



As summer comes to a close and as children are back to school, I found myself listening to the song, "Time, oh time, where did you go?" Perhaps, time is the most precious resource we have, but we don't realize it until we run out of time. Time is a different kind of resource and a strange one at that, because we can't buy it, borrow it, save it, extend it, or multiply it. So, what do we mean when we talk about "saving" time? Because whether we are doing something or not, time is never stops.

When my daughter—Soye—was just two years old, I wrote a poem called "A Child's Prayer" and dedicated it to her. When I wrote it, I did not have the slightest inkling about how fast time would pass. My little girl for whom I wrote the poem has just gone to college, and here is the poem that I'd like to share with you.

A Child's Prayer

I may bother you with silly questions and meaningless chatters,
But bear with me for that is how I learn things.

I may disorganize and muddle things,
But bear with me for that's how I grow up.

I may frequently irritate you by being naughty and disobedient,
But bear with me for I am just like any other child.

I may not meet your expectation,
But bear with me and let me take my time to grow up gradually.

I may exasperate you by acting the way I am,
But bear with me for I will be little for just a little while.

You may feel that spending an hour with me is like eternity,
But bear with me for I will not be little for long.

You may wish everyday that I grow up quickly,
But when I am older you will wish for my childhood.

Please play with me for a little longer,
Because time will detach me away from you as I grow older year after year.
Please spend more time with me, because household chores will always be there,
But tomorrow I will not be there as your *little* child.

(2000, Dedicated to my daughter Jeedy Han Thong – Soye)

As the scripture encourages us, let us make the best use of our time (Ephesians 6:16).

Tezenlo Thong, Pastor

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

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



September 4 Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



PEACH SALE UPDATE

Thanks to all who purchased peaches for SUMC annual fund raiser. This years total number of boxes sold was 306, a bit under from last years quantity of 360 but we were still able to contribute \$2,056.00 to our general fund. Just as in years past I'm finding the peaches to be juicy and sweet as ever. Thanks again for your donations and to J. Kamura, C. Wu, C. Namba, T. Fujita, D. Powell, A. Sakaguchi and Hondo Swasburg who helped with distribution.

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A big THANK YOU to our faithful volunteers Sue Arai, Esther Hashiba and Ruthe Terada AND Grace Tochihara for preparing the August Newsletter for mailing on July 26, 2016. Could NOT do it without your help!

RALLY SUNDAY!
September 4, 2016

Rally Sunday is when Sunday School and youth activities back into full swing for the 2016-2017 year. This year there will be an ice cream social for the entire congregation and games for the children. Come join the fun!



ARTS & CRAFTS SHOWCASE

There will be a Craft Show Registration Meeting right after church on Sunday, September 11, 2016

The 32nd Annual Arts & Crafts Showcase is Sunday, October 23, 2016 from 11:00 am—3:00 pm. All of the beautiful Arts and Crafts are made by members of Simpson Church, their families and members of the Japanese Community.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may designate someone to bring your registration information, payment and booth selection. However, those attending the meeting will be able to select preferred tables on a first-come basis. Flyers and postcards will be available at this meeting.

Please remember that only handmade arts, crafts and food items are allowed to be sold. Additionally, food items do not have to be in a hand-crafted container.

We hope to see you in September, and if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.

Pam Shinto, Cindy Kondo & Cyndy Shiohita

Questions? Please contact Pam Shinto at 303.757.4734 or pshinto@aol.com

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Handcrafted Items



Holiday Gifts



Jewelry



Paintings



Ceramics



Japanese Treats

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September Sounds at Simpson



In September, we will welcome back our Chancel Choir to our Sunday services. It is always good to take a break, but equally as good to be "Singing God's Word" on Sunday morning! We welcome these faithful servants "back to the choir loft" to lead us!

Also in September, the JEFFCO Brass will be back to lead our worship service on September 18. As you may remember, the group (and Sunday service) were "snowed out" back in April! We hope there is NO SNOW this time.



We hope to see our congregation back in full force come September!

September is the 9th month of the year and marks the beginning of autumn in the Northern hemisphere and the start of spring in the Southern hemisphere.

The name September comes from the Latin septem for seven, since this was the seventh month of the Roman calendar. The month was named during a time when the calendar year began with March, which is why its name no longer corresponds with its placement in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

September starts on the same day of the week as December each year, but does not end on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.

September has three birth flowers: the forget-me-not, the morning glory and the aster. Forget-me-nots represent love and memories, asters represent love as well, and the morning glory represents unrequited love. These are all very passionate flowers.

The birth stone for the month is the sapphire. The sapphire represents clarity of thought, intuition, and peacefulness. In traditional medicine it is used to treat fevers and reduce inflammation. Sapphire reduces anxiety and procrastination and gives the wearer luck.



Stories of Christian Hymns

-Blest Be the Tie that Binds-

The drama of this famous hymn centers around a loving congregation, a woman who spoke her mind and a Baptist minister who refused a call to one of the largest churches in England. In the summer of 1772, the Rev. John Faucett, whose family had "increased faster than our income," overjoyed with the receiving of the "call" to the famous Carter's Lane Baptist Church in London. Immediately, preparations were made to transfer to this greater opportunity. A great loyalty and devotion had developed between Pastor and People, and although they gave their time and strength willingly to help him pack, they did not hide their reluctance about letting him go.

When the final day of moving came, the wagons arrived early and loading of boxes and bundles began. Finally, only one box remained, in the middle of the dining room. Rev. Faucett noted his wife stood near it deep in thought. "What's the matter," he asked. Her reply was deep and thoughtful, "Do you think we are doing the right thing?" she asked. "Where will we find a congregation with more love and help than this?". The minister was silent a moment, then he replied, "I think you are right, dear. I have acted too hastily. I was so overjoyed to think that I would have a better home and a larger salary for you and the children that I did not really pray about it." Together they walked to the porch and explained to their people that they had decided to remain.

Trustees' Request

HELP! We are finding broken items throughout the church building. Everything from a broken handle on the coffee maker basket, broken handles on the rice cookers to a broken mirror in the children's classroom. Please report anything that you find "broken" to the office and we will determine whether to repair or replace. No questions asked, (in most cases). Thank you for your consideration.

IN MEMORY OF:

Betty Matoba
 Rev. Shirato
 Alice Ichikawa
 Grace Matsuda
 Gerri Ota
 Betty Matoba
 Massey Nishiyama and
 Ted & Kay Wienbarg
 Dan Iritani
 Tom & Shizu Sera

BY:

Charles Yamaguchi
 Kazuhiko Shirato
 Ben Ichikawa
 Ben Ichikawa
 Russell Ota
 Catheryn Smith & Gloria Smith
 Sam Owada

 Joann Iwamoto, Masako Furuiye
 Kathy Budrey, Judy Windell, Tricia Sera
 and Keith Sera

**Miscellaneous Contributions:****Music:** Sarah Broderick**DenUM:** Grace Tochiara**Utilities:** Cindy Kondo**In Celebration of 50th Anniversary:** M/M Furuiye**Donation for Boiler:** Dion Dishong, Thomas Nakai***OUR CARE CORNER******Experiencing Health Issues:***

Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto

JAPANESE ELDER WELLNESS GROUP

The Japanese Elder Wellness Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month 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!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	2	3 9:00 am Taiko Japanese Language Class
4 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION Rally Sunday 11:30 am - Knit & Crochet	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed	6	7	8 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	9 10:00 am Game Day Memorial Lounge	10 9:00 am Taiko Japanese Language Class
11 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS 11:00 am - Trustees O.N.E. Kairo no hi Arts & Crafts Registration	12 10:00 am Ukulele	13	14	15 10:00 am Staff Mtg	16	17 8:00 am Taiko Japanese Language Class
18 10:00am WORSHIP/SERVICE/SS 11:00 am - Knit & Crochet 11:00 am - Retrieval Cmte. meets in Sanctuary	19	20	21	22 10:00 am Staff Mtg	23	24 9:00 am Japanese Language Taiko
25 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS SPRC in Memorial Lounge	26 10:00 am Ukulele	27 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter	28 1:00 am - 1:00 pm Japanese Elder Wellness Group 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Ad Council	29 10:00 am Staff Mtg	30	

LITURGISTS

September 4 Cindy Kanto
September 11 David Powell
September 18 None
September 25 Owen FitzSimons

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

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Honoring our Elders

Will be held on September 11, 2016 after worship service. We will honor our elders, 80+ young, with food, favors and entertainment. This will be a potluck luncheon and we ask that friends and members with last names beginning with A through M bring main dishes and N through Z bring salads or side dishes. Dessert and drinks will be furnished by the church.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon!