



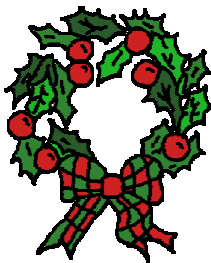
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** is an old Christian tradition that goes back almost 2,000 years. The exact date it first began is lost in the mists of time, but we know it originated during a period early in the life of the Church when Christians were being persecuted and often killed for their faith.

In their grief, believers turned to God and Holy Scripture for comfort and understanding. Scripture reminded them that those who have died in Christ live with him in God's presence of eternal light and love. In God's presence their love for us lives on as they pray for us and wait for us to join them in experiencing eternal joy.

Filled with hope, Christians gathered to light candles in memory of those who have gone before and praise God for His faithful love for those who follow Christ. **On Sunday, November 5th, we will also light candles of remembrance and hope.** At the end of the service, as we celebrate Holy Communion, we will read aloud the names of those from our church family who have passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday. A bell will be tolled for each name read and a candle will be lit to remember and rejoice.

**In recognition that many of us still mourn loved ones long gone,** after you come forward and have received the bread and cup, you will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one. They may have passed recently, or you may have missed them for many years. They still wait for you in the light of God's love, and look forward to a joyous reunion with you.

**Everyone is welcome to take part in this special worship service of remembrance and joy.**



**Christmas is Coming -**  
*it's time to decorate and have a party!*



Can you believe it? At the end of this month it will be time to decorate the church for the Advent season! We plan to do it in style, with a pot luck lunch and lots of fun for the children.

Sheri Pelletier has volunteered to sort through our decorations and get everything organized. (Debbie Willeford, our wonderful Choir Director, has assured Sheri that the guys in the choir will help her get things out of storage.)

**On Sunday, November 26th, plan to stay after worship for decorating, Christmas cookies, and a chili/soup pot luck lunch.** The Youth Group will provide lots of energetic help, but they need plenty of adults to show them how to do it up right! Christmas music will fill the air, and children will start their annual lookout for Santa.

**Mark your calendars now, and invite your friends  
to join you for the fun!**





## Tea and Conversation



I recently read the story of Chiune Sugihara, who served as Japanese Consul-General to Lithuania. Some of you may know his story - against the direct orders of his superiors, he issued travel visas to some 2,000 Jews seeking to escape the brutality of Nazi rule. Because those visas included dependents, Sugihara is credited with saving over 6,000 people from Nazi death camps.

Sugihara did not act rashly. In fact, *The Japan Times* reported, "To be perfectly honest," Sugihara wrote in his 1983 memoir, "when I received the answer from Tokyo (to my request to issue visas), I spent an entire night plunged in thought . . . I could have refused to issue them, but would that, in the end, have truly been in Japan's national interest? I came to the conclusion, after racking my brain, that the spirit of humane and charitable action takes precedence above all else." (July 11, 2015)

I found this story inspiring, perhaps because it is a story of courage in a situation people often wrestle with today: we have been raised and trained to act in one way, but the world has changed and we find ourselves confronted with situations we never anticipated. Like Chiune Sugihara, we may spend entire nights "plunged in thought" and our prayers are almost desperate as we seek an answer.

To be honest, all too often when I'm facing this kind of challenge, I am not seeking an answer so much as a means of escape. I don't want to make the hard choices; I want an easy way out.

How much better it would be if I prayed instead for the kind of clarity Sugihara sought. He wanted to rise above the surface choice given him - whether or not to obey orders - so he could see with clarity what was "truly in Japan's national interest." Only when Sugihara was willing to see that higher truth did he receive the courage to take an action that *seemed* disobedient but was in reality obedience on a higher level.

As we work together to revive this church, I am praying that God will give us clarity about what is most important. I pray for the kind of clarity that brings with it the gift of courage - courage to act and speak in new and perhaps uncomfortable ways. Courage that sees the gift of life that lies on the other side of our discomfort.

Chiune Sugihara, who became a Christian before WWII, prayed for clarity, and was given both clarity and courage. We would do well to emulate him.

Serving Jesus with Joy,

Pastor Vivian



Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto



**THANK YOU** to our great volunteers who have been teaching Sunday school for the past six weeks!

Jane Fujioka and Charlotte Namba taught the first Sunday school lesson, and Sheri Pelletier helped out to wrap up the month of September.

Jane Ferris, someone brand new to our church, taught the entire month of October! She helped the children discover the promises of God, and learn about the exciting story of Peter's escape from jail. She helped them learn how to balance faith and works, and taught them about the history of the Reformation.

Meanwhile, the Staff Parish Relations Committee was hard at work to fill the position of Director of Children's Ministries. They finalized a job description and advertised in several ways. Several people have applied for the position, and interviews took place in late October. They hope to be able to have a new person in place by mid-November.

Thank you to all those who kept this important ministry going. Our children needed you, and you stepped up—

**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

- Nov. 5** "Undercover Children"  
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12 (Beatitudes)
- Nov. 12** "The Jar of Life"  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13
- Nov. 19** "Be the One"  
Psalm 50:22-23; Luke 17:11-19
- Nov. 26** "The Same Question, Different Outcomes"  
*United Methodist Student Day*  
Ezekiel 34:11-16a; Matthew 25:31-46



Once again due to problems with our computer systems, we cannot provide a financial update this month. We expect to be able to provide financial information in the December newsletter. We apologize.

## **MONEY MATTERS**

**Simpson** is a beautiful church. Now that our buildings are 50 years old, they need lots of TLC which present financial challenges since we also must maintain our ministries. Our income is not sufficient to cover the expenses. We had a shortage of \$49,270 in 2015, a shortage of \$44,666 in 2016, and will have a shortage of about \$45,000 in 2017. In 2018, we will have to replace the boiler which is a very large expense. In order to help reduce these shortages we are planning to have a stewardship campaign in 2018, to increase our pledges. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this campaign or would like to be on this committee, please contact any member of the Finance Committee: Bob Fujioka, Dennis Kitayama, Owen FitzSimons, Jenny Mahoney, Dan Goto.

*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.*



*In Loving Memory*

**Given By**

Catherine Smith & Gloria Smith  
Joe Onodera

**In Memory Of**

Johnnie & Miyako Smith  
Ruth Onodera

**Gifts to the Church**

**Music Offering:** Jennifer Lim

**UMCOR:** Dion Dishong, Mary Everitt, Owen FitzSimons, Ruth French, Bob Fujioka, Tsugo Fujita, Joe Hayashi, Harry Hishinuma, Grace Ito, Julia Kamura, Paula Matsumoto, Ritsuko Munn, Ken Namba, Mary Nishiyama, Jane Nakama, Steve Ozawa, Stome Tanita, Grace Tochihara, Ruth Shinto, Nancy Shock. There were also several anonymous givers also.

## CHURCH NEWS

The Outreach-Nurture-Evangelism (O.N.E.) Committee will host a special **Keiro-no-hi coffee hour** on Sunday, November 5, immediately after worship service. Please plan to attend and help us honor our seniors.



Thanks to all who purchased peaches this year. Although our sales were off by quite a bit we were able to make a profit of \$2,043. As in the past everyone enjoyed the sweet and juicy tree ripened peaches and are looking forward to more of the same next year. Thanks again for your purchase and your financial support of SUMC. Momo Taru—Peach Guy



**Grocery Certificates...** Simpson has reloadable grocery cards for King Soopers and Safeway for \$10 each. You can reload these cards by the amount you want by paying cash or charging it to your credit card. You use the grocery cards just like a credit card to pay for your purchases at the store. The advantage of these grocery cards is that Simpson UMC receives a rebate of 5% of your total purchases. So far we have received \$3,336.79 as of July 31, 2017. The King Soopers cards can be used at any of the Kroger Co. stores and the way cards can be used at any of the Safeway stores through the United States. They also make nice gifts. The cards are available the first Sunday of each month or by contacting Charlotte Namba or Bob Fujioka.

Thanks to all who use their reloadable grocery gift cards, the O.N.E. Committee was able to donate \$1,500 to UMCOR to help disaster victims in Puerto Rico and \$500 to the Arvada Food Bank.

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers Kazuko Dishong, Esther Hashiba, Ruth Shinto, and Grace Tochihara for assembling the October Newsletter for mailing on September 26, 2017. We would NOT be able to do this without your help. **You are very much appreciated!**



**Living In The 'Right' Home During Retirement Is Vital**



**Finding An Appropriate Home Can Be Daunting And Challenging. What's Smarter - Financing Or Paying Cash For That Next Home? Organizing A Move Into A Smaller Dwelling Can Be Overwhelming. And, Planning For When You Can No Longer Live Independently Can Be Perplexing And Unfamiliar.**

**Attend This FREE Seminar To Discover Solutions You Need To Know To Help You Thrive And Flourish In Retirement.**

**At This Discussion, Discover:**

**Options to find the "right-sized" home**

- ✓ 55+ communities with programs
  - ✓ Neighborhoods w/ exterior maintenance
- Facts why a reverse mortgage might be the right solution for you**
- ✓ Purchase for about 60% down
  - ✓ No payments till you sell the house

**Tips to make downsizing effortless**

- ✓ Removing clutter for safety
- ✓ Making daily tasks easier

**What you need to know about Continuing Care Retirement Communities**

- ✓ Features, benefits, costs
- ✓ Getting FREE independent advice

*Ethical Professionals Presenting:*

- Mimi Tugaoen** – Senior Relocation Specialist & Licensed REALTOR®
- Ron Meier** – Licensed Reverse Mortgage Specialist
- Cheryl Northrup** – Retirement Planning Consultant
- Tonya Polk** – Certified Aging Specialist & Professional Organizer

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*Seminar Title:*

**Solutions For Seniors Seminars**  
*Knowledge To Thrive In Retirement*

*When:*

**Saturday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00p – 2:30p**

*Where:*

**Simpson United Methodist Church  
6001 Wolf St Arvada, CO 80003**

*Cost:*

**FREE**

*Seating Limited Reservations Required*

**Call or Email: Mimi Tugaoen  
303-931-2977**

**Mimi@ProjectRelo.com**

**Or Register Online:**

**[www.Nov4Solutions.eventbrite.com](http://www.Nov4Solutions.eventbrite.com)**

Reservations for this seminar may be made by contacting:

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or on line at [www.Nov4Solutions.eventbrite.com](http://www.Nov4Solutions.eventbrite.com)

OR you may call the church office at 303.428.7963.

**ANOTHER YEAR FOR MOCHI!**

We will be making Mochi on Saturday, December 2nd, so the deadline for orders is **Sunday, November 26th!** Price this year is \$5.00 per pound. To place your order, you can fill out the form posted on the bulletin board at church OR—fill this form out and send it to the church with your payment. **Due to the holidays, mail orders should be postmarked no later than November 20th. Make your check payable to Simpson UMC.**

		<u>Name</u> <u>Phone #</u> (or <u>email</u> ) <u># of</u>
<u>Total due</u>		<u>Pounds (x \$5) =</u>

## Ad Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2017

### **Complete minutes are posted on the hallway bulletin board.**

In Attendance: Owen FitzSimons, Bob Fujioka, Dan Goto, Dennis Kitayama, Jennifer Mahoney, Noelle Maynell, Charlotte Namba, Ken Namba



#### Committee Reports

Worship Chair, Dan Goto feels the Worship Design Team is working very well.

Trustees – Churchyard Simpson signs are now finished and thanks to the committee members and other volunteers they look great.

Trustees working with the City of Arvada on land needed for expansion of 60<sup>th</sup> for the light-rail traffic.

Staff Parish Relations Committee - Sunday School teacher job position is now on the church website and Face Book. Church profile is being updated, and look for SPRC work information articles in the church newsletter.

O.N.E. are working on Keire-no-hi coffee hour and food for the Arts & Crafts Showcase.

Retreat – Successful retreat, lots of discussion groups on theme “ReDiscover, ReConnect, ReInvent.” Now what do we do with what came out of the Retreat?

TIIMS – Pastor Vivian listed things we are doing right and things we could do better.

Leadership workshops are planned for early 2018.

Ad Council meetings are open to anyone interested in what's going on at Simpson. Please feel free to attend. If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact anyone on the above attendance list.



Sakura Foundation is pleased to announce that the application for the 2018 **Mirai Generations Leadership Program** (MGLP) will be released in early November 2017.

The **MGLP** encourages participants to **CONNECT**, **INSPIRE**, and **ACT** within the Japanese American (JA) community. Candidates are not required to be of Japanese descent, but should demonstrate a strong potential for participation and leadership in the JA community.

#### **Program Objectives**

- ◆ To identify and nurture young adults (ages 25-35) to engage in or enhance their current involvement in the JA community for the mutual benefit of their personal satisfaction and the sustained growth of the JA community.
- ◆ To increase self-awareness and cultural awareness of the participants.
- ◆ To build an alumni group that will participate in the MGLP sessions going forward, enrich its content and relevance, and identify future MGLP candidates.
- ◆ To create groups of graduates who will flourish on a global scale and look at life from a global perspective.
- ◆ To empower young adults to share their ideas, enthusiasm and time with the JA community.
- ◆ To sustain the program into the future in order to continually grow the leadership base for the JA community.

**Please share this information with potential candidates for the program.** More information and the MGLP application can be found at [www.sakurafoundation.org/mirai-generations-leadership-program](http://www.sakurafoundation.org/mirai-generations-leadership-program).

***Deadline for application and Letter of Recommendation submissions is January 5, 2018.***

**Questions?** Please contact Stacey Shigaya, Program Director, at [staceys@sakurafoundation.org](mailto:staceys@sakurafoundation.org) or 303.951.4486.

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**November 2017**

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group & Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Email: simpsonumc@comcast.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Saints Day	2 10:00 am—Staff Mtg.  6pm—ALL Choir	3	4 9 am – Taiko, Japanese Language Class 11—Choir Rehearsal 1 pm—Senior Retirement Seminar
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10am WORSHIP SERVICE With Holy Communion 10:15am SS & Youth 11 am: Keiro-no-hi coffee	6	7 9:30 am— Reflections Class	8	9 10 am—Staff Mtg  6:30pm—ALL Choir	10 10 am Game Day  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	11 9 am – Taiko, Japanese Language Class
12 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 am - SS & Youth 11:15 am - Trustees Choir	13 10:00 am Ukulele	14	15	16 10:00 am—Staff Mtg  6 pm- Choir: Men 6:30 pm ALL Choir	17	18 9 am – Taiko, Japanese Language Class  11 am - Choir
19 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 am - SS & Youth 11:00 am – Knit & Crochet - Worship Design Team	20	21 9:30 am— Reflections Class	22	23 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> Office closed 	24 Office Closed  10 am - Denver Nisei Bowling League in FH and lower kitchen	25 6 am - Denver Nisei Bowling League in FH and lower kitchen
26 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10 am WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 am SS & Youth 11:15 am - Decorate Church for Christmas Party	27 10:00 am Ukulele  6 pm- HOA Mtg (Shoenburg Farms)	28 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter	29 11 am - APDC Wellness  6 pm – Finance Comm. 7:00 pm – Ad Council	30		

LITURGISTS

November 5 Patty Goto

November 12 Owen FitzSimons

November 19 Kathy Fumita

November 26 Alicia Swanberg

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Bob Fujioka

USHERS

Dan Goto

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**Simpson’s “Helpful” Ghost**

The trustees at Simpson call me a ghost... so you’d think I’d want things around here to be dark. Actually I’m as afraid of the dark as you are, so I always help them change the burned out lights—every chance I get.



I’m in hurry, so I just grab whatever looks like it will fit... what? The socket says not to use anything more than a 60 watt? It wouldn’t fit if it didn’t work, would it? Sooner or later those guys will haul out the ladders and fix it right. Wait, wait, it could start a fire?

And what do I do when I change the bulbs?? Ha! I put the old, burnt out ones right back in the box where I got the new one... that way nobody will suspect there is a ghost! I like to watch the guys going up and down twenty-foot ladders... just to find out those old bulbs are no good! I was afraid to throw them away... didn’t someone spend a lot on the bulbs? Don’t they want these for recycling or something? If I were a polite ghost, I’d write on it “dead bulb” or something... NAH! Ghosts don’t leave notes!

Then there are those nice, easy-looking florescent fixtures down in the big kitchen. Ever see all those broken ones? Yup, that’s me! The tubes are easy to change. The fixtures... not so much. I could just tell the Trustees about a bulb that needs to be changed—oh snap! I’m a ghost! I can’t, but you can. So tell the Trustees about any lights that need to be changed, cause even ghosts are afraid of the dark!