

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.

DECEMBER 2018 EVENTS

December 1, December 8 (Saturdays)

Mochi Making – Come help make mochi – an annual JCC tradition. See article on Page 2.

December 9 (Sunday)

Agape Christmas Luncheon – East West Connection restaurant, \$12 per person. See article on Page 2.

December 23 (Sunday)

Christmas Service – 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Potluck and Program – 5:00 p.m.

December 24 (Monday)

Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 p.m. Another JCC annual event. Sing carols, light candles and enjoy soup afterwards.



ADVENT SEASON

The season of Advent begins on December 2 and continues for 3 more weeks before December 25, when we celebrate the arrival of baby Jesus. Candles are lit each Sunday; 3 candles are purple, signifying royalty and Jesus as our King; one candle is pink to signify the Joy felt upon his birth. The final candle is the Christ Candle, white in color to represent the holiness and purity of our Savior Jesus. This candle is lit on Christmas Eve.

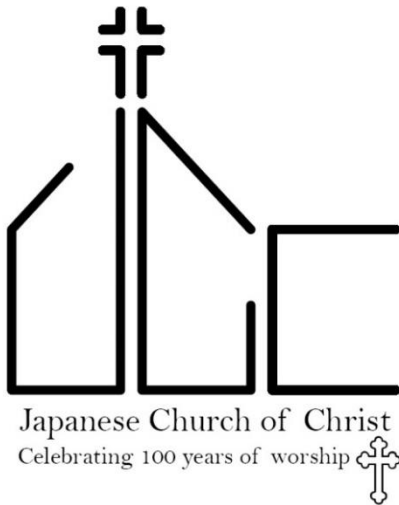
Advent Candle Lighting Participants:

First Week of Advent (December 2), HOPE (purple) – Aramaki/Miya Families
Second Week of Advent (December 9), PEACE (purple) – Allison and Daniel Cheung
Third Week of Advent (December 16), JOY (pink) – Youth Group
Fourth Week of Advent (December 23) LOVE (purple) – Mary Tabata/Pauline Vosburgh
Christmas Eve (December 24) CHRIST (white) – Kramer Family

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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Christmas Program and Potluck

Sunday, December 23, 5:00 p.m.

Join us for the annual Christmas potluck and program! Bring a dish to share and watch the annual Christmas pageant along with the Tongan and Kachin congregations. The special guest dressed in a red suit will make his annual appearance as well!



Agape Christmas Luncheon

The Agape Christmas Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.** at East West Connection Restaurant, 1400 South Foothill Drive (south end of Foothill Village), suite 270 (take elevator to level 2).

Cost is \$12 per person (including tax and tip). Menu includes fried shrimp, salmon and chicken teriyaki, gyoza, vegi croquette and edamame. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Suzanne Hata for reservations.

Mochi Dates

The Mochi making dates will take place on two Saturdays in December – December 1st and 8th. We 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. Shifts are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. on both Saturdays.



Condolences

Our hearts go out to the family of Tom Mori, who passed away on November 22 from injuries sustained in a construction accident. Tom will be remembered for his easy going nature and sense of humor. Please keep Klew Lian, Kamauri, Michael, and Shoji in your prayers during this difficult time.

Condolences also go out to Wes Kida whose father, Dennis Kida, passed away on October 29, 2018. Remember the Kida family 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 | Miki Harada |
| Larry Harada | Chris Miya | Wat Misaka |
| Toshiko Marse | Grace Matsumura | Kai Ronning |
| Pastor Hanabusa | Susan Fukushima | Marie Matsukawa |
| Yolie LaFontaine | Steve Fukushima | Saeko Nakashima |
| Kay Nakashima | Susan Rosvall | Sumiko Rosvall |
| Kida Family | Mori Family | |

DECEMBER 2018

Okay, I admit it. I love Christmas songs. In fact, I can be found listening to Christmas music in the middle of summer. I think the main reason for this unconventional behavior is that the music and lyrics take me back to a time that was sweet and innocent (at least in my mind). I've always loved the Christmas season; and at 60 years old, it still has a certain "magic" to it. In the classic Peanuts Christmas Special, Charlie Brown laments how he becomes depressed during Christmas. I never understood that.



Anyway, where was I? Christmas songs. Well, as nice as it is to reminisce and find temporal pleasure in a special holiday, we of course understand what gives Christmas its' true meaning and depth. One song in particular speaks to the "reason for the season" as well as any other Christmas hymn; the song O' Holy Night.

I'm not sure I've ever heard the Christian gospel expressed so well in a "seasonal" song. Consider the first verse:

*O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!*

That is a wonderful and often overlooked truth: that everyone who has ever lived is utterly lost in sin unless Jesus appears to rescue us. And it's because of that, our souls rejoice.

So when you sing and listen to the great Christmas hymns this year, pay close attention to what the lyricist is trying to tell you about God and his great love for you in spite of your sin. You may soon find yourself listening all year round.

May God bless you richly this Christmas Season.

Pastor Brad



December 2018 - Worship Service Participants

	December 2	December 9	December 16	Christmas Service December 23	Music Worship December 30
Liturgist	Greg Paige	Ron Nishijima	Hiro Iwasaki	Patty Price	Steve Fukumitsu
Scripture Readers	E) Daniel Cheung J) Toshiko Marse	E) Zach Paige J) Akiko Oki	E) Bob Jones J) Shigeko Ota	E) Carson Kawabata J) Misako Bowker	E) Chris Lund J) Yoko DeRose
Greeter	Karla Paige	Karen Okawa	Dorthie Conway	Betty Murakami	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	Zach Paige Lorraine Crouse	Karen Okawa Julee Mori	Betty Kubota Al Kubota
Special Music	---	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
Pianist/Organist	Yas Iwamoto	Daniel Cheung	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda
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 December Calendar

JCC December 2018 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 -Mochi Making, 9am -Parking, Jim Galligan, 8pm
2 -Communion, 10:30am	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	5	6 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jm Galligan, 8pm	8 -Mochi Making, 9am -Parkng, College Basketball, noon
9 -Agape Christmas Lunch, 12:30pm	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11 -Remodel Comm Mtg, 4:30pm -Session Mtg, 6pm	12 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm	15 -Tongan Church Christmas Dinner
16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	19 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm	22 -Herald Deadline -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
23 -Christmas service, 10:30am -Christmas potluck and program, 5pm	24 -Christmas Eve service, 5pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY -Parking, Jazz, 8:30pm	26	27 -Parking, Jazz, 8:30pm	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29 -Parking, Jazz, 6pm
30 -Music Worship, 10:30am	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 11/25/18.

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

Thanksgiving Recap

This year, the annual JCC Thanksgiving Dinner became Thanksgiving Lunch to combine the annual gathering with the Nichigo retreat and guest speaker held that same weekend on Sunday, November 18. Many thanks to Jerry Mori for cooking the turkeys. A good time was had by all.



Playing in the leaves! Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse



Reverend and Mrs. Fujii, Nichigo Retreat guests.



As always, there was plenty of food!

Your Generosity

Thank you to all who filled shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program. We set a record this year – a total of 143 shoeboxes were delivered to be shipped to locations all over the world. Thank you to the Tongan Free Wesleyan Church who also filled 25 boxes! Your contributions will bring joy to so many children this Christmas.

Congratulations Jani!

Or should we say Senator Iwamoto? Jani was re-elected to her Utah State Senate seat representing District 4 during the elections last month. Congrats on this achievement!

Ninety is the New Seventy?

On Sunday, November 11, members who turned 90 this year were recognized during worship service: Lillian Nakamura, Betty Murakami, Bea Ichiuji, and Faye Aoyama.



Lil Nakamura and Betty Murakami; may we all look as good at 90! Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki

Ozoni Fundraiser

The annual Ozoni Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, January 6. Mark your calendars! More information will be posted next month.

Church Women United

Advent Service and Tea
Friday, December 7, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church, 3610 South 4400 West
(Note church's new address)

Rev. Olga Hard will lead a worship service

Community Outreach:
The Children's Center
Provides comprehensive mental health care to enhance the well-being of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families.

Please bring: Children's socks and gloves, Baby Wipes, Diapers 5T, Boys & Girls Pull-ups 3T - 5T, Boys & Girls Briefs 2T - Size 7

December Community Events

- Mount Olympus JACL Holiday Potluck, Friday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Dai Ichi Ward, 2000 South 900 East. Chapter supplies chicken, so bring a potluck dish, enjoy entertainment and visit Santa! A bake sale fundraiser auction will also be held; bake a goodie to be auctioned off.
- Nikkei Senior Center Christmas Luncheon, Saturday, December 15, noon. Red Maple Restaurant, 2882 West 4700 South. \$10.00 per person, those 85 years and older, free. RSVP Penny Imamura at (801) 265-0314 by 12/10/18.

The Reason for the Season

.Bless us, oh Lord, this Christmas, with a giving spirit, quietness of mind and serenity in our hearts, and may all beings be blessed with the same gifts.
This Christmas season may we open our hearts to all people and to God. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Do Your Part to Recycle

The Salt Lake City Sanitation Division checks recycling bins in an effort to reduce waste problems (garbage) in the city's recycling stream. They want to keep the recycling stream as clean as possible in the face of changing economic conditions in China, which takes much of the world's recycling exports and has begun cracking down on high contamination. To avoid getting tagged for having waste in the blue recycle bins, it is the duty of everyone to keep waste/garbage out of the recycle bin.

Not Recyclable

In GARBAGE

- * Plates, cups
- * Plastic utensils
- * Styrofoam
- * Plastic wrap, bags
- * Plastic grocery bags
- * Food waste
- * Food wrappers
- * Paper towels, napkins
- * Gloves, used
- * Shredded paper

Recyclables Only

No garbage, please!!

- * Plastics number 1 - 7
- * Paper grocery bags
- * Aluminum beverage containers (emptied)
- * Tin (steel) food cans
- * Cereal & paperboard boxes
- * Junk mail and office paper
- * Phone books
- * Corrugated cardboard