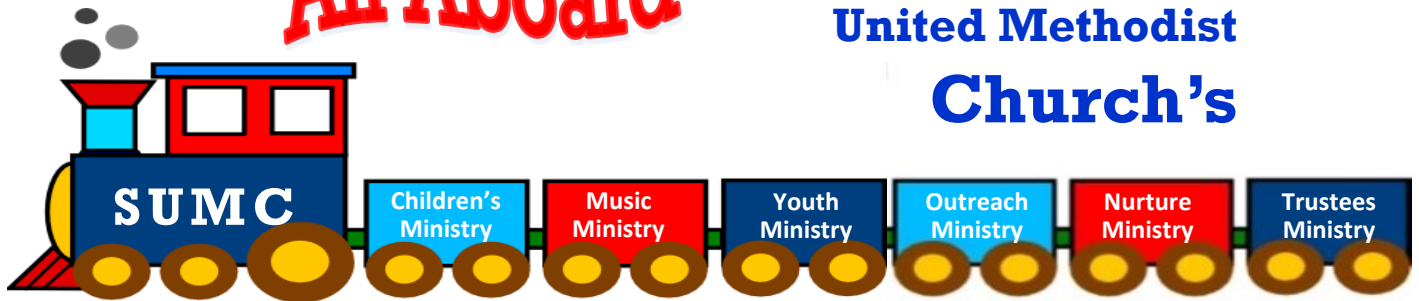




*All Aboard for*

**Simpson  
United Methodist  
Church's**



**Rally Sunday ~ August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

***Come and help make a difference in the life of a child —  
or a youth — or yourself! — through***

***Music   Mission   Laughter   Friends  
Worship   Fun   Learning   Beauty  
Cultural events   Food***

***Calling all Committees!***

**We need your help for Rally Sunday**

On Rally Sunday our Fellowship Hall will look like a train station, with colorful train cars (made from decorated tables). We need every committee and group (including Taiko, Knitting, etc.) to take responsibility for a table. The Rally Sunday Team will:

- put colorful cloths on the front to look like train cars.
- put a banner over your table with your group's name.

Your group needs to supply:

- a half sheet handout giving information about your group: when you meet, what you do, etc.
- a sign up sheet to get contact information for those who want to be part of your team.
- colorful decorations in the theme of your group's work.
- a person at the table to answer any questions.

Pastor Vivian, Scott, and Brenda are the Rally Sunday Team. They will be happy to answer any questions you have and help you plan your table.

## Tea and Conversation



What a delightful time I've had in my first month with you! I've heard beautiful music in worship and enjoyed helping with the golf tournament. I've kicked a soccer ball in the sanctuary with the kinds to illustrate that God needs them on His team. I've eaten delicious food and been a part of fruitful meetings. Most of all, I've enjoyed getting to know you all a little better. I'm even beginning to remember some names!

Most of the people I've met wanted to know what I plan to do during our time together. Some are afraid I will change the church too much. Others are afraid I won't push for enough changes! All of you are hoping that I have some magic up my sleeve that will make the church grow again. So, in order to respond to all these hopes and fears, I thought I'd let you know at least the general outline of the work I hope to do with you.

Let me say right away that I don't want to change who you are. God planted this church family right here, and God has tended you faithfully. It doesn't make any sense to me to try to change your deep identity in Christ. As Paul says in Philippians 1:6 — ***“There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.”***

So, with this in mind, it seems clear to me that it is our job to come together to discern just how we are to do our part over the next few years to move the “great work” of God forward. It is as if we are all travelling to Italy and we're all in a bus together. Well, we drove across the country, and now we're at the docks of New York and we realize that a bus can't take us across the ocean. The people are the same. The destination is the same. Our leader—Christ—is the same. We just have to change how we travel!

So, over the next year we'll do the work of discern how we continue our journey together in Christ. Our process will unfold in three stages. The first stage (the one we are already in) is a time of prayer. We need to get to know one another. We need to calm our minds and hearts so we can hear God's voice. We need to pray for one another and for our church. And we need to learn to trust God completely for the outcome. We are here to do God's will.

My role will be to facilitate the conversations; to listen deeply and document consensus and opposing views; and to keep the process moving forward. While I will participate in the discussions, I will not dictate any outcome. And, of course I will still preach and visit the sick, lead the staff and Worship Design Team, officiate at funerals and offer the sacraments of grace to all in need.

This is a time of renewal at Simpson UMC—a time when God is at work within us and among us. How exciting! I am blessed to be with you, and I'm looking forward to doing our sacred work with you.

Serving Jesus with Joy,

Pastor Vivian



Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto



**The Core of our Vision:** The people of Simpson UMC have chosen to make ministering to Children and Youth the focus of our activities. Every month on this page you will learn about this ministry and the opportunity you have to serve in this area.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **TEACHER NEEDED**

On Sunday, September 10th, our Director of Children’s Ministries, Brenda Schroder-Morris, will be at Buckhorn Camp, leading the children who attend the all church retreat. Our Director of Youth Ministries, Scott Pelletier, will be leading worship that morning. We need someone to teach that day; Brenda will provide the lesson and materials. Please call the church office (303-428-7963) or e-mail Brenda at bs8128bs@gmail.com to sign up to serve.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SHEPHERDS NEEDED**

We need people to help guide children downstairs to the Sunday School area every week starting Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. They will remain to help with the lesson, and provide friendly affirmation that we consider each child to be a blessing in his or her own way. You will find that you feel blessed as well! Please call the church office (303-428-7963) or e-mail our Director of Children’s Ministries, Brenda Schroder-Morris, at bs8128bs@gmail.com to sign up to serve.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LEADER</b>
August 6, 2017	UMC Water World	<b>Scott</b>
September 3, 2016	Rally Sunday	<b>Brenda</b>
October 27, 2017	Trunk-Or-Treat & Spooktacular!	<b>Brenda: Trunk-Or-Treat</b>
November 19, 2017	Thanksgiving Mission Trip (DenUM)	<b>Scott</b>
December 10, 2017	Christmas Pageant	<b>Brenda</b>

# Church News



We have cherished people among us who can no longer drive themselves to worship. We have a van, and used to provide rides. Chen Wu is working to create a ministry that will provide rides to worship and special events for those who need them.

Chen needs help! She needs drivers, people to help manage the schedule, and help with organizing the work. If you would be willing to lend a hand, **please call Chen at 303-745-2048.**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Do you still look like your old picture? Probably not! A more recent picture in our new directory will help new people feel comfortable more quickly. If you haven't had your picture taken for the new directory, please call **TODAY!**

If you would like your address and phone number in the directory, but do not want to have a picture taken, please contact Ruby Hada at 303.238.4413 or call the church office at 303.428.7963, to make those arrangements.



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## Japanese Wellness Class

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of August (August 23) at Simpson from 11:00 am –1:00 pm. Our time together consists of a light lunch, exercise, music, games, and a time for conversation. The food for lunch is always very good and it is fun to see old friends and to meet new ones. Please invite your friends to come join us. **Hope to see you there.**

## MAKING OUR FAITH TANGIBLE

### Help Those in Need

Don't forget to purchase new cards or reload your already existing cards! Simpson receives 5% of all purchases AND reloads which will go towards helping those in need. We will be waiting in the foyer right after worship on the first Sunday of the month to sell these gift cards. If you need a gift card any other time of the month, please call Bob Fujioka at 303-233-8179 or Charlotte Namba at 303-425-7318.



*We are grateful for the many ways people support our church with generous gifts. Sometimes the gifts are given in loving memory. Sometimes the gifts are given to honor someone. Sometimes the gifts are given to meet church needs. All gifts are appreciated and serve Christ.*



<u>Given By</u>	<i>In Loving Memory</i>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Margaret Boggs		Julius Otsuki
Jennifer Lim		Sue Lee
Mr. & Mrs. Isami Terada		Roy Terada
Jennifer Lim		Bruce Lim

**Gifts to the Church**



Veterans Heritage Fund

**Music: Peace With Justice Sunday**

Anonymous  
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Namba  
Paula Matsumoto  
Grace Tochiara

**PICNIC THANK YOU**

We all had a great time at this year's picnic, held at Tennyson Knolls Park. The food was good, and plentiful, and the kids had fun on the playground. Some of us kept cook thanks to water fights!

**We want to thank the following people for their part in making the picnic successful:**

- Set up: Dennis Kitayama, Blake Kitayama, Bob Fujioka, Ken Namba
- Cooks: Bob Fujioka, Kevin Shigio
- Grocery purchases: William Murakami, Grace Tochiara
- Canopies—Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation/Cindy Kondo for transporting to the church
- Clean up: Everyone who stayed late!

With gratitude from the O.N.E. Committee

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers John Hall, Joe Hayashi, Ruth Kawamura, Kaz Mizoue, Chris Sagara, and Yoshie Tanita for assembling the July Newsletter for mailing on July 25, 2017

We would NOT be able to do this without your help.

**You are very much appreciated!**

Our music ministry slows down in the summer months, so I thought I would continue to enhance your enjoyment of Christian music with this new installment about favorite hymns.

1) "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Fanny Crosby's contribution to the Christian world through music is enhanced by another favorite, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine," a song of true salvation. Her personal faith in Christ shines like a light in every verse. The stirring tune to this hymn, which arouses many congregations to sing with great power and emotion, was written by Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp (*aka* Fanny Crosby), born in 1820.

2) "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

This beautiful gospel hymn was written in 1852 by Mrs. C. Frances Alexander. Based on Matthew 4:18-19 (which contains the verse, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men") this hymn is written in the simple, unadorned, emotional, but refined style so typical of Mrs. Alexander. Used by some denominations as a hymn for St. Andrew's Day (remember, St. Andrew was a fisherman, like his brother Peter!), "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" is a favorite hymn of every church.

*Debbie Willeford*

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Please join me in thanking all the musicians who have enriched our Summer worship services. Our own Simpson UMC talented folk as well as musicians from our community have made time to worship & praise the Lord with us.

Coming up in August, we will welcome Mary Everitt and Dianne Cuadrado playing piano duets, and our favorite Barbershop quartet, "3 Men & a Bass." We are truly blessed to have such stirring and talented church and community groups who enrich our Sunday services through the Summer!

## "SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY"

*Ah-summer!* 3 months of sun, sand and family trips. Although our wonderful choir has been absent, never fear, they will be back in the loft on September 17th!

Our choir may be small in numbers, but we're big in heart and faith! Everyone is wanted in our choir, young or old. Lifting our voices in leadership through song is an excellent way to serve our church community. WE NEED YOU!

To join our choir, just come to rehearsal—we begin on Thursday, September 14, at 6:30pm. For more information contact me (Debbie Willeford, Director of Music Ministries) at 303.550.5056 or by e-mail at [wdf12@comcast.net](mailto:wdf12@comcast.net).



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ALL CHURCH RETREAT

PLEASE  
JOIN  
US  
ON  
RETREAT!

## Simpson UMC Retreat - September 8-10, 2017 - REGISTRATION FORM

(Please use one form for EACH participant)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- **\$30/Person** for Food & Room - Includes **All Meals and All Days**.
- + Extra fees for paid activities, please see list below
- **AGES 0-15: FREE** (please indicate any dietary needs or paid activities.)
- \$15/Person for a "Day Pass" for meals and free activities on Saturday (no lodging)
- If you wish to have **SPECIFIC PEOPLE IN YOUR COTTAGE**, please list them below.
- Each cottage has bunk beds and will sleep 6.
- Buckhorn will accommodate those with food allergies or special medical needs (please indicate below). Special Diet-by-Choice options are also available (Paleo, Vegan, Raw) but will be charged an extra \$2/Meal (\$8 total) added cost.
- **FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED IN CABIN.**
- Pay and register at this time for all paid activities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary or Lodging Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

List of people in your cottage:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

FREE Activities & Resources		PAID Activities (only time for one or two)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geocaching</li> <li>• Game Room</li> <li>• Gaga Pit</li> <li>• Human Foosball</li> <li>• Nine Square</li> <li>• Disc Golf</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Camp Fire w/S'Mores</li> <li>• Orienteering</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projector (VGA provided, for Mac bring own adapter)</li> <li>• Sound System</li> <li>• Culvert Slide (Similar to Alpine Slide - camp training required)</li> <li>• Slack Line (balancing on a loose rope with safety harness - camp training required)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sluice Box (Pan for gold! \$3/person for 1 sluicing bucket, extra buckets \$2/ea)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Team Building: \$10.00</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Team Building Course: \$4.50 (if led by our staff)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Archery: \$4.50</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Low Ropes Course: \$10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing: \$15.00</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing &amp; Rappelling: \$20 (requires 1.5-2 hour sessions)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Boarding: \$12.50 (1-1.5 hour sessions, max number per group is 12)</li> </ul>

Checks should be made payable to **Simpson UMC**.

Give to Pat Hayashi or mail to Pat at  
10165 West Yale Place  
Lakewood, CO 80227

### Sub-Total Charges

One Adult Registration \_\_ \$30 \_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR Child Registration \_\_ FREE! \_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR "Day Pass" \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Dietary Requirements (Added cost \$2/meal) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Activity Fees (checked above) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL CHARGES** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

It looks as if it will be another excellent year for those sweet tree ripen peaches. Please take special notice of the surcharges which will be in effect again this year. Also, the peach committee or SUMC will not be responsible for any peaches not picked up on the date of availability. Please ensure we have your contact phone or cell number in case of any last minuet changes. Thanks in advance for your support for SUMC's annual fund raiser.

Momo Taru

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## SIMPSON ANNUAL PEACH SALE 2017



**Notes:**

- Peaches cost per box @ \$30.00 ea. (approximately 18#)
- Peaches cost per half box @\$20.00 ea. (approximately 10#)

**Order(s) and Money due by Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup>. (Sorry no plastic or IOUs)**  
 Make checks payable to Simpson United Methodist Church

**Peaches ready for pick-up Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6001 Wolff St., Arvada, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The church is located just east of 60<sup>th</sup> and Sheridan. Behind the Sooper Credit Union

- **To minimize confusion when picking up your peaches, please use only one name on this form for multiple orders. Don't forget your phone number.**

- **There will be a surcharge of \$3.00 per box for orders not picked-up on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Orders will not be recognized without money and completed order form.**

Order taken by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Half Box	Full Box	Total Bxs	Check #	Cash



# Worship

## Called to a Life of Joy! (July 30—August 27)

- July 30 "Blessed to Be a Blessing"  
Genesis 12: 1-2; Matthew 28: 18-20
- August 6 "Recognizing the Song of Joy"  
Romans 6: 12-23; John 10: 7-10
- August 13 "Bubbling Over With Happiness"  
1 Peter 2: 1-5; Matthew 5: 13-15 **and** Matt. 13: 33
- August 20 "The Roots of Joy"  
John 15: 1-5; John 15: 6-11
- August 27 "The Secret to Having a Joyful Life"  
2 Timothy 3: 16-17; Matthew 22:36-40



*Worship  
Design*

**The Worship Design Team Needs YOU!** In order to engage people in our worship experience, we need to convey the message in many different ways. We need people who are willing to meet once a month to collaborate on how to connect people with God. That can be done by making sure the prayer candle display is clean and has plenty of supplies. It can be done through visuals on the altar. It can be done by washing the altar cloths or putting oil in the candles. It can be done through helping present engaging children's messages, or helping the youth lead worship occasionally.

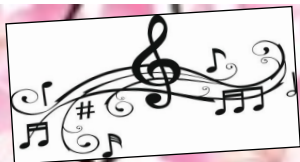
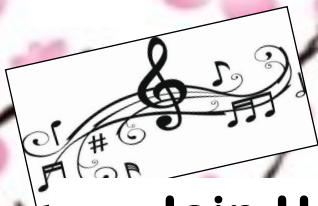
Please call Pastor Vivian if you are willing to be on the team. We meet once a month after worship on the third Sunday of the month starting August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Audio Visual Operator for Worship

We need someone who is willing to take over the responsibility for running the audio & visual technology for worship. Martin, our current operator, will be happy train you and provide support until you feel comfortable in the role.

Please contact Dennis Kitayama (303.469.4061), Todd Namba (720.971.0173), or the church office if you are interested in serving.





## **Join Us for Traditional Japanese Songs**

performed by

# **Takayama Women's Chorale**

**Friday, August 11 at 4:30 pm**

**Simpson United Methodist Church**

**FREE**

**For more information please call**

**Kaitlyn Lyle: 303-923-6865**

**Special thanks for organizing to:**



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**AUGUST 2017**

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Email: [simpsonumc@comcast.net](mailto:simpsonumc@comcast.net)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 9:00 am – Taiko
<b>6</b> 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Communion Peach Orders Due Retreat Committee UMC Water World - Scott	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:30 pm Takayama Women's Choral in main sanctuary	<b>12</b> 9:00 am – Taiko  9:00 am – 3:00 pm Pick up Peaches/Parking Lot
<b>13</b> 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE SS/Youth Trustees	<b>14</b> 5-8:00 pm. Homeowner's Assoc. Annual Mtg.	<b>15</b> Newsletter Articles due to Office today	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 am – Taiko 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class
<b>20</b> 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE  11:00 am – Knit & Crochet - Worship Design Team	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm APDC Luncheon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:00 am – Taiko 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class
<b>27</b> 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE SS/Youth  RALLY SUNDAY	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter	<b>30</b> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm APDC Wellness  6:00 pm – Finance Committee 7:00 pm – Ad Council	<b>31</b>		

**LITURGISTS**

**August 6** Noelle Maynell  
**August 13** Ellison Namba  
**August 20** Carol FitzSimons  
**August 27** Joe Hayashi

**GROCERY CERTIFICATES**

Charlotte Namba

**USHERS**

Tim Cleary



We want to clean-up the church for Rally Sunday! You're invited to  
 come out on  
**Saturday, August 19, 2017**  
 for some cleaning, fun, and fellowship.  
*Many hands make light work!*

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