

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.

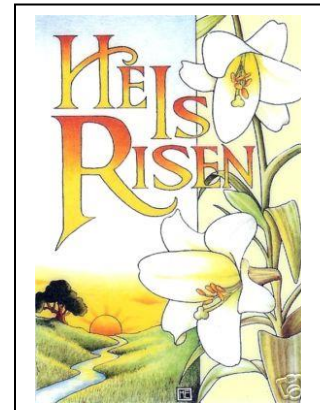
EASTER 2018 EVENTS

Thursday, March 29, 2018:

- Maundy Thursday Service and Seder Meal –6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 1, 2018:

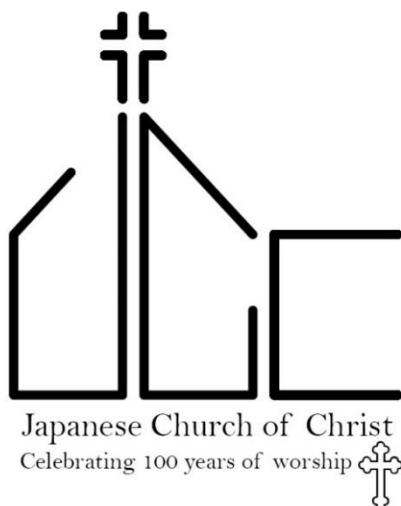
- Easter Breakfast – 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. \$5
- Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.
- Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
- Annual Easter Photo – immediately following worship service
- Coffee Fellowship – following Easter photo



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
- Greg Paige, Personnel, Education
- Pauline Vosburgh, Worship
- Yoko DeRose, Nichigo
- Keiko Ikeda
- Patricia Arakaki Price, Membership
- Allyn Nakashima
- Steve Fukumitsu/Lorraine Crouse

Deacons

- Elaine Iwasaki, Misako Bowker, Miki Harada, Wilma Kimura, Dorthie Conway, Jan Aramaki

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

Website: www.jccslc.net

Lifetouch Photo Directory



Our 2018 Lifetouch Photo Church Directory will be available in August. It will contain pictures of our friends and family along with an address directory. If you participated in the photo sessions, you will receive **one** directory free of charge per appointment. Additional copies of the photo directory will also be available for purchase for **\$5.00** each (plus postage) and will be available during the Centennial weekend.

If you are interested in purchasing a directory, please contact **Patty Price at (801)-556-1484 or at patp1406@gmail.com** before August 1st.

Nihon Matsuri

Nihon Matsuri is right around the corner! The JCC is planning to have a food booth selling manju, sushi, onigiri, and mini mochi. If you can help with food preparation on **Friday, April 27**, please let **Laura Olson (801) 755-1706 or Jan Aramaki (801) 718-2006** know.

We are also looking for volunteers to help the day of the festival. Join the fellowship and we always love having be a part of this event! Students, if you are looking for volunteer hours for school, we can help you out ;) In addition, Nihon Matsuri is looking for volunteers, please tell your friends to go to: **www.nihonmatsuri.com** to sign up.

See the flyer on page 6 of this newsletter. Make copies and distribute to your contact lists!

Mount Hermon Update

Mount Hermon is scheduled for July 1 through July 7, 2018. We have two people attending this year who have been confirmed: Yeiko Homma and Donna Homma Goeller.

If anyone else has registered and received confirmation on registration through JEMS, please let **Julee Mori at juleemori1@gmail.com** know as soon as possible so that flight arrangements can be made.

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Yucie Nakagama who passed away on March 21, 2018. Yucie was the sister of Frank Imai.

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 |
| Toshiko Marse | Grace Matsumura | Wat Misaka |
| Pastor Hanabusa | Susan Fukushima | Kai Ronning |
| Yolie LaFontaine | Steve Fukushima | Marie Matsukawa |
| Nakagama family | Kay Nakashima | |

Easter Message

My Easter sermon this year is taken from Luke 24:1-12. It is always a challenge to bring a fresh message for this particular event because it seems as if pastors have explored every possible homiletical angle over the years. However, one particular verse caught my attention as I read through chapter 24, because it shines a light on contemporary attitudes. You see, after Jesus' death no one really expected Him to rise from the grave. Sure, there were some that held out a small sliver of hope; but even in their minds a resurrection was unrealistic. As the women disciples share the news of the empty tomb, Luke tells us in verse 12 that the other disciples scoffed at the report, refusing to believe it.



⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

Unfortunately that is the response of many people two thousand years later. "Jesus rising from the dead? Ridiculous!" But is it really? Is it something we can reject out of hand without ever exploring the facts surrounding the resurrection event? My sincere hope and prayer is that on Sunday, April 1, there will be many people from all over the world who will leave their respective Sunday morning services with a willingness to seriously consider the outrageous: the claim that Jesus of Nazareth truly did conquer death in order bring forgiveness and eternal life to all of humanity.

He Is Risen Indeed

Pastor Brad

Centennial Updates



Congratulatory Greetings

Thanks to all who have submitted greetings to commemorate this milestone anniversary. If you would like to have a greeting or an "In Memory of" salutation included in the 100 Anniversary Centennial book, send your greeting to jccherald@gmail.com or contact Julee Mori at juleemori1@gmail.com. Small personal greetings are \$25, large greetings are \$45. Corporate or non-profit greetings are \$110.

GREETINGS SUBMISSION DATE
May 10, 2018

Thank you to those who have made donations to the Centennial; your generosity is very much appreciated.

Commemorative Book

The Centennial Commemorative Book is now in the works and will be printed in time for the August celebration. The price of the hardbound book is \$50.00 (same price as the 75th Anniversary book) and will include both black and white and full color photos. Pre orders are now being taken – contact Patty Price at **at (801)-556-1484** or **patp1406@gmail.com** to reserve your copy.

Origami Cranes

For those that took home origami paper to fold cranes for the Senbazuru (1000 Crane picture), please have the folded cranes returned to Karen Okawa by **May 1**. Thanks!

April 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	Easter Sunday April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Liturgist	Lynne Crabb	Hiro Iwasaki	Jan Aramaki	Steve Fukumitsu	Laura Olson
Scripture Readers	E) Karen Okawa J) Misako Bowker	E) Alison Cheung J) Yoko DeRose	E) Zach Paige J) Yeiko Homma	E) Patty Price J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Elise Mori J) Toshiko Marse
Greeter	Mary Tabata	TBD	Karla Paige	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Karen Okawa	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	Doug Murakami Al Kubota	Steve Fukumitsu Betty Kubota
Songs of Praise	---	---	---	---	---
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Greg Paige	Greg Paige	Grace Shiba	Yas Iwamoto
Offeratory Music					
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Betty Kubota Laura Olson	---		---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Locked	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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

April Community Events

- **Saturday, April 7, 2018 – Mount Olympus JAFL Fundarama**, scholarship fundraiser. Sushi, manju, bake sale begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Pre register for dinner tickets - \$12, at the door - \$15. Contact Sadie Yoshimura or Lynne Crabbe (eiggam03@yahoo.com) to make reservations.
- **Thursday, April 26, 2018 - Raymond Uno Legacy Dinner**, Cottonwood Country Club. Dinner buffet, \$75. Guest speaker, Dale Minami. Contact Jani Iwamoto-Fukumitsu or Lorraine Crouse.
- **Saturday, April 28, 2018 – Nihon Matsuri Festival**. See flyer on Page 6 of this newsletter.

JCC April 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -EASTER SUNDAY Breakfast, 8:30 am Service, 10:30 am	2	3 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	4	5 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Toby Keith Concert, 7pm	7
8 -Japanese class, 12:30pm	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm	10 -Session Meeting, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	11	12 -Parking, Justin Timberlake Concert, 7pm	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Judas Priest Concert, 7pm	14
15 -Japanese class, 12:30pm	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm	17 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	18	19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21
22 -Japanese class, 12:30pm	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24	25	26	27 -Nihon Matsuri Prep, 8 am to 7 pm	28 NIHON MATSURI -Herald Deadline
29 -Japanese class, 12:30pm	30					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 3/25/18.

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

Church Clean Up Recap

Submitted by Steve Fukumitsu

Thank you to so many of you who came to assist with the Church Clean Up on March 17th. We had a great showing of about 25 people who came to help - even with the rain and snow.

A special thanks to the Kachin and Tongan congregations who contributed a full morning of efforts to clean both the chapel and education hall. There were several loads of trash and some items were able to be recycled.

It was hard work, great fellowship and a good cleaning needed before Easter and to get ready for our 100th celebration

Church Women United Event

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the **Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration**

When: **Friday, May 4, 2018 (1st Friday)**

Time: 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00-1:00 Program Lunch

Where: **Location TBD (Volunteer Most Welcomed)**

Theme: **"Reaching for Wholeness – In Gratitude for God's Presence"**

Keynote Speaker: Gina Cornia, Executive Director, Utahns Against Hunger

Annual FLC: *Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering / Dedication*

Potential Speakers: Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Recipients, Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Make checks payable to "Church Women United" and note "Scholarship Fund"

Offering: Used for CWU Local, State, and National

Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: **Church Women United**

Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, April 30.

Visitor

It was nice to see a familiar face - Rita Inoway - at worship service on Sunday, March 25! She was in town from Portland, OR to see her grand-daughters perform in a program. Rita has been keeping busy traveling abroad and participating in local activities. So nice to see you!



Sadie Yoshimura, Yeiko Homma visit with Rita Inoway during coffee fellowship.

What Signals Spring for You?

Submitted by Doug Murakami

Crocuses blooming, daffodils, allergies, gardening? How about putting away the snowboard and breaking out the softball glove (subtle message to Frank Ujifusa!)? Yes, it's that time of the year to loosen up the arm and start swinging the bat. The JCC softball team's first game is **April 13th!** Come join in the fun!

Our games are Friday nights at the West Valley Fitness Center's softball diamonds, located at 5415 West 3100 South. We're looking forward to another great season and we're hoping to defend last year's title!

Contact **Doug or Dani Murakami at 801-860-2557** for more information.



Guest Speakers

During Pastor Kramer's sabbatical, three guest speakers stood at the pulpit during the month of March. Reverend Dave Rowe of the Vine Institute spoke on March 11, Reverend Jeff Silliman spoke on March 18, and Reverend Tipi Loma Pupua of the Tongan American Free Wesleyan Church spoke from the pulpit on March 25, Palm Sunday. The Tongan choir performed the offertory music; such beautiful voices!



Rev. Dave Rowe



Rev. Tipi Loma Pupua



The Tongan choir performs during Palm Sunday service. Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse



12TH ANNUAL
日本 **nihonmatsuri**
まつり JAPAN FESTIVAL SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

FREE ADMISSION
SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2018
10 AM TO 5 PM

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



FEATURING
FASHION SHOW

BY KIMONO SK, SUEKO OSHIMOTO

TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY KIMONO COSTUME DESIGNS

- Taiko Drum Performances
- Japanese Dancing
- Martial Arts Demonstrations
- 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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