

Change is a necessity but can be a challenging and uncomfortable time in our lives. Caterpillars remind us of the need for change. Caterpillars are the eating and growing stage for the butterfly, but they cannot mate and reproduce. The adult butterfly is both the mating and egg-laying stage of the beautiful insect. Also, adult butterflies can disperse by flight, sometimes long distances, to either colonize new areas with fresh plants for the caterpillars or even migrate long distances to escape our freezing winters. Caterpillars must change to fulfill their purpose in life and continue to exist.

The United Methodist Church is also in the midst of change. The 2019 United Methodist Special General Conference voted to retain a non-affirming stance on same-sex marriages, bans the ordination of LGBTQ+ clergy and bans the consecration of gay bishops. The ruling also establishes punitive penalties for clergy who officiate same-sex weddings or violates other rules.

Bishop Karen Oliveto and the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, the jurisdiction that includes the State of Colorado, maintains that the United Methodist Church is blessed by diversity and will continue to foster a hospitable church that is inclusive. There are many positions within the global United Methodist Church that span the spectrum of conservative, liberal and centrist ideals. Opposing the ban, many churches and clergy have affirmed their commitment to inclusivity of the LGBTQ+ community. My theology is liberal and is grounded in unconditional love for all!

As a church, it is important for Simpson to begin to develop an understanding of its theological perspective on inclusion. As we begin to explore Simpson's perspective, I want to create a safe place where people can honestly share their thoughts and know that your opinions are being heard and respected. As a church, we do not have to have identical opinions but hope all opinions can be respected.

To begin exploring Simpson's perspective on inclusion, I have asked our Lay Leaders, Paula Matsumoto and Owen FitzSimons, to begin conversations with our members by asking a series of questions. Please understand that the Lay Leaders are vehicles for creating a safe environment for open sharing and gathering responses to the questions. All responses will be confidential, and they will never impose their beliefs upon the conversation or your responses! Also, you can always talk with me or even submit written responses to the questions. If you have any questions, please let me know.



2019 Strategic Planning Team

Andy Cleary, Betsy Sato, Charlotte Namba,
George Kawamura, Jane Fujioka, John Hall,
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Hamai, Owen FitzSimons

Dear Members of the Simpson United Methodist Church

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this year's Bazaar another success. These Lay Leaders had many comments on how yummy the food was and how smoothly it was run for how busy we were. Thank you again for continuing to support this important event.

The Ad Council has moved their monthly meetings to the last Sunday of each month after service. Please plan to attend and participate. They need your support and feedback at these important meetings. Your thoughts and concerns are crucial to Simpson's future.

The Youth are gearing up for Youth and Asian Camp this summer. They had a successful fundraiser on Mother's Day, a very tasty Hawaiian Breakfast. Please support them as you are able with regards to these wonderful endeavors.

Although summer is fast approaching we still have a busy schedule at Simpson. Keep watching for information on the Church Picnic and a special conversation with our Consul-General Midori Takeuchi.

Please contact Carol FitzSimons for more information and the next volunteer day.

As always, please continue to reach out to us. We are here for you always. We realize that there are many critical issues facing SUMC at this time that could significantly affect our future, and we would appreciate congregational feedback on any and all of them.

May grace and blessings be in your path,

Owen FitzSimons 303-910-2664

Paula Matsumoto 303-908-8456

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."
– Anonymous



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:

1. 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.
2. We have signed a purchase agreement with Rogers & Sons for our boiler replacement. Installation will begin when all parts arrive; estimating June or July.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Thank you!

Trustees

Sunday School FUN

Hello all,

I want to start by saying it was a great year in Sunday school. The students learned bible lessons, played games, and made crafts. The year was highlighted by Rally Sunday, the Christmas pageant, and the Easter Egg hunt.

I will be meeting with all the parents to discuss summer activities and will post a schedule soon.

Thanks for a great year!

The Junior High and Asian Camp youth would like to Thank the congregation for all their support on the Mother's Day Fundraising and Donations to help send them to Junior High Camp and Asian Camp.

They would also like to Thank Emma, Hannah, Sarah, Kevin and Tracy Shigio, Alex, Joel and Hiroko Nishida, Tim Cleary, Charlotte Namba and Sheri and Scott Pelletier for all their hard work on making this Fundraiser a great success and for bringing the congregation together for fun and fellowship.


Thank You Again,

The Junior High And Asian Camp Youth



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!

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!!!	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.	June 30th Board Game Day. Please bring your favorite board game. We will start at 10:00 a.m. and finish around 11:30.
	July 14th Simpson UMC All Church Picnic.	July 21st TBD
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.	Aug. 17th – 18th Summer lock in starting at 7:00 p.m. And finishing at 11:00 after the service.	

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.



Given By

Ron Ida
Ben Ichikawa
Paula Matsumoto
Carol Yamamoto

In Memory Of

Mary Ida, Harry Ida
Madge Ichikawa
Sam Matsumoto
Nobuko Furuiye

*In
Loving
Memory*

Gifts to the Church

Boiler Fund

Friday Bridge Club, Jomon Workshop, Calvin Yukihiro, Bowling League

Choir

Karla Cornish

Easter

Sue Arai, Janeal & Cheyenne Bailey, Bess Joko, Carol & Owen FitzSimons, Dorothy Gorai, Bob Fujioka, Bruce Fukui, Masako Furuiye, Ruby Hada, Esther Hashiba, Ben Ichikawa, Mae Ida, Mary K. Ida, Ron Ida, Grace Ito, Akira Kasahara, George Kawamura, Cindy Kondo, Kazuko Mizoue, Ritsuko Munn, William Murakami, Thomas Nakai, Donald Nakama, Charlotte & Ken Namba, Carolyn Nishimoto, Mary Nishiyama, Joel Nishida, Yasuko Nonaka, Jean Okagawa, Dorothy Okita, Fusako Okuno, Joe Onodera, Gary Orazio, Russell Ota, Alben Sakaguchi, Stacey Shigaya, Ruth Shinto, Teddy Shiohita, Gloria Smith, Ruthe Terada, Mr. and Mrs. James Tingstrom, Grace Tochiara, Nori Tsutsui, Barbara Wong, Charles Yamaguchi, Carol Yamamoto

Newsletter

Mayrene Kiyota

Utilities

Cindy Kondo

THANK YOU to all the great bakers who provided items for our Bazaar Bake Sale:

Bess Joko, Glenice Bowman, Julia Kamura, Charlotte Namba, Ruth Shinto, Jane Fujioka Paula Coloroso, Pam Shinto, Carol Nishimoto, Sharon & Jim Tingstrom, Chrissy Joko, Betty & Tom Fujikawa, Grandma Terada.

BAZAAR MEAT DONATIONS: Akiko Akiyama, Anonymous, Sue Arai, Cheyenne & Janeal Bailey, Glenice Bowman, Sarah Broderick, Paula Coloroso, Mr. & Mrs. Dion Dishong, Mr. & Mrs. Owen FitzSimons, Tom & Kathy Fuita, Bruce Fukui, Masako Furuiye, Dorothy Gorai, Ruby Hada, Dan Hamai, Hiroko Hansen, Pat Hatasaka, Evelyn Hayashida, Esther Hashiba, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Higuchi, Ben Ichikawa, Mae Ida, Mary Ida, Ron Ida, Bess Joko, Julia Kamura, Eddie Kawano, Mitch Kishiyama, George & Ruth Kawamura, Mayrene Kiyota, Eileen Mayeda, Joyce Miyagishima, Kazuko Mizoue, Ritsuko Munn, Don Nakama, Charlotte & Ken Namba, Joel Nishida, Mary Nishiyama, Jean C. Okagawa, Dorothy Okita, Russell Ota, Aiko Okubo, Alben Sakaguchi, C. & W. Sagara, Paul Sasa, Betsy Sato, Tracy Shigio; Stacey Shigaya, Jim & Diane Shinto, Ruth Shinto, Cynthia Shiohita, Teddy Shiohita, Catheryn Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Stome Tanita, Ruthe Terada, Mr. & Mrs. Terada, Sharon & Jim Tingstrom, Grace Tochiara, Naoji Tsutsui, Terry & Bobbi Wong, Charlie Yamaguchi, Ed & Flo Yamaguchi, Carol Yamamoto, Geiko Yoshida.

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS/DONATIONS GIVEN FOR BAZAAR:

Denver Buddhist Temple (Joni Sakaguchi), Ruth French, Ron Ida, Rayanne Mori – Monarch Society, William Murakami, Jim Nogami, Peggy Osuga, Pacific Mercantile, Midori Takeuchi, Valente's Deli, Calvin Yukihiro.

A big **THANK YOU** to our faithful volunteers Bess Joko, Julia Kamura and Grace Tochiara, for assembling the May Newsletter for mailing on April 30, 2019.

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

You are very much appreciated!

Church News

All-Church Picnic

Please note on your calendar the date for the All-church picnic – **Sunday, July 14, 2019**, after worship, at **Oakhurst Pavilion, in Westminster**. We will have a barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers to go along with your side dish to share. Watch for the next newsletter for more details of this fun event.



Easter Lily Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter Lily fundraiser! Through your generosity, our sanctuary was beautiful on Easter Sunday, and we added \$259 to our choir's musician/music fund.

Kathy Fujita

Afternoon Tea for Counsel General, Midori Takeuchi



Simpson UMC would like to invite the Japanese-American community to meet the new Japanese Counsel General, Midori Takeuchi, on **Sunday, June 30, 2019**. 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.

It would be helpful if JA organizations would let us know how many members plan to attend, but anyone interested in meeting Midori is invited. Please call the church office at 303-428-7963 for this information. Thank you.

Trustee—Safety Worship Sunday - Defibrillator

Thank you to all who participated in the Safety Sunday on April 27. The defibrillator located by the elevator is now equipped with updated pads. The pads that are in place are suitable for anyone over the age of 8. For a cardiac emergency involving a child, there is also a new pediatric pad in the carrying case. In an emergency, call 911, take the defibrillator to the location of the victim, and follow the instructions from the speaker on the defibrillator. (as shown in the video at this link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V99-R12iCS4>. Also, maps were made available showing locations of exits and fire extinguishers. These will be posted at strategic locations in the building.



Trustee Workday—July 13th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Come help beautify our church at our next Trustee Workday. We will be focusing our attention on outdoor activities so please bring any gardening tools you may have!

Hina Matsuri Committee

The Hina Matsuri committee would like to thank the following people for helping with the all church clean up in February

Stacey Shigaya, Bob Fujioka, Dennis Kitayama, Ellison Namba, Todd Namba, Danny Hamai
Jim and Sharon Tingstrom, Tom Fujita, Karla Cornish, Kazuko Dishong, Owen FitzSimons
Grace Tochiara, Mary Nishiyama, Jacqueline Cornish

We would also like to thank everyone that came to help with the festival. Without the help of our church and community we would not be able to put on these events.

Community Corner

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

Marcia Sasaki is a Denver native and has been committed to helping others for most of her life. She has been a licensed RN and Nurse Consultant for over 30 years with 25 years of complementary therapies experience. As a life coach and holistic practitioner, she continues to search for and learn ways to help others achieve their optimum wellness and success in any area of their lives. This brought her to focus on the importance of the underappreciated aspects of the spiritual on the health of the soul, heart, mind and body. Her desire to teach others self-healing and to regain their innate powers to overcome challenges led her to Dr. and Master Zhi Gang Sha, who is a transformational leader, award winning humanitarian and NY Times best-selling author. His latest inspiration was to create Tao Calligraphy (Pronounced "Dao" is Chinese to express the Source, Ultimate Creator,

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

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

Legacy High School Baseball Field & Broomfield Park
2701 W 138th Ave.
Broomfield, CO 80023

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June 22 & 23, 2019

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— AT SAKURA SQUARE —

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June 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 9:30 am Taiko
2 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion SS/Youth Goof Ball Games	3	4 7:00 pm— Taiko	5	6	7	8 9:30 am—Taiko 2:00pm Aster Oye Celebration of Life
9 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE	10 10:00 am Staff Meeting	11	12	13	14	15 9:30 am—Taiko
16 Father's Day 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 Knit & Crochet Youth Car Wash for Dads and Mentors	17	18 10:00 am—Taiko	19 6:00 pm Finance Committee	20	21	22 9:30 am—Taiko
23 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 am—Ad Council" 30 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 12:15 - Tea —Midori Takeuchi	24 10:00 am Staff Meeting	25 9:30 am Assemble Newsletter	26	27	28	29 9:30 am—Taiko

LITURGISTS

June 02 John Hall
June 09 David Powell
June 16 TBD
June 23 TBD
June 30 Dan Goto

GROCERY CERTIFICATES

Charlotte Namba

USHERS

Dan Goto
TBD
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AV Tech

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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: loveandlightsofhealing@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)