



Simpson News

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Dear Simpson UMC Family:

I am your new Pastoral Associate. First, let me say a big “Arigatou Gozaimashita” to Pastor and the SPR for selecting me to serve the Simpson community. For the last two years, I have been serving Smoky Hill United Methodist Church as fill-in volunteer clergy, helping wherever and whenever needed, including preaching and teaching, as I searched for a clergy position in the area. I am grateful for the opportunity to return to ministry professionally, as that is where my heart is. I hope and pray to be very helpful to Simpson in many ways.

I attended Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. I was ordained by Bishop Joe Wilson in June 1998 and served two churches during my year of supervised ministry during seminary. I previously owned and operated a computer support and network consulting company and that full-time business prevented me from serving in full-time ministry at that time. However, my heart’s desire has always been in ministry and I looked forward to it when my wife retired from educational administration in Texas and we moved to Colorado over 2011-2012.

Both sets of my Jewish grandparents were immigrants to the United States at the turn of the 20th century. They arrived with their parents from the Ukrainian and Polish-Belarusian cities of Minsk, Pinsk and Odessa and settled in Boston and New York City. I grew up in a highly immigrant-centric community in the Bronx. The community’s incredible diversity created an attitude of appreciation for the rich heritages and history of all of us as we blended together as New Yorkers and Americans.

I had the opportunity to stay for an extended period in Kurume, Fukuoka Prefecture, on Kyushu during 2002. I was there helping my adopted parents, Bob and Regina Greenberg, as Bob battled cancer in the Kurume hospital. Although Bob passed away in 2003, the experience filled us with gratitude and appreciation for the Japanese people and culture in profound ways. We grew to love and admire a culture so rooted in honor and tradition with deep respect for life. The tireless efforts of the doctors and nurses to save Bob endeared them all to us. It is this love that drew me to Simpson when I learned of the pastoral assistant position.

I look forward to meeting and serving all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Matt Snider

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE:

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

June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

June 14

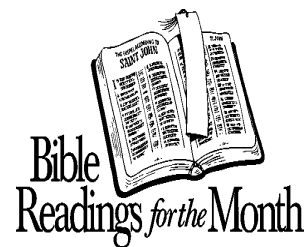
1 Samuel 15:34; Psalm 20 or Psalm 92; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

June 21

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



Musicians Needed

As most of you know, our Chancel Choir will be on hiatus during the summer months. Debbie will be scheduling "Special Music", hopefully for each Sunday this summer. We hope to have musicians from Simpson UMC, as well as those from the community. Please consider signing up to share your talents. All people & talents welcome!

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"THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM AT THE TABLE"

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Senior Minister Rev. Tezenlo Thong

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|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pastoral Assistant | Matt Snider | Treasurer | Dennis Kitayama |
| Bookkeeper | Lilly Quirk | Finance | Bob Fujioka |
| Admin. Assist. | Mari Welch | Church Council | Ruby Hada |
| Sunday School | Brenda Schroder | Staff-Parish Relations | John Hall |
| Pianist | Chen Wu | Trustees | Alben Sakaguchi |
| Choir Director | Debbie Willeford | O.N.E. | Jane Fujioka and Charlotte Namba |
| Nichigo Pianist | Sadako Hasegawa | | |
| Japanese Language | | | |
| Instructor | Miwa Steuben | | |

ONE COMMITTEE DONATIONS

To those of you who are loading your grocery gift cards, Thank You. Because you have taken the time to use your gift cards the ONE Committee is able to donate to a mission project. At our last ONE meeting it was decided to donate \$1,000 to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) to help with the earthquake disaster in Nepal. Also, the Noisy Offering taken once a month by the Sunday School children will be used for their Heifer Project.

THANK YOU for your MISSION donations.

You are Appreciated!



A big THANK YOU to the our faithful volunteers, Sue Arai, Esther Hashiba and Julia Kamura for gathering on April 28, 2015, to prepare the May Newsletter for mailing. Really could not do it without your help!

Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado Cordially invites you to sell your new or gently used Japanese items at our

All Things Japanese Sale

Sakura Square Mezzanine

June 27 & 28, 2015 —during the Cherry Blossom Festival!

11 am—4 pm

Contact Joni Sakaguchi for more information or to register as a vender—

jsak5280@centurylink.net

Fees: JARCC member: 25% of your total sales~ Non member: 35%

All items not sold mustbe picked up from 1-5 pm on Monday, June 29, 2015.

JARCC will take care of selling your items!

IN MEMORY OF:

Leslie K. Abe
 Kebo Kinoshita, George Kinoshita, Amy Doi, Jun Hamai
 Harry & Mary Ida
 Marg Morishige
 Tera & Shun Aoyagi, Toshi Okazaki, Ritsuko Maynell
 Tera & Shun Aoyagi
 Sam Matsumoto
 Betty Kawano
 Laura Miura
 M/M M. Masunaga, Haruko & Gene Sasa
 Yasuko & Jim Tochiara, Sam Tochiara
 The 168 who died in Oklahoma City Bombing

BY:

R.C. Abe
 Suzanne Nagai
 Ronald Ida
 Pat Hayashi
 M/M Ken Maynell
 M/M Curt Higuchi
 Paula Matsumoto
 Fusako Okuno
 Alan Suzuki
 M/M/ George Fujimoto and
 Donna Cole
 Dion Dishong



Newsletter: Alfred Watada

Donation for Earthquake Victims in Nepal:

Jane Nakama, anonymous

Easter: George Kawamura, Bess Joko, Ritsuko Munn, Jane Nakama,
 Isami Terada, Ruth French, Cheyenne Bailey, Ida Mae, Setsuo Ita, John Miyahara,
 Donald Nakama, Sumiko Osuga, Charles Yamaguchi, Carol Yamamoto,
 Stacey Shigaya, Owen FitzSimons, Ruth Shinto, Tay Kondo, Yoshie Tanita,
 Ruby Hada, Mitchell Hamai, Irvin Matsuda, Harry Hishinuma, Masami Nonaka,
 Mary Nishiyama, Cindy Kondo, Sachi Goto, Thomas Nakai, Suzanne Nagai.

Thanksgiving: Suzanne Nagai

Christmas: Suzanne Nagai

*Thank you to everyone
 For your gifts and contributions!*

MEAT DONATIONS

2015 Bazaar

Aki Doi Akiyama
 Midori Allmeyer
 Sue Arai
 Glenice Bowman
 Sarah Broderick
 Dion Dishong
 Carol FitzSimons
 Ruth French
 Thomas Fujikawa
 Tsugo Fujita
 Bruce Fukui
 Sumi Fukuma
 Yukio Furuiye
 Dorothy Gorai
 Lily (Sachi) Goto
 Ruby Hada
 Daniel Hamai
 Mitchell Hamai
 Hiroko Hansen
 Esther Hashiba
 Clara Hashimoto
 Joseph Hayashi
 Patricia Hayashi
 Evelyn Hayashida
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 Charles Yamaguchi
 Edward Yamaguchi
 Judy Yanaga
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 Frank Yoritomo
 Chizuru Yoshinio

BAKE SALE DONATIONS

Asako Aka
 Glenice Bowman
 Paula Coloroso
 Betty Fujikawa
 Hiroko Hanson
 Bess Joko
 Julia Kamura
 Tay Kondo
 Robin Miyahara
 Buzzy Nakai
 Charlotte Namba
 Mike Shibata
 Pam Shinto
 Ruth Shinto
 Karen Nogami Stoner
 Tamayo Terada
 Bobbi Wong

**A BIG THANKS
 TO ALL THE ANONYMOUS
 DONORS OF DELICIOUS
 TREATS!**

神は待つ、帰れ！

背信の女イスラエル。帰れ。――主の御告げ。――わたしはあなたがたをしまらない。わたしは恵み深いから。――主の御告げ。――わたしは、いつまでも懲つてはいない。

(エシキヤ8・12)

スコットランドの教会で、ひとりの女がイエス様を信じる決心をしました。彼女は貧しい山村での生活がいやになり、母親をひとり残して家を出していた人でした。回心した彼女は「母さんのところへ帰って、自分が悪かったことをおわびし、イエス様を信じたことを話そう」と決心しました。

夜中の家には小さなあかりがひとつみえましたが、なんどノックしても返事がありません。静かに家の中に入っていくと、懐しい母親が眠っていました。おそろおそろ「お母さん」と呼んでみました。母親ははっと飛び起き、娘をみるや「よく帰ってきたね」と、やさしく迎えてくれました。「お母さん、さびしい山の中で、しかも真夜中だというのになぜ戸締りをしなかつたのですか」とたずねると、母親は愛する娘を胸にだきしめながら言いました。「いいえ、今日だけじゃありません。おまえが家出したその夜から今日までの九年間、戸締りしませんでしたよ。いつでもおまえが帰ってこられるためです」。

祈りする家

私と私の家とは主に仕える。

(ヨシ。724・15)

まるい赤茶けたちやぶ台を囲み、母親と幼ない子供四人が、聖書を真中にして朝の祈りをしている絵があります。近代洋画黎明期の北条運における指導者、林竹治郎の第一回文展入選作です。

作者・林竹治郎のこの「祈りする家」から、画中、母親のひざに伏して祈っていた幼児がはたいて行きました。教鞭の便徒と呼ばれる林文雄医師です。

もと患者だった人はこうのべています。

「普通、医者といえば、これはもう患者と上下関係のように思われがちですが、患者である私たちは、林先生と仲間のような生活をしてきました」。

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FIFTY PLUS

Please come join us for lunch on June 17th at 11:30 am. It is always a good time for fun and fellowship and to get reacquainted with friends.

Grace Tochiara



OUR CARE CORNER

The families of: Jane Shiohita, Uki Aigaki, Tom Shioji

Others to be Held in Prayer: Emily Mori, Wil Porter and
Ruth Yamauchi

DU AMACHE RESEARCH PROJECT

*Connecting the Pieces:
Dialogues on the Amache Archaeology Collection*

A student and community collaborative exhibit, Connecting the Pieces features objects from the DU Amache Research Project. These items help tell the story of Japanese American internment during World War II. Exhibit will be on display May 22—September 18, 2015, and is free and open to the public.

Location: Museum of Anthropology, University of Denver, 2000 E. Asbury, Sturm Hall 102. Gallery open 9 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday. For more information, call 303.871.2687

UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

**Little Thompson River Clean Up
Saturday, June 13, 2015**

Help us clean up debris left on the riverbanks by the 2013 Colorado Floods
RSVP to Deb Campbell: 303.532.7563 or email dcampbell@rmcuncmc.com

JARCC JUNE EVENT

*Generations of Story—An Inter-generational Talk Story
and Writing Workshop with Traci Kato-Kiriyama*

JARCC is pleased to be a sponsor for this event on Saturday, June 14th from 12:30—3:00 pm at the Sakura Square Mezzanine Room. The event is free but space is limited so you must RSVP to 303.295.0305. Traci is a dynamic speaker and motivational speaker for those who are hesitant to put pen to paper! Please join us for this wonderful event!

YES, THERE WILL BE PEACHES!

I checked with the peach farm and although the late snow and frost has affected some of the Western Slope farmers, C & R was fortunate and came through it ok!

We will have Peaches this year so spread the word and more details will be forth coming!

Simpson United Methodist Church

June 2015

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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 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 7 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Communion Rev. Matthew Stoder Knit & Crochet S.P.R.C. | 8 10:00am Ukulele | 9 7:00pm Yoga | 10 | 4 10:00 am staff mtg | 5 | 13 Taiko Yoga |
| 14 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Rev. Randy Short Guest Speaker Trustees | 15 | 16 7:00pm Yoga | 17 11:30 am – 50+ Lunch 6:00pm Finances 7:00pm Ad Council | 18 | 19 | 20 Taiko Yoga |
| 21 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Bridge to Future Sunday Guest Speaker: Knit & Crochet | 22 10:00 Ukulele | 23 7:00pm Yoga | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Taiko Yoga |
| 28 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS | 29 | 30 7:00pm Yoga | | | | 9 Taiko Yoga |

LITURGISTS
 June 7 Terry Hall
 June 14 Dan Goto
 June 21 Bridge to Future Sunday
 June 28 Mas Nonaka

GROCERY CERTIFICATES
 May Murakami

USHERS
 Tim Cleary

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND OUR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 13 –16, 2015

9:00 am—12:30 pm

If you are interested in helping or would like to attend please contact Brenda

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