

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.

Easter Crafts

Karla Paige will show us some new ideas for
Easter treats and cards.

Sunday, April 9, 2016
After worship service
Materials fee: \$5.00

Signup sheet on Fellowship Hall bulletin board



Easter Breakfast

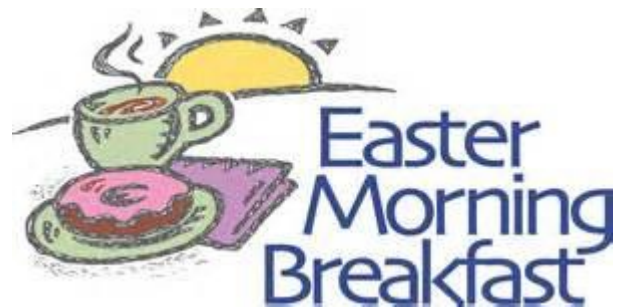
Join us for the traditional Easter breakfast
hosted by the Men's Fellowship – then off to
worship service!

Sunday, April 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5.00

Children 6 and under are free.



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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A monthly publication of the Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake City, UT.

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Clerk of Session: Greg Paige

Session

Julee Mori, Finance
 Hiro Iwasaki, Stewardship
 Greg Paige, Personnel, Education
 Pauline Vosburgh
 Allyn Nakashima

Deacons

Misako Bowker, Miki Harada, Dorthie Conway, Lorraine Crouse, Toshiko Marse, Elaine Iwasaki

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

Website: www.jccslc.net

Mount Hermon Applicants

The following individuals have submitted registration forms to attend Mount Hermon: (some are still awaiting confirmation)

- Yeiko Homma
- Elise Mori (cabin leader)
- Elizabeth Ward
- Tyler Uyeda
- Carson Kawabata

Please keep these applicants in your prayers that all will be able to attend the conference this year. The JEMS camp is always filled every year and all who attend return home having shared experiences, praying and learning.

New Officers Installed

New officers of the JCC for the term 2017 to 2020 were installed on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Session: Julee Mori (2 year term), Pauline Vosburgh, Allyn Nakashima

Deacons: Elaine Iwasaki (1 year term), Lorraine Crouse

Board of Trustees: Gary Nakao (2nd term), Karla Paige

Nominating Committee: Ron Nishijima (2nd term), Yas Iwamoto (2nd term)

We are thankful for these individuals and their willingness to serve as the JCC leadership. There are still open positions on the Session and Deacons. If you can serve in one of these areas, contact Session.

Kizuna Culture

Kizuna's mission is to educate and empower future generations about their Japanese American culture and heritage through workshops and interactive activities. The organization, based in Los Angeles, will be coming to Salt Lake City on the weekend of May 19 and 20.



Friday, May 19: *Cultural Values and Leadership Workshop* (ages 17-22). This workshop explores how Japanese American cultural values influence and enhance our ability to be a leader. 6 to 9:30 p.m. Dinner provided.

Saturday, May 20: *Mochi Making Workshop* (ages 7 to junior high). Learn to make mochi (rice cakes) and share the important cultural lessons of this annual New Year's tradition. 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$25 per child. Lunch provided.

For more information on these workshops or to register, go to: www.kizuna-la.org/salt-lake

Spread the word to any friends and relatives with children interested in learning more about Japanese culture and traditions. We are trying to get a preliminary head count this month. If you have questions, contact Julee or Elise Mori.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Saeko Nakashima	Joy Hashimoto	Chris Miya
Susan Rosvall Miki	Betty Murakami	Marie Matsukawa
Harada Yoshiko	Grace Matsumura	Grace Oshita
Nakagama Jana	Toshiko Marse	Cristal Aoki
Hansen	Utako Aramaki	Lillian Nakamura
Frank Imai	Larry Harada	Jessie Lamb
Wat Misaka	Keri Kramer	Mr. "C"
Susan Fukushima	Chris Tabata Lund	Dan Crouse
Steve Fukushima	Michael Darger	Aramaki Family

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Finn Horve, who passed away at the end of March. Please remember Diane and the Aramaki family in your prayers.



Easter 2017

We are quickly approaching the time of year in which we formally celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To be sure, it is a special occasion as we take time to reflect on the magnificent sacrifice of the Lord Jesus on behalf of sinful humans everywhere, and His glorious triumph over death.

As I read through Luke’s account of our Lord’s post mortem appearance, I am struck by his honest reporting of the initial reactions of the disciples. They are startled and afraid, thinking they were seeing a ghost. Their doubt however, soon gives way to joy and amazement. It had to be the most extraordinary moment of their collective lives: their friend who had just been violently murdered had accomplished what no other person in history had been able to do – conquer death.

They knew at this moment, what millions of souls through the last two millennia have discovered: Jesus Christ is the Son of God come to save the world from their sin. This truth served as unbreakable motivation for the disciples as they would turn the world upside down by sharing the good news of their Lord and Savior everywhere they went.

As we take time over the next few weeks to remember this extraordinary event, my prayer is that we will not only be overcome with joy and gratitude at what God has done for us, but that we would, like the disciples of Jesus, be motivated to share this good news with others.

May God strengthen and bless you this Easter season.

Pastor Brad

Holy Week Activities

Sunday, April 9: *Palm Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. Palm Frond Procession*

- Sunday School activity – coloring Easter eggs

Thursday, April 13: *Maundy Thursday Communion Service and Seder Meal, 6:00 p.m.*

Friday, April 14: *Good Friday* (no special activities)

Sunday, April 16: *Easter Sunday*

- Easter Breakfast, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
- Easter Group Photo (in front of chapel, immediately following worship service)
- Coffee Fellowship

Maundy Thursday

The Communion Service will begin at **6:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 13**, with the Seder Meal to follow. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper. Maundy refers to the commands that Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper – to love with humility by serving on another and to remember his sacrifice.

A signup sheet for bringing items for the Seder Meal and attendance will be posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.



April 2017 - Worship Service Participants

	April 2	Palm Sunday April 9	Easter Sunday April 16	Music Worship April 23	April 30
Liturgist	Steve Fukumitsu	Ron Nishijima	Greg Paige	Julee Mori	Hiro Iwasaki
Scripture Readers	E) Jan Aramaki J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Alex Okawa J) Toshiko Marse	E) Zach Paige J) Shigeko Ota	E) Elise Mori J) Misako Bowker	E) Laura Olson J) Yoko DeRose
Greeter	Saeko Nakashima	Dorthie Conway	Karla Paige	Wilma Kimura	Betty Morishita
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota	Doug Murakami Karen Okawa	Lorraine Crouse Dorthie Conway	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh
Songs of Praise	---	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	
Organist/Pianist	Yas Iwamoto	Elizabeth Ward	Yoko DeRose	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima
Offeratory Music	Yas Iwamoto	Elizabeth Ward Elise Mori	JCC Choir Nichigo Choir	Nichigo Choir	Allyn Nakashima
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
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JCC April 2017 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Communion, 10:30 am	3	4 -Basketball Over 30, 8:00 pm -Parking, Jazz vs Trailblazers, 8:30 pm	5	6 -Basketball Under 30, 8pm	7 -Parking, Jazz vs Timberwolves, 7pm	8
9 PALM SUNDAY -Parking, Neil Diamond, 8pm	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11	12 -Parking, Jazz vs Spurs, 8:30 pm	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY -Service, 6:00 pm -Basketball, Under 30, 6pm	14 GOOD FRIDAY -Taiko practice, 6pm	15
16 EASTER SUNDAY -Breakfast 8-10 am -Worship Service 10:30 am	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	19	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Softball starts	22
23 -Lake Tahoe Chili Donburi Fundraiser, after worship	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25 -Basketball Over 30, 6:00 pm	26	27 -Basketball Under 30, 9pm	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29 -Mini Matsuri concert
30 -Herald Deadline, noon						

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 3/26/17.

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

Chili Donburi Fundraiser

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

Mark **Sunday, April 23** for the **Lake Tahoe Retreat Chili Donburi Fundraiser**. Chili over rice will be served for \$6 a bowl or donation, after worship service.

The event is in memory of "Doc" Shig Matsukawa who was instrumental in generating funds to give attendees the opportunity to attend the Lake Tahoe retreat and experience a path of spiritual enrichment. God bless Doc for his efforts to lead us closer to God.

If you are interested in attending the conference this year, contact **Jan Aramaki at mcj925@gmail.com**. Information is also posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Mini Matsuri Concert

Nihon Matsuri was postponed this year, but a "Mini Matsuri" program will be held at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple on **Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** The concert will include our own **Kenshin Taiko**, as well as Ogden Buddhist Taiko Group, Okinawa Kenjinkai dancers, Hanagasa, Kohaku and Wasatch Koto group. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

Bento box dinners will be sold on a pre-order basis for \$10.00. The bento sales are co-sponsored by the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and JCC as a fundraiser.

For concert tickets or bento box orders, contact **Jan Aramaki** at mcj925@gmail.com or (801) 718-2006.

JCC Basketball Season Starting

The JCC basketball season begins soon! There are two teams – Under 30 and Over 30. All games are held at Southeast Christian Church, 1881 East Vine Street.

April games include:

- Tuesday, April 4 Over 30 8:00 p.m.
vs. Zion Lutheran
- Thursday, April 6 Under 30 8:00 p.m.
vs. Capital Church 1
- Tuesday, April 11 Under 30 6:00 p.m.
vs. Southeast
- Tuesday, April 25 Over 30 6:00 p.m.
vs. Adventure
- Thursday, April 27 Under 30 9:00 p.m.
vs. Evangelical Free

See the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for the full schedule.

Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration 2017

When: Friday, May 5, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m. registration; 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Program and Lunch

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
8575 South 700 East, SLC, UT

Theme: Kindling New Fires – Kindling New Fires of Love

Annual FLC: Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering/Dedication

Potential Speakers: Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Recipients

Registration: \$1.00, Lunch: \$5.00

Community Outreach: The CWU Esther Williams Scholarship Fund

Make check payable to Church Women United and note "Scholarship Fund."

Offering: Used for CWU Local, State and National Programs

Lunch RSVP: Phyllis Allen (801) 298-7197 by Monday, May 1.

Or How About Softball?

Submitted by Dani Murakami

The JCC co-ed softball season begins the week of April 21. Please let us know if you are interested in playing this year.

Season begins – Friday, April 21, 2017

Game nights – Friday

Practices – will follow up with players

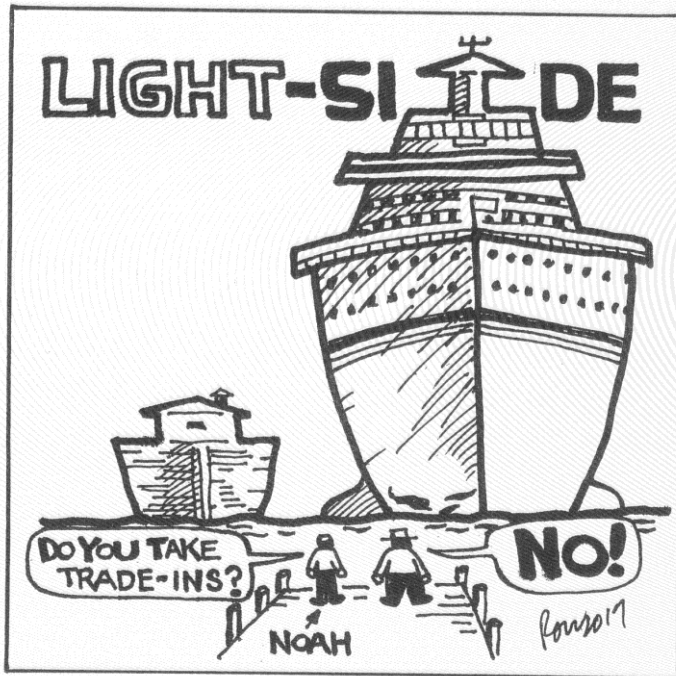
Game Location: West Valley City Recreation Center
5415 West 3100 South
West Valley City, UT

Fee: \$35.00 per player – (team fee \$425.00). Please bring player fees to first practice as payment is due April 8. Please let us know if you are interested in playing softball this year.

Doug Murakami 801-580-8404

Dani Murakami 801-860-2557

Looking forward to the softball season!



Business Honorees

Submitted by Donna Goeller

Mike and Mary Homma were honored to be on the cover of the January 2017 Small Business Today Magazine. There was a gala held in their honor in Houston, TX on January 26, 2017. Mike's mom, Yeiko Homma and Jeremy Goeller, his nephew, flew to Texas to help them celebrate their achievement.

The magazine article stated how Mike and Mary, a husband and wife team, came to own and run GAP Engineering, Inspections, and Construction, a successful business. It talked about their diverse upbringing. Mike coming from a small Japanese business family that overcame many hardships due to WWII, who as a child always was interested in computers, math, and science. He was always inventing businesses or figuring out what he could to earn money. He was always encouraged by his family to follow his passion and dream big. It has served him well.

Mary came from a family of 15 children - the 2nd to the last child. Her parents instilled in her a love of culture, great spirit, and the importance of Sundance. She wanted to better herself, so she started working at the age of 14. It was at this tender age, she realized that with hard work, she could be successful.

Mike has had to overcome many pitfalls and obstacles in his career. Through perseverance and ingenuity, it has made him the successful business man he is today. The article also stated how hard it is to be a husband and wife team running a business together, but focused as to why it works for them. They have learned many things by running a successful business together. You must keep changing and keep up with the flow of your business. They have had their ups and downs, but at the end of the day, they are husband and wife first. Mary says, "You must have loyalty, honesty, and transparency are all crucial to making it all work." The article ends by saying, "One thing remains certain: together they are a powerful duo committed to filling the Gaps through innovation."

Congratulations Mike and Mary on a job well done!

Our Own Music Man

Tyler Uyeda had a main role in Evergreen Junior High School's musical production of the Music Man last month. The production was attended by family and friends of the JCC. The Lord has blessed us with such talented young people!



Tyler with his aunts, Dianne Uno and Janice Oike

Acknowledgement

Last month Toshiko Marse sold some Japanese candies, of which proceeds were donated to the Deacons organization. A special thanks to Laura Olson for her generosity.



Mary and Mike Homma. Photo: Small Business Today