



November Greetings!

Why does the church exist? Why are we here as a church? What is our purpose? Do we know why we exist? The church is a force for good. It is here to make a difference in the world. It is here to provide hope and brighten the world in which it exists. It is here to represent God and be God's presence – God's hands, feet and heart.

When in dire straits, people think of the church. They walk into a church, hoping and seeking for assistance. They seek the church for comfort, strength and support. When they are hungry or cold, they think of the church. The church is an anchor, providing security and peace. It is a hub for the community and people in need of friendship, connection and encouragement.

We should never forget the purpose for our existence as a church. We may drift away sometime, but we need to remind ourselves constantly why we exist as a church and come back to the core meaning of our very existence. If we don't remember the purpose for which we exist, we will soon become irrelevant and cease to exist.

We may do many things, but we need to gear everything we do toward the meaning of our existence. In other words, everything we do must be geared toward fulfilling the purpose for which we exist. If we know exactly why we exist and pursue uncompromisingly to fulfill it, no matter what cultural shifts and turns we face, we can manage to remain relevant and fruitful.

John Wesley had three simple rules: *Do no harm, do good and stay in love with God.* This reminds us of an ancient prophet who said, "God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does God require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). That's the purpose of our existence as a church. Let's strive to live it out. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Shalom – Be Well Always!

Tezenlo Thong, Pastor

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER:

We invite you to read and study these passages in preparation for our Worship Services.

November 1 All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24, Revelation 21:1-6a

November 8

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127 or Psalm 42, Hebrews 9:24-28

November 15

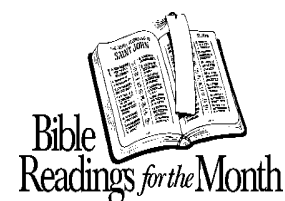
Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113, Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18) 19-25

November 22

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36



MEDIA COVERAGE:

Pastor Matt has taken Simpson into the 21st century! He has Simpson on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Our new website is also active. The ONE Committee has asked Matt to give us a lesson on how we can make use of these communication resources. On **Sunday, November 8** after worship service, Matt will present a video lesson in the main sanctuary. Bring your I-phone/Smart phone, laptop, etc. All are welcome to join us in this useful lesson.

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Pianist	Chen Wu	Trustees	Dennis Kitayama
Choir Director	Debbie Willeford	O.N.E.	Jane Fujioka and Charlotte Namba
Nichigo Pianist	Sadako Hasegawa		
Japanese Language Instructor	Miwa Steuben		

You are Appreciated!

Thanks to Clara Hirose, Kaz Mizoue, Yoshie Tanita and Flo Yamaguchi for volunteering to prepare the October Newsletter for mailing. You are appreciated more than you will ever know. Really could not do it without your help! A very big thanks to you all. We will assemble the December Newsletter on Tuesday, November 24.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

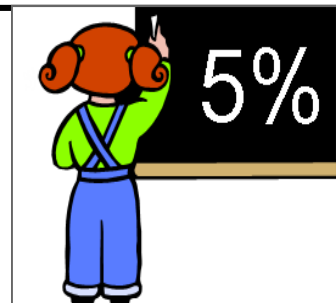
The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on **December 13th**. The ONE Committee (Outreach, Nurture and Evangelism) requests your presence to start off your holiday festivities! You don't need to bring a potluck dish. A generous anonymous donor has donated enough funds to cover this meal for all members and friends of Simpson. Please join us for worship on **December 13** followed by a great meal! We will be sending out a flyer soon to let you know "**What's New**" for this year's luncheon...it's going to be fun! Who knows...there may be a special guest.

REMEMBER TO RELOAD

Thanks to all who have purchased reloadable grocery gift cards, the ONE Committee is able to donate to mission projects. We have donated to Warren Village—housing help for single parent families; Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM); Japan Tsunami; and the Nepal Earthquake disaster.

Simpson receives 5% of all reloads (after the reloads add up to \$5,000). We all have to eat and what better and easier way to give to Simpson than through your grocery purchases. So far this year we have received \$904.50 which will go to an organization that helps those in need.

The Holiday Season is coming up really fast and ONE committee reminds you all that grocery gift cards are a great present. Stock up on cards which are available in the church office. We have \$10 denomination cards and will soon have \$25 cards. If you want to give more than \$10 or \$25, it is so easy to take the cards to the grocery store and add whatever amount you would like to give.



IN MEMORY OF:BY:

Itsu Takahashi

Masako Furuiye

Wes Miyoshi

Betsy Sato, Joe Hayashi,
M/M Ken Namba, The Miyoshi family

Johnie & Miyako Smith

Catheryn & Gloria Smith

Teresa Kwapniewski

Paula Matsumoto

Nick Frazier

Paula Matsumoto

Mrs. Den Suto

Teddy Shiohita

El Porvenir: M/M Owen FitzSimons, Mary Nishiyama, Ruth Shinto
Matt Snider, Tezenlo Thong, Grace Tochiara

Keiro no hi: Guy Allmeyer, Ruth French, Jennifer Lim, Ruthe Terada

Grateful for parents' health: Jennifer Lim **Donation for Choir:** Jennifer Lim

Newsletter: Judy Yanaga **In Appreciation:** Anonymous **Second Wind:** Noelle Maynell

Walk to End Alzheimers: Robin Miyahara

Utilities: Cindy Kondo, The Bridge Club

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPRECIATED!

**OUR CARE CORNER**

The families of: Wes Miyoshi and John Mizoue.
Others to be Held in Prayer: Helen Goto, Irv Matsuda,
Agnes and Irv Matsuda, Janet Snider, Emily Mori,
Wil Porter, Ruth Yamauchi

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Please plan to join us on **Wednesday, November 18th** for a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. *We will not* meet in December, but be sure to join us in January for a *surprise* luncheon!

2016 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

To the Members and Friends of Simpson United Methodist Church:

Simpson United Methodist Church would like to express its heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done and given for God's work over the years: your time, your talents and your financial giving. You are stewards for God who have helped this congregation to touch lives with God's love. We ask for your continued help to keep Simpson doing God's work. With your help, Simpson UMC makes a difference through...

- ...the food baskets, delivered to feed the needy and the homeless,
- ...the grocery cards, given to economically struggling families,
- ...the school supplies, made available to materially disadvantaged students,
- ...and many other community, national, and worldwide projects.

Your faithful giving also...

- ...helps keep the church open for seekers,
- ...pays for maintaining buildings and ground,
- ...enables the church to pay our staff and clergy,
- ...enables the church to provide financial assistance to young people to receive training and education,
- ...and enables us not only to worship, but also allows us to host community activities and cultural events such as Hina Matsuri, weddings, memorial/funeral services and meetings of various kinds.

Each year, the church asks you, after prayer and reflection, to pledge your money, time and talents so together, we may continue to fulfill our mission. To assist us in planning for the future, please return the enclosed pledge card indicating your commitment for 2016. If you prefer to give with an Electronic Funds Transfer, forms are available in the church office. *Please note that your financial offering details will be confidential.*

Thank you, once again, for your continued participation in God's work through our church. We believe that together with God's help we can accomplish "far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). May the God who searches our hearts and knows our thoughts bless your sincere desire to be faithful!

クリスチャン生活の三原則

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私の愛する兄弟たちよ。堅く立って、動かされることなく、いつも主のわざに働みなさい。
あなたがたは自分たちの労苦が、主にあってむだでないことを知っているのですから。
(1コリント15・58)

ビリー・サンデーが回心した時、ひとりのクリスチャンが、少年ビリーの肩に手を置いて教えてくれました。

「私は君に三つの簡単な規則を与えましょう。もしこの規則を守るならば、君はけつして信仰後退者になることはありません。

一日に十五分間、神様の語られるみ声に耳を傾けなさい——聖書を読むこと。

一日に十五分間、神様に語りなさい——祈り。

一日に十五分間、他の人々に神について語りなさい——伝道」

ビリー・サンデーは、このすばらしい規則を教えてくれたことに感謝しました。彼は生涯の規則にしようと決心しました。その日から彼は一日の最初の時を、ひとり神と共にすごすこととしました。手紙も新聞も、電報さえも読まないうちに、聖書にむかいました。

このように彼は一日を、神から与えられた印象をもって始めたのです。

一目瞭然

曲った邪悪な時代のただ中であって……彼らの間で嵐のようにこの世に輝いている。

(ピリピ2・15、口語訳)

東京で開かれた「ビリー・グラハム国際大会」の最後は、後樂園スタジアムに四万人の人を集めて開かれました。人々はグラハム師を通して語られる力強い神のことばに、静かに耳をかたむけていました。

ちょうどその頃、隣りの競輪場では、その年最後のダービーがおこなわれていました。そして同じく何万人という人が集まって、賭金のゆくえに血相をかえて殺気だっていました。

あとで、警備にあたった警察と消防署の人々が、おどろいていました。

「競輪場はごみの山、後樂園スタジアムはちりひとつ落ちていない。二つの群衆がこんなにも異なることにびっくりしました」。

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SPRC Staff Profile of the Month

(John Hall, Chair, SPRC)

The Staff Parish Relations Committee assigns each member to be a liaison to a staff member. I'm assigned to Rev. Tezenlo. Each member will be writing a profile for the newsletter. Here's my profile on Rev. Tezenlo.

Many of you know the story of Tezenlo's journey toward Simpson UMC, but here's a re-cap. He was born and went through school and college in Nagaland (in Northeast India near the tri-border of China, Myanmar, and India). It's similar in elevation to Denver, but more humid. So, it's after college that things move into hyperspace... he goes to South Korea for a Masters degree, meets and marries Eungjung Han, and they have their first child, a daughter, Soye (now a senior at Smoky Hill High School—time flies!). Then the family of three moves to Bangalore, India where their son Yechan is born (and he's now a junior at Smoky Hill).

But wait, the international journey is just beginning... then the four of them make the big jump across the Pacific, and over mountains and plains to Kansas City to attend the Central Baptist Theological Seminary. So by the time their third child, a son, Nako is born, the five of them are here in the USA. So... at their breakfast table each morning, not only is most of our Simpson Youth Group represented, but with family members born in four different countries, it's a kind of Pacific Rim Alliance.

Joking aside, Tezenlo has serious work to do here at Simpson UMC. He has stepped up to the challenge of being a jack-of-all-trades in his ministerial duties, but he finds it the most rewarding to be able to meet the needs of the people who are grieving or otherwise in need. He enjoys making a difference in the small things and joining with others to act with grace and compassion. His question to the congregation is, what is the difference we are making today? He would like to see Simpson UMC become viable and vibrant again and to carry on its legacy in being God's hands and feet. We are lucky to have Tezenlo to lead us in this task.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Mark your calendar! The Children's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, **December 13, 2015**. You won't want to miss seeing our children perform at this year's program.

Stories of Christian Hymns

O Come, O Come Emmanuel author unknown

A 12th century Latin hymn popular during the Advent season, translated into English during the middle 19th century by the Reverend John M. Neale. The Latin hymn was used originally as a short musical response to be sung at vesper services. The song tells us that Advent is a joyous season because it is the time when God draws near to men (all) to deliver them from bondage with the coming of Emmanuel.

O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Tapestry of Light-A Celtic Christmas Celebration



SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 20, 2015 CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Simpson UMC 10 am service

"Springing from the rich heritage of "celtic" Christmas music comes a cantata overflowing with hope and light. From seasoned songs that lift the spirits to quiet carols of reflection and peace, this work is filled with music and grace. Incorporating Scripture readings, the lighting of the candles, and expressive vocal writing, this choral tapestry richly tells the Christmas story using familiar carols and folk songs. Celebrate the joy of the season with *Tapestry of Light!*" Joseph Martin, composer

Knitting, Crochet, Sewing Outreach Update

Nancy Shock

Members of the Simpson congregation have been very busy since last February. On October 3rd we delivered forty-four hats, fifteen scarves, and 4 pairs of baby socks to Knit Knack (in old town Arvada) where they were sent on to Knitting4Peace/Community Purls. In addition we donated 2 pairs of mittens to Rev. Matt's wife's elementary school (with more on the way), and hats to the Cancer Clinic at University Hospital.

I am grateful and proud of this church community. So many have given of their time, supplies, talents, laughter, and fellowship. Our love will spread throughout the local community and the world.

Knitting4peace/Community Purls is an organization that distributes hand-made items to our local community as well as around the world. Local organizations include Family Promise of Greater Denver, Fletcher Community School, Daybreak Café, and the Women's Homelessness Initiative as well as many others. Members of Knitting4peace knit, crochet, weave, and sew as an outward and visible sign of our real work: knitting together the global Beloved Community. Knitting4peace states they are a grass-roots intergenerational organization dedicated to crafting hope, healing and peace one stitch at a time through non-violent compassionate action. They are committed to the well-being of women and children they may never meet; they plant seeds of hope for a future we will never see. They are non-violent revolutionaries armed with the power of prayer, crochet hooks, sewing machines, and knitting needles, engaged in a compassionate fight for hope, healing, justice and peace for all women and children. I can't think of any better organization to receive the fruits Simpson's labors and fellowship.

Let's plan on making another delivery in January. I have purchased some knitting looms that I will bring to our November 1st gathering. So if you don't feel like you can knit or crochet or sew using a knitting loom may be the perfect answer. Come join us the first and third Sundays of the month right after church... we serve a light lunch, show off our progress, and get to know each other.

IT'S MOCHI TIME AGAIN!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**
MOCHI CAN BE PICKED UP **AFTER 2:00 PM—NOT BEFORE**

Deadline to order Mochi is
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, FOR MAIL-IN ORDERS

An Order Form will be placed on the bulletin board.
Deadline to order Mochi is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
FOR BULLETIN BOARD ORDERS.

NAME: _____ **QUANTITY:** _____

PRICE PER POUND: \$5.00

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Dear Friends:

I am really very happy to announce that Simpson's AmazonSmile link is now LIVE and working. Our account with AmazonSmile is all set up and active. Once a quarter, Amazon will total all of the purchases made using the link below and rebate a portion of that total (I think it is 1/2 of 1% at the moment) directly to the church.

I put the link on the website in a post (I'll research how to incorporate the link directly from the main website page) and on our Facebook organizational page and via Twitter. Here's the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch84-0507792>. You basically just click on it and it will take you to the AmazonSmile main page. You click on the "Start Shopping" button and login to Amazon just like you would for any other shopping and you're done. Amazon keeps track of everything for us.

CHIBI NO GAKKO 2016

Japanese American Community Cultural Heritage School – 11th Session

- What:** Chibi no Gakko is a Denver, community-based program that provides children the opportunity to explore their Japanese American heritage in a fun, “hands on” way. Children will explore their personal family history, cook, sing, dance, read, write, and participate in art and craft activities.
- Who:** Students currently enrolled in grades 2-8
Youth mentors in grades 9-12 who were previous Chibi No Gakko students
Teachers certified through the Colorado Department of Education
Community volunteers
- When:** Saturdays beginning January 9 – February 20, 2016 Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon
 No class will be held the Saturday of Uta Gassen (TBD)
- Potluck celebration February 20, 2016 Time: Noon – 2:00 p.m.
- Where:** Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple – 1947 Lawrence Street - Denver, CO 80202
- Tuition:** \$100.00 per child -- \$80.00 each additional child. (\$50 non-refundable deposit due with the application. The final \$50 due the first day of class.)
 T-shirt included with registration. Please indicate size for each student.
- Deadline:** Registration must be received by November 15, 2015. If space available, applications will be accepted after December 1st. Registration priority is based on date application is received.

For mentor application call Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252

For further information: Kathy Namura 303-431-2136
 Carolyn Takeshita 303-455-4987
 Judy Okamoto 303-426-0252

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REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name _____ Birthdate _____
 Parents _____ Telephone _____
 Address _____ Cell phone _____
 _____ Email _____
 School/Grade _____
 What years has child attended Chibi No Gakko as a student ? _____

Total amount enclosed _____ Check payable to Chibi No Gakko

T-shirt Size (included with registration) Please circle size:
 Youth size: S – M – L
 Adult size: S – M – L

Please return registration to: Application must be mailed and postmarked by November 15, 2015

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Email: simpsonumc@comcast.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends Stewardship Commitment Due 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE/SS Communion 11:00 am Knit & Crochet	2 7:00pm Yoga	3 7:00pm Yoga	4	5 10:00 am staff mtg 5:30 - 8:30 - ECA/GYM Cultural Night 8:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 ECA Gym 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	7 9:00 Japanese Language Class Taiko Yoga
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15 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS Trustees, Knit & Crochet	16 Gym & Classroom 3-7:00 pm ECA play rehearsal	17 7:00pm Yoga	18 11:30 - 50+ Luncheon 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Ad Council	19 10:00 am staff mtg 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 Gym & Classroom ECA Play 3:00 - 9:00 pm	21 9:00 Japanese Language Class Taiko Yoga
22 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS 11:30 am Charge Conference	23 10:00am Ukulele	24 9:00 am - Assemble Newsletter 7:00pm Yoga	25	26 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 Office Closed Nisel Bowling Association Downstairs Kitchen	28 Nisel Bowling Association Downstairs Kitchen, Walk In Cooler
29 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS United Methodist Student Day (offering) S.P.R.C.	30 DEC 1 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter 7:00pm Yoga					

LITURGISTS

- Nov 1 Hugh Perry
- Nov 8 Jim Hardman
- Nov 15 Terry Hall
- Nov 22 None
- Nov 29 Dan Goto

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Charlotte Namba

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Tim Cleary

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Or Current Resident



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