

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

I understand as you read this, Memorial Day has come and gone. But since it is such an important observance, I wanted to offer a few words that I hope will encourage you.

One of the things, which come to my mind in thinking about Memorial Day is the need for gratitude. I will never be able to truly appreciate the sacrifices made by so many men and women on behalf of our country. The fact that I am able to stand freely in the church pulpit each Sunday without any government interference (which is not the case in so many countries), is testament to the magnitude of their collective sacrifice; and I am profoundly grateful. But am I moved to gratitude the rest of the year? You see, I tend to have a case of amnesia when it comes to remembering the gift of freedom given to me by these courageous souls. I get so caught up in the frantic pace of every day living, that the appreciation of that gift tends to recede into the background. It goes without saying we should never lose sight of the wartime sacrifices of our compatriots. Unfortunately, as Cynthia Ozick observed; **"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude."**

God's word is filled with exhortations to be thankful, and if you live long enough, you come to realize there is a lot for which to be thankful – even in the midst of terribly difficult times. I for one do not want to wait till May of 2020 to offer thanks for those who so deservedly inspire Memorial Day.

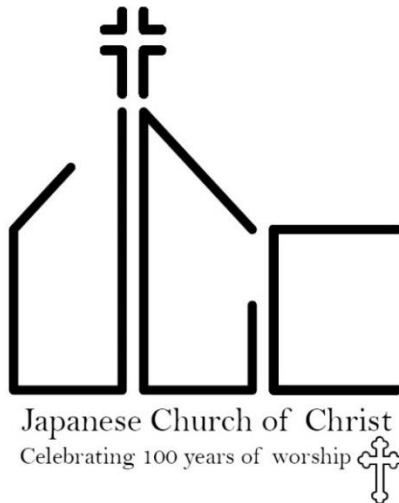
May God Bless You Richly,

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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- Julee Mori, Finance
- Greg Paige, Personnel, Education
- Pauline Vosburgh, Worship
- Keiko Ikeda, Nichigo
- Patricia Arakaki Price, Membership
- Steve Fukumitsu, Building
- Yoko DeRose
- Allyn Nakashima
- Lorraine Crouse

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Jan Aramaki, Wilma Kimura, Misako Bowker, Jean Kobayashi, Karen Okawa

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Website: www.jccslc.net

Congratulations 2019 Graduates

Congratulations to the following Class of 2019:



High School Graduates

- **Madison Moulton** - Skyline High School; will attend SLCC
- **Josef Sueoka** - Rowland Hall Upper School; will attend Santa Clara University

College Graduates

- **Nate Fukumitsu** - double major, Bachelors of Science in Economics and Accounting, University of Utah
- **Elise Mori** - Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology, University of Utah
- **Zach Paige** - Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science in Information Systems, University of Utah

The graduates will be recognized during worship service on June 9.

Ice Cream Sunday

To recognize and celebrate the achievements of our graduates, the traditional Ice Cream Sunday will be on **Sunday, June 9, 2019**. Join us in congratulating all of our graduates by customizing your own banana split sundae on that Sunday!

Summer Conference Attendees

This year the JEMS Mount Hermon conference attendees from JCC will be Yeiko Homma and her daughter, Donna Homma-Goeller to the Nichigo and family camps and Elise Mori will be a counselor at the Junior High camp. These individuals will be commissioned during worship service at the Father's Day picnic. The conference dates are June 30 to July 6, 2019.

Several will be attending the Lake Tahoe Zephyr Point conference at the end of July: Jan Aramaki, Alison and Daniel Cheung, Narumi Kanabuchi and Sandy Ronning.

Please pray for safe travels as these individuals connect with God.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Trafton Sayama family upon the death of son Jovanni Lozano-Sayama.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

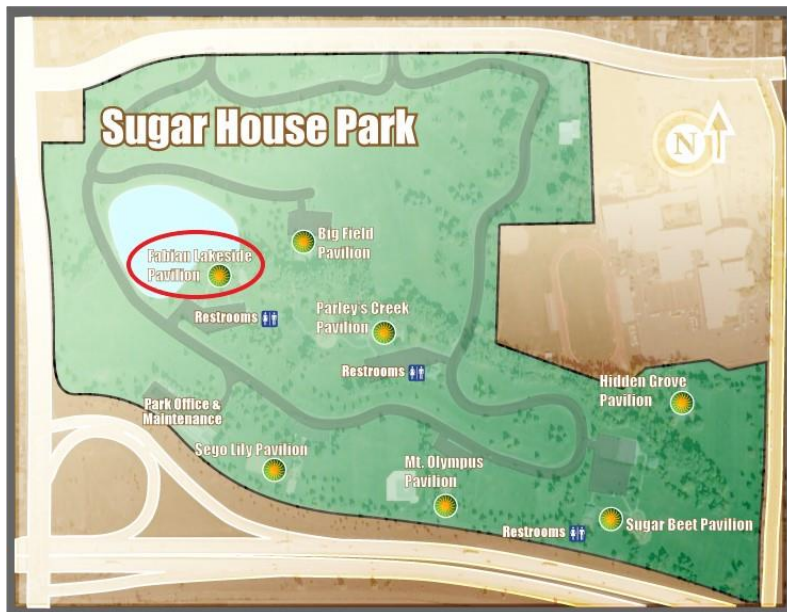
Jana Hansen	Mas Horiuchi	Miki Harada
Larry Harada	Chris Miya	Wat Misaka
Toshiko Marse	Susan Fukushima	Kai Ronning
Yolie LaFontaine	Steve Fukushima	Marie Matsukawa
Kay Nakashima	Susan Rosvall	Saeko Nakashima
Kenta Naraoka	Tracy Barnes	Sumiko Rosvall

Father's Day Picnic

The Annual Father's Day Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 16, 2019**, at Sugarhouse Park at the **Fabian Lakeside Pavilion, a different pavilion than previous years**. Worship service will begin at **10:30 a.m.**

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

To get to Fabian Lakeside Pavilion, enter the park from 2100 South and follow the one way direction road. Continue to follow the road as it passes the large pond. There will be a sign on the left side of the road for Fabian Lakeside.



JCC Softball News

Submitted by Doug Murakami

As you know, unless you've been out-of-town for a couple of months, rain has been the story for the season thus far. The Friday Christian Softball League was scheduled to begin April 12th and here we are nearing the end of May, with only three games played--that includes a doubleheader. Fortunately, all rain-out games will be rescheduled. We're at 2 wins, 1 loss, and 3 rain-outs. Cross your fingers!

Games for the month of June follow. The games are held at West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South, West Valley, UT. Come out and cheer the team on!

- Friday, June 7 - 7:30 p.m. Yellow field
- Friday, June 14 - 7:30 p.m. Purple field
- Friday, June 21 - 8:30 p.m. Green field
- Friday, June 28 - 6:30 p.m., Purple field
- Friday, July 12 - 8:30 p.m., Purple field

A tournament will be held in July; more details next month.

Congratulations Jean!

Congratulations to **Jean Tokuda Irwin** who is the recipient of the 2019 Sorenson Legacy Foundation Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education award. Jean was recognized for her work with the Utah Division of Arts & Museums as Arts Education Program Manager. The Sorenson Foundation provides support for a wide range of endeavors, from community development and education to health care, scientific and artistic pursuit. We applaud Jean on her achievement!

Sharp Stuff

Thanks to **Victor Homma** for maintaining and sharpening all of the knives in the Fellowship Hall kitchen for the past several months. A warning from Victor – please be careful when reaching for any knives in the drawer, as they are all VERY sharp now.

Fellowship Hall Remodel Update

Submitted by Greg Paige

The latest status of the Fellowship Hall Remodeling project - a walk through took place with the Mechanical Engineer regarding plumbing and fixtures. Drawings are expected to be filed with Salt Lake City before Memorial Day. The architect, Ralph Nagasawa, has been in contact with SLC Planning department regarding approval and there is a slight chance that he will be able to obtain approval and a building permit "over the counter".

We are planning for 3-4 weeks before receiving approval to proceed and obtaining a building permit. Namba Construction has indicated that their schedule fits this time line. The Committee is currently working on interior finishes.

All three congregations (JCC, Tongan, Kachin) have been contacted to minimize the impact of construction on worship and other activities over the summer months.

Fellowship Hall Pack Up

Related to the article above, we will need to begin packing up and moving articles from the kitchen and hall areas so that deconstruction can begin once we have the green light from the city. It will be planned for an upcoming Saturday; most likely June 15 or 22 (confirmed date not available at press time), so will be announced from the pulpit in upcoming weeks.

June 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	June 2	June 9	Father's Day June 16	June 23	June 30
Liturgist	Rick Aoki	Ron Nishijima	N/A	Patty Price	Laura Olson
Scripture Readers	E) Bob Jones J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Narumi Kanabuchi	N/A	E) Zach Paige J) Toshiko Marse	E) Julee Mori J) Akiko Oki
Greeter	Michiko Kenmotsu	Dorthie Conway	N/A	Karla Paige	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Alison Cheung Lorraine Crouse	Karen Okawa Pauline Vosburgh	Al Kubota Jan Aramaki	Bob Jones TBD
Organist/Pianist	Greg Paige	Daniel Cheung	N/A	Yoko DeRose	Allyn Nakashima
Songs of Praise	---	---	Brad Kramer	---	---
Offeratory Music	---	---	Victor Homma	Nichigo Choir	---
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---

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

JCC June Calendar

JCC June 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Communion, 10:30am	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4	5	6	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm	8
9 -Graduates' Ice Cream Sunday, 11:30am.	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11 -Fellowship Hall Remodel, 4:30pm -Session, 6pm	12	13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm	15
16 FATHER'S DAY PICNIC, Sugarhouse Park, 10:30am	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	19	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm	22
23	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25	26	27	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29 -Herald deadline, noon
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*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 5/27/19.

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

Upcoming Community Events

- Asian Festival, Mountain America Expo Center (Southtowne): June 15, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.
- Obon practices, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple: July 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Practice begins at 7 p.m., snack bar opens at 6:30 p.m.

Rummage Wrap Up

What is that saying – “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.” The JCC held a rummage sale on Saturday, May 18, 2019. This time there was a new twist – two locations! The “North” location was in the Fellowship Hall at church and the “South” location was at an office complex parking lot in Murray. Thanks to everyone who donated their “treasures” to the sale and to those that purchased these treasures and gave them good homes! All proceeds benefit the Fellowship Hall remodel. Thanks too to everyone that helped with set up, pricing and selling at the two locations!



We hope Pastor Brad will enjoy relaxing in his new used patio chaise lounge, joined by Greg Paige, Hiromi Page, Keri Kramer and Julee Mori.

Bible Land Exploration

Reverend Elizabeth McVicker will be leading a tour “Bible Land Exploration” from January 20-29, 2020 and visiting sites of the Holy Land – Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Jericho, Masada, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. For more information, go to www.eo.travel. Brochures are located on the front table of the Fellowship Hall.



Yas Iwamoto places a flag in tribute to her husband Nobe who served in the MIS during WWII. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Lake Tahoe Fundraiser #2

Submitted by Jan Aramaki

To carry on Doc Matsukawa's evangelism, beef curry was served as a Lake Tahoe Retreat fundraiser on Sunday, May 19. Thank you Sandy Ronning for shopping and taking the lead on this luncheon. Your curry recipe was delicious. Daniel and Alison Cheung, Narumi Kanabuchi and Jan Aramaki were Sandy's crew. The support and love from the JCC family is truly a blessing. We raised \$282. This year's Retreat is from July 21 thru 26th. Doc is calling for others to join. You'll grow in your relationship with God surrounded by Lake Tahoe's beauty and friendly fellowship. Contact Jan Aramaki (801) 728-2006.



Cooks in the kitchen! Daniel and Alison Cheung and Narumi Kanabuchi. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki

Memorial Sunday

The traditional Memorial candle lighting service was held on Sunday, May 26 as participants lit candles in memory of loved ones. The annual Veteran's memorial sponsored by the JACL chapters was held earlier that morning at the Salt Lake City cemetery.



Gary Nakao lights a candle in memory of family as Betty Kubota reads the names. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki