15.

A public memorial for former Salt Lake County Commissioner Randy Horiuchi will be held on January 15, 2016 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Salt Palace.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Saeko Nakashima	Shawna Johnson	Chris Miya
Susan Rosvall	Joy Hashimoto	Bernice Kida
Miki Harada	Betty Murakami	Marie Matsukawa
Yaeko Tomomatsu	Grace Matsumura	Grace Oshita
Yoshiko Nakagama	Toshiko Marse	Cristal Aoki
Jana Hansen	Utako Aramaki	Lillian Nakamura
Frank Imai	Garin Harada	Jessie Lamb
Wat Misaka	Larry Harada	Mr. "C"
Susan Fukushima	Ota Family	Finn Horve
Uyeda Family	Michael Darger	Chris Tabata
Ronning Family		

January Birthdays

- 5 Tyler Uyeda
- 7 Shigeko Ota
- 11 John Page
- 13 Frank Imai
- 14 Miya Titmus
- 15 Sumiko Rosvall
- 16 Grace Nakamura
Larry Harada
- 20 Dani Murakami
- 26 Miki Harada
Kay Nakashima
- 31 Michael Darger

Mochi Tsuki Wrap Up

Thank you to all who purchased mochi this month and especially to all of you who spent part or all of your Saturdays before the holidays to help make the mochi cakes. Your help was needed and greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Laura Olson for coordinating the entire effort and to Michael Darger; he has the timing of the mochi makers down to a science!



Frank Ujifusa, Richard Garcia and Alex Okawa use a mochi cutter to form the rice cakes.

Pastor Exchange

On Sunday, December 6, Pastor Bob Nakaoka from the Ogden Japanese Church of Christ was our guest speaker. In turn, Pastor Brad was the guest speaker at the Ogden JCC that same day. Pastor Nakaoka and his wife Karen were also guests at the Agape luncheon following worship service.



Pastor Bob Nakaoka and wife Karen. Photo courtesy Allyn Nakashima

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LIGHT-SIDE
Christmas Soup Recipe

- ✧ 1-tsp. of Kindness
- ✧ 1-tsp. of Patience
- ✧ 1-tsp. of Gentleness
- ✧ 1-tsp. of Generosity
- ✧ 1-tsp. of Steadfastness
- ✧ 1-Cup of Love

- stir until well-mixed
- you'll smile while making this delicious soup
- consume this soup often

RECIPE FROM GOD

Ray 2015

AND BEST WISHES FOR 2016!

Agape Women's Holiday Luncheon

The Agape Women's luncheon was held on Sunday, December 6 at the Dim Sum House. Attendees enjoyed a "family style" lunch. Thanks to Lynne Ward for providing the festive hot cider favors!



Kory and Abi Shino and Betty Morishita enjoy lunch.



Allyn Nakashima, Wilma Kimura, Sadie and Frank Yoshimura

Christmas Services Wrap Up

The traditional Christmas activities at JCC included worship services on Sunday, December 20 with the Tongan choir performing. That evening, in addition to the annual potluck and visit from Santa, the Tongans, Kachin and JCC contributed to the entertainment.

On December 24, the traditional Christmas Eve service was held. During the month of December, the advent candles have been lit with the final candle being lit on Christmas Eve – the white candle, signifying Christ. The chapel was adorned in lights and carols sung by all.



The Tongan choir performed during the worship service and also at the potluck.



The Kachin congregation members sing some selections.



Utako Aramaki gives Santa her wish list, along with grandsons Chris and Matt Miya.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL!**

**BEST WISHES FOR A
HEALTHY,
PROSPEROUS, AND
JOYFUL 2016!**

January 2016 - Worship Service Participants

	January 3	January 10	January 17	Music Worship January 24	January 31
Liturgist	Hiro Iwasaki	Ron Nishijima	Alan Shino	Greg Paige	Steve Fukumitsu
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Shigeko Ota	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Hiromi Page	E) Elizabeth Ward J) Misako Bowker	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yoko DeRose	E) Nate Fukumitsu J) Yeiko Homma
Greeter	Karla Paige	Sadie Yoshimura	Wilma Kimura	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Jan Aramaki Matt Miya	Lorraine Crouse Karen Okawa	Al Kubota Tyler Uyeda	Lorraine Crouse Doug Murakami
Songs of Praise	---	Brian Itliong	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	Brian Itliong
Organist/Pianist	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Misako Bowker	Yas Iwamoto
Offeratory Music	Greg Paige	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Nichigo Choir	Yas Iwamoto
Acolyte	Alex Okawa	Nichole Kramer	TBD	Tyler Uyeda	TBD
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	
Ed Bldg Monitor	Richard Uyeda	Tosh Nakaya	Laura Olson	---	Tosh Nakaya

JCC January 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 -Parking, Jazz game, Memphis, 7 pm
3 -Communion Sunday	4 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Jazz game, Houston, 7 pm	5	6	7 -Parking – Outdoor Retailer's (thru 1/10)	8 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	9 -Parking, Jazz game, Miami, 7 pm
10 -Ozoni Fundraiser after service	11 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	12	13	14 -Parking, Jazz game, Sacramento, 7 pm	15 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	16 -Parking, Jazz game, Lakers, 7 pm
17	18 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	19	20	21 -Session Meeting, 6 pm	22 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Monster Jam, 7:30 pm	23 -Parking, Monster Jam, 2 and 7 pm
24 -Music Worship	25 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Jazz game, Detroit, 7 pm	26	27 -Parking, Jazz game, Charlotte, 7 pm	28	29	30 -Parking, Jazz game, Minnesota, 7 pm
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*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 12/27/15.