

The HERALD Newsletter

Japanese Church of Christ

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In-person worship services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Season – Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday, April 2

10:30 a.m. in Chapel • Service, Palm Processional, Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 6

6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall • Meal, Service, Communion

Good Friday, April 7 •

6:00 p.m. Service in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 9

- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by the Men's Group (\$5.00 per person, children under 12 free)
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt, in JCC Courtyard
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at in Chapel with Children's Floral Processional to Cross, Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Group Easter Photograph, outside Chapel
- Refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the group photograph



Remember in Your Prayers

Names will appear on the prayer 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:

Betty Morishita

Yeiko Homma

Sakata Family

Rosvall Family

Debbie Homma

Condolences

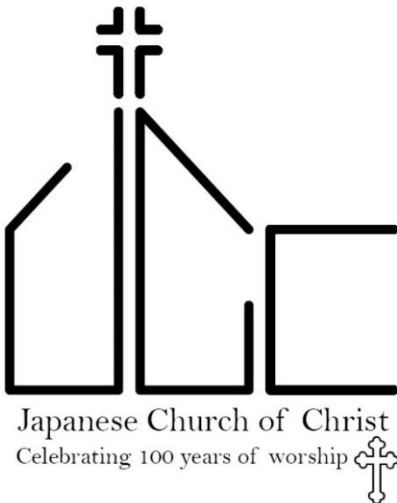
Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families of Sumiko Rosvall and Don Sakata upon the passings of their loved ones last month.

Don and Naomi Sakata were active members of the JCC until moving to the Phoenix, AZ area. Keep Naomi and her family in your prayers. A memorial service will be held in Hawaii on April 1, 2023 that will be aired on YouTube. For more information, contact Elaine Iwasaki.

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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Interim Pastor: Rev. Daniel Haas
Clerk of Session: Karen Okawa

Session

Lorraine Crouse - Worship
 Steve Fukumitsu - Buildings and Grounds
 Lynne Ward - Personnel
 Julee Mori - Finance/Kenshin Taiko Liaison
 Elise Mori - Membership/Stewardship/Deacons Liaison
 Karen Okawa - Membership/Stewardship
 Greg Paige - Education/Nichigo

Deacons

Jan Aramaki - moderator, Elaine Iwasaki, Stephanie Mori-Nakao, Allyn Nakashima, Akiko Oki, Laura Olson, Nancy Umemura, Yuri Uyeda

Newsletter articles are due on the fourth Saturday of each month at noon. Send your articles to jccherald@gmail.com.

Website: www.jccslc.net

Nihon Matsuri

Submitted by Jan Aramaki



Nihon Matsuri (Japan Festival)

Saturday, April 29, 2023

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Japantown Street (100 S) between 200 and 300 West Streets

Nihon Matsuri Volunteers Needed!

After 3 years of not participating in the festival due to our Fellowship Hall remodel and then the COVID shutdown, the JCC will have a food booth this year.

JCC will be selling yaki manju, mochiko manju, onigiri (rice balls), teriyaki chicken rice bowls, and teriyaki hot dog over rice.

We need volunteers the day before the festival (Friday, April 28) to help make manju and on the day of the festival (Saturday, April 29) in the kitchen prepping the donburi bowls and salad and also selling in the booth. Please contact Jan Aramaki, Laura Olson, Julee Mori or Karen Okawa if you can help. The fellowship in serving is always our blessing.

Save the Date – Aki Matsuri 2023

Speaking of festivals....after an absence of a few years, the JCC Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival) will take place this year on **Saturday, August 19, 2023**. A committee has been formed and had its first meeting already. We wish to bring back nostalgia from our first festivals (remember the Oriental Festival?) with a similar menu, displays, and entertainment. More information to follow, but in the meantime, save the date!

Emergency Contact List

In the upcoming months, we will be updating the JCC membership list and address directory (which has not been updated since 2018). In addition to updating names and addresses, an emergency contact number will be added to the list. This contact could be a family member or friend that can be reached if something were to happen to you while at church. A cell phone number is preferred; this number will not be published – but kept in a list in the office, should it need to be accessed. Please think of the person that you would like to have listed, obtain that person's contact information and get his/her permission. A form will be available next month to collect this data.

Friendship Day Celebration – Church Women United May Event

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration 2023.

When: Friday, May 5, 2023 (1st Friday)

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Hilltop United Methodist Church, 985 East 10600 South (Sandy)

Theme: "Living a Legacy of Love: Doing God's Work – Labor with Love – A Heart to Care"

Keynote Speaker: TBA

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Annual FLC: Fellowship of the Least Coin Collection / Dedication

Potential Speakers: Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Recipients

Community Outreach: The CWU Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Make checks payable to "Church Women United" and note "Scholarship Fund"

Offering: Used for CWU State and Local Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United"

Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, May 1.

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally.

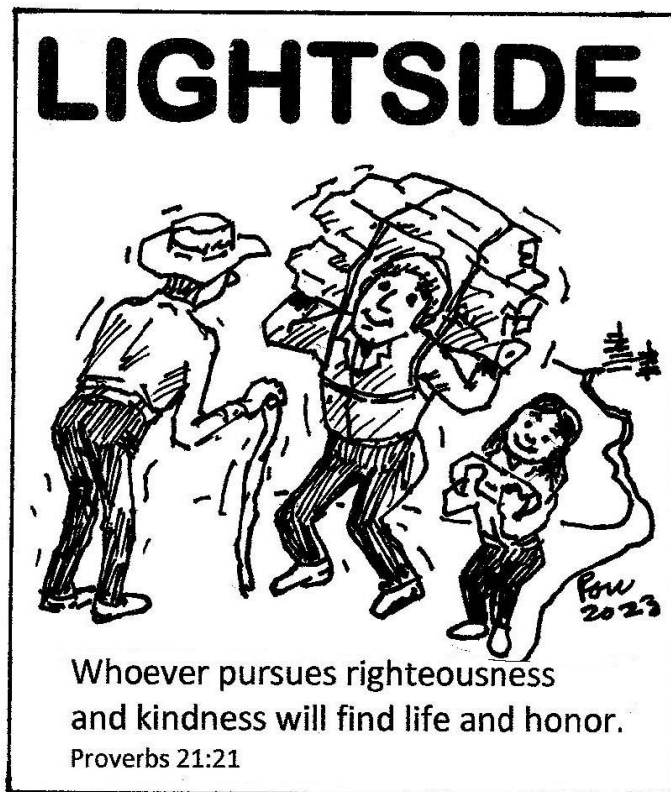
CWU Scholarship Opportunity

CWU is sponsoring the Esther Williams Scholarship in the amount of \$400.00 for female high school and college age students. The requirements include residency in the Salt Lake City/Bountiful area and be a Christian church member with involvement in church activities.

More information and application forms are found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Art Gallery

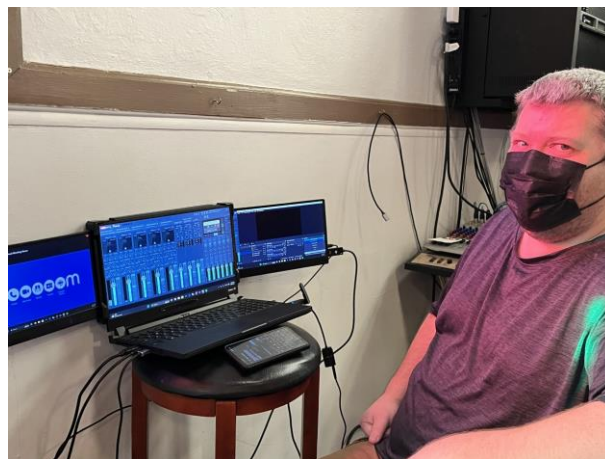
The north wall of the Fellowship Hall will soon be adorned with new artwork alongside the works done by Ron Nishijima and Ted Nagata. The Utah Division of Arts and Museums is moving to a new office location and are not taking some pieces of art to their new location. Thanks to Jean Irwin, Arts Education Manager of the division, some of the artwork will be hung in our Fellowship Hall.



Live Stream

The JCC is working with the Ogden Christian Church on a way to live stream worship services and share music. We are working with Kevin and Ami Nordlund of the Ogden congregation to be able to synch up services with them. "Test" streams were conducted on the last two Sundays in March.

This is a backup option if there happens to be a week that we do not have a pianist available to play during worship service or if the Ogden church needs a worship speaker. This venture is also an opportunity to maintain a closer relationship with our "sister" church.



Kevin Nordlund of the Ogden Christian Church and his AV equipment. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

CWU Meeting and Luncheon Recap

The JCC hosted the March meeting and luncheon of the Church Women United (CWU) on Friday, March 10. The event was the Human Rights Day celebration. Derek Goudie of Sacred Circle was the keynote speaker and there was a special award presentation. The Agape group prepared lunch for the event that was attended by a total of 54 guests, twelve from the JCC. Thanks to all who helped in the planning of this meeting, those that attended and those that helped with the luncheon preparations. Special thanks to Steve Fukumitsu for coordinating the A/V equipment for the program.

The CWU officers were grateful for our participation and expressed their thanks for our hospitality. It was nice to open our Fellowship Hall up to the faith community and meet women from other congregations across the Salt Lake valley.



The new big screen worked well for the presentation.



Kitchen crew - Jan, Elise and Karen
Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

Deacon's Report – February Meeting

Submitted by Allyn Nakashima, Deacon

The Board of Deacons met on February 26, 2023 and discussed the following:

- We discussed and made assignments for coffee fellowship and communion support. Assignments were made for teams of two deacons, and each team was assigned a 3-month period during which they will be responsible for both coffee fellowship and communion. Details for performing coffee fellowship and communion duties were discussed.
- We will be resuming purchase and delivery of Easter lilies to our shut-ins and families who have recently experienced losses. Easter lilies will be delivered on April 2 or April 9.
- We transferred banking authority to our new Treasurer, Nancy Umemura with Allyn Nakashima as back-up.

March Guest Pastors

Thank you to Rev. Bob Nakaoka and Rev. Lorrie Gaffney for filling in on the pulpit while Rev. Haas was out of town.



Rev. Nakaoka



Rev. Gaffney

Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse and Jan Aramaki

Lock Up Check List

Just a reminder that if you are the last person to leave the church facilities on any given day, please check the following:

Fellowship Hall:

Office door is closed and locked
Side gates and main gate are closed and locked
Lights are all off (including on the stage and basement)
Kitchen stove and ovens are turned off

Chapel: (On Sundays, if you are there after the Tongan congregation has completed its worship services)

Lights are off
Front and back doors are locked

Session Report – March Meeting

Submitted by Karen Okawa, Clerk of Session

The March Session meeting was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Pastor Haas was out of town, so Candice Sweet, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Utah filled in as moderator for the meeting.

Officers were nominated and elected for Clerk of Session – Karen Okawa; Commissioner to the Presbytery – Allyn Nakashima and Commissioner to UCC RMC – Lorraine Crouse.

Reports:

Finance – Benevolence and per capita were paid to the Presbytery and UCC this month. A question came up regarding funding of Nihon Matsuri, which we have not budgeted funds for the last 2 years as the festival has been canceled because of COVID. The expenses and profits from Nihon Matsuri will be an entry in the General Fund rather than Agape and Nichigo. The current budget will be adjusted after the event.

Buildings and Grounds – Regarding parking income, it was clarified that JCC is income tax exempt, but property tax is different and there is no exemption. Steve is working with Cascade and ABM to negotiate how much each party will contribute.

Education – A timeline for nominating church officers was presented that should be worked on throughout the year. We should start seeking possible candidates for positions in January and conduct training on what is expected in those positions.

Membership – An emergency contact list will be compiled to include a phone number for a family member or friend that can be reached in case of an emergency situation at church.

Personnel – Results of the member survey performed last month were reported. Pastor Haas has agreed to renew his contract for another year.

Worship – Easter events this year will include Maundy Thursday meal and service, Good Friday service, Easter Sunday breakfast hosted by the Men's group. A reservation was made at Sugarhouse Park for the annual Father's Day picnic.

Mission Study – The committee will have a final questionnaire by the end of the month and will begin an interview process with the congregation.

Deacons – See report on Page 4. The Deacons have also expressed interest in receiving training from the Presbytery as well. Contact information will be sent to the Presbytery Stated Clerk.

JACL Event – Wakasa Memorial

Submitted by Jani Iwamoto

On Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd, ceremonies will take place in Salt Lake City and at the Topaz concentration camp in Delta, to honor the memory of James Hatsuaki Wakasa, who was walking his dog when he was killed by an Army guard on April 11, 1943, at Topaz. These events co-hosted by the Topaz Museum Board and Wakasa Memorial Committee, will mark the 80th anniversary of Mr. Wakasa's murder.

The Wakasa Monument, a 2,400-pound memorial stone, was erected in June 1943 near the fence at Topaz by Issei friends and members of the landscape committee, in defiance of the authorities' orders not to build a monument. Soon after, they were ordered by WRA administration to destroy the monument. The builders instead, buried the stone. The top was rediscovered in 2020 and lay in the ground for 78 years, until it was unearthed by the Topaz Museum Board and relocated to the Museum's courtyard in 2021. According to a museum spokesperson, it was done to protect it from vandalism and other acts of deliberate destruction.

Thereafter, a group has been assembled, including myself and Chris Merritt (Utah Historic Preservation Officer with the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer); Justin Henderson (Program Manager, Heritage Partnerships Program, National Park Service Regional Office Serving Department of the Interior Regions 6, 7, & 8); Topaz Board Members Ann Dion, Sherrie Hayashi and Hisashi Sugaya; and Wakasa Memorial Committee members Karen Kiyo Lowhurst, Masako Takahashi and Nancy Ukai. The purpose of this group is to determine the remediation of the Wakasa memorial stone, as well as the site itself.

The memorial events in Utah will require registration. The Friday evening event will be held at the Salt Lake City Buddhist Temple. An evening program will feature a presentation on the life of James Hatsuaki Wakasa, followed by a panel presentation of the group above but focusing on presentations by our Utah State Historical Preservation Office, National Park Service, as well as stone conservator John Lambert. They will discuss the long-term preservation of the Wakasa memorial stone and site. Dinner will also be provided that night.

At Topaz on April 22, a ceremonial walk will retrace Wakasa's steps from his barrack to the sacred place where he died. A brief interfaith ceremony will be held near the fence where he died. After the memorial walk, a ritual ceremony will be live, as well as live streamed to the Delta Community Center from the Wakasa memorial stone in the courtyard of the Topaz Museum in Delta, 16 miles from Topaz. Lunch to be provided. There are no costs for meals or transportation.

To learn more about how to attend the Utah events, email wakasa80th@gmail.com.

Upcoming Community Events

- Saturday, April 1, 2023 - Ikebana workshop conducted by Theresa Mori-Sueoka. See info on the right.
- Monday, April 10, 2023 – Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce speaker Cathy Saunders, Head of Corporate Sustainability and Public Policy for Putnam Investments. Time: 3:30 p.m. at Ray Quinney and Nebeker offices. RSVP at uacc0410cf.eventbrite.com.
- Friday/Saturday, April 21-22, 2023. 80th Anniversary of James Wakasa's Murder at Topaz. See article on Page 5.
- Saturday, April 29, 2023. Nihon Matsuri. See article on Page 2.
- Saturday, May 7, 2023. Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon, hosted by Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Dharma School, noon.



Utah Arts & Museums, Arts Education & Folk Arts
IKEBANA WORKSHOP
 Artist – Theresa Sueoka

Saturday, April 1, 2023
 10:00 – noon &/or 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CHASE HOME MUSEUM OF UTAH FOLK ARTS
 In Liberty Park, SLC

RSVP for FREE workshop by March 29: jirwin@utah.gov
 To order a Japanese bento lunch: jirwin@utah.gov
 (salmon \$12.99 or chicken teriyaki - \$10.98)

> artsandmuseums.utah.gov



JCC April 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 PALM SUNDAY -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Palm Processional, Communion Service, 10:30am	3	4 -Parking, Jazz vs. Lakers, 7pm	5	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY -Service, Communion, Meal, 6pm	7 GOOD FRIDAY -Service, 6pm	8 -Parking, Jazz vs. Nuggets, 1:30pm
9 EASTER SUNDAY -Breakfast, 8:30-9:30am -Egg Hunt -Worship Service, 10:30am	10	11	12	13 -Session Meeting, 6pm	14	15
16 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am	17	18	19	20 -Parking, Muse Concert, 6:30pm	21	22 -Herald Articles Due
23 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am	24	25	26	27	28 -Nihon Matsuri prep, all day	29 -Nihon Matsuri, all day
30 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am						

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 3/20/2023.