

I am blessed to have had the opportunity to attend the 2019 Mountain Sky Annual Conference in Billings, Montana last week. Churches from Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho gathered together to celebrate the ministries of our local churches. Over 800 people worshiped and prayed as a Body of Christ as we dreamed of the future for our conference. We also prayerfully elected clergy and lay delegates for the 2020 General Conference and voted on petitions (legislation) that will guide the ministries in the Mountain Sky Conference.

Considering the recent approval of the Traditional Plan by the Methodist Church that retains a non-affirming stance on same-sex marriage and ordination of LGBTQ+ clergy, several petitions were reviewed and approved to define the Mountain Sky Conference's position on inclusivity and rejection of the Traditional Plan. In Petition MSC-10, All Are Welcome, the conference defined that all are welcomed into the full life of our congregations and annual conference, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, or where they are on their faith journey. The petition also defines that the conference will support the clergy of the Mountain Sky Conference who choose to conduct same-sex unions and that the conference will take no disciplinary action against the clergy. The petition also states that the conference will affirm calls to ministry based solely on the discernment of the gifts and graces necessary to fulfill that call. This petition clearly defines, in writing, how the conference has been serving and operating for many years. Petition MSC-09, Moving Towards God's Good Future, directs the Mountain Sky Conference to create a team to develop options for moving forward as an inclusive church that includes (1) partnering with other like-minded bodies, (2) developing legislation for General Conference 2020, and (3) separation from The United Methodist Church, which embraces the Traditional Plan. The conference also approved Petition MSC-03, The Calculation and Payment of General and Jurisdictional Apportionments by the Local Church/ Charge. This petition allows local churches to define and prioritize which ministries that 3% of our 13% apportionment will support. For a complete list of approved petitions, please go to <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/2019-conference-petitions>.

In these uncertain times, I am reminded of Matthew 14:27 where Jesus tells Peter to not be afraid. When Peter was given the unthinkable challenge to walk on water, Peter's first response was fear! Then Peter trusted Jesus, reached for his hand and stepped out of the boat onto the water. As a church, we have a choice in how we will respond. Will we respond in fear or will we reach for Jesus' hand? I am confident the Jesus' arms are stretch out waiting for the United Methodist Church to birth a new expression of ministry that is based upon unconditional love.

May it be so, Amen.

Pastor Leah

Monthly schedule for Committee Meetings!

First Sunday: Coffee Hour and Fellowship (11:15 a.m.)

Second Sunday: Trustee Meeting (11:15 a.m.)

Third Sunday: Knit and Crochet (11:15 a.m.)

Fourth Sunday: SPRC Meeting (8:30 a.m.)

Ad Council (11:15 a.m.)

Fifth Sunday: O.N.E. Committee

Third Wednesday of the Month: Finance Meeting (6:00 p.m.)



Prayers for the campers going to Asian Junior and Senior High Camps in July.

May you make life-long relationships!



Young Adult Camp - July 12-14, 2019

Grand Mesa
26269 Old Grand Mesa Road
Cedaredge, CO 81413
(970) 856-3455

Open to adults age 18 and up

Fees \$50

Theme:

"Oh the Places you'll Go" based on the Dr Seuss book

Registration:

grandmesacamp.campbrainregistration.com

Contact Scott Pelletier for more information!



Simpson UMC 2019 Youth Summer Program

Youth Group will be meeting twice a month during the summer. We will continue to build relationships with each other and God, help in our community and have Heaps O'Fun! Please mark your calendar!

<p>June 2nd We will celebrate the summer with Goof Ball Games right after the service at 11:00 o'clock. This will be messy so be sure to dress for the mess!!!</p>	<p>June 16th Father's Day car wash for the Dads and Mentors. We will start washing cars at 9:30 and finish at 11:00. Please dress appropriately.</p>	<p>June 30th Board Game Day. Please bring your favorite board game. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and finish around 11:30.</p>
	<p>July 14th Simpson UMC All Church Picnic.</p>	<p>July 21st TBD</p>
<p>Aug 4th United Methodist Youth Water World. We will leave the church at 1:00 and return around 8:30 p.m. Details to follow.</p>	<p>Aug. 17th – 18th Summer lock in starting at 7:00 p.m. And finishing at 11:00 after the service.</p>	

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.



*In
Loving
Memory*

Given By

Cynthia Shioshita
Julie Shioshita
Robin, Lauri, Kimiko & Aliyah Oye
Ruthe Terada
Isami Terada
Evelyn Hayashida
Kim Sasano
Teddy Shioshita

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Jane Shioshita and Tay Kondo
Aster Oye
Roy Terada
Tay Kondo
Parents, 3 sisters and 4 brothers
Tay Kondo
Mrs. Jane Shioshita, Mrs. Yei Shioshita and Mrs. Tay Kondo

Gifts to the Church

Bazaar: Chizu Yoshino

Boiler Fund: Bridge Club

Asian Camp: Glenn Lowery

Jr. High Camp: Glenn Lowery

Easter: Aki Doi Akiyama, Catheryn Smith, Isami Terada, Edward Yamaguchi

Music: John Miyahara, Jennifer Lim

Newsletter: Masako Furuiye

Roof Repair: Tom & Kathy Fujita

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers Julia Kamura, Eileen Mayeda, and Betsy Sato, for assembling the June Newsletter for mailing on June 4 2019.

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

You are very much appreciated!

Church News

All-Church Picnic

All-Church Picnic - Sunday July 14

We invite all members and friends of Simpson to join in the All-Church picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 14 after worship service. We will gather at Oakhurst Park in Westminster to indulge in hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon provided by Simpson plus all side dishes that the congregation will bring. We always have the best food! There will be games for all ages. Come and have a great meal, great conversation and join in on fun games. O.N.E. Committee



Graduation Sunday

At worship service on Graduation Sunday, June 9, Simpson scholarships were awarded. Scholarship recipients received bibles, cards, mugs of goodies, and their scholarship monies. Pastor Leah's special words and thoughts conveyed the spirit of pride in the students' accomplishments to date as well as hopes and good wishes as they move forward.

The Eugene and Kimiko Side High School Scholarship was awarded to Liam Shaw.

The Eugene and Kimiko Side Continuing College Student Scholarship recipients are Soye Han, Yechan Han, Blake Kitayama and Matt Shiohita.

Trustee's Corner

Hello people of Simpson,

The Trustees would like to give a short update of what we have been working on, and what we are working on:

We will be combining trash and recycle services with our neighbor to the West, Early College of Arvada (ECoA) starting June 6th. Please use their bins located in the Northwest corner of our parking lot.

We have signed a purchase agreement with Rogers & Sons for our boiler replacement. Installation will begin when all parts arrive; estimating June or July.

We are looking into a new door on the West side to add a push button opener as well as new lock and digital keypad.

New faucets are being installed in the bathrooms.

New hearing aids are being purchased for the sanctuary audio. We will send out an email once they arrive.

Church Work and Play Day July 13th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the Church Work and Play Day! We will spend the day together as we beautify our church and play board or card games. Bring a game that you would like to teach others. Lunch will be provided!



Tao Calligraphy Meditation Classes at Simpson UMC

If you would like more love, harmony and balance, health and happiness, please join this empowering series of classes using Tao Calligraphy "Oneness" writing wisdom and practices to transform and enhance any aspect of our lives which helps our families and loved ones.

Students will trace calligraphy words to enhance, not only their meditation experience, they will learn how movement and music empower and deepen their connection to the powerful messages of Greatest Love and Greatest Forgiveness.

In this introductory course, you will learn the history, and experience the power and significance of this form of calligraphy.

For our Simpson members, she is offering a 50% class discount (\$5 for each class = \$40 for both sessions of 4 Thursdays, either day or evening times). Please see Pastor Leah if you need assistance with the required purchase of 2 Tao Calligraphy cards, which are the materials needed to participate in the class.

First Series of Sessions

6/20
6/27
7/11
7/18

Second Series of Sessions

8/8
8/15
8/22
8/29

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6001 Wolff Street
Arvada, Colorado

Tao Calligraphy is:

- * Oneness writing that creates positive messages for the soul, heart, mind and body
- * The power to move through and beyond the challenges in any aspect of our lives.
- * In weekly classes:
 - Experience the power to transform, cultivate and enhance your health, happiness, relationships, finances, intelligence and more through tracing, meditation, movement and song
 - Renew joy, hope and faith through connection with the pure messages of love and forgiveness
 - Balance and harmony through gratitude and service

For information and to register:
Call (303) 237-6702
Email: loveandlight@oulhealing@yahoo.com

Session 1:

- 4 Thursdays in June & July,
- Morning classes 10-11:30 a.m.
- Evening classes 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Session 2:

- 4 Thursdays in August,
- Morning classes 10-11:30 a.m.
- Evening classes 7:00-8:30 p.m.

*** One time, special materials fee with Session 1 registration will also be used in Session 2

[SUMC member options available]

Community Corner

Afternoon Tea for Counsel General, Midori Takeuchi

Sunday, June 30, 12:15 p.m.

Simpson UMC would like to invite the Japanese-American community to meet the new Japanese Counsel General, Midori Takeuchi. We will serve light refreshments at 12:15 p.m. before Midori begins to speak about her career journey. Please come and get to know our new Counsel General and hear about her career journey.

Please call 303-428-7963 to RSVP or for additional information.

Thank you.

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BASEBALL
TOURNAMENT & FESTIVAL**
GIVING A BIG WELCOME TO THE VISITING JAPANESE TEAM

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Baseball Tournament: July 25th - July 28th
Festival: July 27th 11:00AM - 5:00PM

Legacy High School Baseball Field & Broomfield Park
2701 W 136th Ave.
Broomfield, CO 80023

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

BOLTS BASEBALL TEAM JARCC PACIFIC RIM CULTURAL EXCHANGE SWASH CHLUB

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Shane Sato, Photographer

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the-go-for-broke-spirit-vol-2-photo-book](https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1482314788/the-go-for-broke-spirit-vol-2-photo-book)

Also, watch for Portraits of Courage Exhibit coming to Denver this fall.

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JULY 2019

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Children Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Email: simpsonumc@comcast.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jr. Hi Camp Begins	2 7:00 pm— Taiko	3	4 	5 Jr. Hi Camp Ends	6 9:30 am Taiko
7 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion Coffee Hour	8 10:00 am Staff Meeting	9	10	11 Tao Calligraphy 10:11:30 am 7:00—8:30 pm	12 Pastor & Scott/Sheri at Camp Mesa	13 9:30 am—Taiko 2:30—4:00 pm Break Bread Littleton UMC Pastor & Scott /Sheri at Camp Mesa
14 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Church Picnic at Oakhurst Park in Westminster	15 	16 10:00 am- Taiko	17 6:00 pm Finance Committee Pastor Leah Out of office	18 Tao Calligraphy 10:11:30 am 7:00—8:30 pm	19	20 9:30 am—Taiko Pastor Leah returns
21 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 Knit & Crochet Asian Camp Begins	22 10:00 am Staff Meeting	23	24 11:00 am—APDC Luncheon	25	26	27 9:30 am—Taiko Asian Camp Ends
28 8:30 am—SPRC 10:00 - WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 am—Ad Council	29	30 9:30 am Assemble Newsletter	31			

LITURGISTS

July 07 TBD
July 14 Noelle Maynell
July 21 TBD
July 28 TBD

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Charlotte Namba

USHERS

TBD
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