

Have a safe & happy 4th of July!



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

Our annual picnic will be held outdoors at Simpson UMC after Worship Service. Hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and drinks will be furnished. We ask that everyone bring a potluck dish to share. There will be games and activities for everyone.

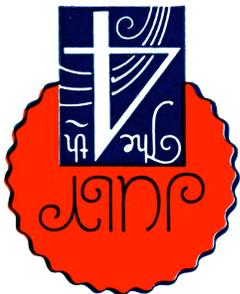
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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!	2	3	4 	5
6 Worship 10 am Noisy Offering Communion	7	8	JLC summer intensive 6:30 - 8:30 pm JULY 9 - 11, & 14 - 16			12
13 Worship 10 am	14	15	16 Finance mtg 6 pm Ad Council 7 pm	17	18	19
20 Worship 10 am Westside Singers CHURCH PICNIC 11 am	21	22 9:30 am August Newsletter Assembly	ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC -JULY 20TH-			26
27 Worship 10 am	28	29	30	31	2014	

Liturgist

July 06 Soye Thong
 July 13 Jim Hardman
 July 20 NONE
 July 27 Ruby Hada

Grocery Cards

Bob Fujioka

Ushers

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MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER

"There's Always Room at the Table"

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Choir Director Debbie Willeford
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Japanese Language Instructor Miwa Steuben
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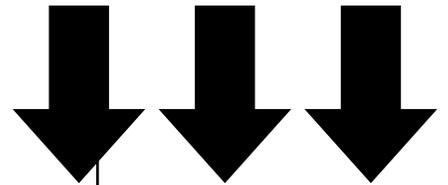
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Bridge to The Future Sunday 2014

every third sunday
this year!

invite a friend!



	<p>July 20 WESTSIDE SINGERS & CHURCH PICNIC</p>	<p>August 17 Reading the Bible from an Indigenous Peoples' Perspective</p>
<p>Sept 21 Special Music by Theresa Mazza with Ukulele</p>	<p>October 19 Religion and Violence: Does Religion Promote Violence?</p>	<p>Nov/Dec *Thanksgiving *Christmas</p>

The above is a schedule for our monthly **Bridge to the Future Sunday** for 2014. In this monthly newsletter, you will find a brief introduction to the topic or event for each month. So keep an eye on it, and come and join us for these special worship events, which will be held mostly on the third Sundays. We hope to make the year ahead a productive one for you to grow spiritually, intellectually and in terms of your service to the community and the world.

History Finally Absolved Them

Not long ago, someone left a newspaper clip in my mailbox. It is a *USA Today* news piece, dated May 18, 2014, with the title, *A 'terrible mistake'*. The first few lines of the article read, "About as far away as you can get from anywhere in eastern Colorado sit the remnants of a largely forgotten chapter in American history: an internment camp where thousands of U.S. citizens were detained during World War II. Their offense? Japanese heritage." The paper clip also carried an image of hand-clasped pilgrims, including former internees at Amache camp, remembering the forcible relocation of more than 7,300 Japanese Americans during World War II.

In hindsight, I could hear the helpless internees saying to themselves over and over again, "Time will finally tell." I could hear the sorrow-stricken mothers telling their confused innocent little children, "History will be our judge." I could hear the humiliated and heart-broken men repeatedly saying, "History will finally absolve us." Faced with insurmountable injustice, the helpless innocent victims often turn to time and history to claim their innocence. With nowhere or nobody to turn to, they call upon time and tide to prove their innocence. "God only knows" is their only appeal.

Yes, indeed, it was a terrible mistake, but it also shows that time will finally tell and history will ultimately absolve the innocent. For instance, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela and Aung San Suu Kyi were all accused, charged and imprisoned by the powers that be. But history finally proved them innocent. They were all absolved by time. If the Japanese-American internees had given in to hatred, bitterness and vengeful actions, perhaps, history would have a different tale to tell today. But because they remained faithful, resilient and steadfast, history finally absolved them.

There is a life lesson to be learned from the experience of the Japanese-American internees. Life is not always fair, and people will accuse you, misunderstand you and even mistreat you unfairly. But if you do not give in to evil, you will be proved right. Time will finally absolve you. I am reminded of what the Hebrew prophet said, "What does God requires from you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). No matter what others may say, if you do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God, time will tell and history will finally absolve you, because good will eventually triumph over evil as the song says:

"There is a God that rules above,
with hand of power and heart of love;
if I am right, he'll fight my battle,
I shall have peace someday."

Shalom – Be Well Always!

Tezenlo Thong



Boiler News

Near the end of 2013, our boiler system experienced a carbon monoxide exhaust fan electrical failure. With the use of “Bubble gum” (Joke) the system was placed back into service, however, any future failure(s) with this system we may not be fortunate enough to find replacement or compatible components for repair just because of age obsolescence. Perhaps this recent situation is an indicator that the 1968 installed boiler system could be nearing the end of its useful life. Our stringent maintenance program we have in place has kept this boiler system in good operating condition but if we should experience another failure where parts are no longer available, that would force us to replace the entire system due to the present codes. So with all this in mind the Trustees are taking a pro-active approach and will begin accepting donations in the hopes of raising sufficient funds to replace the existing boiler system, hopefully on our terms, rather than a break-down replacement project. We want to just mention that break-downs do not occur when systems are not in operation (summer) and it would take months to organize contractors and to purchase all the necessary replacement parts. We hope Simpsons’ family and friends will donate sufficient funds “ear marked” towards this boiler replacement project. Our goal is \$100,000.

Existing Boiler System:

- American Boiler provided a system which was the Cadillac of the industry at the time it was installed. American Boiler is no longer in business.
- Major main frame is made of casting.
- Interior of boiler as well as the exterior piping has asbestos in the insulation.
- Outdated operating technology is not very efficient and makes it costly to run.
- Available upgrades have been incorporated without infringing on existing codes.

Advantage of a replacement system:

- More energy efficient current technology makes it less costly to operate.
- Smaller in size by one third of existing system.
- Asbestos free.
- Rebates still available from Xcel due to efficiency improvement.
- Hopefully, the replacement can be completed when not in use.

We have explored other options such as a solar system but due to vandalism to our building and other assets this would not be wise to have panels installed at ground level or to install panels on the roof. In order to roof mount, solar panels would require removal of the existing clay tiles and have the roof re-structured to accept solar panels. Energy use is one of biggest expense for keeping this building functional.

Thanks for your time and special Thanks in advance for your future donations,
Trustees

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND**SUMC GARAGE SALE**

We will be receiving usable and like new items beginning July 12th. The items must be workable, usable, or in like new condition.

**Please do not donate anything with a screen, ie, monitors, TV's, etc.*

50'S PLUS

Enjoy your summer!

50's Plus will resume in September!

A big thank you to Joe and Sarah for their time and leadership. The Pancake Breakfast couldn't have happened with out them. They worked really hard to reach out to our neighbors. They did everything from making signs, to getting all the supplies needed.

Thank you Joe and Sarah for trying something new, for reaching out to our neighbors, and for doing all of it with a wonderful spirit!

The pancakes were delicious and the fellowship was delightful!

THANK YOU!!!!

sansei life

"a new blog embracing japanese culture and community"

Tabemasho! (Lets eat!) Did you ever wonder what happened to Sam's Cabbage that used to be served during the annual food bazaar? Want to taste it again? Do you have a favorite recipe to share? Taste the goodness of old and new recipes!

Please support this new blog by Paula Matsumoto and other Simpson members.

Through this blog we will share recipes, stories, and Japanese Culture.

If you have an idea to share please contact the church at
Sanseilife@gmail.com or call
(303)428-7963.

Itadakimasu! (Bon appetit!)

www.sanseilife.wordpress.com

Annual Conference Report

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hayashi

To the people of Simpson United Methodist Church,

Thank you for letting me represent you at the 2014 Annual Conference in Pueblo Colorado. In all of my life, I have never attended a conference that was more profound! This conference was moving, emotional, and enjoyable! I experienced joy, grief, and enlightenment!

During the legislative session on Saturday, June 21, I was given the assignment of participating and voting on three petitions: Conference Staff Compensation, Fourth Annual Valentines Resolution on Global HIV and AIDS, and Hydraulic fracturing.

Other petitions that were debated included (information on these petition can be found on: www.rmcumc.orgac14): Health Insurance programs and funding, 2015 Clergy minimum and equitable Compensation, Discontinuance of Green River UMC, and Discontinuance of Warren UMC, Denver.

Even though there was an orientation on subjects such as "Roberts Rules of Order" and factors that are dividing the church, the main focus of this Annual Conference was the Healing and Pilgrimage to the site of the Sand Creek Massacre. Our pilgrimage was on Friday, June 20th, 2014.

In 1884 Governor Evans, a Methodist, issued the proclamation to "kill and destroy as enemies of the country, wherever they may be found all such hostile Indians."

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On November 29, 1864 near Eads Colorado, Colonel Chivington, surrounded and slaughtered more than 200 Cheyenne and Arapahoe Villagers, mostly elderly men, women, and children. Prisoners were executed, scalped and mutilated. Some days later, the soldiers paraded on horseback through downtown Denver displaying the dismembered body parts; they were received with cheers and a hero's welcome. The Annual Conference honored the surviving descendants, who were in attendance, of this sad chapter in our history.

Before embarking on my Pueblo Pilgrimage, I asked Rev. Tezenlo what he expected from me. His reply was: "I'd like for you to tell us what other churches are doing". I posed this question to other churches and discover that they are doing such things as:

- offering a generous selection of adult education classes such as personal finance and life style management.
- providing thousand of diapers (40,000) for the poor (the poor reuse their diapers).
- driving seniors to doctors appointments.
- providing self serve food banks as opposed to unwanted deliveries.
- feeding the homeless on designated days.
- instead of Easter Lily's, providing baskets for the poor. These baskets contain food and restaurant gift cards.
- offering an after school popcorn ministry where children feel safe.

I enjoyed this experience very much! Thank you again for letting me vote and represent you.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Joe Hayashi | Lay Representative to Annual Conference 2014

Graduation is an important time in one's life--marking the completion of one aspect of life and moving on to something new. We celebrate and congratulate the accomplishments of those from our community of faith who recently graduated.

High School Graduates: Allyson Goto, Daniel Kitayama, Kaylin Shiohita

College Graduates: Taylor Kitayama

2014 Scholarship Winners

Simpson UMC All Church Award: Blake Kitayama, Allyson Goto

The Eugene and Kimiko Side Scholarship: Kaylin Shiohita

The Eugene and Kimiko Side Continuing Education Scholarship: Jillian Boyer, Alex Fitzsimons, Tommy Fitzsimons

Congratulations!

I plan on continuing my education at the University of Colorado at Boulder. I have been accept to the school of Engineering and Applied Sciences and will be pursuing a degree in Chemical and Biological Engineering. I want to thank the Simpson Congregation for helping me and supporting me through out my education. In the future I look forward to being a part of Simpson's fellowship and community.

With much gratitude,

Kaylin Shiohita
The Eugene and Kimiko Side Scholarship



A WORD FROM A FEW OF OUR GRADUATES!!!

First I would like to thank everyone in the church community for supporting me through my life and for providing me with an environment where I could learn and gain an appreciation for my culture.

In our modern society the importance of faith seems to be dissipating and thus the morals of having a strong spiritual foundation are disappearing as a result. This is especially visible in a high school environment and therefore I am extremely grateful for a church community that has instilled in me a strong sense of faith.

My faith has guided me and will continue to guide me through life. From the moment of my birth, church on Sundays has been a routine. I will miss everyone as I head to Brown University to pursue engineering and photography. Everything I have learned from my time at Simpson will be put to good use.

I look forward to returning and to contributing to the community that has helped me grow into the person I am today.

Thank you all for everything,

Allyson Goto
Simpson UMC all Church Award

OUR CARE CORNER

Uphold in Your prayers the Families of:

Kiyo Tsukamoto

Jim Shinto

Kelly Dolezal

Sachi Shibata

Ayako Wada-Mayeda

Margaret Komuro

Sachi Shibata

Others to be Held in Prayer:

Cathy Yoritomo

**A big thank you to our June
Newsletter volunteers! We
couldn't have done it
with out you!**

Grace Tochihara, Grace Ito,
Aki Kawakami, Chiz Yoshino

Thank you!!!

JULY 2014 LECTIONARY

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

July 06, 2014

Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

Psalms 45:10–17 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795)

Romans 7:15–25a

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

July 13, 2014

Genesis 25:19–34

Psalms 119:105–112 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)

Romans 8:1–11

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

July 20, 2014

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalms 139:1–12, 23–24 (UMH 854)

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

July 27, 2014

Genesis 29:15–28

Psalms 105:1–11, 45b (UMH 828)

Romans 8:26–39

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

Japanese Language Classes SUMMER 2014

Please contact simpsomumc@comcast.net before your registration to determine the appropriate class.

Japanese Language Summer Intensive Program:

- We will study for Intermediate level of JLPT, Japanese Language Proficiency Test
- July 9, 10, 11, 14, 15
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Japanese Language Program 2014 Fall Semester

- Three levels, Beginner II (a few years of Japanese language experience required)
- Intermediate and Advanced are available.
- 18 sessions, begins August 16th

Introducing Bridge to the Future Special Guest

THE WESTSIDE SINGERS @ SUMC

JULY 20TH, 2014 | 10 AM SERVICE

On July 20th, Simpson will host special musical guest, The Westside Singers! This will be a wonderful Sunday full of music and fellowship. The Westside Singers will also join us for the Annual Church Picnic following worship service. We invite you to share this opportunity with your friends and family.

The Westside Singers are part of the One World Singers, a large choir that began in Denver in 1998. The Westside Singers are members of the One World Singers from the west side of the Denver area.



Contributions as of May 31, 2014

Thank you Ruth Shinto!

Simpson United Methodist Church would like to thank Ruth Shinto for her recent generous donation. So many of you give generously on a consistent basis, it keeps the dream alive here at Simpson. But every once in a while someone gives above and beyond. We want to thank you Ruth for your faithfulness, your love, and your generosity. Because of your gift, we can continue to give college scholarships to deserving students. We are also happy to announce that Ruth's contribution allowed the Trustees to get rid of the skunk smell that was saturating our church for so long.

Native American Ministries Sunday: Alben Sakaguchi, Bob Fujioka, Harry Hishinuma, Ken and Charlotte Namba,

Easter Offerings: John Mizoue, Laura Miura, Setsuo & Torie Ito,

Meat Donations: Isami Terada

Special Choir Donation: Jennifer Lim, Sachi Goto

Utilities Donation: Cindy Kondo

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Yasuko Shimizu

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In Memory of:

John Shimizu

Casey Hayashida

Parents, Brothers, and Sisters

Mrs. Y. Shioshita

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Bessie Shiyamura

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19th, 106 KIA

Tom Ida

John Kondo

Mr. & Mrs. Taizo Nonaka

Fusa Otsuki

Margaret Komuro

Ichiyo Uyeno

Ayako Wada Mayeda

Jim Shinto

神の栄光のために生きる

あなたがたは、代価を払って買い取られたのです。ですから自分のからだをもって、神の栄光を現わしなさい。(1コリント6・20)

ジャブソン牧師は、息子が自分のあとをついでくれることを望んでいました。しかしまだ救われていなかったアドニラムは、将来、政治家としてこの世の名譽、名声を得たいという野望を持っていたので、神様の働きには何の関心もありませんでした。

彼が大学生のとき、となりの部屋からひん死の病人の恐ろしい叫び声が、一晩中死ぬまで聞えてきました。彼こそ、ジャブソンが信奉する唯物論を教えてくれた敵友でした。このことから無神論の哲学は、死に直面したとき、何の役にもたないことを知ったアドニラムは、はじめて聖書の真理を求めました。彼にとって人生の目的は、もはや名譽、名声を得ることではなくなっていました。救い主を信じた彼は、神の栄光のために生きることが願うようになりました。

彼は一八三三年ビルマに宣教師として入りました。まもなくイギリスとビルマの戦争のために投獄され、数年にわたり虐待されましたが、彼は解放されるとビルマにとどまり、伝道しつつビルマ語聖書を完成させ、また、死に至るまでビルマ語辞典の作成にあたりました。

愛あるかぎり

神に選ばれた者、聖なる、愛されている者として、あなたがたは深い同情心、慈愛、謙遜、柔和、寛容を身につけなさい。互に忍び合い、だれかがほかの人に不満を抱くことがあっても、互に赦し合いなさい。主があなたがたを赦してくださったように、あなたがたもそうしなさい。そして、これらすべての上に、愛を着けなさい。愛は結びの帯として完全なものです。(コロサイ3・12-14)

ヘン・ケラーは盲、聾、啞の三重苦をみごとに克服して、故国アメリカをはじめ、世界中に在る自分と同じような不幸な人々の救済のために、その全生涯をささげた人です。

そのような彼女も、七歳の頃まで粗暴でわがままいっばいでした。そこにサリン先生が家庭教師として迎えられました。

サリン先生は、熱心なクリスチャンでした。彼女は真剣な折りど、あたたかい愛情と、かぎらない忍耐とをもって、父親の無理解の中、野獣のようなヘンの教育に全精力をうちこみました。ついに、ヘンを暗黒の世界から解放したのです。

後年ヘンは「私の生涯で最も重大な日は、サリン先生と出会った日です」と感謝してのべています。

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT: FULL REPORT AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

		May	YTD 2014
Total Regular Income		14,086.68	89,267.68
Fundraising Income		20,664.10	31,245.10
Other Non-Budgeted Income		0	0
	Total Income	34,750.78	120,513.39
Budgeted Operating Expenses		12,870.60	66,095.12
Trustees Expenses		4,469.80	22,896.78
Non-Budgeted Expenses		191.94	929.06
	Total Expenses	17,532.34	89,920.96
*FULL REPORT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST			

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast held on June 7th was interesting, educational and fun. This was a new concept with plenty of risk but in hindsight, it was well worth it. What was interesting was that 1/3 of our customers responded to the flyers we distributed to the church neighborhood, another 1/3 was from our church and the remaining 1/3 came because they read our ads in other forms of advertising.

Because the ingredients and supplies were donated, the SUMC Sunday School received all the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast...\$287.

The church thanks the following individuals for helping with this Community Outreach Breakfast: Charlotte & Ken Namba; Han, Tezenlo & Soye Thong; Robin Miyahara; Jennifer & Luke Mahoney; Julia Kamura; Nancy Miyahara; BJ Murry; Midori Allmeyer; Theresa Mazza; Owen Fitzsimons; John Hall; Joe Hayashi & Sarah Broderick.

Thank you!

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SIMPSON UMC SUMMER OF SPECIAL MUSIC



**The Jeffco
Brass
returns
on July
13th**

JULY

- 6 Jennifer Lim Singing "God Bless America"
- 13 The Jeffco Brass Returns
- 20 Westside Singers
- 27 SUMC Ukulele Group

AUGUST

- 3 Three Men And A Bass (Mormon Men's Quartet)
- 10 Tezenlo And Family Will Bring Music
- 17 Lisa Frisch (Native American Flute)
- 24 Paula Matsumoto And Jennifer Lim Duet

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