



As many of you are probably aware by now, in September 2016, Bishop Karen Oliveto was installed as the bishop of the Mountain Sky Area, which includes the Rocky Mountain Conference and the Yellowstone Annual Conference. The Episcopal area covers Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana and two churches in Idaho. Below is Bishop Oliveto's vision for the Rocky Mountain Conference for the next four years. –Tezenlo Thong, Senior Pastor

Bishop Karen Oliveto's vision for the Rocky Mountain Conference:

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me” (Matthew 25:35-36).

2016-2017: Food Insecurity and Justice

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink.” What are issues related to hunger and access to clean water in our neighborhoods, states, region, and world, and how can we order our lives and ministries to respond with the hands of Jesus?

2017-2018: Safety, Homelessness and Justice

“I was naked and you gave me clothing.” In what ways are people stripped naked: whether that is homelessness, stripped of a safe sanctuary, stripped of dignity and respect, what are ways we can seek to clothe people, work for affordable housing, safety, civil rights, justice?

2018-2019: Addiction, Health and Justice

“I was sick and you took care of me.” How are we dealing with the epidemic of drugs in our region? What are we doing about addictions? I came from a community that said, “We are all in recovery from something” — how are we creating pathways to recovery? How are we dealing with health issues in our region?

2019-2020: Imprisonment and Restorative Justice

“I was in prison and you visited me.” When there is a cradle to prison pipeline for black and brown men, what are we doing to address it? How are we offering liberation to those placed in social and economic prisons? How do we unlearn the -isms that shackle the souls of so many?

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

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



- November 6 Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- November 13 Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- November 20 Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- November 27 Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!

We had a lot of Sunday School fun in October. We studied the story of creation, we made beautiful candle holders and candy jars for the Arts and Crafts Showcase. Also we teamed with the youth to make jars of homemade hot chocolate. We want to acknowledge and thank everyone that provided candy for Trunk-or-Treat.

In November we will finish studying creation and investigate the words "thankful" and "kindness" with a fun journey through personal experiences and the Bible.

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You are
Appreciated!

A big THANK YOU to our faithful volunteers Esther Hashiba, Kaz Mizoue, Fuzzy Okuno, Chuckie Stark, Yoshie Tanita, Grace To-chihara, and Flo Yamaguchi for preparing the October Newsletter for mailing on September 27. Could NOT do it without your help!

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th because Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 6th.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Mark your calendar! The Children's Christmas Pageant is Sunday,
December 11, 2016.

You won't want to miss seeing our children perform at this year's program. They do such a good job every year!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebbox season is upon us and we are excited about the prospect of being eye-ball-deep in shoeboxes! Each shoebox you fill with gifts will make its way to a boy or girl that God has chosen for that box. Last year, OCC distributed over 11 million shoebox gifts to children in need around the world. Will you consider filling one more box than you did last year? Help us reach 12 million children in the coming year! The date for shoebox collection is **November 20, 2016**

IT'S MOCHI TIME AGAIN!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 3, 2016. That's the date Mochi can be picked up after 2:00 pm—**NOT BEFORE.**

There is an Order Form on the Bulletin Board. Deadline to order Mochi is Sunday, November 27, 2016 for Bulletin Board Orders. Deadline for Mail in Order is Sunday, November 27, 2016.

NAME _____ QUANTITY _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ price: \$5.00 PER POUND

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our church charge conference will be Sunday, November 20 immediately after our worship service.

All reports for the charge conference booklet are due by Tuesday, November 8.

We are hoping that as many members as possible and are able will attend this important church meeting.

IN MEMORY OF:

Joan Onodera
 Dick Sato, Jean Sato Hobbs,
 Margaret Komuro
 Joe & Teruko Sato
 Mrs. K Suto

BY:

Joe Onodera, Dorothy Gorai
 Betsy Sato; Jill & Dennis Takata & Riley &
 Ben; Heather & Roger Yago & Josh
 Teddy Shiohita



CORRECTION: In the last two newsletters it was reported that Catheryn and Gloria Smith had made a memorial contribution for Betty Matoba. They did in fact make one contribution in memory of Betty Matoba. Catherine and Gloria Smith also made a memorial contribution to their parents, Johnie and Miyako Smith and that was left out of the memorials by mistake.

THANK YOU!

World Communion Sunday: Grace Tochiara

Keiro no Hi: Mitchell Hamai

Boiler: Dion Dishong, Nichigo Division

Newsletter: Ben Ichikawa



All gifts are greatly appreciated!

***OUR CARE CORNER***

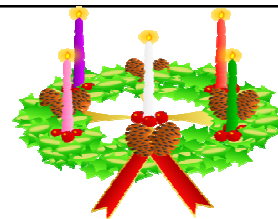
Families Experiencing Loss: Julius Otsuki

Experiencing Health Issues:

Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto

JAPANESE ELDER WELLNESS GROUP

The Japanese Elder Wellness Group will not meet in November or December, 2016. We will meet beginning on the 4th Wednesday of January in 2017 at Simpson from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. We have a light lunch, exercise, music, games and a time for community. It is always fun to see old friends and to meet new ones, please invite your friends to come join us. Hope to see you there!



Candles and Carols

A service of hope, peace, joy and love

On Sunday, December 18th, the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will present this beautiful Christmas cantata. The considerable talents of Pamela Martin and Mark Hayes have created an intimate and participatory experience for choir and congregation.

Pam's insightful narrations relate both the wisdom of ancient scripture and its relevance to our lives as 21st century worshipers. Responding musically to her extraordinary narration are six beautiful carol settings by Mark Hayes that reflect his trademark of harmonies and elegant instrumental accompaniments. An Advent candle is lit before each carol is sung, providing a visual symbol of the journey from darkness to light.

Please join us on Sunday, December 18th at 10:00 am, as our Chancel Choir and instrumentalists help us tell the story of Jesus' birth. What a great time and opportunity to bring friends and family to Simpson UMC!

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Christmas is just around the corner and what better time than now to buy grocery gift cards for Christmas gifts. We have gift "wrapping" and instructions on how to reload. 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.

Thank you.



JARCC

Japanese American
Resource Center
of Colorado

DATE: NOV. 19 & 20

TIME: 11 AM TO 4 PM

Sell and buy gently used
Japanese items—ceramics,
textiles, kimonos, books,
CDs, dolls, purses, jewelry
and more!

Sakura Square Mezzanine

1255 19th Street, Denver

Entrance on Larimer between 19th & 20th St.

INTERESTED IN SELLING ITEMS?

- ALL ITEMS MUST BE PRICED
- VENDOR MUST SETUP/TAKEDOWN
- 35% DONATION TO JARCC

*For more information—Contact Gail Ida at
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All Things Japanese Sale

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Savings Time Ends 6:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION/SS 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet Stewardship Commitment Due	7 10:00 am Ukulele	8 Charge Conference Booklet Reports Due	9 6:00 pm Finance Committee	10 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00 am Staff Mtg. (Staff Lunch) 10:00 am-3pm Game Day	12 9:00 am Japanese Language Class Takko 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm JAC - Kitchen & FH
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27 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS	28	29	30			

LITURGISTS
 November 6 John Hall
 November 13 Jenny Mahoney
 November 20 None
 November 27 Alicia Swanberg

GROCERY CERTIFICATES
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