

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## Winter Schedule

Adult Bible Study and Sunday  
School at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

**April 2016**

The book of Acts in the New Testament, chronicles the early history of the Christian Church and features one of my favorite biblical characters; the Apostle Paul. One of the most compelling aspects of Paul is the stunning transformation he experienced from a persecutor of the church to its most influential missionary. Throughout his ministry, Paul exhibits a single-minded devotion to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus. In fact, he willingly undergoes beatings and imprisonments in order that people would come to understand the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In one instance, Paul is arrested and imprisoned by the Roman authorities. Acts 26 records his defense before King Agrippa and the Roman governor Festus. At the end of Paul's powerful testimony, the King, who is not a man of high character comments – "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian". Paul's response in verse 29 sums up his great compassion for even the worst of sinners:

"Short time or long--I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am."

I hope that the Lord would cultivate that type of devotion and compassion within all of our hearts.

Lord's Blessings,

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

**THE HERALD**

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Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to [klokawa@msn.com](mailto:klokawa@msn.com)

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

**Easter Photo Reprints**

If you would like to order an 8 x 10 reprint of the annual group photograph taken on Easter Sunday, the selections will be posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, along with an order form. The cost is **\$5** per print. Order deadline is **April 17**.

Thanks to Frank Ujifusa for taking the traditional photograph for us!

**Nihon Matsuri, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Submitted by Jan Aramaki*

Mark your calendar! Nihon Matsuri (Japan Festival), is **Saturday, April 30, 2016, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. on the stage in front of the JCC. **Free parking** in the Salt Palace parking lot; head north on 300 West past 100 South, entrance on east side of the road. The JCC will have a food booth. We are looking for help to make yaki manju on **Saturday, April 2nd from 9 a.m.** Also we will need volunteers to help with inari and futomaki sushi on Friday, April 29, and volunteers needed to help the day of the festival.

Please contact **Laura Olson at (801) 755-1706** or **Jan Aramaki (801) 718-2006**. Flyers are available in the Fellowship Hall. Or feel free to make copies of the flyer on Page 6 of this newsletter, please help us spread the word! The JCC is blessed to be a part of this festival with the Ogden Christian Church, Salt Lake and Ogden Buddhist Temples, LDS Dai Ichi Ward, and the JAACL chapters! Join the fun and fellowship!

**April Culture Class**

Learn the fine art of shodo (Japanese calligraphy) from Yoko DeRose. The class will be held on **Sunday, April 10, 2016** after worship service. A sign up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Yoko will show us how to practice and create some brush strokes and simple characters. (Class is limited to number of brushes that are available, so sign up soon.)



Shodo is an art form that has been studied for over 3000 years. It is a combination of skill and imagination.

**Yaki Manju Making**

We will be making yaki (baked) manju (to freeze) for Nihon Matsuri on **Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m.** Please join us – we can always use the help.

**Check out the JCC Website**

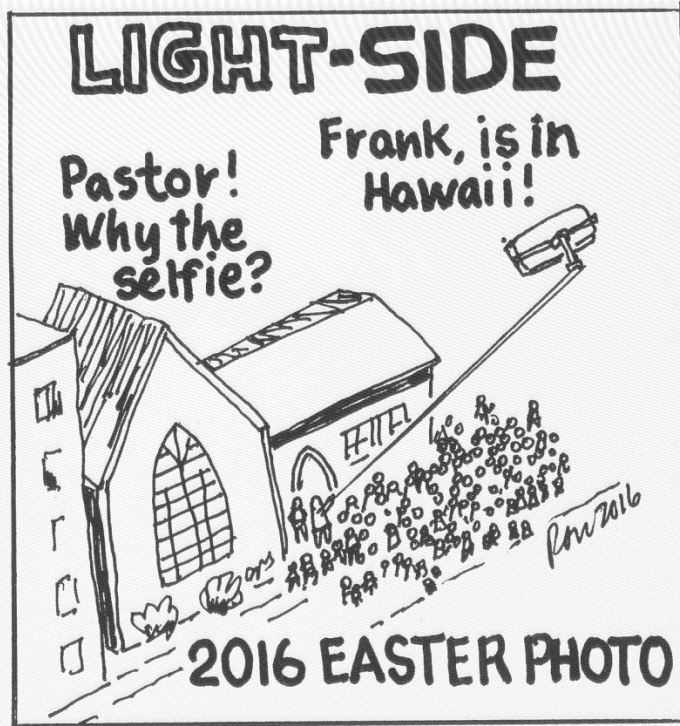
Make it a habit to check out the JCC website, [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net). New timely photos, calendar and schedules will be posted as well as a PDF version of this newsletter every month.

If you have any suggestions or input for the website, please submit them!

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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  | Michael Darger  | Finn Horve        |
| Kevin Turner     | Keri Kramer     | Chris Tabata Lund |
| Betty Morishita  |                 |                   |



**Batter Up - JCC Softball**

The JCC co-ed softball season is coming up quickly. Please let us know if you are interested in playing this season.

Season begins – Friday, April 15  
 Game nights – Friday nights  
 Practices – Redwood Road - 3060 S Lester St (3100 S Redwood Rd), Friday, April 1 6-8 p.m. and Friday, April 8 6-8 p.m.

Game Location: West Valley City Recreation Center  
 5415 West 3100 South  
 West Valley City, UT

Fee: \$35.00 per player (team fee is \$425.00). Please bring player fees to practice.

Please let us know if you are interested in playing this year. We'd love to have you!

Doug Murakami (801) 580-8404  
 Dani Murakami (801) 860-2557

**Youth Group News**

The youth group will be selling snack items at Nihon Matsuri this year. If you can help, we can use your hands! We will be making onigiris and could use help in the kitchen and in the tent. Nihon Matsuri is April 30th and if you are available, please contact **Elise Mori at (801) 631-9804** for details.

**JCC Basketball Schedule**

All games played at Southeast Christian Church, 1881 East Vine Street, Salt Lake City, UT. There are two teams representing JCC, an Over 30 team and an Under 30 team. Come out and cheer the teams on!

Date	Over 30	Date	Under 30
Tuesday, April 5	6:00 p.m.	Thursday, April 7	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12	6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, April 12	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19	8:00 p.m.	Tuesday, April 19	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 28	9:00 p.m.	Tuesday, April 26	9:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 5	7:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 5	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 12	6:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 12	9:00 p.m.

May 17, 19 – Playoffs; May 24, 26 – Championship

**Church Women United Celebration**

Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration  
 Friday, May 6, 2016  
 9:30 a.m. Registration (\$1.00)  
 10:00 Program followed by lunch (\$5.00)  
 First United Methodist Church  
 203 South 200 East (SLC)  
 Co-Host: St. Thomas More Catholic Church

"Gathering at God's Table – Finding Grace at the Table"  
 Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering / Dedication

Community Outreach: The CWU Esther Williams Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to "Church Women United" and designate 'Scholarship Fund'.

Offering to benefit CWU Local, State, and National Programs. Please make checks payable to: Church Women United and designate 'offering'.

For lunch, please RSVP to Phyllis Allen at 801-298-7197 by Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parking available at Russon Brothers Mortuary, 255 S. 200 E.-- one half block south of the church. Very, very limited parking at the church—contact Susan Baker (801-793-8994) to reserve a place.

**New JA Newsletter**

The Salt Lake JACL has started a new JA newsletter containing news on recent and upcoming events for ALL local Japanese American organizations in Utah. If you would like to receive the online newsletter, send your e-mail address to tnn222@gmail.com.

**April 2016 - Worship Service Participants**

	April 3	April 10	April 17	Music Worship April 24
<b>Liturgist</b>	Hiro Iwasaki	Ron Nishijima	Alan Shino	Steve Fukumitsu
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Shigeko Ota	E) Matt Miya J) Misako Bowker	E) Abi Shino J) Yoko DeRose	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yeiko Homma
<b>Greeter</b>	Mary Tabata	Sadie Yoshimura	Wilma Kimura	Dorthie Conway
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Doug Murakami Karen Okawa	Paul DeRose Lorraine Crouse	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	Brian Itliong	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Greg Paige	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Greg Paige	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	Tyler Uyeda
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Tosh Nakaya	Paul DeRose	Matt Miya	---

**JCC April 2016 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	2 -Yaki Manju Making, 9:00 am -Parking, Justin Bieber, 7:30 pm
3 -Communion Sunday	4 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	5 -Parking, Jazz vs. San Antonio, 7:00 pm	6	7 -Parking, Theresa Caputo, 7:30 pm	8 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking, Jazz vs. Clippers, 7 pm	9
10 -Culture Class, Japanese Calligraphy	11 -Taiko practice, 6 pm - Parking, Jazz vs. Mavericks, 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	16
17	18 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	20	21	22 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	23
24 -Music Worship -Herald Deadline	25 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	26	27 -Parking, Rihanna, 7:30 pm	28	29 Nihon Matsuri prep All Day	30 NIHON MATSURI 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 3/28.

**April Birthdays**

3	Nathan Fukumitsu	9	Lillian Nakamura	23	Rick Aoki	29	Joni Aoki-Foxley
	Eric Murakami	10	Tammy Nakamura	25	Donna Goeller		
5	Kylie Murakami	20	Saeko Nakashima	27	Karen Okawa		

### Easter Recap

Holy Week activities included Maundy Thursday worship services and the Seder Meal. On Sunday, March 27, Easter breakfast was served, sponsored by the Men’s Fellowship. Thanks for such a tasty breakfast! After breakfast, the children participated in an egg hunt. Worship service followed with talented musical numbers, and the traditional group Easter photo and coffee fellowship. Easter lilies were delivered by the Deacons.



Betty Murakami and Frank Imai on Maundy Thursday.



Donna Davis, Elaine Iwasaki, Yeiko Homma, Hiro Iwasaki are served the Seder meal by Laura Olson.



Chris Miya, Matt Miya and friend color Easter eggs.



Pastor Brad delivers the Easter message.



Short order cooks: Larry Harada, Steve Fukumitsu, Hiro Iwasaki

Photos courtesy: Jan Aramaki, Lorraine Crouse, Karen Okawa

### The Pink Grandmas

Last month, Yeiko Homma and Keiko Mori were highlighted on an “Inside the Story” news feature on the local news station KUTV, touted as the “Pink Grandmas” of the Utah Jazz.

Follow this link to read the transcript and see photos: <http://kutv.com/features/inside-the-story/inside-the-story-meet-the-pink-grandmas-die-hard-utah-jazz-fans>



Keiko Mori and Yeiko Homma. Photo courtesy KUTV.

Upcoming Community Events



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まつり

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 2016**  
10 AM TO 5 PM

100 SOUTH (JAPANTOWN STREET) BETWEEN 200 WEST AND 300 WEST

**FEATURING**  
**TAIKOZA**  
**TAIKO, SHAKUHACHI, SHINOBU**

- Taiko Drum Performances
- Japanese Dancing
- Martial Arts Demonstrations
- Kimono Fashion Show
- Tea Ceremony
- Japanese Food and Crafts
- Cultural Exhibits
- Children's Booth Activities
- Prize Opportunity
- Traditional rice cake pounding
- ...Local Performers and more



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