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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

June 2018

As you know, most Japanese Americans who fought in World War II were Nisei, born in the United States to immigrant parents. Shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, Japanese-American men were initially categorized as 4C (enemy alien) and therefore not subject to the draft. On 19 February 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing military authorities to place citizens of Japanese ancestry in internment camps, effectively denying them their rights as American citizens.

Of course we know the rest of the story. When the opportunity arose, thousands of Nisei joined the war effort and distinguished themselves as loyal and courageous Americans. The 442nd becoming the most decorated regiment in that war. And through it all, not one Japanese/American was ever convicted of a crime against this country.

I'd like to share with you another type crime: The crime of ignorance. A crime of which I was guilty for the majority of my life. You see, prior to being called to serve as pastor of JCC in 2010, I had only a vague awareness of something called an internment camp. And I had no knowledge whatsoever of the role of Nisei in WWII. 51 years of ignorance. To make matters worse, it is an ignorance shared unfortunately by millions. I recall a conversation I had with a friend last year regarding the internment camps. He had the audacity to not quite excuse, but to rationalize order 9066 on the grounds of reasonable fear. At the end of, lets say my very animated response, my friend confessed to speaking out of ignorance. And that is the problem; the vast majority of Americans know nothing of the sacrifice and heroism of our Nisei brothers and sisters in that terrible war.

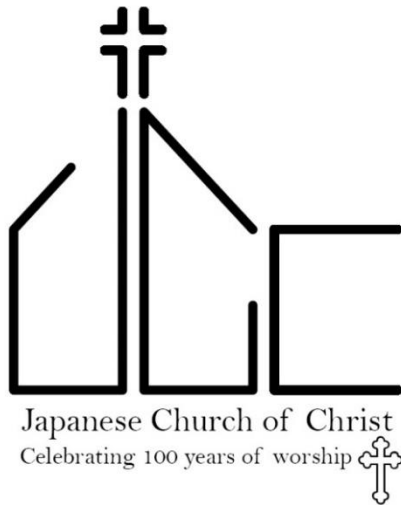
I was reading a retrospective on the movie The Karate Kid. There is a powerful scene featuring the WWII veteran Mr. Miyagi, where his service in the 442nd is highlighted. That was likely the first time Hollywood ever featured Nisei war service as part of a story line. The director Robert Kamen said this: "I thought it was important that the American public remember the Japanese were interned in this country during WWII, that these Nisei kids felt so patriotic that they had their own regiment, the 442nd, and won more medals of honor than any other in WWII."

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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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Ice Cream Sunday Graduate Recognition

Our high school and college graduates will be recognized during worship service on **Sunday, June 10** followed by the traditional "Ice Cream Sunday" during coffee fellowship.



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Ward**, who will be graduating from Bountiful High School. Come congratulate Elizabeth on her achievement and enjoy a sundae too!

Family Bowling Party

As an event leading up to the celebration of the JCC Centennial in August, a Family Bowling Party is planned!



Bowling has always been an important part of Nikkei social activities. Many congregation members participate in local leagues and the youth groups in the past used to go bowling as a fellowship event.

Sunday, June 24 - Bonwood Bowl, 2500 South Main Street - 1:00 p.m.

The cost is **\$6.00** for three games, including shoe rental! (Thanks to Chad at Bonwood Bowl for giving us this great rate!) There will be a set of bumper guard lanes available for the little ones too! This is not a tournament – so even if you don't bowl, please come; there's always a first time! Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship! There will also be trophies and prizes!

Since no outside food is allowed at the alleys, after worship service a light lunch of hot dogs and chips will be served for participants. Bring a change of clothes to change into after worship, and head to Bonwood after lunch.

A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, so we can get a head count on the number for lunch and lanes.

Condolences

We were saddened to hear the news that Gordon Hashimoto passed away last month at the age of 73. Gordon spent hours meticulously caring for the Japanese garden next to the church and Salt Palace transforming it into a beautiful section of greenery on our block. Our sympathy goes out to the Hashimoto family.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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
Kay Nakashima	David Marse	Saeko Nakashima

Softball Season In Full-Swing

Submitted by Doug Murakami

Midway through the softball season, the JCC's team record is a respectable 4 wins and 3 losses, with 3 games to go before the playoffs begin. Highlights include: multiple home runs by Zach Paige; an outstanding single-game performance by Brian Itliong (Brian is unable to finish the season due to summer classwork scheduling conflicts); and solid hitting from fan favorite Frank Ujifusa!

Following the Memorial Day break, games resume **June 1 with a doubleheader at 7:30 and 8:30**. Come join in the fun and support the team! The weather has been great...no mosquitoes yet!

Mount Hermon Attendees

This year, Yeiko Homma and her daughter Donna Homma-Goeller will be attending the Mount Hermon Conference next month.

Adult Bible Study Schedule

The adult bible study class has started the study of the book of Philippians, which will go for another 4 to 6 weeks. The class usually disbands for the summer in June, but this year will continue until the book is complete, then will take a break until September. Anyone is welcome to join the class – in the chapel at 9:30 a.m.

Remember to Save these Dates!

To celebrate the Centennial, we've planned activities in the next few months leading up to August. Please join us at all of these events!

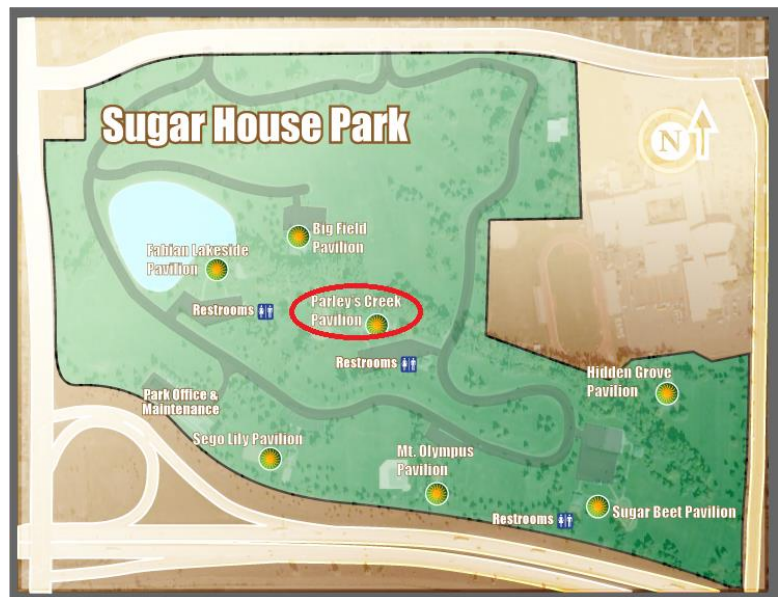
- **Sunday, June 24 – Family Bowling Party** (see article on page 2), 1:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 29 – Microwave Manju Class**, taught by Janice Oike, noon (more details to follow in July Herald) Learn a quick way to make manju hands on.
- **Saturday, August 25** – Luncheon at the Cottonwood Country Club. Detailed info to follow next month.
- **Sunday, August 26** – Special worship service, dedication and program.

Father's Day Picnic

The Annual Father's Day Picnic will be held on **June 17, 2018**, again at Sugarhouse Park at the **Parley's Creek Pavilion**, which is located in the center of the park, and convenient to parking, restrooms and playground. Worship service will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

A pot luck luncheon (please bring a dish to share) and bingo will follow.

To get to Parley's Creek Pavilion, enter the park from 2100 South and follow the one way direction road. 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.



Fistula Project

The Agape Women are working on the Fistula Project, where knitted and crochet blankets are provided for women in Africa who have undergone Fistula surgery.

Jean Kobayashi works with the Presbytery to get the blanket squares delivered by a doctor who visits Africa. If you want to knit or crochet (either is fine) some 11 x 11 squares (samples are hanging on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall), we will be distributing yarn at church on **Sunday, June 10**. (If you have unused yarn to donate, that's great too!) There will also be a signup sheet for those interested in hand tying baby quilts. Contact Jean at jeankobayashi@aol.com for more information.

Other Agape News

Thanks for helping us collect another gallon of Ronald McDonald pop tops.

Reminder: Please label and date all items left in all refrigerators and freezers.

June 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	June 3	June 10	Father's Day Picnic June 17	Music Worship June 24
Liturgist	Lynne Crabbe	Ron Nishijima	N/A	Steve Fukumitsu
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Carson Kawabata J) Toshiko Marse	E) N/A J) N/A	E) Elise Mori J) Shigeko Ota
Greeter	Karla Paige	Dorthie Conway	N/A	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	TBD	Al Kubota Jan Aramaki
Song of Praise	---	---	Brad Kramer	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Greg Paige	Elizabeth Ward	N/A	Grace Shiba
Offeratory Music	---	---	Victor Homma	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	---	---	---	---
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
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*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

JCC June Calendar

JCC June 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6pm	2
3 -Communion, 10:30 am -Centennial Comm. Mtg, noon	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm	5	6	7	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm	9
10 -Ice Cream Sunday, Graduate Recog, 10:30 am	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm	12	13	14 -	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm	16
17 FATHER'S DAY Picnic – Sugarhouse Park, 10:30 am	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	20	21	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm	23 -Herald Deadline
24 Family Bowling Party, Bonwood Bowl, 1pm	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm	26	27	28	29 -Taiko practice, 6pm	30

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 5/25/18.

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

Pastor’s Message (Continued from Page 1)

Mr. Kamen is right. The American public needs to remember. My hope and prayer is that more and more special Memorial services will take place across our country; serving of course, to remember and celebrate well lived lives, but also to educate, so that this kind of crime will never be repeated.

God Bless You,
Pastor Brad

Catching Up

We recently received a letter from Malcolm and Shirley Lee as they sent a congratulatory greeting for the Centennial celebration. They reside in Seattle, WA and Malcolm has retired from the Army and from teaching. Shirley is working for an engineering software company and Jasmine has just finished her Masters in Civil Engineering. The Lees were at the JCC during the 1980s. Malcolm served as Herald editor for many years! They wish the JCC congratulations and have many fond memories of friends in Salt Lake City. It was nice to hear from them!

June Community Events

- **Saturday, June 16, 2018: Utah Asian Festival**, Southtowne Expo Center (now called Mountain America Exposition Center), 9575 South State, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.
- **Now through September 2, 2018: Utah Museum of Fine Arts, "Chiura Obata: An American Modern"**. Chiura Obata was one of the most significant Japanese American artists of the twentieth century. *This exhibit is a major retrospective of his work, featuring more than 150 watercolors, paintings, prints, and screens, including images he produced during internment at the Topaz Relocation Center. Many of these works have never been on public display.*

The UMFA is on the University of Utah campus. Admission is free each first Wednesday and third Saturday of the month. Hours – closed on Mondays. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday thru Sunday. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Asian American Awareness Month

On Friday, May 25, in recognition of Asian American Awareness month in Utah, a “walk” was conducted with Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski, and included a visit of the only two remnants of Japantown; the JCC and the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple as well as Plum Alley, where some of the first Chinese immigrants in Salt Lake resided.

The JCC opened the event welcoming guests to the chapel to hear Judge Raymond Uno and Judge Michael Kwan speak, representing the Japanese and Chinese communities. The walk continued to the Japanese Garden, the Buddhist Temple and Lumbini’s Garden bookstore and Plum Alley. A luncheon and entertainment at the Gallivan Center ended the festivities.

At the luncheon, Mayor Biskupski honored 2 seniors from the Chinese community and 2 from the Japanese community for their service. Congratulations to Judge Uno and to Al Kubota on this well deserved recognition.



Award recipients with Mayor Biskupski – Raymond Uno and Al Kubota. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki

Memorial Day Wrap Up

The traditional Memorial Day service was held on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Thanks to Jan Aramaki and Laura Olson for assisting with the candlelighting service as congregants lit a candle in remembrance of loved ones.

Centennial Commemorative Book



The Centennial Commemorative Book highlighting the 100 years of history of the JCC is in production as we speak and we are now ready to begin taking pre-orders. The cost of the hardbound book is **\$50.00** (the same price as the 75th Anniversary book) and contains old black and white photos from the archives as well photos from Dennis Kuba and new full color pictures taken in the last twenty five years.

If you would like to reserve a copy, contact Patty Price at (801) 556-1484 or patp1406@gmail.com. An order sheet will also be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Here is a sample page from the first section of the book:



1925 The church purchased the manse duplex across the street, a parsonage and dormitory for students.



1918 The JCC had its beginnings at 135 S 100 West, it later moved to 135 W 100 South, about a block from its present location. It was then called Salt Lake Japanese Christian Church. Rev. Hidenobu Toyotome (father of Rev. Mas Toyotome) was its first pastor. He was also pastor of our sister church in Ogden.



1924 Ladies participate in races at church picnics



1925 Members loved picnics, getting there in a Model T truck