



Getting to Know You

As I make preparations to begin my time with you at Simpson UMC, a song from a musical dances through my head:

*Getting to know you, getting to know all about you;
When I am with you, getting to know what to say.
Getting to know you; putting it my way but nicely:
you are precisely my cup of tea.*

Now, these aren't exactly words of Scripture. But for me they capture the essence of what it means to be the Body of Christ. From the beginning, the Body of Christ consisted of people who cared enough to create good feelings and a sense of belonging with a new acquaintance simply because they had one thing in common: a love for Jesus Christ.

How exciting and challenging it must have been to be a Christian in those early years. Just think – a person from Algeria (the home of St. Augustine) could travel to Galatia (located in the eastern part of what is now Turkey) and be warmly welcomed by people who did not speak the same language, eat the same foods, or wear the same clothes. The one thing they had in common was a deep love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that was enough to become friends.

It is in that same spirit that I look forward with joy to being among you, my new Christian friends. I'm sure that in the weeks to come we will all have moments when we are "getting to know what to say." But those moments will be guided by the Holy Spirit, whose deepest desire is to grow the Body of Christ through connecting us by His grace.

Perhaps the Apostle Paul, who boldly approached every community with the assumption that the love and grace of Jesus Christ would bring him new friends, said it best. So, I will leave you with his words, written to people he had never met:

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (Romans 1:8-12)

Longing to see you – that sums it up nicely!

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Vivian

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers Lee Ishida, Roy Shibata and his dog, Casey and Grace Tochiara, for preparing the June Newsletter for mailing on May 23, 2017 Could NOT do it without your help!

You are very much appreciated!

Yayyyy, IT'S VBS TIME

Come join us July 24th through 27th for Camping with Jesus from 9:30 am until noon. All are welcome to this fun and interactive day camp. We will be doing crafts, games, music and more. Also, the children will be performing a special song from VBS during special music on Sunday, July 29th. "God Loves You S'more than you know.

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VISION 2017-2019

SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The focus of our ministry for the next three years, 2017-2019, will be on youth and children. In a way, this is a continuing effort to rejuvenate our church, and we could call the proposed vision *Rejuvenation II*.

We often refer to our children as “the future of our church” or “future leaders.” If it is true, it is also obvious that we don’t have a viable future, because we do not have a sustainable number of children, youth and young parents in our church. Our future is now, and what we do now will determine the future existence of our church. An active and vibrant presence of children, youth and young families will ensure the continued existence of our church beyond us. If we want the church to continue and carry on our legacy, we need to invest in this particular area of ministry now. Therefore, it is with this ministerial concern and urgency, we will focus on engaging in ministry to the youth, children and their families for the next three years. Below you will find the details for 2017.

THEME

“The Future Begins Today”

PLANNED EVENTS FOR 2017

DATE	EVENT/ PROJECT	LEAD ORGANIZER
July 24-27 2017	Vacation Bible School	Brenda
August 6, 2017	UMC Water World	Scott
September 3, 2016	Rally Sunday	Brenda
October 27, 2017	Trunk-Or-Treat & Spooktacular!	Brenda: Trunk-Or-Treat Scott: Spooktacular!
November 19, 2017	Thanksgiving Mission Trip (DenUM)	Scott
December 10, 2017	Christmas Pageant	Brenda
Youth & Children Summer Lock-in		Brenda & Scott

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A BIG THANK YOU

to our good neighbor Christine for caring about and cleaning the graffiti off our building recently.
 Thanks to John Hall for re-painting the site.

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Don't forget to purchase new cards or reload your already existing cards! 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.

ASIAN PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER (Japanese Wellness)

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of July (July 26) at Simpson from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Our time together consists of a light lunch, exercise, music, games and a time for community. The food for lunch is always very good and it is fun to see old friends and to meet new ones, Please invite your friends to come join us. **Hope to see you there.**

On Sunday, June 11, the following scholarships were awarded to the following 2017 high school grads:

Simpson All Church Scholarship to Yechan Han who will be attending Denver University.
 Side Scholarship to Matthew Shiohita who will attend Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.

Side Scholarship to Riley Takata who will attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

The following students received the Eugene and Kimiko Side Renewal Scholarship awarded to current college students:

Allyson Goto—Brown University
 Soye Han—Emory University
 Blake Kitayama—Vanderbilt University.

Congratulations to these deserving and accomplished students!

The Scholarship Committee

MEMORIAL GIFTS**BY**

Tay Kondo
 Karen Freml
 M/M Dion Dishong
 Julia Kamura & Bess Joko
 Grace Tochihara

Lilly Quirk
 Ritsuko Munn
 Evelyn Hayashida
 Julie Shiohita
 Sue Arai
 Janice Abo
 Yasuko Nonaka
 Stacey Shigaya
 Judith Yamamoto
 Catheryn & Gloria Smith
 M/M Kenneth Namba
 Paula Matsumoto
 Midori Allmeyer
 The Nonaka Family

IMO

Mrs. Yei Shiohita
 George Freml
 Clifford Cornish
 Tom & Ruth Kamura, Richard Joko
 Dee Shibao
 Joan Onodera
 James Clark, Pauline Clark
 Jenny, Terry, Eugene Munn
 Parents, 4 brothers, 3 sisters
 Jane Shiohita
 Julius & Billie Otsuki
 Sam & Amy Abo
 Miyako Smith, Setsuko Fuller
 Douglas & Ruby Sagara
 Minoru Yamamoto
 Mas Nonaka
 M/M Charles Miyoshi; M/M Seiichi Namba
 Max, Jack, Troi, Rommy
 Sue Shoji
 M/M Taizo Nonaka; Ted Nonaka, Mas Nonaka

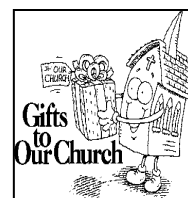


BOILER FUND: Crockpot Cookoff Fundraiser; Karla Cornish; Jennifer Lim

EASTER: M/M Isami Terada, Jean Okagawa

MUSIC

Sarah Broderick, Jennifer Lim, Janet Martens

**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

M/M Ken Namba; Grace Tochihara

DONATION FROM BRIGHTON JAPANESE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION for rice cookers

UTILITIES: Bridge Group

All gifts great and small are appreciated equally

**OUR CARE CORNER**

Those Experiencing Health Issues:

Masa Nishimura, Miyoko Wells, & Helen Goto

All-Church Picnic



Please join us for an afternoon of eating and playing. Our All-Church picnic will be held on Sunday, July 16, right after worship service. We have reserved the pavilion at the Tennyson Knolls Park, 4990 West 62nd Avenue, just a couple of blocks north of our church building on Wolff Street. Hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwursts, drinks and watermelon will be furnished. We ask that you bring a potluck dish (vegetable side dish, salad or dessert) to complete the meal. Plans are in the works for games for children and adults. Hope to see you all at the picnic!

O.N.E. Committee

We need church members and friends, young and old, students and children, anyone who is willing to share their talents.

As most of you know our Chancel Choir is on hiatus June through August. It is such an easy and fun way to serve the church. I would like to personally invite you to provide Special Music for Sunday service throughout the Summer.

There are so many talented people at Simpson UMC. However, I need to know who they are! If you know of someone who plays an instrument, dances, sings, performs magic tricks, does interpretive reading, or could put on a short skit please let me know so I can invite them to share with us.

Music Ministry is a vital part of a church. Oh, and you can volunteer also!

Debbie Willeford
Choir Director



Reflections (Bible Study)

Thanks to all who attended the Reflections group meetings on Tuesday mornings. We had some great discussions and learned so much. We will be taking a summer break until September. Please watch for information on when we will begin our study group this fall.



Ann Kitayama and Charlotte Namba

REPORT ON THE Annual Conference, June 15-18, 2017

At this Annual Conference I felt proud of the work that Methodists are doing both locally and worldwide and I was also very proud of our newly elected Bishop Karen Oliveto. There are a multitude of problems affecting humanity and the Methodists are right there in the middle doing something about it. Unknown to us, individual Methodists spend hours every week working and producing results in dozens of problem areas: malaria, childbirth, immigration, hunger, thirst, human rights, homelessness, and discrimination just to mention a few. There were many speakers but two that left an indelible impression on me were: (1) a beautiful thirty-five year old medical doctor who suffered a stroke and subsequently found herself unable to feed her family and (2) the enthusiastic charisma of our Bishop Karen Oliveto. I've seen outstanding leaders from government and industry but our Bishop is clearly "the best". Thank you Simpson for allowing me to vote and represent you!

Joe Hayashi

COMMISSION ON INVESTIGATIONS

On Wednesday, May 24, I received a telephone call from Bishop Karen Oliveto's Office asking me if I would accept an appointment to her "Committee on Investigations" as a Lay Alternate. I replied that I would be happy to serve in this capacity. The nature of the cases that might be involved are highly sensitive.

Joe Hayashi

It was an honor to receive a scholarship from this church that my family has been a part of for many years. Next year I will be attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins where I will be studying Human Development and Family Sciences with a concentration in Early Childhood Education, in hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher. I appreciate the support you have given me throughout the years.

Sincerely,

Riley Takata

Much appreciation to Chen Wu for working in the office when I was off having oral surgery.

Also, thanks to Chen for working while I took some vacation time when my son was married.

THANK YOU!
You are Appreciated

Mari Welch
Administrative Assistant

2017
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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JULY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/ COMMUNION SS/Youth	3	4 	5	6	7 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	8 9:00 am - Talko
9 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Trustees	10 10:00 am - Ukulele	11	12	13	14	15 9:00 - Talko
16 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE/SS 	17	18	19	20	21	22 9:00 am Talko
23 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE	24 VBS 9:30am-Noon 10:00 am Ukulele	25 VBS 9:30 am - Noon 9:00 am - Assemble Newsletter	26 VBS 9:30 am - Noon 11:00 am - 1:00 pm AFDC 6:00 pm - Finance Committee 7:00 pm - Ad Council	27 VBS 9:30 am - Noon	28	29 9:00 AM - Talko
30 10:00 am - WORSHIP SERVICE	31					

LITURGISTS
 July 2 - Cindy Condo
 July 9 - Kathy Fujita
 July 30 - John Hall

GROCERY CERTIFICATES
 Bob Fujioka

USHERS
 Tim Cleary

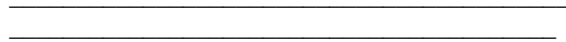
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JULY 2017

Please join us on Sunday, July 2, 2017

As welcome our new Intentional Interim Pastor

Rev. Vivian Hiestand



HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



All Church Picnic
Sunday, July 16
At
Tennyson Pavilions