

The HERALD Newsletter

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Pastoral Message

November 2022

Thank You for Your Service

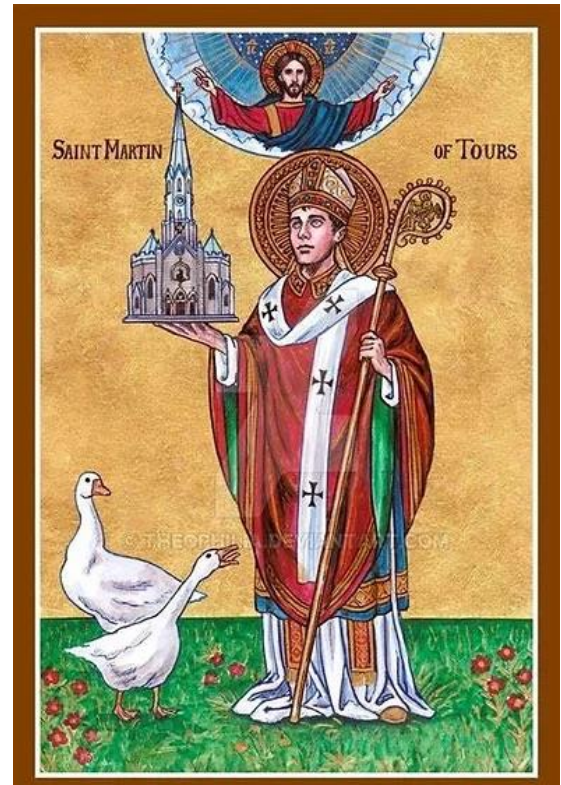
November brings us Veterans Day, and you probably knew that the armistice of 11/11/1918 ended the fighting of World War I. But do you know why the armistice took effect that day? It took months to negotiate the details, so why did they agree on 11/11?

11/11 is the Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours, who is venerated as the patron saint of Soldiers. And the best way to bless Soldiers is to stop fighting. Martin was a Soldier turned priest in the 4th century CE in what is now France. He started a monastery in the vicinity of the city of Tours and was pretty content with a hermit lifestyle, secluded from the world. But the people wanted him in the public office of a bishop. Martin, in his resistance, tried to hide in a pen of geese. The geese quacked super loud and gave his location away so that the people found him and acclaimed Martin bishop of Tours.

Here is the moral of the story: Christian life cannot stay in the sanctuary of the monastery or the church. The geese forced St. Martin into public ministry. How do you live into your calling of public ministry in the community?

Blessings,

Rev. Daniel Haas, BCC
Cell 801-368-1180



Remember in Your Prayers

Remember the new Prayer List practice – names will appear on the list for one month, so we can keep it updated and current. To respect individual privacy, if there is a name to be added to this prayer list, the person must first give permission to have his/her own name published. Email the JCC website, jccslc.net or contact Pastor Haas or any of the Deacons.

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Jason L. Moses

Saeko Nakashima

Victor Homma

Amy Peterson

Family of Lillian Nakamura

Family of Susan Rosvall

Debbie Homma

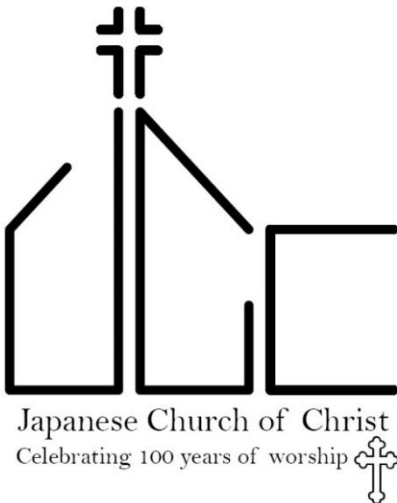
Condolences to the family of Susan Rosvall, who passed away unexpectedly last month. Keep her mother Sumiko in prayer.

Also, condolences to the family of Lillian Nakamura, who passed away on October 18. Lillian was a faithful member of the JCC, serving in many capacities at the church – including bookkeeper for many years – and she was actively involved in all JCC events (her sweet and sour chicken wings were the best!). Our prayers go out to Lil's 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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Clerk of Session: Daniel Cheung

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Daylight Savings Time!

Remember that **Sunday, November 6, 2022** is "Fall Back" time for daylight savings. So don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour. If you do forget, you'll be early for worship service that Sunday, but you can join us for Adult Bible Study instead!

Interim Pastor - Hiring Process and Responsibilities

By Lynne Ward, Elder for Personnel

By now, you've had exposure to Rev. Daniel Haas, our Interim Pastor. You've seen him in action from the pulpit, his visits to homes of those in need, his leading of funerals, and his participation in various JCC meetings and community meetings to represent JCC. You've also read his pastoral message in the Herald beginning with the May 2022 edition. He introduced himself in that edition and a welcome message gave his background.

Pastor Daniel is actively engaged in the health of JCC. He is enthusiastic about the future of JCC and is a key participant in the mission study. You'll note that he makes himself accessible by recently including his cell phone number after his pastoral message. Email messages to him receive a timely response.

As the Session entered into the hiring process for an interim pastor, two decisions were made: 1. That the mission study would guide the type of pastor suitable for JCC. And so, an engaged interim pastor versus a permanent pastor would be appropriate; and 2. A part-time interim pastor is the best fit for JCC at this time and the salary reflects part-time hours.

The hiring committee of the Session included Daniel Cheung, Lorraine Crouse, Pauline Vosburgh and me, Lynne Ward. Rev. Derek Forbes of the First Presbyterian Church of Logan was assigned to assist us by the Presbytery of Utah's Committee on Ministry. We were very impressed with Pastor Daniel, especially after receiving three glowing references from church members from his past.

The interim pastor contract term is from mid-April 2022 to mid-April 2023. The contractual goal is to lead JCC to refocus on what it needs to be, know, and do to best serve God's kingdom by:

1. Maintaining a healthy congregational life;
2. Enhancing overall service mission framework and preparation;
3. Participating in the mission study in conjunction with the Session and an outside facilitator if hired;
4. Providing continuity of leadership and stability during the mission study and while JCC searches for a permanent pastor;
5. Providing leadership over and guidance for the organization of JCC; and
6. Leading and energizing the JCC leadership and congregation for growth during the mission study process.

Pastor Daniel has been successfully operating as JCC's interim pastor. If you have any input that you'd like to share with him, he is open to it. If you are more comfortable asking questions about the interim role or sharing feedback with me, please contact me at [lynnenward\[at\]yahoo\[dot\]com](mailto:lynnenward@yahoo.com).



Operation Christmas Child Reminder

The due date for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes is **November 13, 2022**. Empty shoeboxes are found in the Fellowship Hall. Fill the shoebox with Christmas gift items to be distributed to children in need around the world.



Remember, **DO NOT** include toothpaste or candy of any kind and **NO LIQUIDS**. 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.

"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, comb, washcloth
- Other: T-shirt, socks, ball cap, hair clips, jewelry, flashlights (with extra batteries)

If you are not able to assemble a shoebox gift but want to participate in this project, please consider a \$10 donation to cover postage.

Church Clean Up

Submitted by Steve Fukumitsu, Buildings/Grounds

It is Fall and time to prepare the church for the upcoming fall and winter season. The clean-up will be on **Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8 a.m. to noon**. Please come if you can help; we will need everyone who can make it. The main focus will be on clearing and cleaning the basement in the Fellowship Hall and some winterizing of the outside landscaping.

JCC's Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy

Submitted by Lynne Ward, Elder for Personnel

Organizations across the country, including churches, have or are adopting policies and procedures, if there is suspected or witnessed inappropriate behavior. The behavior could be on the church premises or at another location involving church leaders.

JCC has adopted a Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy. If you suspect or witness any neglect, abuse of children, youth, or vulnerable adults, please contact Pastor Daniel at 801.368.1180 or daniel.haas@jccslc.net. If you are uncomfortable reporting to the pastor, you may contact the Clerk of the Session (currently Daniel Cheung at clerk@jccslc.net or the Presbytery of Utah at 801.539.8446.

JCC takes these issues seriously and will promptly report to and cooperate with law enforcement.

East Coast Update

Betty Morishita's daughter Debbie Contini sent along an update on how her mom is doing in New York!

Betty is at Friedwald Nursing/Rehab Center and has a good staff looking after her. Of course, she continues to be everyone's favorite!

Debbie and Aaron visit regularly. In mid-September, Betty was able to spend time with her new great grand-daughter Eden along with great-grandson Samuel (6) and grandson Robert and wife Adrienne.

The family appreciates all of the love and concern sent by Betty's JCC friends (notes, cards emails and the Herald). Keep 'em coming!



Betty holds new great-granddaughter Eden along with grandson Robert's help. Photo courtesy: Debbie Contini

Upcoming Community Events

- **November 5** – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, sponsored by the National JACL Credit Union, to be held at the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple at noon.
- **November 19/20** – Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Holiday Boutique, Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade and commercial items for sale for Christmas gifting! Food available on Saturday and bento boxes for sale on Sunday. See lumbinisingarden.com.

The Agape Women and Deacons will have a table of items for sale at this event.

Eldercare Request

A woman that lives in the Avenues area of Salt Lake City is in need of eldercare. Either a home caregiver or a live-in care provider (she has a furnished basement bedroom and would trade rent for services). If you know of anyone that would be interested in this position or knows of a contact that could provide senior support, please contact one of the Deacons.

CWU Advent Service and Tea

A multi-faith gathering of Christian women.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Church Women United’s (CWU) Advent Service and Tea:

When: Friday, December 2, 2022 (1st Friday)

Time: Afternoon - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Centenary United Methodist Church, 1740 South 500 East (SLC)

Worship: Pastor A J Bush

Community Outreach: The Ronald McDonald House – Please BRING the following: Individual snack items, juice containers, water bottles, yogurt or apple squeeze tubes, travel size personal items, individual cereal, or gift cards.

Reminder

At the end of worship service, please remember to stay seated until the candles have been snuffed out and the worship program participants are led out of the sanctuary by the scripture reader and the Bible. During this time, listen to the postlude music and enjoy the vitality of sacred music for your spiritual lives.

JCC November 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -Parking, Post Malone, 8pm	2 -Parking, Lizzo, 8pm	3	4	5
6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Communion, 10:30am -Deacons Meeting, 11:30am -Deacons/Session, noon -Nihongo Gakko, noon	7 -Parking, Jazz, 8:15pm	8 ELECTION DAY	9 -Parking, Dave Matthews, 7:30pm	10 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	11 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 7pm	12 -Parking, Disney on Ice, 11am, 3pm, 7pm
13 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon -Parking, Disney on Ice, 1pm	14 -Security Training SLPD, 6pm	15 -Parking, Jazz, 8pm	16 -Session Meeting, 6pm	17 -Parking, Carrie Underwood, 7:30pm	18 -Parking, Jazz, 7pm	19 -Parking, Ozuna, 8pm
20 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon	21	22 -Parking, Trans-Siberian Orch, 3pm, 7:30pm	23 -Parking, Jazz	24 THANKSGIVING	25	26 -Parking, Sesame Street, 2pm, 5:30pm
27 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon -Parking, Sesame Street 10:30am, 2pm	28 -Parking, Jazz	29	30 -Parking, Jazz			

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 10/26/2022.

Deacons Report – October Meeting

The Deacons October meeting was held via teleconference on Thursday, October 6. The following items were discussed:

- Feedback on World Communion Sunday joint worship service and potluck. Everyone felt it was a nice event and more joint services could be planned in the future. There will be more discussion once the mission study begins.
- Jan and Elaine participated as servers at the Geraldine E. King Women’s Resource Center and reported that it was very organized and a good community service project. We will find a future date that the Deacons can sign up for as a team.
- Susan Rosvall passed away. Elaine will try to contact her mother Sumiko.
- Visitations were made to Rose Kamaya and Lillian Nakamura.
- The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple is having a Holiday Boutique and invited the Agape and Deacons to participate as vendors. We will discuss whether to participate and what to sell.
- Confirmed date of November 6 for joint meeting with Session. A topic for discussion will be Sunday School.

October Worship Services

Our guest pianist for the October 9 worship service was Marc Stillman. It was nice to have him play piano for us! October 9 was also Minister Appreciation Day. The Deacons presented a card and gift to Pastor Haas for his service to the JCC.

Our guest minister on October 16 was Rev. Brent Gundlah of UCC.



Offertory music by Marc Stillman

Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse



Rev. Gundlah

Session Report – October Meeting

Submitted by Daniel Cheung, Clerk of Session

The Session has held two meetings since our last report: September 28 and October 19. On September 28, the Session adopted a Memorial and Stewardship Recognition Policy and received an update about the mission study. We installed the first members of the mission study committee: Steve Fukumitsu, Lorraine Crouse, Michael Flemming, and Jani Iwamoto. The mission study is a process for all in the church, and we look forward to beginning this conversation with everyone.

On October 19, the Session met jointly with the Trustees to discuss the past, present, and future of the church. We also discussed two capital projects: installation of new HVAC systems, and repairs to the chapel kitchen, bathroom, and flooring. The HVAC system has already been installed (it works beautifully), and the Trustees will meet again to finalize plans for the chapel repairs.

The Session met afterward and discussed plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. There have been so many wonderful gatherings over the past few months, taking lots of volunteer time and hard work. We decided to allow folks to rest for Thanksgiving, and we will be preparing a Christmas meal to share together on Sunday, December 18 as our next celebratory meal.

We are looking for volunteers! If you are able to contribute some time next year to JCC, please contact Pastor Daniel. Every person makes a big difference. The next Session meeting is November 16. If you have any questions, thoughts, or suggestions, please reach out to any member of the Session. We are grateful for the time, effort, and love that goes into keeping the JCC church family healthy and whole.

Volunteer Opportunity

As mentioned in the Deacons Report, the Deacons plan to volunteer at the Geraldine E. King Women’s Resource Center in the near future as part of our community outreach.

Pre-COVID, a group from the JCC used to volunteer to serve lunch at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. Participation at the Women’s Resource Center would be similar and include serving food and cleaning up afterwards, about 1.5 hours of time.

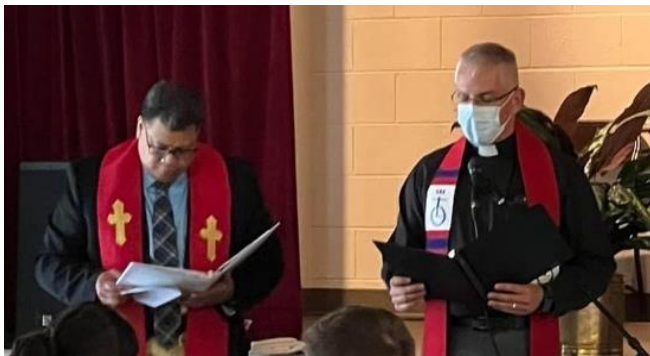
If you are interested in volunteering as part of our team, please contact any of the Deacons.

World Communion Day Wrapup

World Communion Day was Sunday, October 2, so a joint worship service was held with the Tongan and Kachin congregations. Pastors Haas and Pupu'a conducted the service and the Tongan choir led the music. Afterwards, a potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all.



The three congregations make a full house.



Pastors Pupu'a and Haas at the Communion table.



Leading the Tongan choir in song.



Smiling lunch servers behind those masks - Julee, Karla, Patty, Tomoko and Jan.
(Photos courtesy Lorraine Crouse and Jani Iwamoto)

Kenshin Taiko News

Submitted by Sarah Gregorio, Kenshin Taiko

Kenshin has had a little time to rest after the summer performance rush! The end of August saw an awesome performance for the Dragon Boat Festival, the ACLU Block party, and a workshop in which we are learning a new song called "Korekara".

Our main performance for October came about on the 15th, at the Japanese Anime Convention! An annual performance, it is a weekend filled with cosplay, Japanese panels to learn from, and great vendors. This is an event frequented by "Toshikos", and Kenshin was able to stop by their booth to support their store. The rest of October will be quiet as we get back to work on "Korekara". Our next performance will be in November, at an elementary school that one of our members, Amber, teaches at.



Kenshin Taiko at October Anime Convention. Photo courtesy: Sarah Gregorio

Congrats

Jani Iwamoto received the 2022 Eleanor Roosevelt Award from the Utah Democratic Party. This award recognizes the strength and contribution of women to the party and the state. Pastor Haas delivered the invocation at a luncheon held at Little America Hotel on October 3.



Pastor Haas and Jani



Jani, Yas, Katie and Steve