

The HERALD Newsletter

Japanese Church of Christ

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

Pastor's Message

"Centennial Psalm"

September 2024

In the book of Psalms we have 150 chapters. So for most birthdays and anniversaries, there is a psalm that matches the year we are celebrating. The weekend of 21/22 September 2024, the JCC is celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the dedication of our historic chapel. So consequently, I invite you to take a look at Psalm 100:

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Verse 1 starts with a joyful noise. That will be true for our celebration in September as we will finally be back in the chapel and hear the organ play. What a joyful noise!

Verses 2 and 3 remind us to come into the LORD's presence. This is a call to humility, that the chapel is not just a symbol of the congregation's strength and resilience; but a manifestation of God's presence in this place.

Verse 4 is the call to come into the sanctuary. Yes, you can give thanks and praise wherever you are; but our God calls people to assemble together. Faith is a team effort. You can't do it alone!

Verse 5 looks at the span of generations. From the foundation that the Issei laid, this current generation is engaged in the struggle for Japantown once more.

100 Years of Hopes!
100 Years of Challenges!
100 Years of Worship!
100 Years of Future!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise on 21/22 September 2024 and join us for the celebrations!

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

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. Contact Pastor Haas or any of the Deacons.

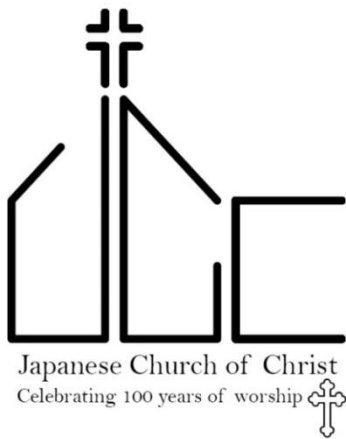
Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Pastor Nominating Committee Nagata Family Tom Reed Jr. Susan Fukushima Japantown
Kennah and Brighton Misaka Chapel Remodel and 100th Anniversary Celebration

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: Nancy Umemura

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Lynne Ward, Personnel/Trustees
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 Elise Mori, Worship
 Alan Shino, Building and Grounds
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Jan Aramaki, moderator, Stephanie Mori-Nakao, Allyn Nakashima, Akiko Oki, Laura Olson, Marc Stillman, Yuri Uyeda

Trustees

Jani Iwamoto – President; Pauline Vosburgh – Vice President, Rick Aoki – Treasurer, Daniel Cheung – Secretary, Ron Nishijima, Lorraine Crouse

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

Website: www.jccslc.net

Flu & Covid Vaccination Clinic

Sunday, September 15, 2024 - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Vaccinations Available: Influenza (Flu) & Covid ONLY (NOT other vaccinations as reported in the August Herald).

Pre-Registration is Required - Must provide: Driver’s License or ID and Insurance Card.

Contact Stephanie Mori-Nakao for registration forms. gsnakao@aol.com

This year, the vaccinations are provided by Kroger Pharmacy. Payment is required at time of vaccination. Payment still required if no-show.

Remember to wear a short-sleeved top!

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie.

JCC Chapel Centennial

Submitted by Chapel Centennial Committee

Please mark your calendars for a very special event!

On **Saturday, September 21, 2024**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the JCC will celebrate the chapel's 100-year anniversary, "A Century of Loving Faith".

The JCC is blessed to include two additional congregations in the celebration of their 10-year anniversaries in sharing the JCC chapel:

- Anchored in Christ Free Wesleyan Church (a member of the Tongan American Free Wesleyan Church group)
- Kachin Trinity Church

The celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a presentation at the Japantown garden, followed by a 15-minute screening of "Stamp Our Story: Honoring America's Nisei Veterans", which tells the inspiring story behind the Go For Broke: Japanese American Soldiers of World War II Forever commemorative postage stamp. We are honored to have Wayne Osako from California to present this special screening.



An open house reception will follow. There will also be photo displays of the veterans as well as of the chapel.

On **Sunday, September 22, 2024**, there will be a joint worship service with our fellow congregations at 10:30 a.m. Following worship service, please join in fellowship at a potluck luncheon. Bring a dish to share!

Nominations Open!

Submitted by Nancy Umemura

The nominating committee for new officers for the 2025-2027 term has been initiated. Members are Nancy Umemura, Lynne Ward, Elaine Iwasaki, and one Deacon (to be named).

According to our JCC bylaws, we should have a total of 6-9 Elders, 6-9 Deacons, and 6 Trustees. We will be looking to nominate and install 2-4 Elders, 2-3 Deacons, and 1 Trustee. If you have a nomination or are interested in serving in one of the positions, please let one of the committee members know.

JCC Phone Directory Update

Submitted by Patty Price

The JCC phone directory will be updated by Patty (Arakaki) Price. (It hasn't been updated since 2018.)

If you would like to be included in this new directory, please submit your name, address, and phone number (optional). Submit your information in one of 3 ways:

- Regular mail: Patty Price, 2226 West Harker Farm Lane, Taylorsville, Utah 84129
- Text: (801) 556-1484
- Email: patp1406@gmail.com

Submit your entries no later than September 30, 2024, so that it can be published by the first of next year.

Note: Current names listed in the 2018 directory will not be included in this update unless she hears from you directly.

New Office Info/Facilities Requests

As our new Office Administrator, Patty Price will be in the office at JCC on Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If there are any requests from anyone to use the JCC facilities (chapel and/or Fellowship Hall), all requests for usage should be routed to Patty, who will maintain the JCC Google calendar.

Refer to the printed calendar on the wall by the stairs in the Fellowship Hall and write-in any requested days, (including the Tongan and Kachin congregations). Also notify Patty. Nancy Umemura will check the Google calendar regularly for any written in items and print and post updates on the calendar. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

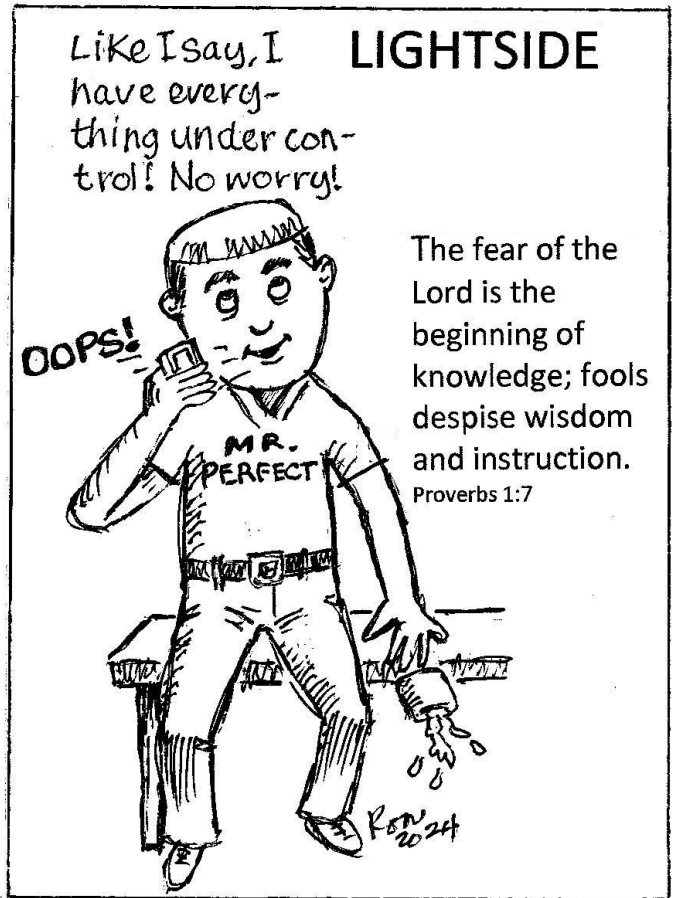
Patty's contact information is:

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Deacons August Meeting Recap

Submitted by Allyn Nakashima

The Board of Deacons met on August 4, 2024. The main topics of discussion included the upcoming vaccination clinic on September 15 and the 100th Anniversary and Re-opening of the Chapel Celebrations on September 21 and 22.



Welcome Stella!

On Sunday, August 11, 2024, Stella Mzilikazi was baptized as a member of the JCC in a service performed by Pastor Haas. Stella is from South Africa and moved to Salt Lake City to be with her son. Please welcome Stella in our congregation!



Rev. Haas conducts the baptism for Stella Mzilikazi, witnessed by her son Dabu.

Upcoming Community Events

Friday through Monday, September 6-9: Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimage to Topaz. For more information, go to jampilgrimages.org.

Saturday, September 14: Nikkei Senior Center Picnic, Murray Park, Pavilion 4, noon. Food provided by Nikkei board, bingo.

Friday/Saturday, September 20-21: Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering, Cottonwood Presbyterian Church, 1580 East Vine Street. (See article on the right.)

Saturday, October 5: Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Food Bazaar, 211 West 100 South. Opens at 1:00 p.m.

Our Daily Bread – Autumn Issue

The “Our Daily Bread” for the months of September, October and November 2024 is now available. Pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall near the bulletin board table. If you would like a hardcopy mailed to you, email jccherald@gmail.com with your request.



Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering

Do Everything in Love I Corinthians 16:14

September 20-21, 2024

Cottonwood Presbyterian Church
1580 E Vine Street
Murray, UT 84121

Featuring participants of the Presbyterian Women’s Churchwide Gathering bringing the love and understanding to Utah Presbyterian Women.

To register, contact Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz at sahoffelmeyerkatz@comcast.net or 801-272-5356 by September 9, 2024.

Please include registration information:

- First Time Attendee?
- Dietary needs, i.e. Gluten Free?
- Need a Ride? Church?

Cost is \$15.00 payable at the door. Friday 9/20 5:00 p.m. to Saturday 9/21 at 3:00 p.m.

Utah Asian Chamber of Commerce

UACC is offering two \$5,000 grants to support community businesses. For the criteria and application, go to www.utahasianchamber.org/uacc-gives/. Application forms are due October 1, 2024.

JCC September 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -Communion Service, 10:30am -Deacons Meeting, 11:45am	2 LABOR DAY	3	4	5	6 -Tongan Celebration, all day -Parking, Fuerza Regida, 8pm	7 -Tongan Celebration all day -Parking, Tucker Carlson, 7pm
8 -Worship Service, 10:30am	9	10 -Nerikiri class, 10am	11	12	13	14 -Parking, Childish Gambino, 8pm
15 -Worship Service, 10:30am -Flu/Covid Shot Clinic, 11:30am to 1 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21 -Chapel Centennial Celebration, 2pm
22 -Joint Worship Service, 10:30am -Potluck luncheon, 11:30am	23 -Parking, NHL game LA Kings, 7pm	24 -Session Meeting, 6pm	25	26 -Parking, FanX event, 8am to 7pm	27 -Parking, FanX event, 8am to 7pm -Parking, Ringling Bros Circus, 7pm	28 -Parking, FanX event, 8am to 7pm -Parking, Ringling Bros Circus, 11am, 3pm, 7pm
29 -Worship Service, 10:30am -Parking, Ringling Bros Circus, 1pm	30					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 8/27/2024.

Session August Meeting Recap

Submitted by Nancy Umemura, Clerk of Session

The August Session meeting was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Session recognized resignations of Karen Okawa as Clerk of Session, Patty Price as Trustee, and Nancy Umemura as Deacon. Session also appointed Nancy Umemura as Session Elder and Clerk of Session and Jan Aramaki as Board of Deacons' Moderator until the 2025 class of officers is elected.

Discussion on defrosting the freezer, moving and tuning the pianos, 2025 Our Daily Bread subscription, and officer nominating committee (see article on page 2).

Individual Reports:

Building and Grounds: Investigating how to determine if there is a time capsule behind the chapel cornerstone in a non-destructive way.

Finance: The P&L and budget statements for the month of August were reviewed and discussed.

Personnel: Patty Price is off to a good start as Office Administrator. She is planning to be "officially" in the office on Thursdays.

Membership: Stella Mzilikazi was baptized on August 11, 2024.

Nichigo: The August Nerikiri class was held on Aug. 6. The next one will be Sept. 10 and will be the final one for the Nerikiri Basics session.

Worship: There will be a joint worship service and potluck luncheon on Sept. 21 as part of our Chapel 100th Anniversary celebration.

Trustees: Lynne agreed to be the Session liaison to the Trustees.

Happy Birthday Ron!

Ron Nishijima turned 91 last month! His daughter Lynne baked and served birthday cake during coffee fellowship on Sunday, August 4. Happy belated wishes!



Birthday boy Ron (center) is joined by Pastor Haas and Bob Jones. Photo courtesy: Jan Aramaki.

Reminder – Last to Lock Up

Last month the JCC utilities bill from Rocky Mountain Power was almost 3 times higher than normal! Granted, there were extra events held in the Fellowship Hall in June and July (GA, National Asian Presbytery, and Synod of the Rocky Mountains) and there were a number of days when the temperature was over 100 degrees.

But there were also times that electricity was wasted because the Fellowship Hall was not "shut down" correctly. During several weeks, it was discovered there were instances where the air conditioning in the kitchen was still running (leading to dripping condensation), the fan over the stove was left on, or lights were left on in various places, including the basement.

If you are the last person to leave the Fellowship Hall on any given day, please remember to review the checklist that is mounted on the entrance/exit door.

- As mentioned last month, the remote for the kitchen A/C is mounted near the kitchen light switch. Ensure the vents are shut.
- The switch for the stove fan is located on the right side of the gas stove hood.
- The light switch for the track lights highlighting the art gallery (north wall) is located behind the folding panels that separate the kitchen from the main hall.

This information will also be conveyed to the other two congregations using the Fellowship Hall as well. We realize people are in a hurry to leave for home or other destinations after worship service, but it is up to every one of us to be energy conscious!

Intermediate Nerikiri

The beginning Nerikiri class series is now completed! Congratulations to the graduates! The intermediate classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 10**. Thank you to Sensei Akiko Oki for your time and patience in teaching us this art!

Even if you are not going to take the intermediate class, if you were in the beginning class, please attend on September 10 to obtain your certificate and take a group photo!

NCJCCF Lake Tahoe Retreat

Reprinted courtesy of Jim Mar, NCJCCF

The annual Northern California Japanese Christian Church Federation (NCJCCF) Retreat was held at the Zephyr Point Conference Center in Lake Tahoe July 21 through July 26.

Our guest speaker was the Rev. Michael Yoshii. His presentation reflected on the Spirituality in War and Peace and its impacts to each of our lives, from WWII / Internment; the Vietnam War; to today's conflicts in the Middle East.

The forty-five attendees from Wesley UMC-San Jose, SJUMC-Sacramento, United Japanese Christian Church-Clovis, and Salt Lake City, Utah, enjoyed various

workshops such as Line Dancing; Card-Making; Origami-Making; Small Ring Pin Cushions; and Microwave Manju.

We were touched by heart-warming testimonials of faith and a reflection of life growing up at the Topaz Internment Camp in Delta, Utah. Daily morning exercise helped keep focus on our health. A special thanks to Bobbie Ueunten (who made a one-day trip to share her Feldenkrais workshop).

COME JOIN US AT OUR NEXT RETREAT July 20-25, 2025. Registration will begin in February 2025.

Questions? Reach out to Jim Mar at mar.jmail@gmail.com.



Lake Tahoe Attendees including Jan Aramaki and Allyn Nakashima representing JCC. Photo courtesy: Jim Mar

Prayer Group

Remember, prayer group is held every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

To join the Zoom Meeting, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183384849?pwd=dUd1ZVJlTUcvTWNDcDFtcXQ3UDgvQT09>

Please join us!

Also, pick up a "Pocket Prayers" booklet on the table under the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.