

We have a Story to Tell

We must tell it over and over again for transformation of the world.

There is a wall that is blocking your progress and view. You see a ladder leaning against the wall. What do you do? Your immediate thought might be to hurry up the ladder so you can scale the wall and continue your journey. That is one alternative.

What about putting one foot on the ladder's first rung then stopping to feel the difference between the foot on the ladder and the foot on the ground. Do you have to shift your balance to regain stability? Now, put both feet on the second rung of the ladder. It is at this height that you notice several initials and a heart carved into the wall. You may wonder who chiseled the initials. How did they meet? You may feel joyful to see this expression of love from the past, and it inspires you to remember to call your friend. Now, climb to the fourth rung of the ladder. It is at this height that you see purple flowers draping over the top of the wall. The fragrance of the fresh flowers tickles your nose. You now reach the top of the wall and see the hue of sunset cast upon the valley floor. It is at this point that you know the beauty of God's creation.

We have a story to tell! The stories include many details that will delight and inspire others. Our stories demonstrate the courage and resiliency of the Japanese American community. Our stories are relevant to the events happening in the world today and can be a lesson for future generations. We have a story to tell, and we must tell it over and over to ensure that the beauty of the message is not lost.

Our natural tendency is to scale walls and life events as quickly and efficiently as possible. With this approach, we often miss the beauty of life, flowers and relationships. What if we stop to hear the stories and gain a new perspective? How will we be transformed?

We are Simpson United Methodist Church, and we have a story to tell for future generations. We exist to tell these stories.

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Pastor Leah

Simpson News and Events

Yeah, after last year's freeze out we will have peaches this year. Again as in prior years, the peach committee or SUMC will not be responsible for any peaches not picked up on the date of availability. Please ensure we have your contact phone or cell number in case of any last minute changes. Thanks in advance for your support for SUMC's annual fund raiser.

Momo Taru

SIMPSON ANNUAL PEACH SALE 2021



Notes:

- Peaches cost per box @ \$35.00 ea. (approximately 18#)
- Peaches cost per half box @\$25.00 ea. (approximately 10#)
- Order(s) and Money due by Sunday Aug. 15th. (Sorry no plastic or IOUs)
Make checks payable to Simpson United Methodist Church
- Peaches ready for pick-up Saturday, Aug. 21st. @ 6001 Wolff St., Arvada, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
The church is located just east of 60th and Sheridan. Behind the Sooper Credit Union
- To minimize confusion when picking up your peaches, please use only one name on this form for multiple orders. **Don't forget your phone number.** Required in case of any unexpected changes to delivery or other wise.
- **There will be a surcharge of \$3.00 per box for orders not picked-up on Saturday Aug. 21st. Orders will not be recognized without money and completed order form which include your contact number.**

- Order taken by _____ **PHONE:** _____

Name	Half Box	Full Box	Total Bxs	Check #	Cash

Dear Simpson UMC Family,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the ongoing love, support, and prayers you have all been sending to us, it truly means the world to have such a caring community around us. I know it's been a while since we've been at church so wanted to provide a quick update here. I continue to heal from my injuries and both Allyson and I are taking time to process and start our healing journey. We hope to come to a service and see all of you.

We will be celebrating Dan's life on Saturday, September 25th at 10am. The service will be held at Simpson United Methodist Church and there will be a reception to follow at Westminster City Park Recreation Center (10455 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, CO 80020) where all can gather to share stories and memories of Dan.

For any updates that might come please see the event on Facebook. [https://www.facebook.com/events/275351307718983/?ref=newsfeed&cft_0\[AZX2bak8cOLqQ_v8Z-5FuMpfoFzSRwR9eiTA0npligK7860wqk1iljrcuR-ValqvqS7YlH94vB5Z-NpFgsCtqyirodAowtjALKCf-91d1-rQdW01XA-QKiGPH8HhKtxgoyj8&tn_=H-R](https://www.facebook.com/events/275351307718983/?ref=newsfeed&cft_0[AZX2bak8cOLqQ_v8Z-5FuMpfoFzSRwR9eiTA0npligK7860wqk1iljrcuR-ValqvqS7YlH94vB5Z-NpFgsCtqyirodAowtjALKCf-91d1-rQdW01XA-QKiGPH8HhKtxgoyj8&tn_=H-R)

With Love,
Patty and Allyson



Memorial service will be held for Don Furuta, former active member of California Street Methodist Church on September 11 at 10 a.m.

9203 South University Blvd, St. Andrews Methodist Church, Highland Ranch, CO.

Dear Pastor Leah and Simpson Leadership,

Thank you very much for welcoming my wife Christine and me into your congregation. We are grateful to have found such a loving church in Simpson.

As I mentioned briefly before, We are not unfamiliar with Simpson UMC. In 1979, when I was a senior in high school, I attended the Asian American Summer Camp, in Evergreen, at the Singing River Ranch. Post camp activities were hosted by Simpson UMC and what a memorable time it was. Christine and I ("just friends" and members of Wesley UMC's MYF group at that time) were blessed to become friends with so many great church members back then and with whom we are still great friends today.

We had no idea in 2019, at that point in our lives (age 58 for me) we would make such a big move, so far from home. No family and only a few friends close by, we decided to follow this new adventure to Colorado. And, what a great adventure it has been albeit just a brief moment in time.

We love Colorado. I've spent countless hours hiking miles and miles of trails, photographing unbelievable wildlife and landscapes from Rocky Mountain National Park to Pike's Peak. We crossed Independence Pass on our way from California to our new home in Colorado, in July of 2019 and what a welcome we received. 12k foot elevation, a beautiful landscape, marmots, thin air and heavenly grandeur. It really set the scene for our life in Colorado...literally and figuratively.

Christine and I had planned to spend many years in Colorado and thought from time to time that this might be where we retired despite our dream to retire in San Diego, California. Never did we imagine that our stay in Colorado would be so short, and what a difficult decision it was to accept a new role with a start-up back in California. By coincidence (we think), this next (and maybe last?) opportunity for my career is taking us to the destination where we long thought might be the place where would like to retire...closer to our children, our siblings and to our extended family.

We met with our real estate agent last week. She helped us to pen our schedule for the coming weeks until we put our house on the market. As Christine will tell you, I am a hopeless procrastinator always trying to put off until tomorrow what I don't want to face today. While I never wanted to face leaving Colorado, the time has come.

For the next several weeks, we will be occupied getting our house ready to put on the market and organizing our things as we prepare to move. Specifically, our house will go on the market the last week of July and movers will come to pack up our house on the third week of August.

For this reason, I wish to respectfully bow out of being an active member at Simpson UMC. Regretfully, I won't be able to attend Membership Committee meetings nor participate in our new bible study - Seeing Gray in a Black and White World. I will do my best to attend Zoom worship services until and after we move for as long as Simpson provides Zoom services.

We can't express enough how great a privilege it has been to be a part of this wonderful congregation. We will keep Simpson in our prayers and hope that you will continue to grow your congregation in Christ, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We will send our forwarding address and contact information, once we find a place to live in San Diego. We hope you will keep in touch and please know, you always have place to stay if you ever visit Southern California.

Again, thank you for your kind welcome and hospitality. It has been a great privilege to be members of Simpson UMC.

Love,
The Nodas - Darryl, Christine, Elyse and Jasmine

Darryl's cell: 408-828-3299
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Simpson's Electronic Giving Is Now Available

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YGQ8/home>

Learn more about our electronic giving by watching the video below:

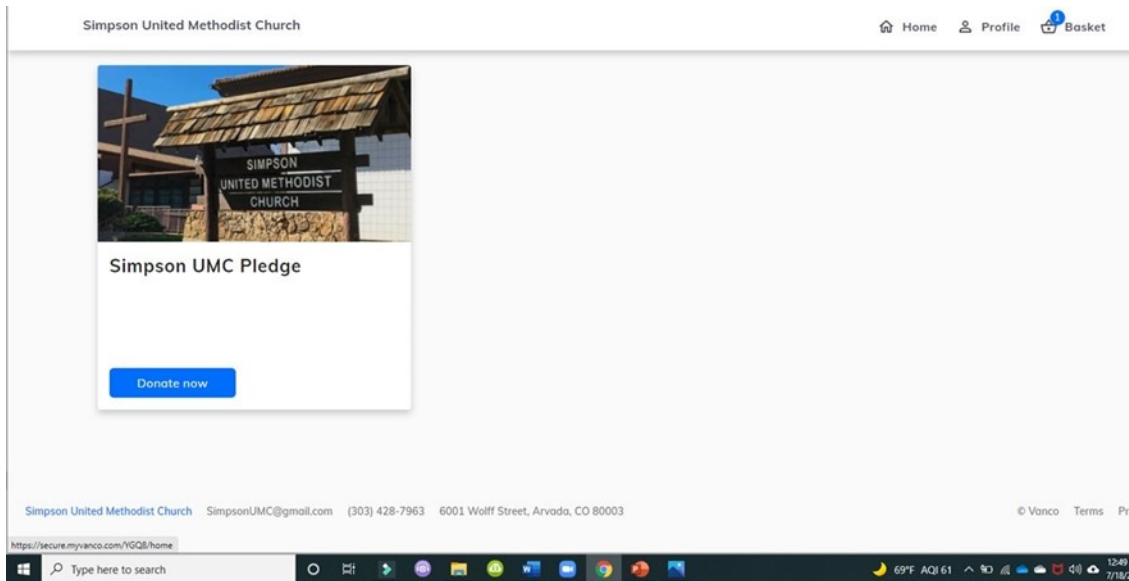
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It is easy to donate online. Here is how:

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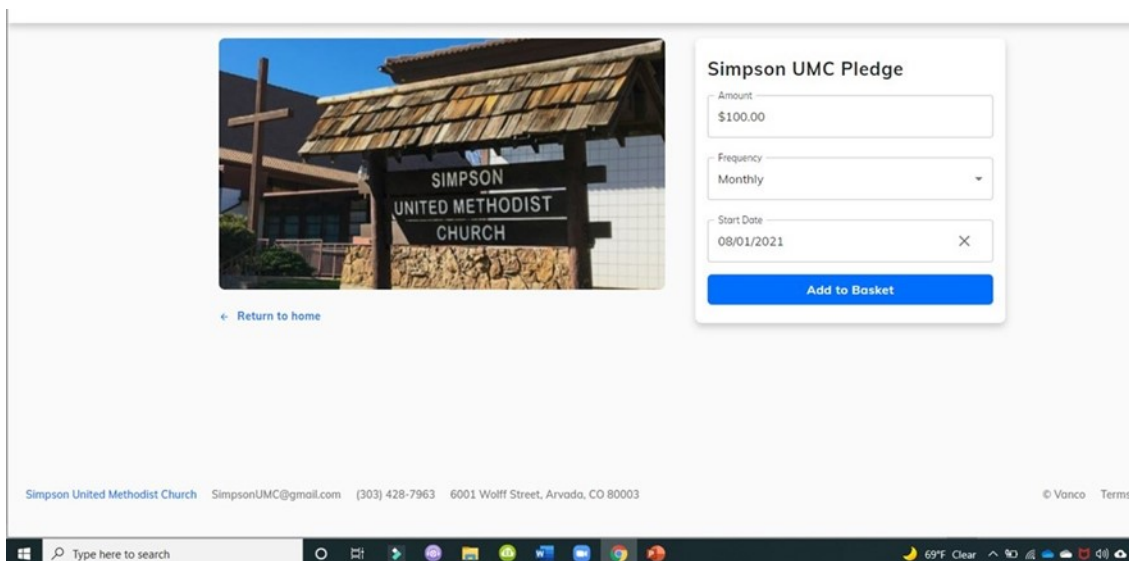
Go to the following site: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YGQ8/home>

and select the “Donate Now” Button.



Step Two:

Enter the amount you wish to donate, the frequency of donation (i.e., a single donation, weekly, or monthly), and the date you wish to begin the donation. Then click the “Add to Basket” button.



Step Three

Enter your payment information and select the “Continue to review” button.

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Step Four

Submit your donation.

You will receive a confirmation of your donation.

Thank you for your continued support of Simpson!

The link will be included on our website in the near future.

Join us for Family Fun Night—August 13th, 7:00 pm

Fun—Laughter—Prizes and BINGO!

Register by emailing Calvin at yukihcal@yahoo.com



Community Corner



SAKURA
FOUNDATION

presents a virtual gathering via ZOOM

Being Asian American:

Thurs, Aug 11
6:30-8pm MDT

A DIALOGUE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "ENOUGH"

Facilitated by **Joie Ha**, Founder of **CORE**
Featuring **Gina Atkins, Harry Budisidharta, & Clarence Low**

JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ASIAN IN AMERICA AND AMERICAN IN OUR ASIAN COMMUNITY. ASIAN AMERICANS OFTEN WALK A TIGHTROPE BETWEEN CULTURES. IS THIS HARD? EASY? STRESSFUL? REWARDING? WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE "ENOUGH?"



All ethnicities are welcome at this FREE virtual event

Register at <https://beingaa-aug11.eventbrite.com>

Join us on a Pilgrimage of Heart Mountain

The Racial Justice Movement and Ministries Task Force (RJMM) of the Mountain Sky Conference will host a Spiritual Pilgrimage to the Heart Mountain WWII Japanese American Confinement Site on Saturday, September 18th, 2021. The intent of this trip is to learn both the history and what it means for us today; as community members and as disciples of Jesus Christ, practicing how to be anti-racist and together build beloved community.

We will be meeting at the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center at 1pm MT.

We will be there for about 3 hours.

Our time together will continue at Cody UMC, for additional learning, conversation, prayer, communal reflection, and dinner.

Registration Cost is \$30.

Lodging Options:

Special lodging prices are available until August 17th, 2021.

Please call the hotel directly to book your room. When making your reservation, please say it is with the "Mountain Sky Conference UMC" Group.

[Comfort Inn](#) – 307-587-5556

\$179.00 plus 11% tax per room/per night. 1-4 persons per room
5 rooms are available.

[Buffalo Bill \(Cabin\) Village](#) – 307-587-5544

\$169.00 plus 11% tax per room/per night. 1-4 person per room
20 rooms are available.

Rooms at this rate are available for the nights of Friday, September 17th; Saturday, September 18th; and/or Sunday, September 19th.

If you would like to lodge with others, you are encouraged to make those arrangements (who you are lodging with) and secure the hotel reservation directly with the hotel. If you are not sure who to lodge with and would like 1 roommate, please email Rev. Nguyen and you will be assigned a roommate. In addition, please indicate which nights you will be staying. The cost per night will be \$84.50 plus tax.

If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool or would like a ride, please contact Rev. Nguyen. We will try our best to make arrangements/connections.

Online Registration will be made available soon.

Please contact Rev. Bich Thy (Betty) Nguyen if you have any questions.

bnguyen@mtnskyumc.org





It's that time of year again!
We need volunteers for the

**36th ANNUAL
GO FOR BROKE
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13th

Thorncreek Golf Course
13555 Washington St. Thornton, CO

Volunteer Times

6:30AM-12:30PM or 12:30PM– 6:30 PM

If you can not volunteer for the times listed, we can use any
& all help. Please tell your family & friends! It's a great
opportunity for high school students to earn service hours.
Help us continue this great golf tournament benefitting the
Japanese American Graduation Program.

Contact Jill Takata @ 303.903.1045/djtakata@msn.com or
Heather Yago @ 303.909.4702/hnyago0910@gmail.com
to volunteer.

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AUGUST 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 10:00 am— HOLY COMMUNION In-Person Service	2	3	4	5 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731- 9806	6	7
8 10:00 am—VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE Guest Preacher Bill Moore 11:00 am Trustees	9 Service for Ray Boyer at Olinger Highland Mortuary - 3:00 pm	10 6:30 pm O.N.E Via Zoom	11	12 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731-9806 Stewardship Meeting 5:30	13 Go for Broke Golf Tournament Virtual Family Fun Night	14 Japanese Language Class 11:00am Membership Meeting
15 Orders & Money due for Peaches. 10:00 am— In-Person WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Finance Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731- 9806	20	21 Japanese Language Class 9 am—3 pm Peach Pickup in church parking lot
22 8:30 am S.P.R.C. 10:00 am—VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am—Ad Council	23	24	25	26 10:00 am Simpson Chat Line (727) 731- 9806	27	28 Japanese Language Class
29 10:00 am—In-Person WORSHIP SERVICE	30	31				

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