Simpson News

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The Christian calendar has two Christ-centered cycles: Advent-Christmas-Epiphany and Lent-Easter-Pentecost. Each cycle begins with a season of preparation, Advent and Lent, followed by a season of celebration, Christmas and Easter. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten which means "spring." Initially, Lent was a time for new converts to prepare for baptism on Easter Eve by studying the gospel, fasting and penance.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 26th. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, and the Imposition of Ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. This practice is the historic focus of Ash Wednesday observance and gave the day its name. It is traditional to save the palm branches from the previous Passion/Palm Sunday service and burn them to produce the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

There are many ways that we can participate in Ash Wednesday. This year, we will not have an evening Ash Wednesday Service. Instead, I plan to offer the Imposition of Ashes to our local neighborhood and G-Line riders. As a way to get outside the walls of the church and into our local neighborhood, I will have a small "Got Ashes, We Do" sign as a way to invite the public to celebrate in Ash Wednesday. I will be standing outside, on Simpson's property, to offer a blessing to anyone who wishes. I encourage you to find a different way to celebrate Ash Wednesday this year. You can use one of the suggestions below or use your own creativity.

Service: During Ash Wednesday, we remember that we are part of the entire human family which makes it a great day to serve others. See if you can serve a meal during your lunch hour, support your local elementary school by having lunch with your child, or shovel the snow from a neighbor's driveway.

Prayer: Rather than setting aside a special time for prayer, pray throughout your day. Pray for the drivers of the vehicles and fellow mass transit passengers with whom you share your commute. Pray as you pass the hospital, police station, and government offices. Lift up the trash collector and the mail carrier. Pray as you write a letter, email, or Facebook post to an old friend.

Make Something: Some of us reflect and pray best when our hands are busy. Ash Wednesday could be a day to create something new. Get back in the workshop and spend time cutting, sanding, and gluing. Sit at a piano and let the music flow. Take out the paints, glue, clay, and other supplies to create a work of art.

Be Still: Others find meaning in stillness. Try a practice a centering prayer by lighting a candle and pausing before the presence of God. Take a yoga class, enjoy a cup of coffee on your deck, listen for the crackling candle wick, the wind, the birds, the voice of God.

This year, use your creativity to find a new way to be close to God! May it be so. Pastor Leah



Church News

Christmas Outreach

"THANK YOU"

The Team on Programs and Ministry want to thank all those who helped with our neighborhood outreach in December. The Youth and parents were a great help and we thank the Shigio's - Emma, Hannah, Sarah and Tracy; the Hamai's - Madison, Jorey and Dan; and, the Maynell's - Mason, Max and Noelle. The youth and their parents delivered our Christmas Eve service invitations to the nearby neighborhood and a few invited families attended!!

Bento for Shut-in Ministry

Dear Simpson families, the ONE committee has been making bento lunch boxes (20-25 lunches) for Simpson members who are unable to leave their homes so that they can still enjoy Japanese food. We plan to continue this ministry every other month this year. It has come to our attention that there are Simpson families who want to be part of this ministry by preparing the bento boxes with their individual families. We love this idea and encourage you to contact us (Simpson office) to sign up for a month to do this. You can plan and prepare the bento boxes in your own home or use the church kitchen. ONE committee members are also available to help and/or will provide drivers to deliver the bento boxes. Consulate General Takeuchi along with ONE members will be preparing the bento boxes at her home in February to kick off this ministry in 2020. Please also contact the office if you would like a bento delivered to you or if you are available to be a delivery driver.

Attention All College Students

The Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee would like to encourage you to apply for the scholarship available through the church for continuing college students. This year we will make available The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship.

These scholarships will be awarded to continuing college students, and/or college graduates who are planning to further their education by entering into one of the following: a business, trade, technical, or vocational school; an undergraduate college or university program; or a graduate program. Scholarship recipients must demonstrate that they have been accepted into their selected program at an accredited educational institution. If you receive an award and are unable to pursue your education immediately after graduation, you are expected to return the scholarship funds and Simpson United Methodist Church will hold your scholarship funds in your name for up to five years.

Active participation in and support of Simpson United Methodist Church and Christian values is mandatory for scholarship consideration along with other factors such as involvement in the Japanese American community, grade point average, community service, and school activities. Eligibility for The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship requires an affiliation and involvement with Simpson United Methodist Church.

All participants are required to do community service at Simpson. For continuing college students a minimum of 5 hours must be completed prior to scholarship application due date.

The scholarship application form as well as the volunteer attestation form may be downloaded from the church website located at www.simpsonumc.com. The deadline for application is **April 2**, **2020** and will not be extended. **All applications must be postmarked by this date for consideration. Also, please email your application to sumcscholarship@gmail.com.**

Scholarship recipients are also expected to be present in worship on **Sunday, June 14**, at 10:00 a.m., for recognition and will be asked to speak briefly about their educational plans and how the received scholarship will help them achieve their educational goals. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to email us at sumcscholarship@gmail.com or call Bobbi Wong at 303-741-2660, Julie Cleary at 303-477-8509, or Cindy Kondo at 303-433-8957.

A Note of Celebration from the Trustees

The Church will be selling a small portion of our property along 60th Street as required by the City of Arvada. Arvada, the purchaser, will be widening the street to accommodate the additional traffic for the light-rail station located across the street from the church.

Youth Fundraiser

On Sunday, February 9th, come and join us for a nice bowl of chili and stay for fun and fellowship.

Hosted by the youth that are going to camps this summer.

Stop by Simpson UMC's table at the Winterfest celebration on February 29th. See you there!



January Newsletter Assemblers—1/7/20

Thank you to Julia Kamura, Eileen Mayeda and Charlotte Namba We REALLY could not get the Newsletters out in a timely manner without you.



Thank You from Mari Welch...

I am grateful for the gifts and notes given to me through the "Christmas Box". Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Thank You from Pastor Leah....

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas cards, tasty treats, thoughtful gifts and your generosity. You are such a blessing to me!



Remembering the

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of the

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Day of Remembrance 2020



Mile High Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League In partnership with History Colorado & Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado

FREE ADMISSION

Sunday, February 16, 2020 | 1pm - 3pm

History Colorado Center | 1200 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80203

Contact info@milehighjacl.org for more information

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which allowed the US military to designate "exclusion zones" to ban anyone of Japanese ancestry.

These exclusion zones were along the West Coast, and reflected the fear that anyone who was even part-Japanese -- including children who were born in the US and therefore American citizens – could be spies or saboteurs. As a result of EO 9066, 120,000 people of Japanese descent were incarcerated during World War II in 10 concentration camps hastily built inland, from remote parts of California to the swamps of Arkansas. One concentration camp, Amache, was built in southeast Colorado and housed almost 10,000 people during the war.

The Mile High Chapter of the JACL, the oldest Asian American national civil rights organization, every year sponsors a Day of Remembrance event so that we won't forget the injustice that happened 77 years ago.

This year's Day of Remembrance will be held Sunday, Feb. 16 from 1-3 pm at History Colorado Center, 12th and Broadway.

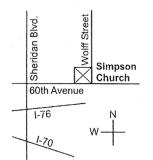
Join us for keynote speaker Mitch Maki, CEO of the Go For Broke National Education Center in Los Angeles, who will pay tribute to the heroes of the Military Intelligence Service, or MIS. These Nisei soldiers were not famous like the "Go For Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe, but they were instrumental in the allied victory in the Pacific, and in the U.S. Occupation postwar Japan.

DOLL & CULTURAL **FESTIVAL**

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FREE ADMISSION

Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th, 2020 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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FEATURING:

Calligraphy

Origami

Tea Ceremony

Bonsai

Ikebana

Taiko

Japanese & Okinawa

Dancing

Martial Arts

Kimekomi Dolls

Japanese Music

-Koto

-Shakuhachi

-Shamisen

Ukulele Group

Folk Dance



At A Nominal Fee, While Supplies Last Lunch proceeds will be donated to New Boiler

FUTURE EVENTS:

Saturday, May 2 Saturday August Bazaar

Peach Sale

Sunday October 18

Orders taken in July) Arts & Crafts Showcase

Saturday December 5 Mochi Sale Sunday December Poinsettia Sale



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:

Daniel Hamai Family Curtis Higuchi Alan Ito Bob Ito Paula Matsumoto Russell (James) Ota

Carolyn Sagara Teddy Shioshita

Catheryn Smith & Gloria Smith
Jodi Sato, Joyce Masunaga Tran
and family, Tom Fujikawa,
Joanne Creissen, Ruth Shinto,
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Alfred Miyagushima, Jim Fox

In Memory of:

Mary Masunaga

Reiko Y. Hamai
Ralph Carr
The Ito Family
Jack J. & Ritsu Ito
Doris Matsumoto
Gerri Ota, Marge Ota,
Casey Hayashida
John, June & Brooke Okizaki
George Shioshita
Miyako Smith



Loving Memory

Other gifts to the church:

Boiler Fund: Dion Dishong, Nisei Bowling Association, Gaye Yoshida

Choir: Karla Cornish

Christmas: Aki Doi Akiyama, Sue Arai, Eri Asano, Cheyenne Bailey, Tim Cleary, Dion Dishong, Carol & Owen FitzSimons, Dorothy Gorai, Sachi Goto, Esther Hashiba, Evelyn Hayashida, Ben Herlinger, Ty & Amy Higuchi, Curtis Higuchi, Mae Ida, Mary K. Ida, Betty Inouye, Craig A. Iriye, Bess Joko, Darin Joko, Akira Kasahara, Mitch Kishiyama, Furuiye Masako, Judi & Don Miyoshi, Charlotte Namba, Thomas Nakai, Donald Nakama, Joel Nishida, Mary Nishiyama, Dorothy Okita, Aiko Okubo, Joe Onodera, Julie Onsager, Roger & Joanne Pearce, David, Nikki & Dani Powell, Randy Sagara, Alben Sakaguchi, Paul Sasa, Stacey Shigaya, James Shinto, Ruth Shinto, Teddy Shioshita, Randy Shioshita, Catheryn Smith, Gloria Smith, Midori Takeuchi, Stome Tanita, Isami Terada, Mike Terada, Ruthe Terada, Grace Tochihara, James Tingstrom, Forrest Trimbell, Carol Yamamoto, Chizuru Yoshino,

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Newsletter: Gloria Smith, Chizuru Yoshino

Roof Fund: Tad Asano, Jacqueline Cornish

Thanksgiving: Evelyn Hayashida, Mitch Kishiyama, Kazuko Mizoue, Charlotte Namba, Stome Tanita, Isami Terada, Chizuru Yoshino

Utilities: Bridge Club

Thank you for Trish and Larry for brightening our holidays with the beautiful Gingerbread House.

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Arvada CO 80003-6833 Telephone: 303/428-7963, Fax: 303/427-1577

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

Saturday	2 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class 9:30 am—Taiko	8 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class 9:30 am—Taiko	15 9:00 am –Japanese Language Class 9:30am – Taiko	9:00 am Japanese Language Class 9:30am – Taiko	29 9:00 am –Japanese Class 9:30 am Taiko Prepare maki manju for Hina Matsuri
Friday		7 9:00 am—Prep for Bentos for Bowling Tournament	14 10:00 am Game Day Valentines Day	21	28
Thursday		9	13	20	27
Wednesday		5	12	19 6:00 pm Finance	26 11:00 am Asian Pacific Development Center Lunch Ash Wednesday
Tuesday		4 7:00 pm Taiko	11	18 10:30 am Taiko	25
Monday		3 10:00 am Staff Meeting	10:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00am Ukulele	17	24 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00am Ukulele
Sunday		10:00 am HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE Coffee Hour	9 6:00 am Bento Boxes in down Kitchen 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Youth/Chili Fundraiser 11:15 am Trustees	16 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 am—Knit & Crochet Day of Remembrance	23 8:30—S.P.R. C. 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15—Ad Council

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