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Adult and Nichigo Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message — February 2019

There never seems to be a shortage of discussions among Christians of the "end times"; or the days leading up to Jesus' return to earth. Many believe that certain events occurring in the world today are signs of the second coming of Christ. Frankly, I don't know what to think about that. The Bible does not offer any specific times or dates concerning this momentous time. God's Word does however offer clear guidelines on how Christians are to live in this world until that time comes.

In the last chapter of his second epistle, the Apostle Peter speaks of a new Heaven and a new Earth to be inhabited by followers of Jesus; and that will be incredible beyond words. But he also addresses the question of how we should live in the meantime. His instructions are that we live in "holy conduct and godliness."

Holiness in particular is sometimes difficult to define in practical ways. Holy living means separation or being set apart from the world. It's not that I isolate myself from the unsaved, but that my behavior distinguishes me from non-believers.

The most effective way to be distinctive I believe, is by demonstrating holy love. It should be at the heart of how I relate to God and people. Jesus said if we fervently love God and our neighbor; we will have fulfilled the law.

Saint Augustine offers his definition of Christian love: Love has hands to help others, feet to hasten to the poor and needy, eyes to see misery and want, ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

So instead of being consumed with when Jesus returns, I want to explore ways in which I can better represent Him here on earth until that glorious time.

May God Bless You,

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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Celebrating 100 years of worship

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Congregational Meeting

The JCC congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 10, 2019**, following worship service. The subject of the meeting is to approve the 2019 budget, review the annual report and candidates for church offices.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) gives relief to those in need. Through donations, OGHS helps those affected by disaster to resume their lives again, feed people all over the world and provide empowerment. An envelope is included in this newsletter if you can give to this program.

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen Thanks

Thanks to our team of volunteers for the past year, 2018: Dorthie Conway, David Harada, Keiko Ikeda, Wilma Kimura, Ted & Yeiko Nagata. We also acknowledge those who filled in when help was needed: Patty Arakaki Price, Meixing Nagata Brown, Sherrie Garcia, Jean Kobayashi, Jeanette Misaka, Alyce Shiba, Yuri Uyeda, and Sadie Yoshimura. Thank you all for representing our church in service to the broader community!

Per Capita Reminder

If you have not yet remitted your per capita payment, the amount is $39.65 this year.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we relate the news that Pastor George Hanabusa passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the age of 87. Pastor Hanabusa served the Nichigo members of the JCC from 1994 to 2010. He was a truly devoted servant of Christ. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 2 at Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Howard Nakagama, who passed away on December 20, 2018 at the age of 69.

Condolences are also extended to Bob and Michiko Kenmotsu Jones upon the passing of Bob's mother Roberta in Vernal, UT on December 24, 2018. Please remember the Hanabusa, Nakagama and Jones families in your prayers.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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
Nakagama family	Jones family	Hanabusa family

January Guest Speakers

While Pastor Brad was on sabbatical, guest speakers filled the pulpit this past month. Reverend Jeff Silliman from Presbytery of Utah was the guest speaker on Sunday, January 6.

Pastor Jeff Silliman

Pastor Stephen Weber

On Sunday, January 13, Pastor Stephen Weber, a candidate to fill the opening at the Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church was the guest speaker.

On January 20, Pastor Tipi Loma Pupua provided the sermon during a joint worship service with the Tongan congregation. A lunch fellowship occurred afterwards.

Pastor Tipi Loma Pupua

Pastor Nancy Cormack-Hughes

Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Pastor Nancy Cormack-Hughes filled the pulpit on Sunday, January 27.

We are fortunate to have these guest speakers to share His word.

Mount Hermon – JEMS

Where Family Traditions Begin - June 30 – July 6, 2019
Reminder, the Youth Camp registration opens online this month. Go to http://www.mounthermon.org/jems for more information. Slots fill up quickly! The Main/Family/Nichigo camp registration opened online last month.

Centennial Photos

There are a few extra Centennial "T-Shirt" group photos if you are interested in purchasing one, $5 per print. Also, there are a few people that have not yet picked up the Centennial group photos that they ordered. Contact Lorraine Crouse at lmcrouse@comcast.net.

Special Birthdays

Some January Birthday Celebrants – Frank Imai and Kay Nakashima (Kay turned 99 on 1/26!)

Frank celebrates 82

Saeko, Allyn, Kay Nakashima

A Sharp Thanks

A thanks of gratitude to Victor Homma, who sharpened ALL of the knives in the kitchen knife drawer!

Block 67 Update

A committee is in process of being formed with representatives from the JCC, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple and the Ritchie Group (developers) to revitalize Japantown and make improvements to 100 South. Representing JCC are Jani Iwamoto-Fukumitsu, Steve Fukumitsu, Al Kubota and Lorraine Crouse thus far along with Raymond Uno. There are financial issues to work through with the city, which this committee will address and work with the developer in the hope that meaningful changes and physical enhancements to this block will occur. Updates will be posted as things progress.

Were You a Scout?

The Japanese American National Museum (JANM) in Los Angeles is seeking individuals that may know of former Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts while in the camps (particularly Topaz and Minidoka). JANM has received a grant to develop an exhibit on this topic and would like to conduct individuals that were former scouts. Contact Sherrie Hayashi at sherriehayashi@comcast.net.

February 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	February 3	February 10	February 17	Music Worship February 24
Liturgist	Hiro Iwasaki	Ron Nishijima	Steve Fukumitsu	Rick Aoki
Scripture Readers	E) Zach Paige J) Misako Bowker	E) Victor Homma J) Yoko DeRose	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Elise Mori J) Toshiko Marse
Greeter	Karla Paige	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Narumi Kanabuchi Al Kubota	Lorraine Crouse Eunice Griffin	Chris Lund Mary Tabata
Special Music				Nichigo Choir
Pianist/Organist	Greg Paige	Daniel Cheung	Yas Iwamoto	Keiko Ikeda
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Laura Olson Ron Nishijima	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	*		*	*

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

JCC February Calendar

JCC February 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	2 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
3 -Communion, 10:30am	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Adam Sandler, 7:30pm	5	6 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	7	8 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, SL Stars, 7pm	9 -Parking, Jazz, 3pm
10 -Congregational Meeting, 11:30am	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm	12 -Session Meeting, 6pm	13 -Parking, 2Cellos, 8pm	14	15 -Taiko practice, 6pm	16 -Parking, Ice Cube, 7 pm
17	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm	19 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	20	21	22 -Taiko practice, 6pm	23 -Herald Deadline -Parking, Jazz, 8pm
24 -Music Worship, 10:30am	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm	26	27 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	28 -Parking, Muse, 7:30pm		

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 1/28/19.

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

Community Events

- February 10 (Sunday) – Spaghetti and Movie Fundraiser at Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 11:30 a.m. Price, $10 pre-purchased or $15 at the door.

- February 16 (Saturday) – Day of Remembrance Event, movie screening of "They Came for Us", 11:30 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Branch Library, 5568 Adams Parkway, Ogden, UT. Bento lunch available for $12.00. RSVP Shauna Riley at (801) 309-6655.

Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon Recap

The JCC was host of the Nikkei Senior Center luncheon on Saturday, January 26, 2019. The Fellowship Hall was filled and participants enjoyed a Japanese lunch menu and program that included a presentation of the JCC Centennial history video and musical numbers from the Kenshin Taiko group.

A big thanks to the kitchen crew for all of your hard work in getting food prepared for 130 participants; cooking, plating and serving.

Also special thanks to Laura Olson and Kenshin Taiko for their performance and setting up the tables and to Paul DeRose for handling all of the A/V set up. Your time and effort is very much appreciated in contributing to the success of this luncheon as we welcome the local JA community to our church.

Christine Aramaki and Elise Mori get ready to plate!

Kitchen chaos.

Kenshin Taiko performance

Nikkei Senior Center participants enjoy lunch and a program.

Ray Uno provides an update on Japantown to the crowd.
Photos courtesy Lorraine Crouse.