# The HERALD Newsletter

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Worship Schedule: Nichigo Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study on summer break.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

# Pastor's Message

# October 2019

This week I have the privilege of attending a 5 day training workshop in North Carolina with the missionary group Community. Health. Evangelism; also known as C.H.E. You probably have not heard of C.H.E., and to be honest neither had I until earlier this summer when a friend of mine mentioned it in passing. I soon sat down for coffee with a local representative, who filled me in on the main elements of this organization. By the end of that first meeting I began thinking seriously about getting some training with C.H.E. Let me briefly tell you why I have chosen to take the time to immerse myself in the "culture" of an organization which until recently I had never heard of:

- C.H.E. reaches out primarily to less developed countries. I have spent my entire life without having much contact with the poor and impoverished: Shame on me. God's word tells me that Christians are to cultivate compassion for the poor and minister to them. C.H.E. gives me a unique platform in which to do that.
- C.H.E. is holistic. C.H.E. integrates discipleship and church planting with disease prevention and community based development.
- C.H.E. is involved in training local church leaders. This is hopefully where I come in. I have a real desire to minister and equip those who aspire to leading the church. This gives me that opportunity.

ON the website for C.H.E., this question is asked:

"Do you long to see the world's poorest released from poverty with real solutions that change the trajectory of their lives forever?

It's a question that forces Christians to check our compassion meter. You may not be able to minister directly in another country; but you can certainly have a role in praying for these dear people who endure such difficult lives. Would you consider a ministry of prayer for them?

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



Celebrating 100 years of worship

#### THE HERALD

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Newsletter articles are due on the last Saturday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

Website: www.jccslc.net

## **Operation Christmas Child**

It's time again to begin filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child to demonstrate God's love to children in need around the world. The shoeboxes will be available this month. Pick up one or two for your family to fill. They will be due



back to church on **Sunday, November 17** so that there is time to ship them overseas for Christmas.

"Filling" suggestions include:

- Toys: small doll, toy truck, stuffed animal, kazoo, harmonica, yoyo, jump ropes
- School Supplies: pens, pencils/sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad writing pads or paper, solar calculator, coloring and picture books
- Hygiene Items: toothbrush, soap (placed in plastic baggie), comb, washcloth
- Other: T-shirt, socks, ball cap, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, flashlights (with extra batteries)
- Personal note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself and your family.

DO NOT include toothpaste or candy of any kind. Please do not include used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figurines, food, liquid or lotions, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

Shipping for the box is \$9 per box. Checks are payable to Operation Christmas Child.

## **Stewardship Reminder**

The annual Stewardship drive is now! Pledge brochures have been sent in the mail. The deadline is **October 31, 2019**, so that we can begin planning the 2020 budget. *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* 1 Peter 4:10

## **JCC Budget**

Speaking of budget, if you have any expense requests to include in the 2020 proposed annual budget for the JCC, please send your request(s) to **Julee Mori** at **juleemori1@gmail.com** or **(801) 718-2727**. This will help the budget committee to come up with good solid numbers for operations next year.

## **Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

- Larry Harada Toshiko Marse Yolie LaFontaine Kenta Naraoka Toy Shimizu Nichole Kramer Debbie Homma
- Mas Horiuchi Chris Miya Susan Fukushima Steve Fukushima Susan Rosvall Tracy Barnes
- Miki Harada Wat Misaka Kai Ronning Marie Matsukawa Saeko Nakashima Sumiko Rosvall

## No Flu, Thank You!

Flu shots were administered to those in the congregation by Community Nursing Services on September 15. Thanks to Stephanie Nakao for always scheduling this important preventive event every year and to Stephanie and Gary Nakao for providing lunch for everyone. We are now prepared to fight the cold and flu this season!

## **Agape Women Project**

Save your old t-shirts and bring them to church! The Agape Women will be using them for a new project they are undertaking. T-shirts should be "gently used" (no holes, no stains, etc.). Give them to Karla Paige or Laura Olson.

## **Japanese Class Update**

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple has kindly offered the use of one of its classroom for Tomoko Moses' Japanese classes while our Fellowship Hall is being remodeled.

The class schedule has changed to:

- Beginners (conversational) from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
- Advanced from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Agape News**

Submitted by Suzanne Hata

- During the remodel, please take your personal possessions home. Also do not leave personal items in the Chapel refrigerator.
- We will not be collecting aluminum cans during the remodel.
- Campbell's Labels for Education has been discontinued by the Campbell's Company. Please throw out any labels you have collected since labels are no longer redeemable.
- Pop tops for Ronald McDonald House will be collected through November 30, 2019. After Nov. 30, please deliver pop tops directly to Ronald McDonald House.

## **Book Available**

The book, Portraits of Courage, with photographs by Shane Sato, features intimate color and black-and-white portraits of Japanese American veterans of World War II. The emotive images capture the essence and character of Nisei (second-generation) Japanese American soldiers, and reflect each veteran's story of commitment, duty and patriotism. It is available for sale at Lumbini's Garden (across the street, West Wing of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple). Cost is \$50.00.

## **Church Women United Event**

**Event**: Community Day Celebration **Date**: Friday, November 1, 2019 **Time**: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. including lunch **Location**: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 700 East.

**Theme**: "The Time is NOW! Resolve to Love!" **Registration**: \$1.00, Lunch \$5.00

Lunch RSVP: Mary Ann Allison (801) 278-9223 by Monday, 10/28.

World Community Bazaar (A great opportunity to start Christmas shopping!):

- Products from Guinea Bissau (handmade bracelets, placemats, wall hangings)
- The Vietnam Project (Vietnamese products to benefit overseas communities)
- Rural Africa Crafts (Bolga baskets woven by indigenous people in Northern Ghana)
- Fair Trade Coffee

Free will offerings are used for CWU National programs. Make checks payable to Church Women United.

## **Remodeling Update**

Submitted by Greg Paige

The demolition has started! The water line will be replaced, but waiting on permits; we hope to minimize the impact to parking operations. Please be safe around the construction site and pray for the safety of all the workers.

The committee is reviewing the bid of the kitchen equipment; close to approval. Paul DeRose is heading up the A/V bid. The next committee meeting will be October 8.

Namba Construction has made good progress in demolition this week. Walls are gone and the floor covering was removed in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee fellowship will be held in the chapel for the next little while. Right now quarters are a little tight; so please have patience!

## Decathalete

During the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Salt Lake County Senior Wellness Decathalon, held on September 17, more than 100 adults older than 60 competed in 10 different events designed to promote health and wellness. Frank Imai competed in the horseshoe throw competition and his photo was posted in the Deseret News!

	October 6	October 13	October 20	Music Worship October 27	
Liturgist	Patty Price	Ron Nishijima	Greg Paige	Lynne Crabbe	
Scripture Readers	E) Victor Homma J) Yoko DeRose	E) Zach Paige J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Alison Cheung J) Narumi Kanabuchi		
Greeter	Betty Murakami	Sadie Yoshimura	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura	
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Chris Lund Mary Tabata	Keiko Ikeda Allyn Nakashima	Al Kubota Lorraine Crouse	
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Greg Paige	Daniel Cheung	Keiko Ikeda	
Offeratory Music				Nichigo Choir	
Acolyte					
CommunionServers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson				
Ed Bldg Monitor	*	*	*	*	

## **October 2019 - Worship Service Participants**

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

## JCC October Calendar

#### JCC October 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 -Parking, Jonas Brothers, 7:30pm	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm	5 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
6 -Communion, 10:30am	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm	8 -Fellowship Hall Remodel Mtg, 5pm -Session Mtg, 6pm	9	10	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm	12
13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Jazz, 8pm	15 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	16 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	17	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, Tool Concert, 7:30pm	19
20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm	22	23 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	24	25 -Taiko practice, 6pm	26 -Herald deadline, noon -Parking, Jazz, 7pm
27 -Music Worship, 10:30am	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm -Parking, 21 Pilots, 8pm	29 -Parking, Guns and Roses, 7:30pm	30	31 HALLOWEEN		

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 9/29/19.

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

### **October Community Events**

• Saturday, October 5, 2019: Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Food Festival, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, October 12, 2019**: Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by the Dai Ichi Ward, 2005 South 900 East, at noon.