



*"Practicing Radical Hospitality"*

*Rev. Matt Snider*

Last year at this time, shortly after I came on board at Simpson, I started preaching a series of sermons based on Bishop Robert Schnase's book called "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations". Just to remind you, those five practices are: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking in Ministry and Service, and practicing Extravagant Generosity. It took from June through October but we got through all of them and I hope I didn't bore too many of you. The reason I preached that series was to offer a context for the outreach from the church to the greater Arvada community that I was brought on at Simpson to help Pastor Thong with. Yesterday, June 16, 2016, I walked across the street into the new, and as yet, incomplete RTD light rail 60th Street station that is part of what RTD calls the "Gold Line". I walked around surveying the construction project of the station RTD calls the "Arvada Gold Strike". The platform is basically complete, the tracks have been laid and the large parking lot is being finished. The passenger weather shelters have been installed, the newspaper racks are in but empty and not all the light poles are up. The RTD system map display cases are up but there's nothing in them yet. It is as if RTD is building the house and setting the table expecting that when it starts "cooking", the guests will arrive. The reason RTD calls the stop the "Arvada Gold Strike" is because it was in Arvada that gold was first discovered in Colorado at the confluence of Clear Creek and Ralston Creek in 1850. And for our church, gold might be figuratively discovered again, this time in the form of a light rail station. Since RTD has built it, trust me, people will come from miles around to the park and ride directly across from our church. Every time someone exits the parking lot they will be looking directly at our church building. We need to make sure that when they look at our building they are looking at a place they associate with radical hospitality.

As part of our church's rejuvenation outreach campaign to the community, on July 1-2, we will be hosting for the first time ever, a community-wide garage sale in our parking lot. Working with a local realtor, Brandon Griffin, who is coordinating it, members of the Arlington Meadows and surrounding communities will be invited to rent selling space for their belongings. We'll be cooking hot dogs and selling snacks and drinks. All proceeds of space rentals and sales will go to support our children's and youth ministries. Scott and Brenda will be spearheading that effort. We are doing this to be good, hospitable neighbors. But the big outreach is yet to come. More than 1,000 people a day will eventually look at our church building when the RTD station opens this Fall. And, we will be at that station every morning the first week it is open giving out free coffee, donuts and practicing that radical hospitality that Christ expects from us. When we make space for people and meet their physical needs that provides us with an opening and opportunity to meet their spiritual ones as well. If you would like to help plan, contribute to and execute this outreach effort, please reach out to me.

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY:

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

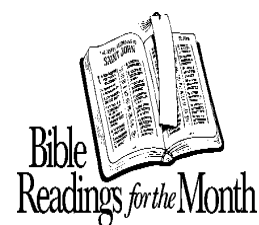
**July 3** Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10** Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

**July 17** Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or 82; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

**July 24** Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

**July 31** Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



### BOILER DONATION STATUS

Due to the aging and ongoing problems with our boiler system the Trustee's, being proactive, made a request to the Finance Committee in late 2013 asking that all building use income be "earmarked" for replacement of our heating system. This request was approved and the Trustee's have accrued the donations and invested this income with Money Concepts in the hopes of gaining some interest money. The Year to Date value of this investment at the end of 2015 is \$20,100. Our goal is \$100,000 and when this goal is reached it should be sufficient monies to cover inflation and all other cost increases. A very appreciative **THANK YOU** to those who donated thus far. With your understanding we will not acknowledge names for fear of omitting as a giver.

Trustee's

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Purchases through this link on Amazon benefit our church.  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0507792>



You are  
Appreciated!

A big THANK YOU to our faithful volunteers Esther Hashiba, Sue Arai and Ruthe Terada for preparing the June Newsletter for mailing on May 24, 2016. Could NOT do it without your help!



**JULY 31, 2016**

*The church will provide hot dogs, bratwursts, burgers and watermelon. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!*

### PARKING LOT/GARAGE SALE

On Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2, from approximately 6:00 am until 2:00 pm, our church will be participating in the Arlington Meadows Community-Wide Garage Sale. The sale is being organized by local realtor Brandon Griffin and we are participating by allowing residents from surrounding communities to rent a seller space (which is 2 parking spaces side-by-side) in our parking lot at \$10 per day. This is an outreach activity that we have never participated in before but it is a very simple way to build relationships with our Arlington Meadows neighbors. Our parking lots will be closed to cars those days. Parking is available on the streets and in the Early College of Arvada parking lot. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this outreach, see Pastor Matt.

***It is an honor*** to be a recipient of the Side scholarship and Simpson Church scholarship. I am very thankful, not only to be able to receive these scholarships, but also for the countless other ways I have been blessed by Simpson. This church is very important to me and I really value the experiences and relationships it has given me.

I would like to thank Simpson for creating these scholarship opportunities and the scholarship committee for their time and effort.

Sincerely,  
Soye Han

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Jim Hada, Martin Everitt  
William H. Tanaka  
George Tokunaga

Tanekichi & Taka Yamamoto & Bonnie Yamamoto  
Hank Okubo & Candice Okubo  
Willie & Sadako Hasegawa  
John Mizoue & Sadako Hasegawa  
Jane Shiohita  
Wesley Miyamoto  
M/M Teizo Nonaka & Mr. Ted Nonaka  
Satsuko Fuller & Mrs. Miyako Smith  
Mr. Isamu Oki  
Mrs. Shiohita  
Ken Miyoshi & Wes Miyoshi  
Betty Matoba  
Ruth, Elyse & Brian Yamauchi  
Roy Tanaka  
Albert Wells  
Don Ida  
In memory of 4 brothers & 3 sisters  
Ruth Yamauchi  
William Tanaka  
Agnes Matsuda & Sadako Hasegawa  
Larry Goto  
Jane Shiohita  
Mrs. Jane Shiohita & Mrs. Yei Shiohita  
Madge Ichikawa  
Betty Matoba  
Bruce Lim  
Jack J. & Ritsu Y. Ito

**BY:**

M/M Ken Namba  
Robert Nogami  
Tokunage & Scanlon families  
Fusaye Tokunaga  
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Aiko Okubo  
Marsha Hasegawa  
M/M Ken Maynell, Curtis Higuchi  
Randy Shiohita  
M/M Owen Fitzsimons  
M/M Masami Nonaka  
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Tay Kondo  
M/M Ken Namba, M/M Don Miyoshi  
Harry Matoba, Diane Matoba, Thomas Uba  
Gayle Simon  
M/M Harry Miyahara  
Karen Wells  
Don Ida  
Evelyn Hayashida  
Rexford Thompson, M/M Bob Fujioka, Kimiko Gustafson  
Sachi Lily Goto  
M/M Isami Terada  
Randy Shiohita  
Julie Shiohita  
Teddy Shiohita  
Ben Ichikawa  
Pat Hayashi  
Jennifer Lim  
Bob Ito



**Boiler:** Dion Dishong  
Bob Ito

**Bazaar:** Charlotte Namba  
**Utilities:** Bridge Club

***OUR CARE CORNER***

**The families of:** Dan Iritani, Ruth Yamauchi and  
Norman Hashimoto

**Others to be Held in Prayer:**

Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, &  
Helen Goto



## SUMMER MUSIC NEEDED

Our Chancel Choir will be on hiatus this summer. Debbie is already "booking" groups, duets, individuals to share their musical talents for Sunday's this summer. If you play an instrument, sing, know of a choir, quartet or instrumental group who could provide "Special Music" for our worship services this summer, please contact Debbie. 303-550-5066 (talk or text) or email [wdl12@comcast.net](mailto:wdl12@comcast.net)  
THANK YOU!

## JEFFCO BRASS

Due to the spring snowstorm, our Sunday service featuring our friends the Jeffco Brass, was cancelled. This fine group **WILL** feature their music at one of our services this summer! The date is to be announced.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Summer Sunday School Schedule:

July 10	Summer Fun—Bible lesson
July 26	Pageant crafting
August 14	Summer fun Bible lesson
August 28	Pageant crafting

### Vacation Bible School:

Vacation Bible School will be July 18—July 21.  
Come join us for a fun and interactive week.  
Spread the word!

*Jesus Loves Me, this I  
know for the Bible tells  
me so...*

### Items Needed:

The children are starting to make props for this year's Christmas pageant. If you have any of the following items to donate we would appreciate it.

- Old light colored sheets
- Large pieces of cardboard
- Left over crafting supplies, sparkles, paint, stickers, etc.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Brenda Schroder-Morris

## Embracing Uncommon Community

Assistant Pastor Matt Snider helps us reach out

By: Jenny Mahoney

Many of us only see Assistant Pastor Matt on Sundays when he's supporting Pastor Tezenlo, or delivering the sermon. Did you know that over 350 people also "see" Pastor Matt online every day of the week?

One of the gifts Pastor Matt brought to Simpson was professional experience with social media. As part of his outreach responsibilities, Pastor Matt has leveraged this skill to reach beyond our building by:

- Aligning Simpsons two Facebook pages

- Creating a Simpson presence on Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, MailChimp, and NextDoor

- Registering with the Denver Posts 'YourHub' site to advertise events to the Denver community

- Creating a QR code on our church bulletins for easy access to Simpson online by taking a picture of the code with your phone.

Once a presence is created, the real work begins. To engage those interacting with Simpson online posts must be made regularly to all of the above spaces. The pictures you see Matt taking during service and events? Those become posts to everyone engaging with Simpson online.

In addition to social media, Matt has redoubled Simpsons outreach efforts, including:

- Submitting grant proposals to further the missions of the church. He has submitted for a United Methodist Legacy grant twice, and is working on submissions for ethnic ministries grants. Given an average funding rate of 1 in 12 proposals for nonprofit grant submissions he only has 8 more to go (<http://nonprofitconsultant.blogspot.com/2010/04/proposal-to-funding-conversion-rates.html>)

- Organized and ran a 1 year tutoring program with help from lay people and our neighbors at Early College of Arvada and Tennyson knolls. Given the large Catholic community these schools support, Pastor Matt reached out to and got support for the program from local Catholic churches.

- Coordinating to host a neighborhood garage sale, using Simpson's parking lot as a central location for neighbors to recycle and reuse with each other by selling their gently used items.

- Gained permission from RTD Board of Directors Chairman Tom Tobiassen for Simpson members to hand out free coffee, donuts, and breakfast sandwiches during opening week of the new Gold Line station opening across the street from Simpson (<http://www.rtd-denver.com/g-line.shtml>).



Is Matt able to accomplish all of this in the 15 hrs/week he is paid for? Of course not. As with most of our staff, we are blessed to have a dedicated servant of Christ, who donates the additional time needed to make all of this happen. His efforts continue to make progress in engaging with our physical and online neighbors: near, far, and everywhere in between.

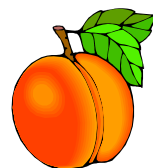
If you'd like to learn how to help with any of these initiatives, or need help understanding how to promote your outreach, don't hesitate to ask Matt!

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*"A pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. "*

*-Winston Churchill*

**PEACHES!**

YES, Simpson will once again be selling the delicious peaches this year. As soon as all the details are available, we will have an order form prepared and sent out. Thank you!



**NEWSLETTER**

If you have information you would like to share, send it to the office anytime. The newsletter is prepared the third week of each month and mailed out the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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 Japanese Language Program 2016-2017

Classes for adults will be held on Saturday mornings. Exact times will be determined after registration, depending on class size. Instructors will contact students when class times are set.

2016 Fall Semester (18 Sessions) Register by July 1, 2016	
August	13, 20, 27
September	3, 10, 17, 24
October	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November	5, 12, 19 (no class on 26 <sup>th</sup> )
December	3, 10, 17
2017 Spring Semester (18 Sessions) Register By January 1, 2017	
January 2017	7, 14, 21, 28
February	4, 11, 18, 25
March	11, 18, 25 (no class on 4 <sup>th</sup> )
April	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May	13, 20, (no class on 6 <sup>th</sup> )

Instructor: Mrs. Miwa Sasaki Steuben

Fees: Church Members \$75.00  
 All Others \$ 100.00

**Registration Forms are due August 1, 2016 for Fall Semester and January 1, 2017 for Spring Semester.**  
 Please mail registrations to Simpson United Methodist Church, Attention: Japanese Language Class,  
 6001 Wolff St, Arvada, CO 80003-6833. Telephone: 303-428-7963 email: [simpsonumc@comcast.net](mailto:simpsonumc@comcast.net)

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Registration Form	
Name of Student	
Address w/Zip Code	
Telephone	
Beginning I, III	
Advanced	
Amount Enclosed	
Check No.	
Email	

**Please contact the church office to determine the appropriate class before completing the registration process.**





# JAPANESE ELDER WELLNESS GROUP

ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT  
CENTER

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**4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**1:00PM – 3:00PM**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JENNY ARMITAGE @ 303.923.6547

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Parking Lot Sale	2 Parking Lot Sale 9:00 am Taiko, Yoga
3 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:00pm Yoga	6	7 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	8 10am-3pm Game Day	9 9:00 am Talko Yoga 11:00 am - Betty Matoba Memorial Service & Reception
10 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS 11:00 am - Trustees O.N.E.	11 10:00 am Ukulele	12 7:30pm Yoga	13	14 10:00 am Staff Mtg	15	16 9:00 am Talko Yoga
17 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet 11:00 am - Retreat Committee meets in Sanctuary	18	19 7:00pm Yoga	20	21 10:00 am Staff Mtg	22	23 8:00 am Talko Yoga
24 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS 11:00 am - SPRCA/Mein Lange.	25 10:00 am Ukulele	26 9:00 am - Assemble Newsletter 7:00pm Yoga	27 1:00pm - 3:00 pm Japanese Elder Wellness Group & 50+ 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Ad Council	28 10:00 am staff mtg	29	30 9:00 am Talko Yoga
31 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE CHURCH PICNIC						

July 3 Nancy Snock  
 July 10 Charlotte Namba  
 July 17 None

LITURGISTS

July 24 Jim Hardman  
 July 31 Carol Fitzsimons

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Bob Fujitoka

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Tim Cleary

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**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**

### **A creed for July 4th**

- I believe in America because in it we are free - free to choose our government, to speak our minds, to choose our different religions.
- Because we are generous with our freedom, we share our rights with those who disagree with us.
- Because we hate no people and covet no people's lands.
- Because we are blessed with a natural and varied abundance.
- Because we have great dreams and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true.

-Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for president in 1940

