

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Resiliency is the ability to overcome challenges of all kinds. Resiliency is a gift, although it may not look like it in the beginning. Resiliency is proof that you have strength and care about yourself. It means that you did not give up.

Where do you get the resilience to keep going? According to Rick Warren, it is having faith. Faith is believing God could do something at any moment that could change the direction of your life, and you don't want to miss it, so you keep moving forward. It's believing that God will give you precisely what you need when you need it as you learn to rely on God to accomplish God's purpose.

Paul knows that God is the one who has given him the ministry of bringing the truth about Jesus to the world. It's not a position he deserves; it is his by God's mercy. Paul preached his gospel boldly. When Paul considered his calling's greatness, it gave him the heart to face all his difficulties. We often lose heart because we do not consider how great a calling God gives us in Jesus.

God has called Simpson to continue to share the Japanese American history, traditions, and culture for future generations. Our Strategic Planning Teams have been planning and working to carry out God's call for Simpson.

The **Membership Team** cares for our members during the pandemic by sending cards and making phone calls to keep our members connected.

The **Neighborhood Team** is working to identify the needs of our local neighborhood and the JA community. This team also organized the microaggression panel discussion.

The **Stewardship Team** is finding ways to financially support the ministries of the church for future generations.

The **Cultural Team** is supporting and sharing our Japanese and Japanese American cultural legacy.

I have faith that Simpson will continue to live into God's call and be an example of God's love and grace in our community. God has also placed a call upon your heart. I invite you to consider how you can live out your call by being part of one of our four teams. Consider your gifts, consider your passions, and then get involved.

Pastor Leah

Mary Nishiyama, known as the “General” here at Simpson, passed away on December 4, 2020, after a battle with a fractured hip and COVID-19. Mary will be warmly remembered for her ability to organize events at Simpson. She was involved in all of our fund raisers and cultural events.

Born on January 25, 1928 in Ft. Lupton, Mary was the first daughter of 8 children born to Teizo and Tsuyu Hatasaka. After graduating from Brighton High, she moved to Denver to become a school girl (nanny/housekeeper) while attending business school. Her career in bookkeeping and buyer began at Western Merchants and she continued her career at Sports International until retirement.



Mary married Massey Nishiyama on January 9, 1964 and together they enjoyed family, bowling, skiing, golfing, playing cards, and eating good food. Massey passed in 2007.

Mary volunteered in many Japanese American organizations and in 2018 was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award to recognize her years of devotion and leadership.

Mary is survived by daughter Julie Cleary (Andy), grandson Cody Cleary (Aeri), great granddaughter Ruby Cleary and grandson Conor Cleary (Clara).

For more information and pictures about Mary, her family has created a website: Marynishiyama.org.

Message from the Lay Leaders

Co-Lay Leaders 2021

The Co-Lay Leaders will continue to work together to carry out the duties of Co-Lay Leaders for Simpson United Methodist Church in 2021.

We will continue to support the needs of the congregation, staff and the greater community of Simpson as we become aware of those needs. We continue to encourage the congregation to provide ideas and feedback. We are here to help you find the help or answers you need!

During 2020 the duties of the Co-Lay Leaders has been a strange journey with the church and congregation struggling with COVID and we hope to see an end to the pandemic in 2021 so we can all move forward with the revitalization of Simpson.

Don't lose faith, we are here for you and if you ever need to talk please call one of us. Please don't hesitate to leave a message if we are unable to pick up, we will call you back as soon as we can.

The Co-Lay Leaders will continue to serve Simpson in 2021 and look forward to hearing from the congregation for any reason, positive or critical.

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COVID Updates

The information below is related to the COVID –19 Vaccinations
This information was compiled by Simpson members.

For complete information, please contact the CDC (see link below)
and you local physician.

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COVID-19 vaccine information

Updates on Colorado's COVID-19 response is available at this website: covid19.colorado.gov.

If you are age 70 or over, you can click on this link <https://click.ngpvan.com/k/24100679/269650708/-493193078?nvep=ew0KICAiVGvUyW50VXJpljoglm5ncHZhbjoyL3Zhibi9OR1AvTkdQMDYvMS84Njc5MilsDQogICJEaXN0cmldXRpb25VbmlxdWVJZC6ICJjZjJiYyAyYy1kZDVjLWViMTETyTYwNy0wMDE1NWQ0M2M5OTIiLA0KICAiRW1haWxwBZGRyZXNzljoglmthd2FnazQ5QG1zbi5jb20iDQp9&hmac=3TEauhGgXuJiXW-PftluQIY2Mcp2hoTEenre7tfQEhLA=&emci=b3dda5ff-d95c-eb11-a607-00155d43c992&emdi=cf2bb02c-dd5c-eb11-a607-00155d43c992&ceid=7754685> for information on where you can get vaccinated and how to sign up. Resources are listed by counties. Find your county to get information on where you should register and the process to be contacted to schedule an appointment. You can call the following numbers for assistance:

Direct phone numbers for different hospitals:

Denver Health - 303-436-7000

Centura - 866-414-1562

UC Health - 720-462-2255

Boulder Community Health - 303-415-7777

Vail Health - 970-328-9750

SCL Health - 1-833-762-0141

HealthOne - 303-453-2577

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COVID-19 VACCINE, PLEASE CALL:

COHELP

303-389-1687 or 877-462-2911

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Answers available in multiple languages.

2-1-1 Colorado

Call 211 or (866) 760-6489 or Text your ZIP CODE to 898-211

Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Additional resources available from the website include:

CDC: What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19

CDC: [What to Expect after Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

FDA: [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)
Available translations

FDA: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers

COVID Updates (continued)

Boulder County Residents

Thank you for your interest in the COVID-19 vaccine and signing up to be notified when there is vaccine available for your priority group.

Who is Eligible to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine Now?

In Boulder County, we are closely following the [state prioritization for vaccine](#). Currently, the following groups are eligible to receive vaccinations:

[High and moderate-risk healthcare workers](#)

Individuals who are 70 years old or older

Vaccine Supply

Vaccine allocations to Boulder County continue to be **very limited**. The vaccine providers across the county are able to provide about 22,000 vaccinations each week, but there simply isn't enough vaccine available. In fact, this week, only 800 doses were allocated for the entire county. Residents currently eligible and still waiting for vaccine is about 30,000 individuals.

Vaccination Locations

While the supply of the vaccine is still very limited, the following vaccine providers in Boulder County have provided the following information to share with you.

Vaccine appointments are likely full now due to the limited vaccine supply, but we encourage anyone who is eligible now you to sign up with your medical provider (such as Kaiser Permanente) or a hospital affiliated with your medical provider. Please do not add yourself to multiple lists. This information is also available at www.boco.org/COVIDVaccines.

Vaccination Registration Assistance

We encourage residents to assist friends and relatives who may need a little extra help registering online. Individuals can also contact the vaccine provider (e.g. hospital, clinic, pharmacy) directly by calling their main number or calling the Boulder County Public Health call center at 720-776-0822.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

The state health department has launched a hotline specifically to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccines. It is available in multiple languages, including Spanish at 1-877-268-2926.

If you have already received the vaccine, you can disregard this message and unsubscribe from further messages about this topic using the link at the bottom of this email.

Thank you for your patience as we work to protect the community.

COVID-19 Vaccination Team

Boulder County Public Health

Vaccine Provider	Currently Vaccinating	Process	Requirements
Boulder Community Health	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Sign up to be notified at: https://my.bch.org/MyChartPRD/signup	Must create account in hospital portal, no walk-ins. Additional information for 70+ residents is available at www.bch.org/vaccine-70
Centura Health	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Sign up to be notified by completing the vaccine notification sign-up form	Current patients will be contacted, no walk-ins
Clinica Family Health	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Clinica will contact patients directly	Must be Clinica Family Health patient, no walk-ins
Kaiser Permanente	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Visit the Kaiser Permanente vaccine webpage to complete the "COVID-19 vaccine sign up."	First come, first served wait list based on eligibility, no walk-ins
King Soopers	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	No Vaccine Available: Coming soon at www.kingsoopers.com/covidvaccine	Appointment only, no walk-ins
Safeway	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	No Vaccine Available: Sign up to receive vaccine updates	By appointment only, no walk-ins
Salud Family Health Centers	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Register to be contacted at saludclinic.org	Online registration strongly recommended, but can call if no access to computer. No walk-ins. Do not need to be a Salud patient.
SCL Health	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Register on SCL Health's website or call 303-812-2051	Must create an SCL account at MyChart.SCLHealth.org , no walk-ins
UC Health	Healthcare workers and Boulder County residents 70+	Sign up to be placed on a waitlist	UC Health patients can use the My Health Connection online portal, no walk-ins

2021 Day of Remembrance Celebrations

This year's Day of Remembrance will be held **Saturday, Feb. 20 from 2-4 pm**. It will be free to the public and **streamed live on YouTube** (link [here](#)).

Join us for keynote speaker Nga Vuong-Sandoval, a Denver refugee and immigrant advocate, who will discuss the concept of resistance in America and specifically inter-racial solidarity among Japanese Americans and marginalized groups.

If you have any accessibility concerns about the event, or require any help at all attending virtually, please reach out to media@milehighjacl.org.



A big thank-you to our sponsors the Sakura Foundation, and Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple and Simpson United Methodist Church (co-facilitators of the Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation grant).

National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus

Day of Remembrance

Sunday, February 14 at 10 am

And

Friday February 19 at 7pm (virtual)

This event will take place on Sunday, February 14th at 10:00 am during the Simpson UMC Virtual Worship Service and Friday, February 19th at 7pm. The service was developed by the leadership of many lay and clergy from within our NJAUM Caucus churches (historical Japanese- American United Methodist Churches).

Bishop Roy I. Sano will be the guest preacher and this event will be a worship service in remembrance of the incarceration of over 120,000 Japanese Americans interned in the internment camps during WWII.

This is an opportunity remember the injustices of our nation's past and to reaffirm our calling to speak out against these types of injustices from ever happening again to anyone. This is a virtual worship service which we hope you will attend. The service will be shared during Simpson's Sunday Virtual Worship Service on February 14th and will be aired a second time on February 19th at 7:00 pm. We will post the zoom link on our church website when it is established by the planning committee. Thank you!

Community Corner



JARCC VIRTUAL RAMEN CLASS

Hosted by Thirsty Samurai

February 14th, 2021

4:00PM - 6:00PM

Tickets : \$10

Available on Eventbrite

Taught by Japanese native Mariko Murase, this virtual ramen class will teach you how to make your own ramen at home using simple ingredients you can find in your local grocery store.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado 501(c)3 organization



Church News

We would love to hear your thoughts.

Please be sure to participate in our monthly Meetings

Membership Team Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Trustees: 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

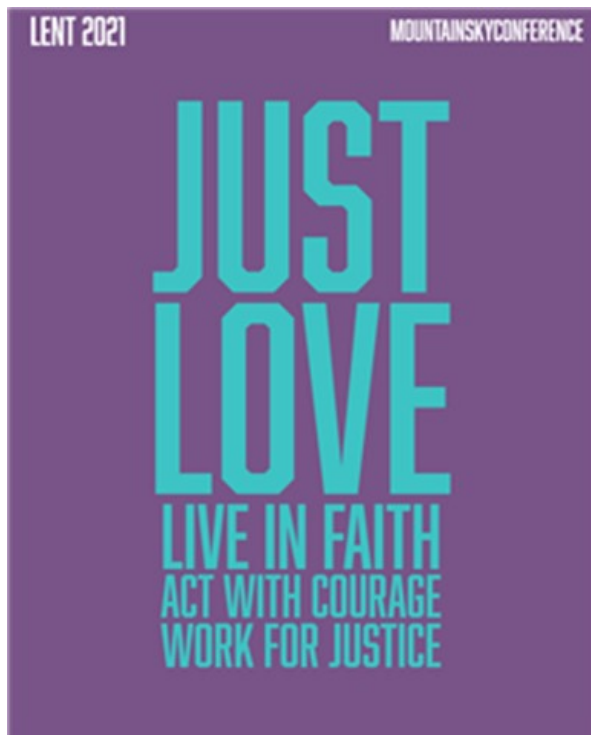
Finance Meetings: 3rd Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

SPRC: 4th Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.

Ad Council: 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Sponsors Meeting: 1st Monday at 6:00 p.m.

ONE Committee: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.



JUST LOVE is a Lenten Series that explores social justice issues and challenges participants to live in faith, act with courage, and work for justice so that all may have an abundant life.

Sundays, starting February 21 through March 28; 5:30-6:45 p.m., via Zoom.

- Japanese Internment (Concentration) Camps and Generational Trauma: How we must not allow history to repeat itself again: presented by Japanese American leaders and Simpson UMC. February 21 & February 28.
 - Human trafficking: Kara Napolitano, Research and Training Manager, Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking, Denver, CO. March 7.
 - Restorative Justice: Catherine Gunderson, Center for Restorative Youth Justice, Kalispell, MT discusses this growing approach within the criminal justice system. March 14.
 - Push Out - Criminalization of Black Girls in School: A 2021 Mission U presentation by ELCA Rev. Melanie Martin-Dent. March 21.
- Immigration "Shoebox Stories" presented by [Motus Theater](#), a unique "story-holding" project, where people stand in another person's shoes by reading aloud their story, saying their words and feeling the weight they carry. Bishop Karen Oliveto and Superintendent Jeff Rainwater will read Cristian Solano-Córdova's story. March 28.

Register at: <https://mtnsky-reg.brapp.com/JustLove>



EASTER LILIES

Unfortunately the Simpson Choir will not be selling Easter lilies this year. Because of the pandemic, Simpson has had to have zoom worship services. Thus we felt that it would be very inconvenient for most of you to pick up your lilies at church. We hope that we will be able to have a different activity later in the year. Thank you for all your support with the Easter lilies (and poinsettias) in past years.

We would like to encourage you to be generous in your Easter offerings to Simpson this year. Even though we are not meeting in person, our church still needs and will appreciate your love and support.

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February 2021

Virtual Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

All Meetings are Virtual until further notice

Email: simpsonumc@comcast.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731-9806	5	6 Japanese Language Class
7 10:00 am—VIRTUAL WORSHIP HOLY COMMUNION	8 6:30 pm Mission & Program Team	9	10	11 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731-9806	12	13 Japanese Class 11:00 am— Membership Meeting
14 Valentines Day Day of Remembrance 10:00 am—VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am—Trustees	15 Presidents Day Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 pm O.N.E.	17 Ash Wednesday	18 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731-9806	19	20 Japanese Class Day of Remembrance
21 10:00 am—VIRTUAL WORSHIP 11:00 am Finance 5:30 pm—"Just Love" Lenten Series via Zoom	22	23	24	25 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731-9806	26	27 Japanese Class
28 8:30 am S.P.R.C. 10:00 am—VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Ad Council 5:30 pm "Just Love" Lenten Series via Zoom						

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Or Current Resident

How would you like to receive our monthly newsletter?

The Simpson News provides an update on the events in the life of our church. The newsletter is available on the church website (<http://www.simpsonumc.com/member-newsletter/>). We also can provide you a copy of the newsletter electronically or mail a hard-copy to your home.

As a way to stay connected with our members, we are like to know how you would like to receive the newsletter. Please contact Mari Welch with your preference (simpsonumc@comcast.net or 303-428-7963 or return the form below. Thank you for your help!

Simpson Newsletter Contact Update Form

Please send me a hard copy of the newsletter:

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