



Going Boldly Into the Future

By Rev. Matt Snider, Pastoral Assistant

Exciting things are developing at Simpson. Several new outreach and evangelism initiatives have begun that I am pleased to share with you.

First, we have renewed our relationship with Tennyson Knolls Elementary School and are working with them and our next door neighbor, Early College of Arvada, to develop and provide an afternoon English language tutorial program twice a week for Tennyson students. In the meantime, we have funded more than 12 -\$40 technology fee scholarships for the poorest Tennyson students through special offerings.

Second, we have submitted a grant proposal to the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church asking for sizeable support over the next three years to reach out to the burgeoning immigrant community surrounding our church. Arvada is growing and our church's location is in the midst of a growing community of Pacific Rim refugees who are trying to acclimate to their new country. It is our duty to reach out in Christian love to the strangers in our midst and extend the hands of friendship and fellowship to make them feel welcome.

And, third, we have moved to establish a robust digital presence to bring our communication tools and process more up to date. We have a redesigned web site and new Twitter, YouTube and Facebook pages. We will probably add an Instagram and Tumblr page in the near future.

We have, for the second year, contributed multiple hundreds of dollars to the El Porvenir Nicaraguan Clean Water effort championed by our former church secretary, Theresa Mazza. Your dollars will go to build fresh waterwells and small water purification systems for impoverished rural communities.

We have established a relationship with the Asian-Pacific Development Center which offers many services and resources to new immigrants and also has wonderful support services to the elderly.

We are working on reestablishing relationships with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. We are in the initial stages of sponsoring new baseball teams in pee-wee, little and high school leagues.

We want to offer medical, legal and consumer advocacy clinics monthly. We would like to offer ESL classes, citizenship classes and mothers-day-out programs. The ministry team has big dreams of a bright future and an expanded position of honor and renewed prominence for Simpson in its local, geographic community.

We want to offer both monthly and quarterly multicultural food and arts events to reach people who don't share our faith but who appreciate these activities.

We want to offer a speakers forum where we can open our church to the community for lectures and classes on topics of interest and concern to all. Politics, music, social justice, environmental concerns and interfaith dialogue are all open for presentation. We want Simpson to be the hub of local community activity.

And we want to establish a Saturday or Sunday evening contemporary worship service and perhaps even a foreign language one focused on bringing a vital worship experience to the under 25 age group.

The Japanese-American heritage and history of Simpson is indelible and secure. We truly hope the Sansei, Yonsei and Gosei members of that community will return to their spiritual and cultural home here at Simpson. We daily open our hearts and doors to them. We wish we would have seen more of them on Keiro-No-Hi recently.

Yet, the future of the United States, Colorado, Arvada and Simpson is looking highly diverse and even more multicultural than that of the previous mass immigrations notable in our country's past. Turmoil wrought by dictators and tyrants throughout the world is shifting huge populations in mass exoduses and many refugees are or will find their way to our door. We need to be ready to receive them.

We need to lay the groundwork now to renew Simpson. We need to put out the proverbial welcome mat. Consider your current commitment to Simpson in time and money. If you have been saving for a rainy day, then it is time to crack open the piggy bank and fill the offering plate. If you haven't given any time to the church recently, or haven't been here in a while, please come back and step up to volunteer.

More than anything else we might require as we boldly move forward into the future, we need warm, friendly faces inviting old family and friends back or knocking on doors inviting new friends to visit. We need to tell people we are in the neighborhood and invite them to visit. Simpson has been at its current location for over 50 years and many of our community neighbors don't even know we are here.

So regardless of grants and gifts, we have begun in earnest a new, comprehensive program of outreach and evangelism to become the bright beacon of hope and the focus of Christ's redeeming love and acceptance for our community's new immigrant population. As previous generations made a way for us, let us make a way for them. Let us embrace uncommon community.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER:

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

October 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

October 11

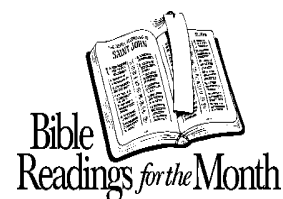
Job 23:1-9; 16, 17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 18

Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25

Job 42:1-6; Psalm 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

We've merged our **Facebook Pages**. Like our organizational page on Facebook. Find us at: www.facebook.com/simpsonumcarvada. We also have a new **Twitter** feed – follow us: @SimpsonUMArvada. We now have a **YouTube Channel**. We'll be uploading video of our events to our new YouTube Channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for "Simpson United Methodist Church, Arvada."

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Bookkeeper	Lilly Quirk	Finance	Bob Fujioka
Admin. Assist.	Mari Welch	Church Council	Ruby Hada
Sunday School	Brenda Schroder	Staff-Parish Relations	John Hall
Pianist	Chen Wu	Trustees	Dennis Kitayama
Choir Director	Debbie Willeford	O.N.E.	Jane Fujioka and Charlotte Namba
Nichigo Pianist	Sadako Hasegawa		
Japanese Language			
Instructor	Miwa Steuben		

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOWCASE

The 31st Annual Arts & Crafts Showcase is **Sunday, October 25, 2015** from **11:00 am to 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.

You are Appreciated!

Thanks to Allyson, Dan & Patty Goto for volunteering to prepare the September Newsletter for mailing. You are appreciated more than you will ever know. Really could not do it without your help! A very big thanks to you all. We will assemble the November Newsletter on Tuesday, October 27th.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 13th this year. The ONE Committee (Outreach, Nurture and Evangelism) requests your presence to start off your holiday festivities! You don't need to bring a potluck dish. A generous anonymous donor has donated enough funds to cover this meal for all members and friends of Simpson. Please join us for worship on December 13 followed by a great meal!

EXCITEMENT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

September was a lot of fun, starting with the carnival. We did a fun lesson involving bubble gum and pride and we learned how sticky sin is.

We will soon be busy in October preparing for our Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 30th from 3:30—7:00 pm**. We would love to see you there to either watch and enjoy or decorate your car and have fun handing out candy. Last year you were all so gracious in donating candy and we truly appreciate it. If you are able to donate candy this year please have it to the office by **Wednesday, October 28**.

If you would like to decorate your car, want to volunteer in any way or have questions, contact Brenda at 303.981.0391 or email her at bs8128bs@gmail.com

IN MEMORY OF:

Marjorie Kawano

John Mizoue

Geri Ota

BY:

Kristina Zigrich, Judith Shimono,
Shizue Nakayama, Fusano Okuno,
Lily Goto

M/M Ken Maynell

Evelyn Hayashida

**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPRECIATED!****DenUM: 50+****Fire Truck for Northern Cheyenne Fire Protection:** Tezenlo Thong**El Porvenir:** Robin Miyahara, Jane Nakama**Ralston House:** Julia Kamura**Imagine No Malaria:** Grace Tochiara**Missions:** M/M Ken Namba

Tennyson Knolls Elementary School: Nancy Shock, Mary Nishiyama, Hondo Swanberg,
Jane Nakama, Ruthe Terada, Carol FitSimons, Robin Miyahara, Alben Sakagchi, Lori Smith,
Grace Ito, Yoshie Tanita, Matt snider, Ruth Shinto.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To all those who supported the SUMC annual peach sale with purchases and assisted with distribution. A special thanks to Kaz for monetary donation and to Jane Nakama who donated the "Sur" charge fee for those who did not pick up their peach orders on the designated Saturday. Momo Taru. Thanks, Ken.

**OUR CARE CORNER****The families of:** Wes Miyoshi and John Mizoue.

Others to be Held in Prayer: Helen Goto,
Agnes "Aggie" Matsuda, Janet Snider, Emily Mori,
Wil Porter, Ruth Yamauchi

FIFTY PLUS

On Wednesday, October 21, we will have our monthly luncheon. It's always fun to spend time talking and laughing. We make many lasting memories. Everyone is welcome. Grace Tochiara

2015 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

To the Members and Friends of Simpson United Methodist Church:

Simpson United Methodist Church would like to express its heartfelt appreciation for all that you have done and given for God's work over the years: your time, your talents and your financial giving. You are stewards for God who have helped this congregation to touch lives with God's love. We ask for your continued help to keep Simpson doing God's work. With your help, Simpson UMC makes a difference through...

- ...the food baskets, delivered to feed the needy and the homeless,
- ...the grocery cards, given to economically struggling families,
- ...the school supplies, made available to materially disadvantaged students,
- ...and many other community, national, and worldwide projects.

Your faithful giving also...

- ...helps keep the church open for seekers,
- ...pays for maintaining buildings and ground,
- ...enables the church to pay our staff and clergy,
- ...enables the church to provide financial assistance to young people to receive training and education,
- ...and enables us not only to worship, but also allows us to host community activities and cultural events such as Hina Matsuri, weddings, memorial/funeral services and meetings of various kinds.

Each year, the church asks you, after prayer and reflection, to pledge your money, time and talents so together, we may continue to fulfill our mission. To assist us in planning for the future, please return the enclosed pledge card indicating your commitment for 2016. If you prefer to give with an Electronic Funds Transfer, forms are available in the church office. *Please note that your financial offering details will be confidential.*

Thank you, once again, for your continued participation in God's work through our church. We believe that together with God's help we can accomplish "far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). May the God who searches our hearts and knows our thoughts bless your sincere desire to be faithful!

Staff Parish Relations Committee

This month we will begin reacquainting you with all of our staff members. Debbie Willeford, Choir Director, is this month's person of interest.

Debbie was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and attended schools there where she was very active in the music program during high school singing in 2 choirs and had leading roles in 2 musicals – Oklahoma and Funny Girl.

Debbie came to Colorado right after her senior year and attended Colorado State University where she majored in Music Education and had leading roles in the operas Faust and Fidelio. She returned to CSU to get her Masters in Music Education in 1987. After graduation she was offered a job at the Country Dinner Playhouse as a performer and waitress. She traveled around the country performing at other playhouses owned by Bob McHale.

She began teaching music at Arvada High School where she was one of two choir directors in a large vocal music department (500 students). At Arvada High School, Debbie directed 7 choirs, helped direct a major musical every year, sponsored the cheerleaders, was a class sponsor most years. She did all the choreography for 2 show choirs and several musicals. She sponsored a choir trip every year to places in Florida, California, Dallas, southern Colorado and Santa Fe. Debbie taught for 28 years until she was forced to take early retirement due to a heart condition. During these years at AHS, she was very active in American Choral Directors Association-Colorado chapter and also presented workshops at their annual state conventions.

During part of her teaching career, she was the choir director at Arvada UMC and eventually became the Director of Music. She was at Arvada UMC for 29 years.

Debbie and her mother traveled extensively in the US, Mexico and Europe. Her mother, Marilyn, became sick with cancer 3 years ago and Debbie took care of her through Porter Hospice. Marilyn passed on August 25, 2013 and on the following Sunday, Debbie began her choir director job here at Simpson.

Her loving companion is a rescue puppy, named Puccii. He is an Italian-Greyhound mix who loves to play with Carly, Debbie's 9-year old cat.

Debbie has been a wonderful choir director here at Simpson and we are blessed to have her on the Simpson UMC staff. She is always recruiting for new choir members and would welcome anyone who has an interest in music!!

PLEASE NOTE: Here are the staff liaisons for 2015:

Rev. Tezenlo Thong – John Hall
 Matt Snider – Joe Hayashi
 Mari Welch – Carol FitzSimons
 Debbie Willeford - Charlotte Namba
 Brenda Schroder – Jane Nakama
 Chen Wu – Jennifer Mahoney
 Lily Quirk – Pat Hayashi



試練は愛の警告

わたしは、愛する者をしかったり、懲らしめたりする。だから熱心になって、悔い改めなさい。

(黙示録 3・19)

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「この小鳥はね、先生。わたしが築めておいた切り落した小枝の山の中に、わらを運んで巣を作りかけていたんですよ。乾いたら燃しちゃうんですからね。レーキで巣をこわしちゃったんですがね、やっこさん、また巣を作りましたよ。わたしはまたこわしたんですが、また作りしました。三回こわしたら、とうとうあきらめて、ここへ引越したんですよ」

これを聞いて、羽鳥明師は考えさせられました。

「実は、神様も時々、わたしたちの人生に同じことをなさるのです。これで大丈夫——実は、地獄の火に耐えられず、世の終りの大地震にはもちこたえられない人生だった。そのことを悟らせようと、神様はわたしたちの人生をふるいこわし、めっちゃめっちゃにされることもあるのです。愛と喜びと永遠の中に、人生を築きなおすことをするために」。

信仰とは

アブラハムは、不信仰によって神の約束を疑うようなことをせず、反対に、信仰はますます強くなって、神に栄光を帰し、神には約束されたことを成就する力があることを堅く信じました。だからこそ、それが義とみなされたのです。

(ローマ 4・20-22)

「信仰は望むことではありません。未来のものを単純に期待することでもありません。それは真に、そして確実な方法で約束されたものを今受けることです。それは期待することではなく受けることです。信仰は見えるものではありません。なぜなら、それは見えないものを取り扱っているからです。見えるものは信仰の領域ではありません。目に見えるものは信仰ではなく証拠の問題です。信仰は神様のみことば以外に何の証拠をも求めません。そして、それ自体が保証です」

(A・B・ソックス)

「信仰とは何かというなら、外面的な環境や内面的な感情によってではなく、神様がいわれたという理由で、それを真実であると信じることであります。信仰は感情でも、見えるものでもありません。信仰は神様のみことばに基づいて神様を捕え、神様の真実をあてにするのです」

(ロバート・C・マックナルキン)

STORIES OF CHRISTIAN HYMNS

"All Creatures of our God and King"

Written by St. Francis of Assisi 1182-1226

In 1225, one of the great Christians of all times, St. Francis, ill, blind and lonely, came to a little group of buildings called St. Damian just outside the village of Assisi in Italy. Depressed and tired he found peace in this quiet little refuge with the sounds of birds and animals, which he always loved, and the kind care of a group of women called the Poor Clares. It was here, just one year before his death, St. Francis wrote a simple, beautiful hymn which has stood the test of the ages. It praised the wonder of God's creation and reflects St. Francis' love of the simple things in life.

*All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon, with softer gleam;
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O Praise Him, alleluia!*

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AT SIMPSON:

"A Jew, a Christian and a Muslim Walked Into a Room:
Appreciating Our Commonalities
and Learning from Our Differences"

On **October 11, 2015, Sunday, 10 am**, we will have two religious leaders representing the faith traditions of Islam and Judaism come to our church. Our guests are Ismail Akbulut, President, *Multicultural Mosaic Foundation*, and Caryn Aviv, Rabbinic Candidate & Associate Director, *Judaism Your Way*. The Abrahamic faith traditions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) are not one and the same, but they have many things in common. Come and learn more about our commonalities and differences. There will be a time for questions and answers and personal interaction after church. Invite and bring friends and family members.

SHICHI-GO-SAN
BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

On Sunday, October 4, we will bless the children during our worship service. The children are invited to wear traditional Japanese clothing.

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you” (John 15:9)

JAPANESE AMERICANS PLAYING BASEBALL

The Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado is currently working on an important historical and cultural project concerning the roles of baseball and softball in the lives of Japanese immigrants and Japanese Americans in Colorado. We are also reaching out to Japanese American residents of other states such as Utah, Nebraska and Wyoming who played in Labor Tournaments.

This is truly a multi-generational project and we would appreciate any and all help with contributions of photos, newspaper articles, artifacts, and oral histories. You CAN make a difference in helping us preserve this history for future generations. One need look no further than reading Ken Mochizuki’s book “How Baseball Saved Us” to realize that this sport was an integral part of Japanese American history that brought and kept families, and the Japanese American community together, then and now.

Thank you in advance for sharing your experiences!

Please contact Dean Tsutsui at dtsutsui@msn or 303.457.1810

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—October 4, 2015

The World Communion Sunday offering funds racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships, with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs.

IT'S MOCHI TIME AGAIN!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**
MOCHI CAN BE PICKED UP **AFTER 2:00 PM—NOT BEFORE**

**Deadline to order Mochi is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
FOR MAIL-IN ORDERS**

**An Order Form will be placed on the bulletin board.
Deadline to order Mochi is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
FOR BULLETIN BOARD ORDERS.**

NAME: _____ **QUANTITY:** _____

PRICE PER POUND: \$5.00

PHONE NUMBER: _____

SEEN ON A CHURCH SIGN...

**“We don’t change the message,
the message changes us!”**

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Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS Communion – Sticht-Go- San, Word Communion Sunday, Knit & Crochet	5	6 7:00pm Yoga	7	8 10:00 am staff mtg 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 10am-3pm Game Day	10 9:00 Japanese Language Class Talko Yoga
11 9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS Bridge to Future Sunday Trustees	12 10:00am Ukulele	13 7:00pm Yoga	14	15 10:00 am staff mtg 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9:00 Japanese Language Class Talko Yoga
18 9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS Knit & Crochet Prayer Group/Kitchen	19	20 7:00pm Yoga	21 11:30 am – 50+ Lunch 6:00pm Finance 7:00pm Ad Council	22 10:00 am staff mtg 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 9:00 Japanese Language Class Talko Yoga
25 9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS 11:00 Arts & Crafts Showcase S.P.R.C.	26 10:00am Ukulele	27 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter 7:00pm Yoga	28	29 10:00 am staff mtg 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 Trunk or Treat 3:30 – 7:00 pm	31 9:00 Japanese Language Class Talko Yoga

LITURGISTS
Oct 4 Jennifer Mahoney
Oct 11 Bridge to Future Sunday
Oct 18 Bud Stark
Oct 25 Joe Hayashi

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2016 Stewardship Commitment

In gratitude for God's blessings and with God's enabling, I/we make the following commitment to enable my church to fulfill its missions for the year 2016:

- \$ _____ (weekly)
- \$ _____ (monthly)
- \$ _____ (other: _____)

Memorial/Scholarship Fund

I/We would like to donate additional funds to the Memorial Fund campaign:

- \$ _____ weekly monthly one-time donation
- Please contact me to discuss a donation

Time and Talent Opportunities

I/We would like to offer my/our time and talent to the ministries in the following areas:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School/Christian Ed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Help Organize Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship/Finance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach, Nurture and Evangelism (ONE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming (Usher & Greeter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir/Music | | |

Starting Date/Month: _____

Your Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

(If you'd like to update your telephone number and/or email, please do so here)

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Please return your pledge on or before **Sunday November 4, 2015**, by putting it in the offering plate or by mail.