

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.



RSVP for either or both events:
Karen Okawa (801) 424-2193 or Julee Mori (801) 942-6456
or email jccherald@gmail.com by **August 5, 2018**.

Saturday, August 25, 2018

CENTENNIAL BUFFET LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
11:30 a.m. – Displays, Raffle Baskets
Noon – Buffet lunch followed by program
Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 East Lakewood Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84117

Cost: \$30 per person/\$15 per child (age 3 - 12)

Arrive early on this day to view the displays of photos of the JCC, covering the 100 years of our existence. There will also be a variety of raffle baskets (\$1 per ticket) for a drawing.

The luncheon will be buffet style, open seating; followed by a program including JCC pastors and musical numbers. Come join us for this reunion!

Parking at the Cottonwood Club is limited during the weekend as members are using the facilities and golf course. Parking is available at Bonneville Junior High School and we will shuttle guests to the Cottonwood Club. Maps will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Those with senior family members can drive up to the front entrance to drop off these passengers and we will escort them into the building.

Sunday, August 26, 2018

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE AND DEDICATION
10:00 a.m.*
Japanese Church of Christ, 268 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

NOTE: Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on this day, rather than the usual 10:30 to accommodate our special service.

The worship service will feature members of the congregation that have contributed to the worship services: Nichigo Choir, JCC Choir, JCC Worship Band, Sunday School children and a special message from Pastor Brad.

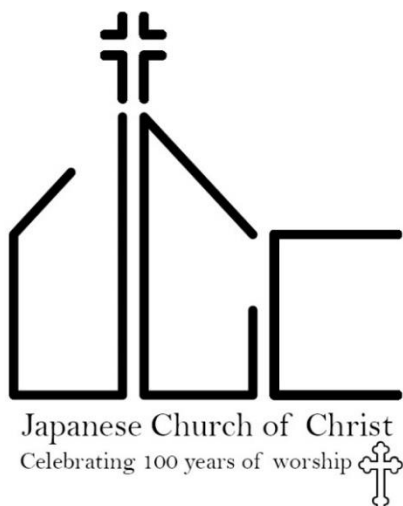
Following the service, there will be a special dedication of a new cross mounted on the top of the chapel. A generous gift from Eunice Kato Griffin and her son Isaac in memory of parents and grandparents Rev. Paul and Nobuko Kato. Immediately after the dedication, the "BIG" group photo will take place in front of the chapel.

A buffet lunch will be served and a program featuring the Kachin and Tongan congregations who share our facilities. The afternoon will end with a performance by our own Kenshin Taiko.

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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The Anniversary is almost finally here! See the article on **Page 1** of this newsletter with details on the Anniversary Weekend in August. **Please spread the word** to family and friends of the JCC who do not receive the Herald and let them know about our celebration!

For those that have made a reservation for the Cottonwood Club luncheon, it will simplify things at the check-in desk if you pre-pay.

Yaki Manju Making

We are making yaki manju for the Sunday worship service. The manju will be made on Saturday, August 11 and frozen until the event on August 26. We will meet in the morning; time TBD. Contact Jan Aramaki if you can help.

Centennial Raffle

There will be a basket raffle at the Centennial luncheon on Saturday, August 25. Tickets are \$1 each. Theme baskets include:

- Cooking
- Fishing
- Boys
- Golf
- Hawaii
- Anti-Aging, Wellness
- Girls
- Restaurants

There is also a U of U basket including a Wat Misaka autographed basketball. A silent auction will include a painting donated by Ron Nishijima. Arrive at the luncheon early - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 25 to look at the choices!

Church Clean Up

Mark **Saturday, August 18, 2018** for a church wide clean up – it is scheduled just before the Centennial celebration! We want to have our chapel and Fellowship Hall looking clean and tidy for everyone that will be attending the festivities the following weekend. Clean up will begin at **8:00 a.m.**

Herald Fund Drive

Enclosed with this newsletter is an envelope for the Herald Fund. Contributions to this fund assist in covering the cost of paper, printing and postage for this monthly communications. If you would like to receive the Herald electronically as well, email jccherald@gmail.com.

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 |
| Kay Nakashima | Calvin Tajima | Saeko Nakashima |
| Sumiko Rosvall | Susan Rosvall | |

Pastor's Message



August, 2018

Dear JCC Members and Friends,

It was sometime in early 2010, when Pastor Luke Choi asked me to assist him on a part time basis at the Japanese Church of Christ. I had filled the pulpit for Pastor Luke on a couple of occasions prior to his offer so I was comfortable with the congregation; I was also contemplating a change in ministry direction and this role seemed like a good fit until I could find a more permanent pastoral position.

As is often the case in life, I was thrown a curve a few months later when Pastor Luke informed me that he would be taking a job in Ohio and asked if I might be interested in taking over the Senior Pastor position, pending a vote of the congregation. Today, I look back and thank God for moving my friend Luke back to Ohio, because it opened up an opportunity for which I will always be profoundly grateful – to serve as pastor of JCC.

Of course, as a “hakujiin”, there was much I needed to learn about the Japanese culture if I was to minister effectively. But any concerns I may have entertained about “fitting in” were soon put to rest. My wife and children and I were embraced warmly from the very beginning, and we were humbled by the generosity and kindness of our new family. There were many instances of special support and affirmation in those first couple of years, but one stands out as particularly meaningful - I was visiting one of our congregants, Shig “Doc” Matsukawa, who was in the final months of his life. I had great admiration for “Doc” as a godly man as well as one of many military heroes in our church family. I had only been with the church a few months and told Doc how I wanted to succeed as pastor of JCC. I think he sensed a lack of confidence in my words, as he said very firmly, “Brad you know and I know, that you are the man for the job!” I can’t overestimate the lasting value of his words. His support and confidence in me has been echoed and reaffirmed to me by so many others in my church family through these 8 years. I can honestly say that I have never been more honored to serve in a job as I have been at JCC.

From the many who were unjustly imprisoned behind the fences at Topaz; to the wide eyed youth who let me tag along each summer at Mt. Hermon; from the bereaved who taught me how to face deep personal heartache and to bravely carry on; to all those who patiently listen to my sermons and then speak words of encouragement - I have been welcomed into the most special of families. I thank Jesus for graciously allowing me to serve alongside such amazing people. Congratulations on 100 years of tireless work and service and thank you for leaving such a profound mark on my life.

Your Friend,

Pastor Brad Kramer

Big Changes Coming!

Submitted by Greg Paige

The 100th Anniversary celebration has been a great motivator for our congregation. About 6 months ago, Chris Jensen, an architect from Think Architecture, expressed his desire to help a non-profit organization to Julee Mori. As a result, a group of members got together with Chris to discuss how to correct three key issues: safety concerns, issues with health department food inspectors specifically related to JCC's kitchen facilities during major events like Aki Matsuri and Nihon Matsuri, and the need to improve (and use) WiFi (internet) access. After discussion, the group realized these facilities would be required if, and when, we began remodeling of the Sanctuary.

The committee members are: Chris Jensen, Think Architecture (donating time for design), Greg Paige, Jan Aramaki, Lorraine Crouse, Steve Fukumitsu, Al Kubota, Pastor Brad, Julee Mori, Karen Okawa, Laura Olson, Karla Paige and Paul DeRose. We sought input from other congregational members from time to time on specific items.

Project Description:

- Wiring to extend WiFi access to the sanctuary is about 50% complete. Work is scheduled to improve sound capabilities from the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall prior to the 100th Anniversary celebration.
- Contact with State, City and National Historic groups led to the conclusion that we can modify the Fellowship Hall as long as we maintain the existing building footprint.

Planning to remodel the Fellowship Hall to include:

- 2 fully compliant ADA uni-sex restrooms on the main floor, equipped with baby changing stations.
- Reconstructing the stairway to be safer (not as steep with resized stair treads, both rise and run).
- Relocating the main entry location to avoid conflict with the modified stairway.
- Include a functional drinking fountain and water bottle filling station.
- Update the kitchen to meet current health dept. food inspector guidelines for Aki Matsuri and Nihon Matsuri, plus Fellowship dinners and congregational functions.
- Improve the electrical wiring in the kitchen area.
- Provide for folding door panels to close off the kitchen when the Fellowship Hall is in use.
- Update the glass and sliding glass doors to meet safety and energy efficiency codes, possibly enhancing them with a Japanese motif as we look into the courtyard/garden area.
- Reface the front of the stage and replace the curtains, support hardware, pull ropes and mechanism.

Keep in mind the work previously completed by Building Gods Way for the Sanctuary remodel and construction of a walkway between the buildings. Due to the stairway modification and the

construction of the bathrooms, some redesign of the proposed walkway will be required before that project begins. Right now, the timing for that project is unknown.

Work is now well underway on completing the restroom and stairway modification designs. The committee has compiled a "wish list" for kitchen equipment, which is being priced out and design criteria compiled. The architect and Restaurant Store Equipment Company (Resco) will be working on a proposed design in the next 3-4 weeks based on our wish list. Once design is complete and JCC approves the design, we can construct a cost estimate.

What you can expect (as a tentative and optimistic schedule) as we move forward:

- We hope to file for a building permit by the end of August.
- Once secured, we hope work will begin on the restrooms and the stairway modification in October and will take approximately 2 months to complete.
- During construction on the stairway, access to the basement will be temporarily (2-4 weeks at most) impacted for safety reasons due to single egress via the west stairwell in the event of a fire.
- We will have construction materials, etc. at the back of the Fellowship Hall so we will need to be safety conscious.
- We need to coordinate with the Tongan and Kachin congregations to minimize impact on their fellowship activities.
- By December, hopefully before Christmas services, we should be wrapping up the first "phase" of construction.
- In January 2019, kitchen modification will begin. Again, we will need to be safety conscious during this period.
- We also need to plan for the Nikkei Center event (typically held in February at JCC). We might need to schedule a different month for 2019.
- Construction on the kitchen should be complete by the end of April. Again, we need to plan for Nihon Matsuri 2019.

The Fellowship Hall Remodel Committee will make periodic updates as information becomes available.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Kachin congregation is seeking a volunteer to teach their Sunday School children for a half hour to hour on Sunday evenings during their worship service that goes from 6 to 8 p.m. If you are interested, contact Laura Olson.

August 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	August 5	August 12	August 19	Anniversary Worship August 26**
Liturgist	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Patty Price	Steve Fukumitsu
Scripture Readers	E) Daniel Cheung J) Akiko Oki	E) Alison Cheung J) Shigeko Ota	E) Carson Kawabata J) Misako Bowker	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose
Greeter	Betty Murakami	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Karla Paige Mary Tabata
Ushers	Misako Bowker Moto Lochner	Chris Lund Mary Tabata	Narumi Kanabuchi Betty Kubota	AI Kubota Lorraine Crouse Greg Paige Pauline Vosburgh
Song of Praise	---	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band Nichigo Choir Sunday School Children
Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Yoko DeRose	Keiko Ikeda	JCC Worship Band Misako Bowker Yas Iwamoto Allyn Nakashima
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	JCC Choir
Communion Servers	AI 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.

** NOTE that the Anniversary Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. NOT the usual time of 10:30.

JCC August Calendar

JCC August 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4 =Yaki Manjju making
5 -Communion, 10:30 am	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7 -Building Meeting, 4pm -Session Meeting, 6pm	8 -Parking, Panic at the Disco Concert, 7:30pm	9 -	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11
12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm	14	15	16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -Church Clean Up, 8 am
19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	22 -Parking, Sam Smith Concert, 8pm	23	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25 -Herald Deadline -JCC Centennial Luncheon, noon
29 -JCC Centennial Worship Service	30 -Taiko practice, 6pm	31				

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 7/29/18.

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

JCC Softball Ends Well

Submitted by Doug Murakami

On the final night of the Christian Church Softball League playoffs, the JCC team fell to South Mountain Community Church. It was a hard fought and close game, but in the end, SMCC came through with consistent good hitting. It was great to get Ernie Garcia back off the IR (injured reserve) list and to also get his son Keith off of the golf course for a night to play with the JCC Softball Team! Finally, probably the best ending to the season was enjoying Janice Oike's homemade manju! She made enough for all the fans and players--delicious! Thanks Janice! A sweet ending to a bittersweet season.

Classified

Judge Raymond Uno has 2 cemetery plots for sale at Memorial Mountain View Mortuary and Cemetery, 3115 East Bengal Boulevard. The retail price is \$1,800 for each plot, but he is willing to negotiate. Contact Ray at 801-671-6739.

JCC Centennial Book

Remember, pre-orders of the Centennial book are being taken right now. The book has gone to print and is at the bindery right now! The price of the color book is \$50 and includes a history of the JCC's 100 years. A limited number of books have been printed, so place your order with Patty Price, patp1406@gmail.com to ensure you are on the list to receive one. You will be notified when the books are available to pick up, or mailed (additional postage).

August Community Events

- Sunday, August 12 - Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Golf Outing, Stonebridge Golf Course, 7:00 a.m. Contact - Mike Furubayashi at 801-277-2650.
- Tuesday, August 14 - Killowatt Court ribbon cutting ceremony honoring Wat Misaka, 4:00 p.m., Ogden City Liberty Park, 751 East 21st Street, Ogden, UT.
- Saturday, August 18 - Mount Olympus JACL August Outing, Evergreen Park. Contact Lynne Crabbe (801) 541-8880 for info.

Thank You Toshiko!

We thank Toshiko Marse for sharing her gift of flower arranging! Each Sunday, Toshiko prepares the chapel alter for worship with her beautiful floral arrangements. It is a gift shared by Toshiko and a gift appreciated by all of us!

Summer Visitors

On Sunday, July 29, Elizabeth Ikeda Bissell and Debbie Ikeda Blakely and their children attended worship service while they were on vacation. Elizabeth and Debbie's father Kent was the JCC pastor in the 1990's. Both currently live in Belmont, CA. It was great to see them!



Vacation visitors Elizabeth and Debbie (formerly Ikeda)'s children display their manju creations. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki

Mount Hermon Testimony

This year's participants at the Mount Hermon Conference were Yeiko Homma and her daughter, Donna Homma-Goeller. Yeiko presented her testimony on Sunday, July 15 (with Keiko Ikeda serving as translator).



Yeiko Homma gives her testimony as Keiko Ikeda translates. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Micro Manju Class Wrap Up

As part of the Centennial events for the year, a Microwave Manju class was conducted by Janice Oike on Sunday, July 29. The JCC is known for making this delicacy to sell at our various fundraisers - Nihon Matsuri, Aki Matsuri and sushi fundraisers. Thanks to Janice for showing us how to make it! It was fun to do and we were all rewarded by taking home some of the sweet treats! The recipe will be printed in next month's Herald.