



LENT

A Yearly Reminder
of the Daily Call

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

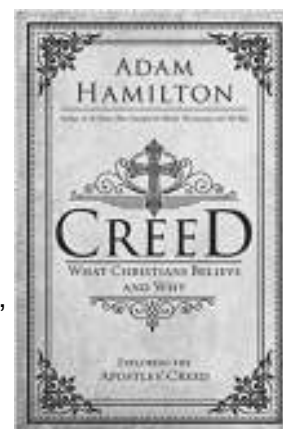


Ash Wednesday is February 14th. We will offer a service of repentance and remembrance at 12 noon. The service will focus on two traditional themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. It will help us to realize that both have been overcome through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For those who choose to come forward during the service, Pastor Vivian will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto their foreheads.

Book study for Lent - 2 options

During Lent we will be saying the Apostles' Creed every Sunday, joining Christians around the world in this faith-building tradition. What is the Creed? Do we agree with it? What would we say if we wrote our own summary of the Christian faith? All these questions (and more) will be explored as we read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book ***Creed: What Christians Believe and Why***.

We are offering 2 ways to participate in this study: on Sunday mornings, from 8:45-9:45 am, February 18-March 25. The class will be held in the Memorial Lounge; **OR** - online on Monday evenings at 7:00, February 19,-March 26, using the ZOOM video conferencing service. Both classes will be led by Pastor Vivian.



Everyone should purchase the book and read the Introduction and Chapter 1 before the first class. Those who wish to participate in the ZOOM experience will need to contact Pastor Vivian by February 15. She will provide the information necessary to participate in the class.

The ZOOM class will be recorded and posted on our web site on the Tuesday after the class. Those who cannot participate in a live class will still be able to listen to the recording, and can email Pastor Vivian with questions or comments.



Tea and Conversation



As we enter into the season of Lent, I am aware now more than ever of how many people simply don't know about the path of spiritual renewal Christ offers the world. Relatively few people in our Methodist churches have any deep experience of the value of confession, the joy of the assurance of pardon, or the blessing of repentance.

What we call repentance is a process taught by most if not all of the world's faith paths. In order to mature spiritually, each of us is called to grow in our ability to recognize the habits, words, and actions that interfere with our happiness or harm others. If we wish to become better people, if we wish to contribute to the betterment of the world, we must openly acknowledge our own negative ways. Only then can we take action to improve.

Christians can know a particular joy—we are assured that when we do openly acknowledge our faults (“repent”), we will be forgiven by God! Not *“maybe God will forgive us”* but we ARE forgiven! Not only that, but a special power known as the Holy Spirit, is engaged when we repent. Our own desire to change for the better will be “super charged” by the Holy Spirit, which I think of as God’s love in action in the world.

By “openly” I do not mean that we must grovel in front of others; that is not necessary. But we are called to articulate our intentional or carelessly inflicted harm to God. And, if we have caused harm to others, we must ask them for forgiveness and do our best to correct or mitigate the harm we have done.

Again and again, I have experienced how this process brings blessing. I wish I could tell you that I look forward to it with joy, but I don't. I don't like admitting I've been wrong any more than the next guy. But, even though I can drag my spiritual feet sometimes, I have known in my own life how this leads to healing hurts I've done, or repaired relationships.

Sometimes I am on the side that is called to forgive. To be honest, that can be harder. Forgiving someone means that I must put aside my hurt or angry feelings—not because they deserve it, but because Jesus asks me to: “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Whenever I feel especially hurt or angry, I remember how Jesus looked down from the cross, in excruciating pain, and said, “Father, forgive them.” How can I refuse to forgive an honest request when He forgave from the cross?

But, perhaps best of all, is the love and grace that God infuses into this whole process. As I work at repentance, confession, forgiveness, and pardon (Philippians 2:12), it feels as though the living waters of the Risen Christ begin to flow within me. Sometimes it starts with just a drop or two—just enough to keep me going. But then the flood gates open, and I begin to have just a taste of the joy of heaven where the waters are deep and refreshing and eternally flowing.

As we enter into the season of Lent, I invite you to explore our faith more deeply in ways that call to your soul. You might choose to participate in our book study. Or you might experiment with fasting—perhaps giving up Facebook for one day a week, or going without a favorite treat until Easter. Or you could experiment with different forms of prayer—walk a labyrinth, try silent prayer, or bake the bread for communion as a prayer offering to the congregation and God.

Whatever you choose, know that I will be praying for you during Lent as I have ever since I knew I would be appointed to serve Jesus among you. I hope that you will be praying for me, too.

Serving Jesus with Joy,
Rev. Vivian



Masa Nishimura, Tori Ito, Esther Fujita



Dear Simpson UMC Friends,

It was a great delight to watch our children and youth put on a wonderful Christmas program for all of you. I loved working with them and watching them get into the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all of the parents who helped with our program.

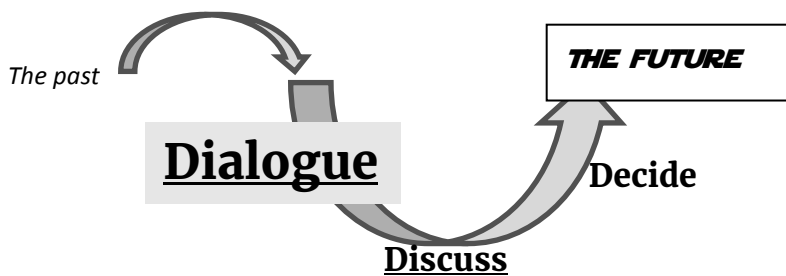
I am enjoying the enthusiasm I am seeing during our Sunday School time. The kids are quickly learning about the importance of reading the Bible; They are learning about all the wonderful events God uses to teach his people about how much he loves us.

I feel so blessed to be a small part of your children's lives and their faith journeys. Please keep our children and youth in your prayers as they are the beloved of God.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous Christmas gift. Both Scott and I, were deeply moved by your thoughtfulness.

God Bless,

Sheri Pelletier



DIALOGUE-Discuss-Decide

In order to move the church from a declining past into a future of hope, we are using a process called "Dialogue, Discuss, Decide."

While we strongly affirm our cultural events, it is the church part of our organization that is in need of revitalization. For that reason, this

We have scheduled **three more** "dialogue" opportunities in the month of February:

- Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm in the Memorial Lounge
- Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary
- Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm in the Memorial Lounge

This generation is being called by God to reform the church so that it has a meaningful message for today's culture, engaging programs for today's children and youth, and offers hope to all. We will talk about how we can do that while affirming our identity as a Japanese American congregation.

SIMPLE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

At its meeting on January 31st, the Church Council learned more about a new way churches are taking care of the business of running a successful church.

The Simple Leadership structure replaces multiple committees with a single Church Council (or Board), whose meetings must be open to all, plus two committees whose work must be done in confidence (Nominations & Leadership Development, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee).

This model allows the Church Council to do the work of the Finance Committee and Trustees at its regular meetings. Currently the Finance Committee meets on the same night as Church Council. The same people attend both meetings and vote twice on the same Finance agenda. The Simple Leadership model will allow the same work to be done in one meeting with one vote.

The important votes required of our Trustees in order to satisfy certain legal requirements will now be handled by the Church Council. While we still need to have three Trustees, they may vote to authorize any one of them to attend the monthly Council meeting to represent their interests and communicate their needs. It is hoped that this flexibility will allow them to serve effectively with fewer meetings.

Other work of the church, such as our events, choir, and youth activities, will be handled by ministry teams. All ministry team leads, whether paid or volunteer, will report to the pastor, who will function as Chief of Staff, and give reports to the Council.

For more information about how this new way of leading might work, please talk to one of your Lay Leaders: Owen FitzSimons 303-910-2664, or Paula Matsumoto 303-908-8456.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Voting Members – those elected at Charge Conference to serve as
 Chair of Council • Treasurer* • Finance Secretary* • Chair of SPRC
 Recording Secretary • Membership Secretary • Chair of Trustees
 Chair/Co-Chair of Finance • Co-Lay Leaders • Representative to Annual Conference
 Chair of O.N.E Committee

SPRC

Functions as a separate committee reports to Council through Chair, who has a vote on Council

Nominations and

Leadership Development

Functions as a separate committee reports to Council through Pastor

Ministry Teams

Every person who leads a ministry team is a staff person (paid or unpaid) and reports to the Pastor. Teams may be temporary (events) or ongoing (Music, Youth)

*If position is held by an employee, the employee is an *ex officio* member with voice but no vote.

This form of governance is allowed in ¶247.2 of
The United Methodist Book of Discipline, 2016

CHURCH FINANCES

FINANCE REPORT JANUARY 1—DECEMBER 31, 2017



Donated to General Operations	\$ 108,404.25
Other Income	64,122.12
Fundraising	56,802.37
Total Income for 2017:	\$229,328.74
Total Expenses for 2017:	<u>—362,208.29</u>
Amount spent more than income received:	\$132,879.55
PLUS Total taken from Restricted Funds:	\$134,450.37

Please note: Not all income may be used to offset the expense of running the church.

We are grateful for the many ways people support our church with generous gifts.

It is part of our tradition to publicly thank those who give special gifts. However, as some prefer to donate anonymously, this is not a complete list of donors.

meet church needs. All gifts are appreciated and serve Christ.



Given By

Ben Ichikawa

Ruby Hada

Daniel Hamai

Russell Ota

Aster Oye

Teddy Shiohita

Pete Menda



In Memory Of

Grace Matsuda & Alice Ichikawa,

Madge Ickikawa

Ted Hada

Reiko Y. Hamai

Gerry Ota, Marge Ota, Casey Mayashida

George Oye

George Shiohita

Susie Nagai, Mas Nonaka

Hatsuko & Banji Menda



Gifts to the Church

Boiler Fund: Anonymous donation, Sachiko Inagaki, Mary Nishiyama, Lynette Namba-Osaka,

Celebrate birth of granddaughter: Alben Sakaguchi

Christmas: Masaji Akiyama, Owen FitzSimons, Ruth French, Lily Goto, Ben Ichikawa, Mae Ida, Mary K. Ida, Martha Inouye, Cindy Kon-do, Charles Yamaguchi, Aster Oye, Curtis Higuchi, Julius Ishida, Mitch Kishiyama, Pete Menda, May Murakami, Kazuko Mizoue, Thomas Nakai, Donald Nakama, Aki Kawakami, Charlotte and Ken Namba, Joel Nishida, Dorothy Okita, Fusako Okuno, Julie Onsager, Russell Ota, Asako Oka, Ritsuko Munn, Chizuru Yoshino, Akira Kasahara, Paul Sasa, Sam I Mayeda, George Kamura, Harry Miyahara, Grace Tochiara, Clara Hashimoto, Mitchell Hamai, Midori Allmeyer, Isami Terada, Ruthe Terada, Calvin Yukihiro,

Music: Anonymous donation, Tom Fujita

Cantata Honorarium: Julia Kamura, Robin Miyahara, Steve Ozawa, Nancy Shock, Carolyn Nishimoto, Bob Fujioka, Tom Fujikawa, Ruth Shinto

Newsletter: Aster Oye, Chizuru Yoshino

Scholarship: Keith Hora

Thanksgiving: Masako Furuiye, Pete Menda, Harry Miyahara, Charlotte and Ken Namba, Paul Sasa, Catheryn Smith, Chizuru Yoshino

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers Kazuko Dishong, Esther Hashiba, and Yoshie Tanita for assembling the January Newsletter for mailing on.

We would NOT be able to do this without your help.

You are very much appreciated!

THANK YOU to Grace for folding, stuffing and stamping all the 2017 contribution statements.



Tenebrae Service

As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, our choir will share "The Shadow of the Cross" Cantata. This cantata takes us through Jesus' last days on earth.

The "service of darkness," or Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness"), dates back to the 4th century, according to some sources. Traditionally observed during Holy Week, it focuses on the final hours of Jesus' life and crucifixion. "The Shadow of the Cross" is a reminder of the magnitude of God's love; a love so great that it continues through all time and eternity.

In its original form, the cross was a tool of execution, or death. But in the eyes of faith, it symbolizes victory and life eternal! In a day when the powers of evil threaten to destroy our optimism for a brighter tomorrow, the cross stands as a reminder that love is stronger than hate, and that hope prevails in times of despair. Standing in the shadow of the cross, we find comfort and courage in knowing that we can live in a future that is ultimately of God's making!

May we live in the shadow of eternity's cross. And may we be reminded that the cross ultimately leads to the "Father of Lights." Please join us on Good Friday, March 30th.

Debbie Willeford
Choir Director

This FEBRUARY in Worship

Changes to our worship: We will be making some changes to our worship service for the season of Lent. We will add two elements that have formed Christians for centuries: a shared Prayer of Confession and reciting the Apostles' Creed in unison. The shared Prayer of Confession is one way we celebrate our assurance that we live as a forgiven people, claiming the promise in 1 John 1:9— ***But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong.***

Adam Hamilton tells us (in his book *Creed*), "While the Apostles' Creed likely took its current form during the 400s, an earlier version, usually called the Old Roman Symbol or Old Roman Creed, dates back to the second or early third century." As we recite this ancient statement of faith, we may learn why it has endured for so long and been valued by so many.

SERMONS

February 4

We will complete the sermon series *Cultivating Goodness* with the sermon "I'm Already in Heaven." We will celebrate **Holy Communion**.
Scripture readings: John 1: 1-5 and 10-13; Luke 17:20-21

February 11

"Pulpit Swap" Rev. Vivian and her husband, Rev. John, will be swapping pulpits today! Rev. John will give the sermon, "Everyday Holiness," and lead our Children's Time.
Scripture readings: 2 Timothy 1:8-14; Ephesians 1:15-23

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 is ASH WEDNESDAY. We will have a worship service at 12 Noon.

February 18

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lent Sermon Series: "God's Plan For Your Life" -

Sermon: "Creation Consciousness" - Why do we exist?

Scripture readings: Genesis 1: 26-31; John 1: 1-5 and 10-13

February 25

Sermon: "Syllabus for Beginners" - God's instruction book for happiness now and eternal life

Scripture readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 3: 1-2 and 21-24

Upcoming sermons: "Broken" ✠ "The Great Escape" ✠ "The Power to Fly" ✠ "No Cross, No Christ"

WORSHIP SERVANTS NEEDED: We need people to help prepare Holy Communion once a month. In addition, Julia Kamura has decided to take a break from organizing our liturgists. Those who have been liturgists are still willing to serve; they just need someone to keep them organized. **Please contact the church office if you are willing to help the church through helping with worship.**

Church News

“It is more fun to talk to someone who doesn’t use long difficult words but rather short, easy words like ‘What about lunch?’”

We are going to start an informal lunch group to go to some of the restaurants near the Church. No set Sundays at this point, but roughly once a month or so and we will let folks know in advance where and when we plan to go and if you want to go, you can sign-up on a sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway so we can make a group reservation. Everyone will pay for their own lunch unless it is a “family-style” service thing. Some of the places we’ve “identified” are a Vietnamese pho place, an Indian-Napalese place, a couple of Mexican food places, a couple of chicken places, an Italian food place . . . you see the trend and we’re open to suggestions. When pondering a name for the group, I came across the amusing quote above by A.A. Milne (yes, the author of *Winnie-the-Pooh* and various other children’s books) and thought “What about lunch?” would be a good name for a lunch group. Stay tuned . . .

HINA MATSURI LUNCH: We will soon need helpers to prepare and serve lunch for Hina Matsuri, the Doll Festival. This month, I will put a sign-up sheet with work times on the bulletin board in hallway. Hina Matsuri is on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. It is a fairly easy lunch to prepare and will mainly involve “day of” prep. Thanks, Jane Nakama

O.N.E. Committee—We need hosts for our 2018 first Sunday coffee hours beginning April 1—Easter Sunday. Please consider hosting one coffee hour in 2018. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin for you to sign. If you have any questions about what to serve, where to serve, etc., please contact Charlotte Namba at 303.425.73128. Thank you

NEW BUILDING USE PROCEDURE

As the church becomes more active it is necessary to change the way we track the use of our building so that everyone can plan with confidence and communicate accurate information about an event. For this reason we are asking **everyone to do the following:**

1. Call Mari, our Church Secretary, or check the calendar hanging in the outer office, to see if the space you want is available when you want it. Once you have a date, time, and space —
2. **Fill out a Building Use form and turn it into the office.** They are available in the outer office and will be posted on the web site by mid February for downloading. Mari will enter your activity on the church calendar in the outer office.

All church activities (from Hina Matsuri to work projects, from breakfast for musicians to committee meetings) **are already approved.** We only ask that you follow this process so our staff can provide better support and communication to everyone.

Thank you for helping to make our church serve people more effectively.

From Your Staff Parish Relations Committee

To Simpson Congregation,

As I start my year as the chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee I would like to tell you all I am honored that you asked me to take on this position. I have not been at Simpson long, about 5 years, but all of you have made me feel welcome and have given me a community to use my gifts to serve God and to practice my Christian faith. Please know that I pledge to be fair and honest with all of you as we travel this journey together. I will do my best to pass on accurate information about processes in the United Methodist Church Rocky Mountain Conference and I ask your forgiveness when I make mistakes.

Before I go into too many details the SPRC and Pastor Vivian have scheduled the following Dialogue and Information Sharing sessions:

- **Saturday Feb 3rd Leadership Training for 2017 & 2018 Simpson Leaders**
- **Wednesday Feb 7th 6:30pm TIIMS (Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry) Dialogue Session**
- **Saturday Feb 10th 10am TIIMS Dialogue Session**
- **Sunday Feb 11th 2:00pm All Church Information & Feedback Session: All Congregation members invited**
- **Tuesday Feb 20th 6:30 TIIMS Dialogue Session**

TIIMS Dialogue Sessions

I cannot stress strongly enough the importance of attending the Dialogue and Information sessions. The Bishop and Rev. Kottke are evaluating the TIIMS process and one of their measures is the attendance and participation in these meetings.

Last year Pastor Vivian was assigned to Simpson to guide us through the Transitional Intentional Interim Ministry (TIIMS). The Bishop tasked Pastor Vivian with revitalizing our church by helping us through this process. We are to look at our:

- 1) Identity – church's history,
- 2) Direction – church's mission,
- 3) Leadership – acknowledge changing leadership,
- 4) Connection – We are a United Methodist Church, and
- 5) Prepare for the Future as a United Methodist Church in the Rocky Mountain Conference

We need to focus on what is meaningful to us as a congregation. We need to be a part of an open process which sets our identity in a healthy way and establishes trust. We need the congregation to support the Christian ministry of Simpson. **This church has an amazing foundation of Japanese American culture. We need to use that foundation to strengthen and grow the Christian ministry of the Church.** Together with these two foundations, Simpson will thrive.

Process

There have been many questions about when and how a new pastor is to be selected for Simpson. The SPRC met with Rev. Kottke, our District Superintendent from the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC) of the United Methodist Church, on Sunday January 28th so we could better understand the process and communicate it to all of you. I know the SPRC shared this information with you last spring but it helps all of us to be reminded of the process.

The RMC selects ministers through an Episcopal System. This means that the final decision as to who our pastor is at Simpson UMC is made by Bishop Karen Oliveto. The Bishop and her Conference Cabinet composed of district superintendents discern the needs of Simpson through the Church Profile, the Pastor Profile and the progress that has been made through the TIIMS process. The Bishop and her Cabinet meet regularly to assess the needs of the churches they are responsible for, including Simpson. They prayerfully discern what each church needs to forward Christ's message in the world. The Bishop and Cabinet discuss the needs for all churches in the RMC and appointments are made the first few weeks of April. At this point we do not know if the RMC is considering a new pastor for Simpson or not.

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From SPRC (continued)

This process includes the Conference asking the SPRC to provide a Church Profile. The Town Hall meetings we held in April helped the SPRC develop a Church Profile last spring. The church profile was updated and resubmitted at the start of this year with new information from our Retreat last fall. The TIIMS process is also evaluated and where Simpson is in that process also lends itself into the decision process. The SPRC, Pastor Vivian, and Rev Kottke all agree that Simpson is about half way through the TIIMS process. The next few months are the Simpson's opportunity to show to the Bishop and Cabinet how dedicated and passionate we are to our church's survival.

As I close this message I'd like to share the following. When I would engage in conversations with members of the congregation about the decline of the church many people would end up at the point that if we just had Pastor with (you fill in the blank) abilities we would start to grow again. Now over the past few months the conversations have all circled around "What can I or you do to save Simpson", no longer is responsibility all put on the shoulders of an unknown future Pastor... we are now accepting the challenge and responsibility for saving this church ourselves.

In Peace and prayer for our future,

Nancy Shock Staff Parish Relations Chair, 2018

Leadership Training—Reflecting on the Conditions in Which We Lead

**DUE TO A UNFORESEEN CONFLICT, THE SEMINAR
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20th
WAS MOVED TO FEBRUARY 3rd.**

O.N.E. Committee

This workshop is being offered **AT NO COST** for those who attend. This is an exciting and rare opportunity, and will greatly enhance our "Dialogue-Discuss-Decide" process.

Successful corporations realized long ago that one of the most difficult challenges their leaders faced was a disconnect between how they *thought* their organization worked and how it *actually* functioned.

To address this challenge they turned to specialists in human behavior, who developed training that would help leaders have a more clear and complete understanding of the conditions in which they provided leadership.

We are blessed to be able to offer just such a training seminar to our church leaders. It will be led by Drew Di Giovanni of the Rollins Group. Drew is a nationally recognized consultant in management training and education. His services have been donated to us by Jennifer Lim, who has worked with Drew in the past and knows the value he offers.

This seminar is for those who served as church leaders in 2017, and those who have been elected to serve in 2018. This includes all Trustees, SPRC members, Finance Chair, Nominations members, Lay Representative to Annual Conference, Council Chair, Recording Secretary for Council, and the Co-Chairs of the

The workshop will take place at Arvada UMC
6750 Carr Street

8:30 am	Registration & refreshments
9:00 am	Welcome, Training in Essentials
9:30 am	Segment I, led by Drew
11:45 am	Lunch (provided)
12:30 pm	Segment II, led by Drew
2:45 pm	Wrap up, benediction

The "Training in Essentials" will include information about the budget, how to submit a voucher, how to put activities on the church calendar, and other practical knowledge.

Reports about the seminar will be given during worship on February 4 and 11, to the Church Council at its February meeting, and in the March newsletter.



Adult trip to Japan

We have a fantastic, exciting trip heading to Japan this summer.

Called the "Essential Japan", it explores Tokyo, Kyoto, Takayama, and Hiroshima. The trip runs June 2-15, 2018.

And ... we have a special option, a pre-trip extension to visit the garden city of Kanazawa to see their Hyakumangoku festival. This trip departs May 30, joining the main trip in Hiroshima on June 4.

Details are on their web page: <http://www.denversistercities.org/takayama/>



SAKURA SQUARE

SAKURA SQUARE HAS A UNIQUE STORY AND HOLDS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF DENVER AND

More than forty years after its creation, the block is undergoing a resurgence of cultural significance while reinvigorating its residential and commercial assets. Since its dedication in May 1973, Sakura Square has been a multigenerational, multi-cultural community and a destination for those seeking Japanese goods and services. Sakura Square is an example of a truly successful multi-use project in the heart of downtown Denver.

In the early 1970s, when Denver Urban Renewal Authority began transforming what is now known as LoDo, Denver's Japanese community was forced to change. Without the efforts of the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple, the businesses that had been part of the approximately 9-square block community would have been forced to divide and relocate. Instead, they were given the opportunity to move into the one-block area that already housed the Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple, preserving the Japanese-American heritage of the area.

For more information about upcoming events visit <http://sakurasquare.com>

MILE HIGH JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

Day of Remembrance 2018

Japanese American Redress

Learning Lessons and Longings

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Time: 1:00 –3:00 pm

History Colorado Center

FREE ADMISSION

Simpson United Methodist Church

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Children Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Communion 10:15 SS & Youth 11:15 O.N.E. Youth Council	5	6 9:30 am Reflections Class	7 6:30 pm Dialogue	1 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3 8:30 am Cultural Assessment Mtg. @ Arvada UMC 9:00 am—Taiko and Japanese Language Class
11 9:00 Choir Rehearsal Hina Matsuri Mtg. 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 SS/Youth Trustees Newsletter Articles due 2:00—All Church Meeting	12 10:00 am Ukulele	13	14 Ash Wednesday 12:00 noon Worship Service	15 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Choir Sectional 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 9:00 am – Taiko Japanese Language Class 9:30-11:00 am—Choir Cantata Rehearsal Chibi no Gakko (overnight parking in our lot)
18 8:45 Bible Study/ML 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP 10:15 am SS & Youth 11:00 am – Knit & Crochet - Worship Design Team 3:00ish Chibi no Gakko will pick up cars from our lot	19 Presidents' Day Office Closed	20 9:30 am Reflections Class 6:30 pm Dialogue	21	22 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Choir Sectional 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 3:00—10:00 PM ECA Winter Festival in FH, kitchen plus 2 additional rooms down- stairs	24 9:00 am – Taiko Japanese Language Class Trustees' All Day Clean
25 8:45 Bible Study/ML 9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 SS/Youth 11:15 am—SPRC	26 10:00 am Ukulele	27 9:00 am Assemble Newsletter	28 11:00 am – 1:00 pm APDC Wellness 6:00 pm – Finance Committee 7:00 pm – Church Council			

LITURGISTS

February 4 Nancy Shock
February 11 Owen FitzSimons
February 18 Jim Hardman
February 25 Todd & Ellison Namba

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, February 3

Wednesday, February 14

Monday, February 19

Saturday, February 24

Cultural Assessment Meeting at Arvada UMC

Ash Wednesday 12:00 Noon—Worship Service

Presidents Day—Church Office Closed

All Day Church Clean