

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## Schedule:

Traditional Worship Service at  
10:00 a.m.

Urban Grace (Contemporary  
Service) at 11:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

June 2016

As I sit here preparing a brief message for the annual Memorial Day service at the Salt Lake City Cemetery, I am reminded of an incident that took place nearly 40 years ago. I had just failed the entrance exam for the Marine Corps Officers Candidate School and was devastated. I loved the idea of serving as an officer in the Marines, and cried over my misfortune. Well, I have moved on from that time and place and am grateful for the privilege of serving in a different way. But since that period in my life, I have always had a great amount of respect and gratitude for all those who have placed themselves in harm's way in defending our country. And that is why I feel so honored to be asked to participate in such an important ceremony.

War is a terrible thing. How many millions of people have lost their lives in the carnage of Europe, the Pacific, Korea and Vietnam? God promises that someday these senseless battles will come to an end. But until that time, our nation will sometimes have to call upon brave men and women to defend our way of life.

Memorial Day is a special opportunity to honor all those men and women, in particular family and friends who sacrificed themselves so that you and I can get up every morning and enjoy the rich freedoms afforded by living in such a place.

As we remember the sacrifices of our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters; let us also recognize the goodness and grace of our God who is there to steady us in seasons both good and bad. King David's wise words are appropriate:

*Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.*

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

**THE HERALD**

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**New Schedule**

Remember that regular worship service now begins at **10:00 a.m.** and the Urban Grace contemporary service begins at **11:30 a.m.**

The Adult and Children’s Sunday Schools will take a summer hiatus and resume in the fall. The Nichigo continue to meet at 9:00 a.m.

**Congratulations Graduates – Class of 2016**

**High School:**

- Maxwell Sueoka, Rowland Hall High School (will attend Santa Clara University in the fall)
- Josh Uyeda, Academy of Math, Engineering and Science (AMES) (will attend SLCC in the fall)
- Grace Nakamura, Judge Memorial High School (will attend Westminster College in the fall)



**University/College:**

- Eric Murakami, Doctorate, University of Utah Medical School (will begin Emergency Medicine residency at George Washington University, Washington D.C. on July 1.)
- Greg Stillman, MBA, Stanford University

The graduates will be honored during worship service on **Sunday, June 12, 2016**. Congratulations to the graduates; the future is yours!

**Ice Cream Sundae Sunday**

The traditional “Ice Cream Sunday” will follow the Graduate recognition during coffee fellowship on **Sunday, June 12, 2016**. Come join in on honoring our graduates as they progress to the next chapter in their lives, and celebrate with an ice cream sundae with all the toppings!



**One Great Hour of Sharing**

One Great Hour of Sharing is a Christian effort to empower, provide, and give relief. Through our donations, OGHS helps those affected by disaster to pick up the pieces; feed people all over the world, and empower men and women to provide for their families. An envelope is included with this newsletter.



**Remember in Your Prayers**

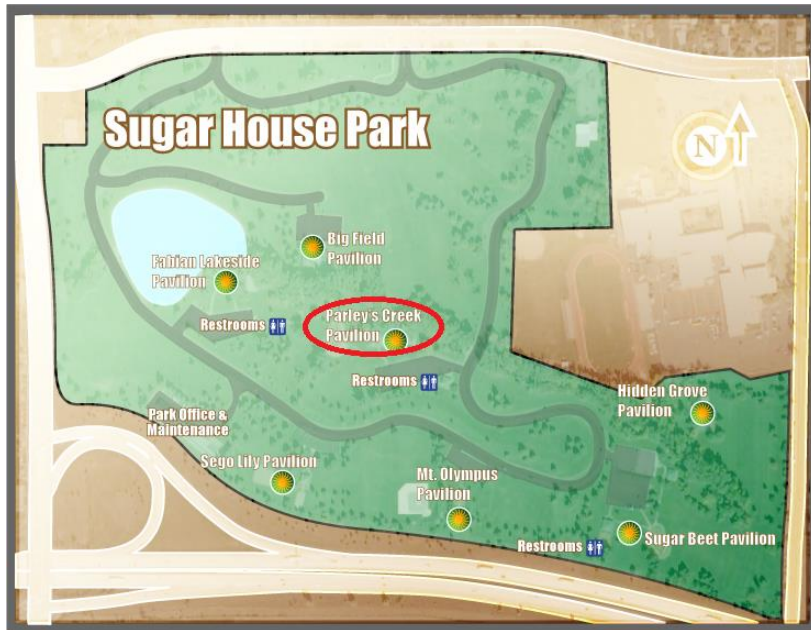
Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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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 |
| Morishita Family | Barbara Woody   |                   |

### Father's Day Picnic

The Annual Father's Day picnic will be held on **June 19, 2016**, again at Sugarhouse Park. However, **this year the pavilion is changing** – the new location will be the **Parley's Creek Pavilion**, which is located in the center of the park, and convenient to parking, restrooms and playground.

To get to Parley's Creek Pavilion, enter the park from 2100 South and follow the one way direction road. Drive past Sugar Beet Pavilion (where the JCC picnic has been held for the past few years); and continue to follow the road as it winds around. There will be a sign on the left side of the road for Parley's Creek.



### Mount Hermon Attendees

The following individuals will be attending Mount Hermon this year from June 26 through July 2: Yeiko Homma; Pastor Brad, Madison and Nichole Kramer; Elizabeth Ward; Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu; Shoji Mori and Tyler Uyeda.

The Agape Women awarded scholarships this year to Yeiko Homma and Madison Kramer. Keep these attendees in your prayers!

### JCC Softball Schedule

The WVCFFC Church Spring Softball League season schedule for June and July:

Date	Time	Field
Friday, June 3	6:30 p.m.	Purple Field
Friday, June 10	8:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, June 17	8:30 p.m.	Yellow Field
Friday, June 24	6:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, July 8	7:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, July 15	6:30 p.m.	Green Field

All games are held at the West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South.

### Congratulations

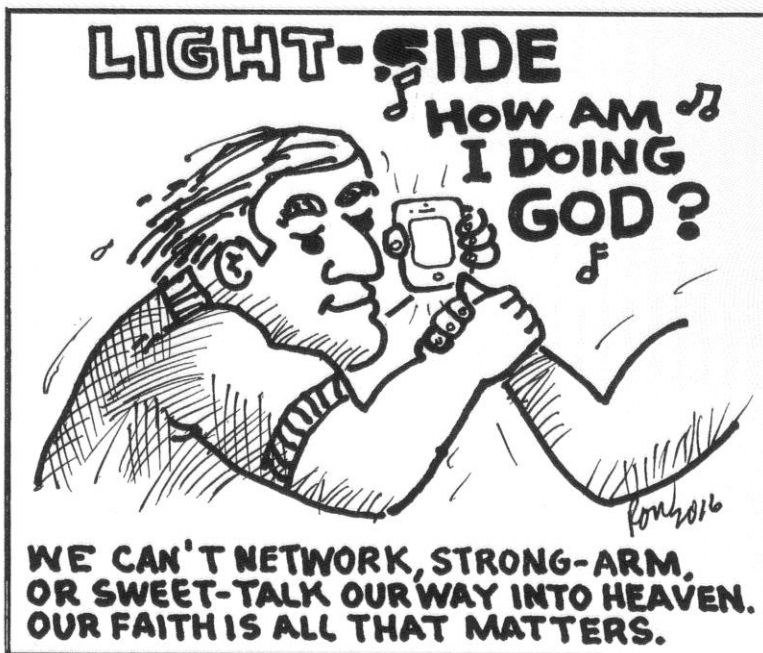
Jennifer Yim was recently named Executive Director to manage the Utah Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission. She will manage the commission's ongoing activities including overseeing judges' performance evaluations, budgets, contracts and plan development. Jennifer is married to Winston Inoway, son of Carl and Rita.

### Coffee Fellowship Volunteers?

The coffee fellowship team for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month is looking for additional volunteers.

### June Birthdays

- 6 Wilma Kimura
- 8 Joy Hashimoto
- 9 Zach Paige
- 11 Frank Yoshimura
- 12 Mary Tabata
- 14 Elaine Iwasaki, Alix Oike, Stephanie Nakao
- 17 Jan Aramaki
- 23 Max Sueoka
- 24 Harry Ota
- 25 Tosh Nakaya
- 28 Utako Aramaki



**June 2016 - Worship Service Participants**

	June 5	June 12	Father's Day Picnic June 19	Mount Hermon June 26
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	---	---	---	Greg Paige
<b>Liturgist</b>	Hiro Iwasaki	Alan Shino	N/A	Ron Nishijima
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Lynne Crabb J) Yeiko Homma	E) Jan Aramaki J) Keiko Ikeda	E) N/A J) N/A	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Toshiko Marse
<b>Greeter</b>	Sadie Yoshimura	Wilma Kimura	N/A	Mary Tabata
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Karen Okawa Lorraine Crouse	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota	Al Kubota Lorraine Crouse
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	Brian Itliong	N/A	Brad Kramer	N/A
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Yas Iwamoto	Yoko DeRose	N/A	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Yas Iwamoto	Yoko DeRose	Victor Homma	Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	Tosh Nakaya	Paul DeRose	N/A	Tosh Nakaya

**JCC June 2016 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4
5 -Communion Sunday, 10 am -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7	8	9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11
12 -Ice Cream Sunday, after worship -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm	14	15	16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -Parking, Legends Concert, 8pm
19 -Father's Day Picnic, Sugarhouse Park, 10 am	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 -St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	22	23	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25
26 -Urban Grace, 11:30 am	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm	28	29 - Parking, Janet Jackson, 8pm	30		

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 5/27/16.

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

**Upcoming Community Events**

- **Saturday, June 11 – Asian Festival**, SouthTown Expo, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission free. A Salt Lake Japantown exhibit will be on display in the JA CL booth at the festival.
- **Saturday, June 11 – Mount Olympus JA CL Scholarship Luncheon**, Asian Star Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. RSVP Reid Tateoka (801) 875-1702 by June 3.
- **Saturday, June 25 – International Peace Garden Clean Up**, 10:00 a.m. Jordan Park. Volunteers are needed to prune, weed, paint and trim. Lunch served by Salt Lake Chapter JA CL.



### Washi Eggs - May Culture Class Wrap Up

Judy Iwamoto showed the class how to create washi egg decorations using a plastic Easter egg! The eggs were wrapped with colorful patterns of washi paper and then coated with a shiny glaze. Thanks Judy for showing us the tips and tricks!



Betty Morishita smooths her egg.



Judy Iwamoto (center) wraps an egg while Jean Kobayashi and Keiko Mori observe.

### 2016 JCC Basketball

Submitted by Doug Murakami

The season featured outstanding play from the under-30 team. Zach Paige, Thomas Mori, Brian Ithiong, Nick Aoki, and others, showed why their third-place finish was impressive considering the solid competition. Three of their games went into overtime, including triple and double OT victories!

The over-30 team ended up in sixth place with many close games. Alex Aoyama, Landon Kawabata, and the rest of the squad kept the score close in many tightly contested games. Fan favorite Raymond Uno continues to play quality minutes and newcomer Paul DeRose was a welcome addition!

Special thanks to the Aoyama family for donating \$100 to the church basketball team on behalf of Toraji Aoyama.

Thanks to all, for a truly exciting basketball season!



Under 30 Team: Paul DeRose, Jake Murakami, Zach Paige, Brian Ithiong, Nick Aoki, Tim Domian, Isaiah Ford. Not pictured: Nate Fukumitsu, Thomas Mori. Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse.

### Memorial Weekend Visitors

Tetsuro and Maki Oishi and family, now living in Santa Barbara, CA, visited us during Memorial Day worship. Great to see them!



Maki, Tetsuro, Saya and Taiyo Oishi.

### Urban Grace Kickoff

The first Urban Grace contemporary worship service was held on Sunday, May 22. Spread the word – dress is casual and the format is informal! Everyone is invited – young and young at heart! Sundays at 11:30 a.m.



Over 30 Team: Back row - Jake Murakami, Eric Murakami, Wally Doi, Paul DeRose, Landon Kawabata. Front row – Alex Aoyama, Jackson Murakami, Luke Murakami. Not pictured: Dan Crouse, Raymond Uno, Jon Llenares, Doug Murakami.



### Nihon Matsuri Recap

The weather on Saturday, April 30 was crisp and cool; but did not deter a steady crowd from attending the 2016 Nihon Matsuri. The JCC participated with two food booths selling sushi, manju, kanten jello and snack items. The chapel sitting area was converted into a tea house with tea ceremony demonstrations held during the day. Kenshin Taiko performed during the opening ceremony for the festival. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success! We could not have done it without you.



Photos courtesy Jan Aramaki.

### Memorial Day Services

The traditional candle lighting was held during worship service on Sunday, May 29. Participants lit candles in memory and remembrance of loved ones. Earlier in the morning, a Veteran’s Memorial Service was held at the SLC Cemetery where Pastor Brad participated in the program.



Keiko Mori, Stephanie Nakao, Akemi Kawabata light a candle with Laura Olson assisting. Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse.



Alyce Shiba, Kay Nakashima, Wat Misaka, and sister-in-law Jeanette Misaka at Veteran’s Memorial at SLC Cemetery.



Alan Shino, Yas Iwamoto, Saeko Nakashima, Laura Olson, Yoko DeRose and Pauline Vosburgh. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki



Pastor Brad speaks at Veteran’s Memorial Service.