

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

January 2019

I've never been much for New Year's resolutions per se. Don't get me wrong, I love to set goals and tackle new challenges. But it seems to me that more often than not, a New Year's resolution is forgotten before one has a chance to meaningfully see progress toward that particular goal. There are a number of reasons (excuses) for giving up on resolutions: tyranny of the urgent; novelty wears off; or perhaps it's because the resolution was made at the prompting of someone else. Consider the following:

Bill called his parents to wish them a happy New Year, and his dad answered the phone.

"Well, Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" Bill asked him. "To make your mother as happy as I can all year," Dad answered.

When mom got on the phone, Bill said, "What's your resolution, Mom?"

She answered, "To see that your dad keeps his New Year's resolution."

Now, as noble as both of those goals may be, I would like to challenge the JCC community to a different objective this year; one that is reasonable and potentially life changing. Together, let's simply make a point of spending a little more time in God's word this year than we did in 2018. If you didn't spend any time in the Bible then set a weekly goal of reading a Psalm, or a chapter of another Bible book. If you're reading is sporadic, try to shoot for a passage or chapter every other day. And if you are aiming higher, how about considering a "Bible in One Year" program? The point is not to make this a chore but rather an activity that is seen as doable and valuable. As I consider my own personal reading challenge, I will strive for a plan that is appropriate for my limitations, of which there are many.

One more important word of advice: If you're like me, you need help in carrying out this "resolution". Bring it before the Lord; tell Him you want to grow, but you cannot do this alone and you need His gracious help. I truly believe God will honor that.

So let's consider introducing a new goal into our lives that will enable us to grow closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

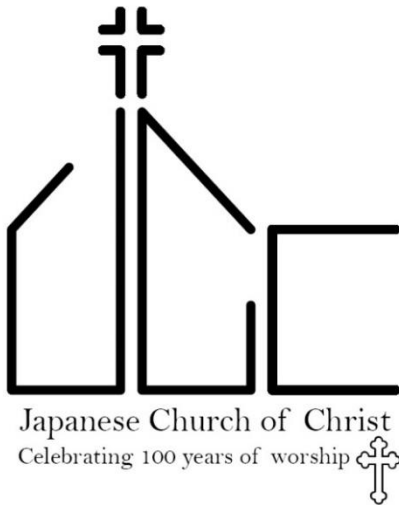
May God bless you richly this coming year,

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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Website: www.jccslc.net

Adult Sunday School Winter Break

Adult Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, January 20, 2019** after a holiday break. See you at 9:30 a.m. on the third Sunday in January.

Ozoni Fundraiser

The Nichigo group will be ringing in the New Year with the traditional Ozoni fundraiser on **Sunday, January 6, 2019**. Come have a hot bowl of mochi and ozoni to ring in 2019.

Another 90 Celebrant

Last month, we neglected to recognize Wilma Kimura who also turned 90 in 2018. Happy Birthday Wilma!

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon Date

This year, the JCC will be hosting the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon at noon on **Saturday, January 26, 2019**. We have traditionally sponsored the luncheon in the month of February; but this year with the Fellowship Hall remodel in the works, the luncheon is being moved up to work around demolition. The luncheon is open to all seniors 65+, a \$2 fee for lunch; 85+ are free.

Sabbatical

Pastor Brad will be taking his last Sabbatical during the month of January. Guest speakers will take the pulpit during his absence. Pastor will return on Sunday, February 3, 2019.

Annual Report Deadline

Reports to be included in the annual report are due on January 20, 2019. Please submit your articles to Betty Kubota at bm Kubota@gmail.com or place a hardcopy in her mail slot by the office.

Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Katsu Miya who passed away on December 12, 2018 at the age of 97. The family requests no visitors, a private family gathering will be held at a later date.

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 |
| Miya Family | Mori Family | |

Church Women United

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU's Annual Meeting

When: Friday, January 25, 2019 (Last Friday)

Time: Afternoon – 12:30 p.m. Registration (\$1)

Where: Cottonwood Presbyterian Church (SLC)
1580 East Vine (6100 South),
SLC 84121

Keynote Speaker: Mina Koplin,
Director of Milestone Houses
Election and Installation of CWU
Officers
Tea / Social / Fellowship

Community Outreach: Volunteers of America Youth Resource Center – Please bring Men's & Women's winter socks, gloves, hats, scarves; Children's underwear; Hand and Toe Warmers.

Cash Donations: Checks Payable to "Church Women United," designated for VoA YRC

Free-will Offering: Stays with Local SLC / Bountiful CWU Unit: Checks need to be made payable to "Church Women United"

Community Events

January 26, 2019 – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, Japanese Church of Christ, noon

Mount Hermon Family Camp – JEMS

Where Family Traditions Begin.
June 30 – July 6, 2019

The Main/Family/Nichigo Camp Registration opens online **January 22, 2019**.

The Youth Camp Registration opens online in February. Go to <http://www.mounthermon.org/jems> for more information.

Centennial Coverage

The JCC Centennial was the subject of a feature story in the JAACL Holiday Issue of the *Pacific Citizen* newsletter. An online version of the article is found at this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zr885c46jcn74vb/HolidayIssue2018.pdf?dl=0>

The article begins on page 36 and features a nice interview with Kay Nakashima.

University Honors Wat

At the University of Utah basketball game on December 1, 2018, Wat Misaka was recognized as part of the 1944 NCAA team with teammate Arnie Ferrin during a halftime ceremony.



Wat Misaka and daughter Nancy Umemura receive award from Utah athletic director Mark Harlan.
Photo courtesy Diane Akiyama.

January 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	January 6	January 13	January 20	Music Worship January 27
Liturgist	Jan Aramaki	Ron Nishijima	Rick Aoki	Lynne Crabbe
Scripture Readers	E) Bob Jones J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Patty Price J) Toshiko Marse	E) Zach Paige J) Akiko Oki	E) Daniel Cheung J) Shigeko Ota
Greeter	Michiko Kenmotsu	Dorthie Conway	Karla Paige	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Jan Aramaki	Al Kubota Laura Olson	Allison Cheung Chris Lund
Special Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
Pianist/Organist	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima	Greg Paige	Grace Shiba
Communion Servers	---		---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	*		*	*

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

JCC January Calendar

JCC January 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -Tongan Church New Year's Service, 7pm	2 -Tongan Church Service, 7pm	3 -Tongan Church Service, 7pm	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Monster Jam, 7pm	5 -Tongan Church Service, 7pm
6 -Communion, 10:30am - Ozoni Fundraiser, 11:30 am -Tongan Church New Year's, 3pm	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm	8 -Remodel Comm Mtg, 4:30pm -Session Meeting, 6pm	9 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	10	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	12 -Parking, Jazz, 8pm
13 -Parking, SL Stars, 12 noon	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	15 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	16	17	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	19 -Parking, Concert, 8 pm
20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	22 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	23 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	24	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	26 -Nikkei Senior Center luncheon, 12pm -Herald Deadline
27 -Music Worship	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29	30 -Parking, Kelly Clarkson, 7pm	31		

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 1/2/18.

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

Christmas Recap

Christmas worship services were held on Sunday, December 23 with the JCC choir performing. Advent candle lighting occurred throughout the month. A potluck dinner followed on that evening shared with the Tongan and Kachin congregations. Thanks as always to Laura Olson for organizing the Christmas pageant and to Stephanie and Gary Nakao for providing Santa's goodie bags. Christmas Eve service followed on Monday evening. A wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus.



Photos courtesy Lorraine Crouse and Jan Aramaki.