

The HERALD Newsletter

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Fall/Winter Schedule:
Nichigo, Adult, and Youth
Bible Study/Sunday School,
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

October 2016

One of the clearest facts about our God is that He is generous. How many of us could say we haven't been blessed by God in a number of ways? In response to God's graciousness, the follower of Jesus is called on to "give" back to God: to take from our material abundance, and offer a portion to be used for God's work. And while our Lord is pleased when we are generous with our resources – which include our time, gifts and money – He also makes clear that it should be done from a willing and grateful heart, and not grudgingly. In II Corinthians 12:7, the Apostle Paul writes that "each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

But let's be honest; cheerful giving doesn't always come easy. We want to hold onto things. The story is told of a mother who wanted to teach her daughter a moral lesson: She gave the little girl a quarter and a dollar for church "Put whichever one you want in the collection plate and keep the other for yourself," she told the girl. When they were coming out of church, the mother asked her daughter which amount she had given. "Well," said the little girl, "I was going to give the dollar, but just before the collection the man in the pulpit said that we should all be cheerful givers. I knew I'd be a lot more cheerful if I gave the quarter, so I did."

I can certainly identify with this young child. I tend to want to hold on to what I have. There is good application here, in that our earthly riches only have real value when they are used to honor God. But I need to release my tight grip on these riches – whatever they may be. And when I do that; like a father with his child, God is pleased.

May 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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Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

Website: www.jccslc.net

Sushi Fundraiser Results

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the sushi sale that took the place of the annual Aki Matsuri. Although the sushi sale was planned late in the month, everyone jumped in to work together. Thanks to your time and efforts, the event was a success. The Lord's grace and fellowship that come out of the fundraisers is the biggest blessing of all!

\$2721.80 - Subtotal Sales
 10% Nichigo - \$272.18
 TOTAL to General Fund - \$2,449.62

Birthday List Update

The JCC birthday list needs to be updated. In order to make sure we have the correct information for everyone, please fill in your name and birthdate on the sheets that will be posted on the Fellowship Hall entrance bulletin board. The calendar sheets will be posted on **Sunday, October 9** and will be available to fill out until November 1. Or you may also send your birthday information to the JCC website e-mail at heraldeditor@gmail.com. Include month, date and year.

Changes Beyond Control

Just to remind Herald readers – the newsletter deadline is usually the last Sunday of each month for the following month. The issue is printed and mailed within two days, so that it arrives in most mailboxes that same week. However, every now and then, there is a last minute time change or event information that may change from when the information was initially submitted to the Herald. If there's a change, it is announced during worship service. If you happen to miss the announcement, we apologize; but it is difficult to communicate last changes in a newsletter that only comes out once a month.

That said, the November 2016 issue will have an early deadline for this one month only. Please submit all articles for the November Herald by **Sunday, October 23, 2016**.

Condolences

Our condolences to the Paige family; Greg's mother Rhea passed away on September 3, 2016. Services were held in Meridian, ID. Keep Greg, Karla and Zach in your prayers.



Stewardship

The annual Stewardship campaign begins this month. Watch your mail for the pledge card.

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 |
| Yoshiko Nakagama | Grace Matsumura | Grace Oshita |
| Jana Hansen | Toshiko Marse | Cristal Aoki |
| Frank Imai | Utako Aramaki | Lillian Nakamura |
| Wat Misaka | Larry Harada | Jessie Lamb |
| Susan Fukushima | Michael Darger | Mr. "C" |
| Kevin Turner | Keri Kramer | Finn Horve |
| Joanne Nakaya | Barbara Woody | Chris Tabata Lund |
| Paige Family | | |

Operation Christmas Child

It's time again to begin filling a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child to demonstrate God's love to needy children around the world. JCC will have shoeboxes available on **Sunday, October 9th**. Come and pick up one or two for your family to fill. They will be due back to the church on Sunday, November 13.



Gift suggestions for your box include:

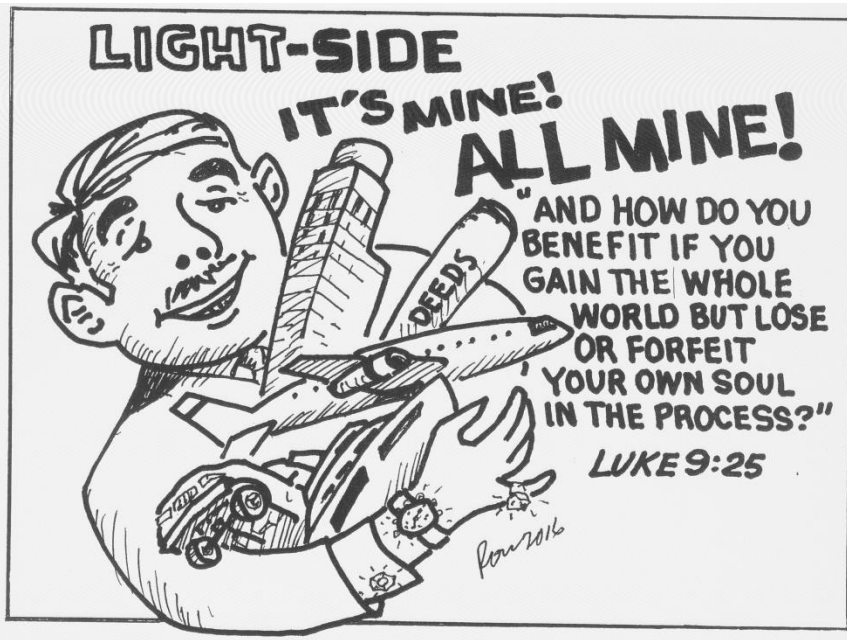
- TOYS - items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, etc.
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- HYGIENE ITEMS - toothbrush, soap (put in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc. OTHER - t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries.

PERSONAL NOTE - You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jeanette Misaka, who was awarded The Imperial Order of the Rising Sun Gold and Silver Rays from the Japanese Consulate.



Thank You!

Thank you to Stephanie and Gary Nakao for organizing the Flu Shot day on September 11 and for providing lunch for the church family and nursing staff. We appreciate Stephanie for arranging this service early every fall, so we are prepared when flu season hits!

Reminder -Reserve the Date for Nichigo Retreat

The annual Nichigo retreat with Reverend Fujii and his wife Kayoko will be held on **November 12 and 13, 2016** this year. Reverend Fujii will also be the worship service guest speaker.

For Sale

Salena Echols has an electric keyboard (piano scale) with stand and seat for sale. \$300 for all. For more information, contact Salena at (801) 791-1793 or Salucky9@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Community Events

- **Saturday, October 1:** Food Bazaar, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 West 100 South
- **Saturday, October 8:** Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by Mount Olympus JA CL chapter, at Dai Ichi Ward, 1900 South 900 East, noon.

October Birthdays

- 1 Tyler Crouse
- 5 Carter Titmus
- 6 Chiyoko Chiba
- 8 Emma Rose Hashimoto
- 9 Misako Bowker
- 11 Victor Homma
- 16 Matt Miya
- 18 Jerry Mori
- 22 Alan Shino
- 23 Doug Murakami
- 26 Mike Erlacher
- 29 Lauryn Erlacher
- Mike Homma

October 2016 - Worship Service Participants

	October 2	October 9	October 16	Music Worship October 23	October 30
Liturgist	Greg Paige	Ron Nishijima	Hiro Iwasaki	Steve Fukumitsu	Rick Aoki
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose	E) Chris Lund J) Yeiko Homma	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Toshiko Marse	E) Zach Paige J) Shigeko Ota
Greeter	Keiko Mori	Dorthie Conway	Mary Tabata	Sadie Yoshimura	Betty Murakami
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Jan Aramaki Karen Okawa	Karen Okawa Lorraine Crouse	Lorraine Crouse Ron Nishijima	Doug Murakami Karla Paige
Songs of Praise	Brian Itliong	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	Brian Itliong
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Yas Iwamoto	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima
Offeratory Music	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Yas Iwamoto	Nichigo	Allyn Nakashima
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	Tyler Uyeda	TBD
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Betty Kubota Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Tosh Nakaya	Paul DeRose	Tosh Nakaya	Paul DeRose	Tosh Nakaya

JCC October 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Communion Sunday, 10:30am	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4	5	6	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm	8 -Parking; Maroon 5, 7:30pm
9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11	12	13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm	15
16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	19	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm	22
23 -Music Worship, 10:30am -Herald Deadline	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25	26	27 -Session Meeting, 6pm	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29
30	31 HALLOWEEN					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 9/25/16.

For building use information, go to www.jccslc.net, Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

Tribute to Judge Raymond Uno

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, a luncheon was held for Judge Raymond S. Uno in recognition and appreciation for his life-long dedicated service to our community. An over-capacity crowd gathered at the Cottonwood Country Club to honor Raymond – who was totally surprised as he made his entrance in the banquet room. A special presentation was made by Gregory C. Thompson, Associate Dean of the J. Willard Marriott Library Special Collections and Lorraine Crouse, archivist for Special Collections. It was announced that a Legacy Lecture and Scholarship Series will be established in Raymond's name with Ray as the guiding force for this annual event. Ray continues to represent the Nikkei community and is a strong role model for our youth. Congratulations!



Raymond Uno (center) flanked by JCC guests. Front - Karen Okawa, Paul DeRose; rear - Karla, Greg and Zach Paige.

Church Women United Event

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

- When: **Friday, November 4, 2016** (1st Friday)
- Time: Morning (9:30 - 1:00, including lunch)
- Where: Cathedral Church of St. Mark (Episcopal) 231 East First South, SLC
- Theme: "Gathering at God's Table - Sharing Gifts at the Table" Keynote Speaker: TBA
- Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00 (Please note \$1 increase in lunch cost.) Lunch RSVP: To Phyllis Allen at 801-298-7197 by **Monday, October 31, 2016.**

Community Outreach: "World Community Bazaar" (Christmas Shopping Opportunity)

- Rural Africa Crafts - Bolga baskets woven by indigeneous people in Northern Ghana)
- Bead for Life - Handmade jewelry, shea butter products and more by women in Uganda
- The Vietnam Project - Vietnamese products to benefit overseas communities
- Fair Trade Coffee
- Free-will Offering: Used for CWU National Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United"

More Thanks!

Thank you, to the women who helped make the "inari" and the spam "musubis" for the celebration honoring Judge Uno: Jan Aramaki, Lorraine Crouse, Yeiko Homma, Jani Iwamoto, Yas Iwamoto, Elizabeth Hirose, Elaine Iwasaki, Wilma Kimura, Jean Kobayashi, Betty Kubota, Jeanette Misaka, Hiroko Mitarai, Julie Mori, Betty Murakami, Yeiko Nagata, Karen Okawa, Yuri Uyeda.



Betty Kubota, Yeiko Nagata, Wilma Kimura and Yuri Uyeda stuff "football" sushi for Uno event.



Jan Aramaki works happily in the kitchen during sushi prep.

Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse