

Simpson United Methodist Church

Simpson News

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The New Year is a time in which a new calendar year begins and we create a list of new resolutions.

I keep a small Advent Wreath on my desk. It is a daily reminder that Jesus came down to be with us and to offer love, hope, joy, and peace. The white candle of the Advent Wreath reminds me to keep Christ in the center of my life. What if we alter our understanding of the linear nature of the calendar year and believe that renewal can happen on a daily basis?

When we keep Christ in the center of our lives, we can see how God transformed us. What if we begin to live our lives in the confidence that God relieves us of the overwhelming burden of trying to make life work on our own. Gone would be the belief that our life needs tweaking. Gone would be the need to create New Year resolutions. Gone are the unworthy feelings when our desires and plans go unfulfilled. Psalm 121:3-4 reminds us that God, who "never slumbers or sleeps," is constantly working throughout history and in our individual life. We can have the confidence that God is with us each day. Gone would be the belief that God is distant, only jumping in to save us in times of crisis. Gone would be the idea that we are left alone to figure out life on our own.

My prayer for you is that you will be renewed and transformed by God daily. Let God stretch you in ways that may initially feel uncomfortable but later feel natural. Let God open your eyes to view the world differently. May you feel the love of God --daily!

Pastor Leah

THANK
you!

Pastor Leah, Mari, Cheryl, Kyle, Chen, and Brian are incredibly grateful of the beautiful Christmas cards, delectable treats, thoughtful gifts, and your generosity. You, Simpson UMC, are a blessing to us and to the world!



Church Hours

In-person Worship in Sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 AM

The church office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Cheryl Dial, Bookkeeper, will be in the office on Thursdays.

Pastor Leah's day off is Monday.



Advent and Christmas 2021!



Thank you to everyone who contributed cookies and tins on December 19th!



Special thanks to Charlotte & Ken Namba; George Kawamura; Dave Powell; Noelle Maynell; Dennis Kitayama; Alan Suzuki; and Carol & Owen FitzSimons for deliver cookies for our homebound members.



Many thanks to Charlotte Namba and Jane Nakama for guiding our intern, Brian Lee!



Simpson News and Events

Sakura Square LLC

As many of you are aware, Sakura Square and Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple representatives are actively working on the redevelopment of our block. In the coming days you may notice signs posted around the property regarding our application for a Certificate of Demolition Eligibility (CDE) for Sakura Square. If granted by the City of Denver, the CDE would provide us with a five-year window in which we can demo Tamai Tower and other commercial structures on the block. The CDE is the first step in a multi-year process regarding the redevelopment of Sakura Square, a project that will ensure the preservation of our Japanese American heritage for future generations. Most importantly, the CDE process will have no immediate impact on any of our existing commercial tenants or Tamai Tower residents as any demolition and construction are still years away. The Temple has previously applied for their CDE and has successfully received approval.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 303-204-8039 or GaryY@sakurasquare.com. For additional information on the redevelopment, please visit SakuraSquare.com to view the redevelopment FAQs.

We appreciate the community support we have enjoyed over the decades and will share more information as it becomes public. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will enhance our community and maintain the cultural elements at Sakura Square.

Simpson's Leaders

With the start of 2022, there will be transitions in leadership on the Simpson Ad Council. Owen FitzSimons and Karla Cornish will serve as the Co-Chairs of the Ad Council. Kristine Howland will be serving as the Lay Leader of Simpson. Jacqueline Cornish and Dennis Kitayama will continue on as the chairs of SPRC and the Finance Committee. Thank you Stacey Shigaya and George Kawamura for serving as the Ad Council Chairs and Paula and Owen as our Lay Leaders.

Trustee's Tool Belt

Thank you:

Tom and Kathy Fujita for donation of one Refrigerator and Freezer, Christmas tree, storage bins with cover, roll of tar paper, extension ladder, wooden ladder and empty buckets for bazaar. Thanks for thinking of us and good luck in your new Hawaii home.

Trustees, John Hall, Kai and his dad for relocating the donated appliances from the Fujitas' to SUMC. Thanks also to Pete Le Duc for use of hand dolly and straps.

Dave & Niki Powell, for 4, automatic hand sanitizer. Really appreciate your concern of our members and friends' safety.

Bob Fujioka, Cal Yukihiro, John Hall, Tim Taga, Dave Powell, Kai and his father for always volunteering their Saturdays to assist Trustees with Work Days.

Trustees

Serving Our Neighbors

Note from the ONE Team

I walked into the Blessing Box closet the other day and found the cupboards full of donated items! Thank you to all for your generous donations for our hungry neighbors. Donations are welcome any time as homelessness and hunger are always around. Thank you!

-Charlotte Namba for the ONE Team



Blessing Box Donations

Below is a suggested list of items for the Blessing Box. Many of these items can be purchased at dollar stores and are the ideal size for the Blessing Box.

- Peanut butter (small jars)
- Hamburger Helper or similar
- Dry pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Individual puddings, fruit cups, and apple sauce
- Cereal and granola bars
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Vienna sausages (little cans)
- Canned instant foods like Spaghetti O's
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Deodorant
- Diaper Wipes
- Laundry soap (small packages)
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap



Your donated items may be left in the church hallway or the outer office and we will be glad to place them in the storage area for distribution. Thank you so much for your help.

Serving Our Neighbors

CarePortal: Serving a Child in need

RESPOND

CENTER

CLOSE

Map Satellite

Request ID #

79478

Created

December 13, 2021 1:48:58pm

Agency

Denver Human Services

Zip

80204

Purpose

Help Improve a Child's Well-being

Urgency

Normal: Within 7-10 days

Children Served

1

Estimated Value

\$Primarily goods & services - see detailed description of need

Responses

0

Description

We are requesting support for a Kinship provider who is an elderly Grandmother who has serious health issues and is caring for eight children. The youngest is a one year old and is in need of a high chair and two baby gates.

What's Needed

High Chair, Baby Gate

Google

Through the Colorado Council of Churches, Simpson has joined CarePortal. CarePortal is an online platform that brings the needs of hurting children and families in our community to the attention of participating congregations. Caseworkers from county Departments of Human Services uncover and vet these needs. CarePortal makes local churches and community members aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. Depending on the needs, there are variety of ways for an individual and the congregation to respond - from providing grocery gift cards to giving lightly used furniture like dressers and beds.

If you would like more information, please contact Brian Lee at simpsonintern@gmail.com. You can also visit Simpson's CarePortal page at <https://www.careportal.org/church/simpson-umc/97269/> to see the needs being posted by case workers.

Simpson UMC

6001 Wolff St, Arvada, Colorado 80003

Contact Church Point Person

Submit a Need

Volunteer your time: Complete Tier 2 Application

Open your home: Complete Tier 3 Application

Open Requests & Church Needs

What are you looking for?

County Name

Only Fundable

Only Unmet Needs

SEARCH

Showing 1-20 of 20

Logged in as brianlee9k@gmail.com

Church Stats

Responders

1

Responses

2

Requests met

0

Children served

0

Missions - Soles4Souls

Soles4Souls is a 4-star charity that collects new and slightly used shoes. They send them to impoverished countries and locations that distribute them and start micro-enterprise programs to help people sustain themselves. We are collecting shoes to help this charity during this holiday season. There will be a donation box located inside the church. They collect any type of shoes. Please contact Carol FitzSimons at carol80127@gmail.com with any questions.



Grocery Rebate for Simpson

For those of you who shop at King Soopers for your weekly groceries, please consider signing up for the Community Rewards Program. All you need to do is get a loyalty card at any King Soopers store and then enroll in their program. Please visit <http://www.kingsoopers.com> to set up an account. Once you have enrolled in the program, search for Simpson United Methodist Church either by name or N1444 and then click on enroll. Purchases will not count until you have registered your loyalty card. Every time you shop and use your loyalty card, Simpson will receive a percentage of your purchases, no matter how small. If you need help in enrolling, please call Charlotte Namba at 303-425-7318. Thank you for your time and participation in this program.

Hygiene Kits

Once again the ONE Committee will be sponsoring a collection of hygiene articles. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a permanent committee who help in times of need for victims of natural disasters. All donations, financial and material, are used 100% for victim relief.

UMCOR sponsors an ongoing project of collecting items for Hygiene Kits. The ONE Committee will have collection boxes in the foyer for donated items. Each kit will include the following:

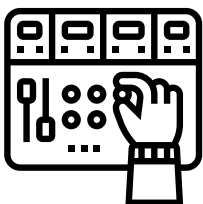
1. One hand towel (15 x 25 to 17 x 27 inches)
 - No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels.
2. One washcloth
3. One comb
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs with handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
4. One toenail or fingernail clipper
 - No emery boards or metal nail files
5. Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
 - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
 - Do not remove from packaging
6. One adult toothbrush
 - Do not remove from packaging
 - Personal advertising not acceptable
7. 10 adhesive bandages (3/4 x 3 inches)
 - Common household bandages acceptable
8. One one-gallon size re-sealable plastic bag

Important Notes

- All items must be new
- Do not wash any of the items, as they will no longer be considered new
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits
- Contents of kits or the container of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Please call the church office at 303-428-7963 if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and donations.

Volunteers Needed for Worship!



As we return to in-person worship, we need your help to run things smoothly. Sign-up forms for January and February AV volunteers and Liturgists are on the credenza by the west door.

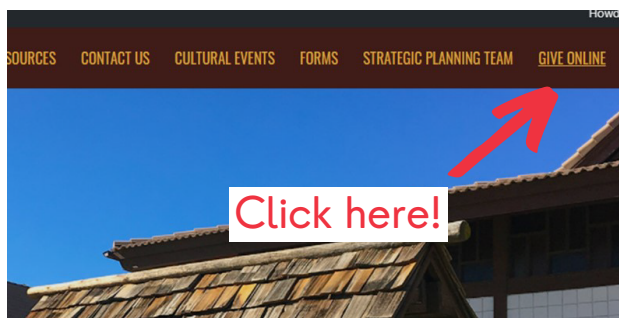
How to Setup Electronic Giving

You can now give to Simpson through electronic giving:

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

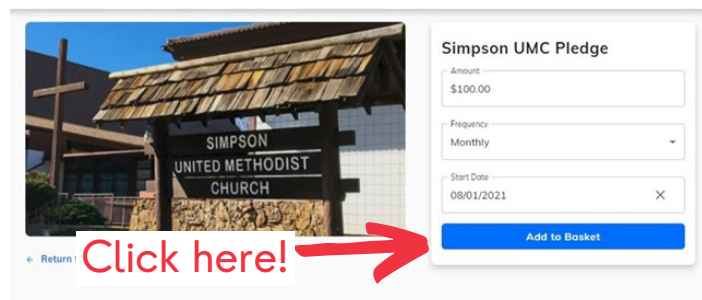
Step 1

Go to Simpson's website at www.simpsonumc.com and click on the "Give Online" button.



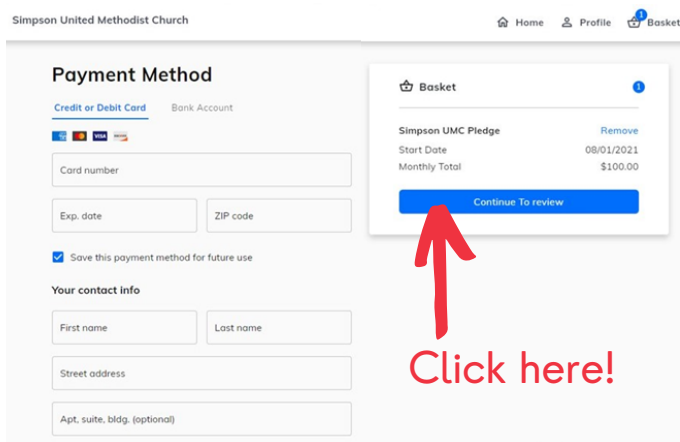
Step 2

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



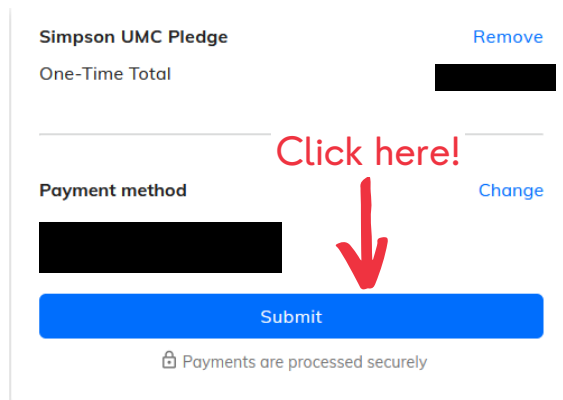
Step 3

Enter your payment information and click the "Continue to review" button.



Step 4

Click the "Submit" button to submit your donation. You will receive an email confirmation of your donation.



You can also learn more about our electronic giving by watching the video below:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/448666508>



Join us for Virtual Bingo

Please mark your calendars for
Friday, February 25th at 6:45
for Virtual Bingo.

Please send an email to Calvin Yukihiro
(yukihcal@yahoo.com) to register.



Doumo Arigatou Gozaimasu

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. Please note that as some prefer to donate anonymously, this is not a complete list of donors.



Given by:

Dan Hamai
Bess Joko and Julia Kamura
Carol Yamamoto
Charlotte and Ken Namba
Peter & Shigeko Menda
Alan Ito
Robert Ito
Catheryn Smith, Gloria Smith
Ben Ichikawa
Sam and Pat Hatasaka
Marlene and Larry Sessions
Alan Suzuki

In Memory of:

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Yasuko Nonaka
Toshie Furuiye
Yasuko Nonaka, Bud & Chuckie Stark
Hatsuko & Banji Menda
Ito Family Members
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Alice Ichikawa
Mary Nishiyama
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Bud Stark

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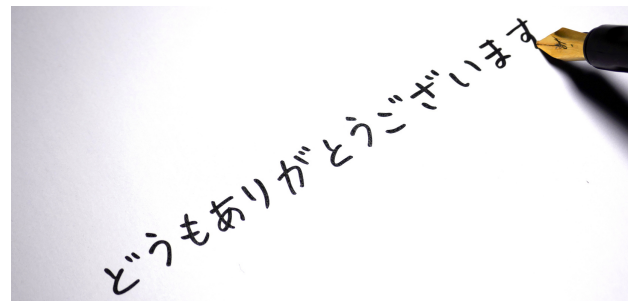
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Calvin Yukihiro
Joanne Otsuki
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JANUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>
2 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE	3 Office Open 11-2	4	5	6 Office Open 11-2	7 6:30 pm Youth Meeting	8 9:00 am – Taiko 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class
9 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Trustees	10 10–12 noon Ukulele Group in Memorial Lounge Office Open 11-2	11 7:00 pm O.N.E. Via Zoom	12	13 Office Open 11-2	14 9:30 am–3 pm Bridge in Memorial Lounge	15 9:00 am – Taiko 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class Newsletter Articles due to Office today
16 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Finance	17 Office Closed Observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20 Office Open 11-2	21	22 9:00 am – Taiko 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class
23 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 S.P.R.C. 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Ad Council	24 Office Open 11-2	25	26	27 Office Open 11-2	28	29 9:00 am – Taiko 9:00 am – Japanese Language Class
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