



Our Shared Journey

As I make preparations to leave behind the people and place I have called home I can almost hear the words of Revelation echo in my ears: "Behold, I make all things new." These words accompanied me years ago when I left behind being an individual and moved into motherhood. It was an exciting time, filled with great joy and anticipation of new life. That's how I feel today: filled with joy and the anticipation of being present as new life emerges among us.

The image of midwife is one that captures for me the role of the Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist. The ability to partner with people as they give birth to a new identity in Christ is what drew me to this particular kind of ministry. Just as an infant carries within its DNA the essence of its parents and grandparents, so the people of Simpson United Methodist Church have a past that informs any future that will be envisioned. And just as an infant is an entirely new being with endless possibilities of life and hope before it, so the congregation of Simpson UMC has within itself endless possibilities for new ministries filled with hope and new life.

I am excited to have the opportunity to journey with you as we bring forth new life at Simpson UMC. Like any good midwife, I have some experience, training, and education to contribute. But, like any midwife, the way those can be of help are unique to every situation. And, like all births, God is ultimately in control of the outcome, not me. That's what makes the process invigorating and fun! While I'm sure challenges will be part of the next year, I am more sure that the outcome will be a blessing not just for the diverse community of persons already here, but for those in the greater community we have yet to meet and love and serve.

It takes courage to be willing to co-create with God to bring forth a new creation. I therefore ask for your prayers as we come together, just as I have already been praying for you. I look forward to getting to know you in the weeks to come. As we begin to build our relationship, I am confident that the Spirit will lead us in love.

Yours in the joy of His grace,

Rev. Vivian C. Hiestand

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JUNE 2017

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



June 4	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13; John 7:37-39
June 11	Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
June 18	Genesis 18:1-15; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 25	Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16,17; Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers Julia Kamura, Eileen Mayeda and Betsy Sato, for preparing the May Newsletter for mailing on April 25, 2017. Could NOT do it without your help!

You are very much appreciated!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Excellent News—VBS is right around the corner. This year we are doing a “Campout with Jesus, God loves you S’ more than you know.” VBS will be July 24-27 from 9 –11:30 am. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends. Snacks and lunch will be provided. We will be doing games, crafts, songs and Bible stories.

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Scan this QR code on left with a QR code reader on your smartphone or tablet and the device will take you right to our new website.

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VISION 2017-2019

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The focus of our ministry for the next three years, 2017-2019, will be on youth and children. In a way, this is a continuing effort to rejuvenate our church, and we could call the proposed vision *Rejuvenation II*.

We often refer to our children as “the future of our church” or “future leaders.” If it is true, it is also obvious that we don’t have a viable future, because we do not have a sustainable number of children, youth and young parents in our church. Our future is now, and what we do now will determine the future existence of our church. An active and vibrant presence of children, youth and young families will ensure the continued existence of our church beyond us. If we want the church to continue and carry on our legacy, we need to invest in this particular area of ministry now. Therefore, it is with this ministerial concern and urgency, we will focus on engaging in ministry to the youth, children and their families for the next three years. Below you will find the details for 2017.

THEME

“The Future Begins Today”

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2017

DATE	EVENT/ PROJECT	LEAD ORGANIZER
June 10, 2017	Sushi Extravaganza!	Scott
July 17-20, 2017	Vacation Bible School	Brenda
August 6, 2017	UMC Water World	Scott
September 3, 2016	Rally Sunday	Brenda
October 27, 2017	Trunk-Or-Treat & Spooktacular!	Brenda: Trunk-Or-Treat Scott: Spooktacular!
November 19, 2017	Thanksgiving Mission Trip (DenUM)	Scott
December 10, 2017	Christmas Pageant	Brenda
Youth & Children Summer Lock-in		Brenda & Scott

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Honoring students graduating
from high school.

Sunday, June 11, 2017

ALL CHURCH RETREAT

**“Reconnect,
Reinvent,
Rediscover”**

September 8, 9, & 10 2017

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Don't forget to purchase new cards or reload your already existing cards! Simpson receives 5% of all reloads which will go towards helping those in need. We will be waiting in the foyer right after worship on the 1st 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.

ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (Japanese Wellness)

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of June (June 28) at Simpson from 11:00 am –1:00 pm. Our time together consists of a light lunch, exercise, music, games and a time for community. 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.**

“Reflections Calendar”

We have had some great discussions on our study of “Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus.” Please join us either on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. or on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Here is the schedule of upcoming gatherings through June 2017:

June 6 and June 10
June 20 and June 24

MEMORIAL GIFTS**BY**

June Abe

Ron Ida

Paula Matsumoto

Julie Shiohita

Teddy Shiohita

IMOStephen Osuga, John Mizoue,
Pauline Miyoshi, Agnes Matsuda

Harry & Mary Ida

Sam Matsumoto

Mrs. Jane Shiohita

Mrs. Jane Shiohita &

Mrs. Yei Shiohita

**BAZAAR**

M/M Steve Ozawa

BOILER FUND

Simpson Bridge Club

Sherman Takamori

Leslie Yelland

CHOIR/EASTER CANTATA

Olin Britchs

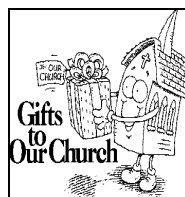
Jennifer Lim

Claire Maghtas

M/M Ken Namba

MUSIC/FLOWERS

Carolyn Nishimoto

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

Anonymous

Alben Sakaguchi

M/M Tezenlo Thong

M/M Steve Ozawa

All gifts great and small are appreciated equally

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

In May, we were blessed to witness the baptism of three people, Justyn Dewitt Morris, Jackson Robert Frank Morris and Ruby Hada. We also received into church membership six new members. They are Karen Freml, Brenda and Jason Morris, Lorna and Steve Ozawa and Calvin Yukihiro. Part of the Commendation and Welcome in our Reception Into the United Methodist Church says, "Do all in your power to increase *their* faith, confirm *their* hope, and perfect *them* in love." As we welcome these people into the life and community of our church, let us surround them with love and prayer, so that they may become faithful disciples who would go out and transform the world.

Memorial Day Service
Sunday, May 28th—10:00 am

It is the tradition at Simpson UMC to remember those who have passed from this life to eternal life during our Sunday service of worship on Memorial Day weekend. This special service of worship will take place Sunday, May 28th, at 10:00 am.

As part of our remembrance, the families of those who have passed away since Memorial Day 2016, are invited to participate in the service by lighting a candle honoring their loved ones. Please join us for this special service of worship and time of remembrance.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

For your information:

Monday, Tuesday:	8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Mari will be in the office
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	Lilly will be in the office
Thursday:	8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Mari will be in the office
Friday:	8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Mari/Lilly will be in the office

On behalf of Simpson United Methodist Church and the Bazaar Committee, we thank everyone involved with this year's successful Asian Bazaar.

There are so many people and areas that need to work in harmony together to make a successful Bazaar. We served close to 1300 meals, most of our bakery items, and sold all of our manju and sushi.

We welcomed several new workers to our ranks and thank you for your help. We also thank those who help us annually. This Bazaar would not be possible without all of you.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Bazaar!

Dennis Kitayama

William Murakami

Tom Fujita

EASTER GIFTS (as of April 30, 2017)

Masaji Akiyama
 Janeal Bailey
 M/M Owen FitzSimons
 Karen Freml
 Ruth French
 Dorothy Gorai
 Masako Furuiye
 Ruby Hada
 Frances Hamai
 Mitchell Hamai
 Esther Hashiba
 Clara Hashimoto
 Ben Ichikawa
 Mae Ida
 Mary K. Ida
 Grace Ito
 Bess Joko
 Will Kagohara
 Julia Kamura
 Aki Kawakami
 George Kawamura
 Akira Kasahara
 Mitch Kishiyama
 Cindy Kondo\
 Tay Kondo
 M/M Harry Miyahara
 Kazuko Mizoue
 Thomas Nakai
 Donald Nakama
 Jane Nakama
 Sandie Nakayama
 M/M Ken Namba
 Joel Nishida
 Mary Nishiyama
 Yasuko Nonaka
 Asako Oka
 Dorothy Okita
 Aiko Okubo
 Fusako Okuno
 Joe Onodera
 Paul Onsager
 Gary Orazio
 M/M Steve Ozawa

Alben Sakaguchi
 Janet Sasa
 Stacey Shigaya
 Ruth Shinto
 Catheryn Smith
 M/M Stome Tanita
 Grace Tochihara
 Barbara Wong
 Charles Yamaguchi
 M/M Edward Yamaguchi
 Carol Yamamoto
 June Yokooji
 Christopher Yoshida
 Calvin Yukihiro

BAZAAR BAKE SALE DONATIONS**Thank you for your generous contributions:**

Janice Abo
 Glenice Bowman
 Sarah Broderick & Joe Hayashi
 Paula Coloroso
 Karen Freml
 Kathy Fujita
 Patty Goto
 Bess Joko
 Julia Kamura
 Eileen Mayeda
 Nancy Miyahara
 Robin Miyahara
 Sandie Nakayama
 Amy Namba
 Charlotte Namba
 Carol Nishimoto
 JoAnne Otsuki
 Lorna Ozawa
 Julie Yukihiro
 Stacey Shigaya
 Pam Shinto
 Ruth Shinto
 Tim Taga
 Sam Terasaki
 Bobbi Wong
 Heather Yago

2017 BAZAAR MEAT DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions.

June Abe	Jean Okagawa
Janice Abo	Dorothy Okita
Akiko Akiyama	Aiko Okubo
Janeal Bailey	Fusako Okuno
Glenice Bowman	Joe Onodera
Karen Freml	M/M Paul Onsager
Ruth French	James Ota
M/M Tom Fujita	M/M Steve Ozawa
M/M Fujioka	David Powell
Bruce Fukui	Carolyn Sagara
M/M Furuiye	Alben Sakaguchi
Dorothy Gorai	M/M Paul Sasa
Ruby Hada	Betsy Sato
Francis Hamai	James K. Shinto
Mitchell Hamai	Ruth Shinto
M/M Carroll Hansen	Josephine Shioji
Esther Hashiba	Teddy Shiohita
Clara Hashimoto	Catheryn Smith
Evelyn Hayashida	M/M Stome Tanita
Curtis Higuchi	M/M Isami Terada
Ben Ichikawa	Sam Terasaki
Mae Ida	Grace Tochiara
Mary Ida	M/M T. Tsutsui
Ron Ida	Reiko Urano
Martha Inouye	M/M Charles Yamaguchi
Grace Ito	M/M E.G. Yamaguchi
Will Kagohara	Carol Yamamoto
Julia Kamura	June Yokooji
Aki Kawakami	Frank Yoritomo
Eddie Kawano	M/M Christopher Yoshida
M/M George Kawamura	Chizu Yoshino
Mitch Kishiyama	Calvin Yukihiro & Julie Tanda
Jennifer Lim	Barbara Wong
Kazuko Mizoue	
Ritsuko Munn	
M/M Thomas Nakai	
Donald Nakama	
Sandie Nakayama	
M/M Ken Namba	
Mary Nishiyama	
Yasuko Nonaka	
Asako Oka	

Condensed minutes of the Ad Council Meeting, April 26, 2017

Complete minutes are posted on the church bulletin board in the entrance hallway.



- Neighborhood post card mailing has been postponed until this Fall.
- Calling cards for Simpson will be available soon.
- \$30,000 from the Joe Akiyama fund has been requested to cover operational expenses.
- Approximately 40% of boiler fund received.
- Finance Committee and Ad Council will combine their monthly meetings. First step in streamlining our church structure.
- Staff Parish Relations committee commits to working with Finance and Ad Council when non-budgeted expenses arise.
- Funds of \$3,000 from the Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation has been approved to cover request for drums for a new taiko group.
- Simpson will have an informational booth at the Cherry Blossom Festival in late June.
- Trustees – hard at work maintaining our church building. Currently working on the east side church sign.

We need church members and friends, young and old, students and children, anyone who is willing to share their talents.

As most of you know our Chancel Choir is on hiatus June through August. It is such an easy and fun way to serve the church. I would like to personally invite you to provide Special Music for Sunday service throughout the Summer.

There are so many talented people at Simpson UMC. However, I need to know who they are! If you know of someone who plays an instrument, dances, sings, performs magic tricks, does interpretive reading, or could put on a short skit please let me know so I can invite them to share with us.

Music Ministry is a vital part of a church. Oh, and you can volunteer also!

Debbie Willeford
Choir Director



OUR CARE CORNER

Those Experiencing Health Issues:

Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto

Staff Parish Relations Update

I'm finding it hard to believe the end of May is already upon us! THANK YOU to everyone who shared with us "Why Simpson". I will be making a final revision to the church profile this week to incorporate your input. These will be available for anyone who wants a copy ... email me or keep your eye out for copies in the "Pastor Transition" area set up in the hallway between the sanctuaries. This will help guide our Intentional Interim Pastor, Rev. Vivian Hiestand, in working with us over the next year. Speaking of, here is what's coming up as we prepare to thank Pastor Tezenlo for his ministry here, and welcome Pastor Hiestand:

May 28th – Going away celebration for Pastor Tezenlo and his family. We hope you will join us after service to wish them well on the next step in their journey. We ask that you bring a side dish to share. Main course and drinks will be provided. A special thank you to Ruby Hada, Jane Nakama, and O.N.E. committee for helping SPRC make this happen.

Guest Pastors in June

June 4th— Rev. Elizabeth Jackson—Executive Director of *In the World*, a ministry dedicated to connecting people of all walks of life with a goal to make a difference in the world.

June 11th—Rev. Tiffany Keith—founding Director of *The Edge*, a unique and thriving ministry in downtown Colorado Springs.

June 18th and 25th—Rev. Terry Benedett-Farmer—We welcome back our interim Pastor from 2012, who we hold in high esteem, and are always glad to see.

Intentional Interim Pastor Rev. Vivian Hiestand will begin her ministry of discernment with us in July. Details to come in June regarding welcoming events for her.

Jenny Mahoney
SPRC Chair 2017
jennym@spectrallogic.com

Join us in the fight against hunger

On July 29th, Dream Dinners Wheat Ridge, in partnership with Friends and Family Community Connection, the Living the Dream Foundation, and the Arvada Community Food Bank will host a meal packaging event to help those in need.

With your help, we'll package 50,000 meals!

- * One-third of the meals stay in Colorado where nearly 1 in 7 struggle with hunger.
- * The remaining two-thirds will be transported to Haiti, where more than 2.5 million people live in extreme poverty.
- * There are no administration costs. 100% of all donations will go to feeding those in need.



When: July 29th, 9:00 - 11:00 am

**Where: Faith Bible Chapel
6225 Wright St.
Arvada, CO 80004**

Each \$10 donation feeds 40 children!

To donate, visit us at:

[www.livingthedreamfoundation.com/our events](http://www.livingthedreamfoundation.com/our%20events)
(select the Wheat Ridge event)

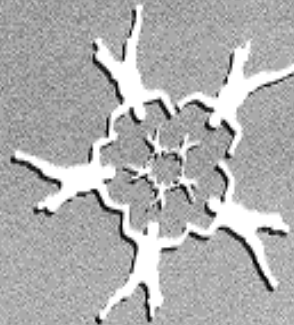
To volunteer, please email us at:

WheatRidgeCO@DreamDinners.com
(Kids are welcome.)



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REDISCOVER
RECONNECT
REINVENT

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**2017 ANNUAL
RETREAT
(REVITALIZED)**

SEPTEMBER 8, 9 & 10, 2017

BUCKHORN METHODIST CAMP
Rist Canyon (West of Ft. Collins)

Jump in for two and a-half days of Fun!
Fishing, Games & Song. Rediscover. Reconnect. Reinvent.

\$30 per adult (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast and two nights)

\$15 Day Pass (Saturday daytime activities including lunch & dinner)

Kids 0-15 are FREE! (Camperships available)

Official registration form coming soon.

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2017 ANNUAL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, AND 10, 2017

We are going to have fun, and we will experience a spiritual renewal! Our new Interim Minister, Reverend Vivian Hiestand and her husband Reverend John Hiestand will be attending and they both say that they are looking forward to this event which will be Friday night, all day Saturday, and ending Sunday morning after service.

Buckhorn United Methodist Camp is located 20 miles west of Ft. Collins above Rist Canyon high atop a front range ridge with incredible views both down to Fort Collins/Loveland and down into the Buckhorn valley.

This is the first Retreat that we've had in twenty years. We will work to **rediscover** ourselves; **reconnect** with God and with each other; and **reinvent** our collective place in God's world. We will have a resource speaker on board from the office of Church Redevelopment from the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Yes, there is modern plumbing, but otherwise, this event will be rustic living. Get back in touch with nature and with each other since there is no TV reception, no wi-fi, and no cell phone coverage. In fact, you'll need to bring your own pillow and bedding (sleeping bags are recommended; it will be cool at night). We will have seminar discussions, worship service, hiking, rock-climbing*, fishing, and activities for all ages.

The church wants each of you to come and be a part of this gathering. Come for one day or stay the entire weekend. We will sleep in cabins six to a room. The Buckhorn staff will be cooking for us and providing a few activities for Friday night. Original costs were much higher, BUT thanks to a grant from the Uyeno fund, costs are just **\$30 per person for the entire event!** If you want to come up for the day on Saturday, a **"day pass" is \$15.** But wait! It gets better! Thanks to that Uyeno grant AND the O.N.E. Committee, **kids age 0-15 are FREE** when accompanied by a parent. Camperships are also available.

*Additional information will follow next month including a registration form and a full list of any specialty activities which will carry an extra cost such as archery and rock climbing.

JUNE**2017***Simpson United Methodist Church**Arvada CO 80003-6833**Telephone: 303/428-7963, Fax: 303/427-1577**www.simpsonumc.com*

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	2	3 9:00 am - Tako 1:30 - 4:30 pm Calo Rectal Both Sanctuaries/Memorial Lg.
4 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/ Communion SS/Youth	5	6 9:30 am Reflections	7	8	9	10 9:00 am - Tako Noon - 4:00 pm Sushi Extravaganza - Scott 12:30 pm Reflections
11 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS Youth Graduation Sunday Peace with Justice Sunday Trustees	12 10:00 am Ukulele	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 am - Tako
18 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE SS/Youth Fathers Day 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet Retreat Com. in Sanctuary	19	20 9:30 am - Reflections	21 11:00 am - 1:00 pm APDC (formerly Asian Wellness) Articles for Newsletter to office by noon.	22	23	24 9:00 am - Tako 12:30 pm - Reflections Sakura Square Booth (Brenda)
25 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE SS/Youth Sakura Square Booth (Brenda)	26 10:00 am Ukulele	27 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter	28 11:00 am - 1:00 pm AFDC Wellness 6:00 pm - Finance Committee 7:00 pm - Ad Council	29	30	

LITURGISTS

Danielle Powell

June 4

Joe Hayashi

June 11

Allyson Goto

June 18

David Powell

June 25

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Charlotte Namba

USHERS

Tim Cleary

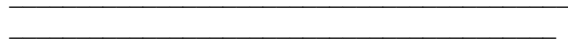
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"The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible: The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't want paradise, you are not human; and if you are not human, you don't have a soul."

Thomas Moore,
The Re-Enchantment of Everyday Life, 1996, p. 101