

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## **Worship Schedule:**

Adult and Nichigo Bible Study  
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

## **Pastor's Message**

**November 2017**

In the midst of our study of the gospel of Luke, we have spent the last few chapters working through some particularly difficult passages; difficult because Jesus issues some strong and somewhat controversial statements regarding what it means to be a follower of His. You see, on one hand the writers of the new Testament make it very clear that salvation is based solely upon one placing their trust in Jesus and His sacrificial death on the cross – that's it; and it is wonderful news! On the other hand, Jesus says in Luke 12:16 that the one who becomes consumed with earthly treasures is in danger of losing his soul. In Luke 13:24, our Lord teaches that salvation is alike a narrow gate, from which many thought they were saved will be turned away. And in Chapter 14; would be followers of Jesus are told they must hate their own life in order to be His disciple.

This sounds like Jesus is placing some additional conditions upon the person who believes in Him. However, upon closer examination the careful reader will discover that these two aspects of discipleship (trusting in Jesus and a life of commitment to Him) are two sides of the salvific coin. What Jesus was trying to impress upon the crowds who followed Him, was that a genuine belief or trust in Him includes a giving up of our self. In other words, I must stop trusting in my own sense of "goodness" in order to earn God's favor. Moreover, I let go of and learn to hate the sin that has been controlling my life- this doesn't mean I stop sinning altogether (because I cannot), but rather I allow Jesus to set the rules of my behavior. I give up my claim to myself and control over all I do and invite Jesus to guide me.

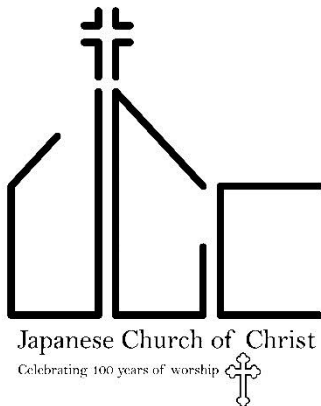
Of course there is not enough space to fully cover this topic. Hopefully you can be assured that salvation comes to those who refuse to trust in themselves and instead place their faith in Jesus.

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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- Pauline Vosburgh, Worship
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**Daylight Savings Time**

Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday evening, November 4 before you go to bed. Spring forward, but FALL BACK. Or you will be an hour early for service on Sunday!



**Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be served! Turkey and trimmings! Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share! A signup sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of fellowship and food and express our thankfulness for the many blessings we have received this year.



**Mochi Time**

Tentative dates for making mochi will be on two Saturdays in December - **December 9 and 16**. However, there is a maximum production per day of 140 pounds. There will be an order sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the Fellowship Hall kitchen by November 11. We always sell out, so please sign up early; or orders will be put on a wait list. We also need volunteers to help shape, cool, brush, weigh and package the mochi cakes on both dates. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board as well.



**Stewardship Reminder**

If you have not yet turned in your Stewardship pledge card, you may send it in or turn it in during worship service in the offering bag. If you have turned in the card, thank you so much. Pledges help us to determine the budget for next year.

**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Utako Aramaki, 94, who passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 7, 2017. Utako was a faithful member of JCC and served the church in many capacities; coffee fellowship, the soup kitchen, deacons. She will always be remembered for her generosity and kindness and her bright smile. She will be missed. Services were held at the JCC on October 21. Keep Diane, Kathy, Jan, Mark and Lynne in your prayers.

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Jana Hansen       | Mas Horiuchi    | Mr. "C"          |
| Larry Harada      | Chris Miya      | Miki Harada      |
| Misaka family     | Cristal Aoki    | Yoshimura family |
| Sarah and Malachi | Grace Matsumura | Kai Ronning      |
| Toshiko Marse     | Susan Fukushima | Steve Fukushima  |
| Aramaki family    |                 |                  |



**Operation Christmas Child**

Remember, the Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back on **Sunday, November 12.**



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

Also remember this year – NO candy or toothpaste. (Toothbrushes are always needed though!)

Shipping for the boxes is \$9 per box. Checks are payable to Operation Christmas Child.

**Class is in Session**

- Pastor Brad will be starting a "Couples Class" on **Sunday, November 19** beginning at 9:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Brad for more information.
- Tomoko Moses is teaching a free beginning conversational Japanese class after worship service from 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Sunday. Contact Laura or Tomoko for more information. Textbook cost is \$17.00.

**Directory Update Reminder**

The JCC address/phone/email directory is going to be updated. If you have a change to your contact information or would like to have your name added to the directory, contact **Pat Price at patp1406@gmail.com**. Please submit any changes by November 12.

**Agape Christmas Luncheon**

Mark your calendars - the annual Agape Christmas luncheon will be held on **December 10**. The location is still TBD; check next month's Herald for information. A signup sheet will be posted soon.

**Missing Something?**

Check your closets at home – now that the weather is turning cooler, are you missing a jacket, coat or sweater? If so, please check the rack in the front of the Fellowship Hall. There are a number of unclaimed articles of clothing that have been there for some time.

**Youth News**

The youth group will be participating in the Holiday Boutique at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple during the weekend of November 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday. As a fundraiser for Mount Hermon and other activities, they will be selling craft items and "Out of the Box" teriyaki sauce, made by Jerry Mori. If you wish to pre-order a bottle of sauce, contact Elise Mori. The cost is \$6 for a pint jar.

**2018 Budget Requests?**

If you have any budget requests for next year, please contact Julee Mori, so that the budget committee can allocate funds for 2018. Turn in your request by Sunday, November 5.

**Welcome Back**

*Submitted by Hiro Iwasaki*

Sharing the good news that Gordon Hashimoto is again in charge of the care of Salt Lake County's beautiful Japanese Garden that is adjacent to our church. Gordon is the designer and developer of this garden under the auspices of the county. Notice the change in the months ahead as he does his magic in the garden! (Interestingly, he learned these skills long ago from his father.)

**Church Women United**

Remember the Church Women United luncheon on **Friday, November 3, 2017** at Community of Grace Presbyterian Church, 2015 E. Newcastle Drive at 9:30 a.m.

"Kindling New Fires – Kindling New Fires of Peace"  
 Registration: \$1.00 Lunch: \$5.00

## November 2017 - Worship Service Participants

	November 5	November 12	November 19	Music Worship November 26
<b>Liturgist</b>	Hiro Iwasaki	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Keiko Ikeda
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Carson Kawabata J) Toshiko Marse	E) Elise Mori J) Shigeko Ota	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Misako Bowker
<b>Greeter</b>	Karla Paige	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Allison Cheung Daniel Cheung	Mary Tabata Chris Lund	Al Kubota Karen Okawa
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	---	---	---	JCC Worship Band
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Greg Paige	Yoko DeRose	Yas Iwamoto	Misako Bowker
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>CommunionServers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	*	*	*	*
<b>Advent Candles</b>	---	---	---	Jan Aramaki, Matt Miya

\*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

## JCC November 2017 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	2	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	4 -Parking, Harlem Globetrotters, 2 and 7 pm
5 Communion, 10:30 am -Parking, Britt Nicole Concert, 7pm	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	8	9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	11 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	14	15	16 -Disney on Ice, 7pm	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Disney on Ice, 7pm	18 -Disney on Ice, 11am, 3 and 7pm
19 -Disney on Ice, 1pm -Thanksgiving Dinner	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup, 11:15am -Parking, Trans- Siberian, 4,8pm	22 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	23 THANKSGIVING	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Katy Perry, 7:30pm	25 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
26 -Herald Deadline, noon	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm	28 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	29 -Parking, Billy Joel, 8pm	30 -Centennial Planning Meeting, 6pm		

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 10/29/17.

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

## November Community Events

**Saturday, November 4, 2017** – Documentary film “Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice.” 1:00 p.m. at College of Social Work Auditorium, University of Utah, screening and panel discussion. Free to the public.

**Saturday, November 11, 2017** – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon sponsored by National JAACL Credit Union at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, noon.

**Saturday, November 18** (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and **Sunday, November 19** (11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) – Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique, 211 West 100 South. Craft items, food.

**Centennial Update**

The JCC will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in August 2018 and a committee is in place to plan events for this milestone. The core committee members are: Jan Aramaki, Lorraine Crouse, Donna Davis, Eunice Griffin, Jani Iwamoto, Shar Kiuahara, Julee Mori, Karen Okawa and Laura Olson.

Each month, we will keep you posted on upcoming events – last month we announced that a Centennial luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 and special worship service and luncheon on Sunday, August 26, 2018. Mark those dates in your calendar!

Along with those events, there will be other activities and displays so that we can celebrate all year long! Some events to keep in mind include a family bowling activity on June 2, photo directory session in March.

We are also publishing a JCC Centennial Book and we really need photographs from the last 25 years! Dig through your old albums and if you have photos of the JCC and members, please submit them! We need them sooner than later though – so if you can turn in your photos by the end of this month; it would be appreciated. (We will scan the photos and return the originals to you.) Contact any of the committee members listed above.

**Slide Show History**

Dennis Kuba, who now resides in California passed through Salt Lake City on Sunday, October 1 and presented a slide show of old photographs of Salt Lake’s Japantown from the 1920’s. Mr. Kuba’s family once owned a photography store called Maruman’s on First South and the collection of photos will be scanned as part of a collection at the Marriott Library.



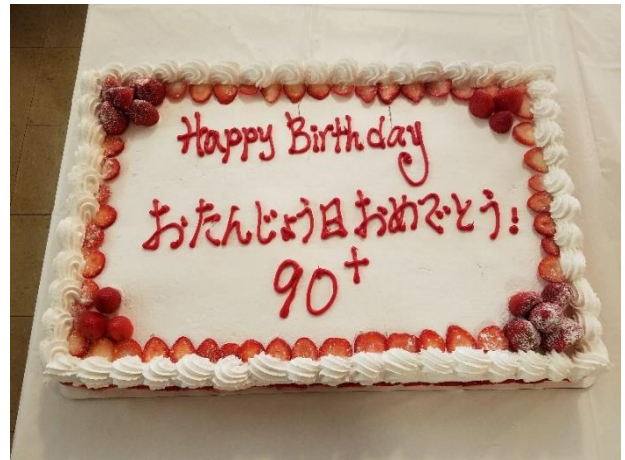
Dennis Kuba and Lorraine Crouse

**Youth Harvest Fundraiser**

On Sunday, October 29, the youth group held a Harvest Party fundraiser, selling sloppy joes, hot dogs, chips and desserts. Thanks to Stephanie Mori-Nakao for organizing the event and thanks to everyone for your generous donations. Proceeds will help fund transportation to the Mount Hermon Conference.

**90 Plus Club**

During worship service on Sunday, October 22, those that turned 90 were recognized – Dorthie Conway, Mas Horiuchi, Bev Kikuchi, Betty Morishita, Toy Shimizu, Mary Tabata, Sadie Yoshimura and Mary Aoki. Thanks to Misako Bowker for baking the beautiful cake to celebrate the occasion!



Happy Birthday 90+ers! Photo courtesy: Allyn Nakashima

**Other Agape News**

Thanks to John Hagio for his annual donation of Hachiya persimmons to the congregation. Please send him a thank you if you were one of the lucky recipients of his delicious persimmons!

We have a limited amount of cookbooks remaining. There is some interest in reprinting the cookbook, but we would need to have orders for at least 75 copies to make it worthwhile. Please sign up if you wish to purchase or order cookbooks.

**Church Women United Events:**

- Advent Silver Tea, Saturday, December 2, 2017, St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 1375 E. Spring Lane, 10 to noon service; 1 p.m. Tea
- Mountain Vista United Methodist Church Holiday Boutique, 8931 So. 3200 W. West Jordan, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 4, 9 to 3.
- Centenary United Methodist Church Annual Bazaar, 1740 So. 5<sup>th</sup> East, Nov. 11, 10 to 3.



Betty Morishita, Saeko Nakashima, Shigeko Ota, Sadie Yoshimura and Akiko Oki