

Simpson United Methodist Church

Simpson News

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

In our fast-paced world, there are two kinds of situations we encounter:

situations with known solutions that require the application of existing knowledge and experiences, and,

situations with unknown solutions that require the application of innovation, experimentation, and adaptation.

COVID-19 is a situation we have never experienced in our lives. Our world has had to tackle various losses, including losing loved ones, routines, jobs, and security. Simpson has been impacted by COVID-19 as well. Collectively we have grieved the loss of loved ones and traditions of the church. With the continued uncertainties of the pandemic, it is reasonable to assume there are no known solutions to address the aftermath of the stark changes in our lives.

When we face changing conditions or never-before-seen challenges, the only way to survive is to adapt. "Adaptive leadership" is marshaling people to tackle problems with unknown solutions and thrive while doing so. To thrive, the church must remain confident in its vision, To Form a Spiritual and Cultural Space for All, learn, and change.

Adaptive leadership requires the recognition of more losses, including adapting some old ways and traditions to allow the emergence of new approaches. During this time of adaptation, we must recognize the resistance to change and prepare our Spirits to be open to experimentation, iteration, failure, disorientation, and conflict.

Scripture reminds us to have the courage to adapt to ways that are different from cultural norms. When we trust in the Lord, we will be transformed. May you have the courage to be transformed!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Leah

Simpson News and Events

Church Picnic and Worship

Thank you to all those who helped organize the picnic!



Honoring the Nichigo Congregation

The Nichigo Congregation has contributed to the long history of Simpson United Methodist Church. This year, the Nichigo Congregation has merged with the English-speaking portion of the church. We will also be raising money to purchase a bench honoring the contribution of the Nichigo Congregation to the life of the congregation. The bench will be the center point of Simpson's Meditation Garden.

If you want to contribute funds for the bench, please designate Nichigo Bench on the memo line or comment field.

Helping Youth Go to Asian Camp



Nako will be attending the 2022 Asian Camp in California.

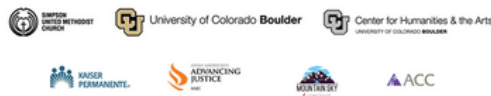
Would you be willing to help financially?

If so, please mark "Asian Camp" on the memo line.

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MULTI-GENERATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE



In light of current events, Simpson UMC sought a forum to examine the historical and contemporary aspects of Anti-Asian sentiment, aggression, and microaggressions.

In this Zoom event on Wednesday, August 3, from 7:00–8:30 pm, we will seek to provide individuals of multiple generations an opportunity to find commonality and comparison in the voicing of their lived experiences.

This short, 90-minute event is not meant to be a comprehensive or definitive look at the topics. Rather, we hope it is the beginning of many more conversations after joining in on this dialog with three families, and three generations; with experiences spanning over nine decades and origin-points in Japan, California, Washington, Hawaii, and Colorado. Zoom participants will have a chance to react in the Chat and post questions to the intergenerational panel.

Register in advance for this meeting:

Meeting Registration - Zoom

From runaway picture-brides, to FBI seizures, to confrontations in the classroom and the community—hear stories of three families, three generations, spanning nine decades; with origin-points in Japan, California, Washington, Hawaii, and Colorado. You will have a chance to react in the Chat and post questions to the intergenerational panel.

Questions? Please contact Terry Hall at terry.hall@cuanschutz.edu

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COVID Study

Simpson is participating in a study called, "Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations." This study explores the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on thousands of Christian churches in the United States. It includes in-depth studies of churches like Simpson to explore how congregational members and their pastors engaged with the challenges and opportunities presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and how they continue to adapt and change.

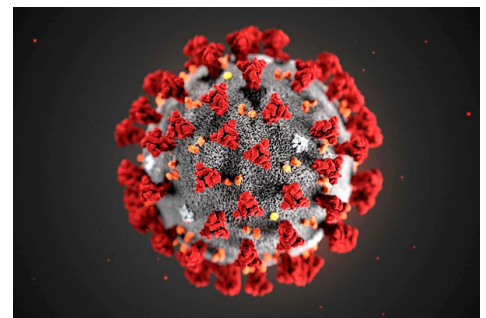
This survey asks questions about your congregations' patterns of attendance, budget and giving for the previous two years, religious education patterns, partners in ministry, and programs/ministries, and response to the pandemic, among other topics. It will take approximately 20-25 minutes to complete. Your participation in the research is voluntary. There is no penalty if you choose to not join research study. You are free to skip any question that you might not feel comfortable answering or may stop your participation at any time.

Your responses are anonymous and confidential. No one will be able to identify you or your answers, and no one will know whether or not you participated in the study. This research is no more than minimal risk. The level of risk is expected to be about the same as risks of daily life. This study will offer no direct benefit to you. Your church will get a copy of the overall findings. Likewise, sharing your experiences and thoughts will help us to better understand congregational life and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. We would love to hear your thoughts and experiences during this trying time for America and its churches.

We are asking you to participate in the study. Please access the study at the following link:

[Qualtrics Survey](#) | [Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

Thank you for your help!



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ONE Team Update

Thank you to all who have helped with the Breakfast Casseroles for the Rising Church's Mission Arvada, located in downtown Arvada. We have taken 4 recipes of a casserole every second Monday of the month since April of this year. This is part of mission work instigated by the ONE Team and financially paid for with your donations through the grocery purchase program.

Before August 3, 2022, please look for an invitation to join a Zoom presentation of "Transformation of our Suitcases," which will include interviews with Simpson families on experiencing racial profiling, etc. Our team received a grant from the University of Colorado to present this type of information on how racial injustice has affected families of color.

Pickleball – our pickleball court has yet to be marked on the Fellowship Hall floor. It's been delayed due to lack of time to do the work. Thanks to Jacqueline Cornish, we will have the court marked on a clean and shiny floor. When the court marking is done, we will let you know. There are a few rules to follow that will be posted on the Fellowship Hall walls and we will have time slots when the court is available. Sorry about the delay.

2022 Mission Contribution: ONE challenged our congregation to match our \$500 donation to UMCOR. We received \$555 towards the challenge and we sent \$1,055 to UMCOR back in May of this year. Thanks to those who are enrolled in the grocery rebate program – our annual donation to missions comes from the rebate program.

Thank you all for your support of the ONE Team!!

**Simpson United Methodist Church
Ohagi/Botomochi Workshop
August 27, 2022, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Registration Form**

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

\$15 Payment enclosed? _____

Please return your completed registration form along with your check payable to Simpson United Methodist Church as soon as possible (the first 20 registrations will be accepted)

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SIMPSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL PEACH SALE 2022



WISHGEEK

- Full boxes, approximately 18# @\$38.00
- Half boxes, approximately 10# @\$25.00
- Orders can be picked up on Saturday, August 20, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Simpson will not be responsible for any orders or quality of the peaches picked up after August 20
- Any orders picked up after the 20th will be subject to an additional \$3.00 per box
- Please provide contact phone number in case of any changes
- In order to minimize confusion, please use only one order form for multiple orders
- All orders must include payment and received by August 14, or will not be recognized
- Pick up orders at Simpson @ 6001 Wolff St., Arvada, CO 80003. Location is east of Sheridan, on the corner of 60th and Wolff Street – just east of the Sooper Credit Union.
- Make checks payable to Simpson UMC. Sorry no plastic or IOU's
- For more information, please contact Ken at (303) 425-7318.

Order taken by _____ Phone or cell number: _____

Name	Half Box	Full Box	Check #	Cash
Totals:				

Mail completed order form, including a check made payable to: Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street
Arvada, CO 80003
Attention: Peach Sale Committee

Open Position - Japanese Language Instructor

Job Description
Japanese Language Instructor
Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street, Arvada, CO 80003

Identity Statement of Simpson United Methodist Church (SUMC):

Simpson is a multi-culture church that embraces the Japanese American heritage and is committed to the continued existence of its history and traditions.

Job Summary:

1. Simpson is hiring a long-term Japanese language instructor to teach Japanese learners.
2. There are three class levels (min 15 years old): beginning, intermediate, and advanced. The class sizes vary from 1 to 10 students.
3. Each level meets for one hour on Saturday mornings (starting at 9 a.m., ending at 12 p.m.) at the SUMC building in Arvada (remote only when necessary).
4. There are Spring and Fall semesters, each with approximately 18 classes. There is a 3-month break in the summer and a short break over the holidays.
5. The position will begin in August 2022.

Responsibilities:

1. Maintain a friendly, fun, and positive experience for both the learners and instructor.
2. Be responsible for deciding the learning materials, curriculum, and teaching techniques to ensure engaging, fun, and effective Japanese classes.
3. Coordinate substitute teachers and makeup classes.
4. Help SUMC coordinate the administration of the classes.
5. Be a friendly, supportive, and patient teacher to learners and advisor to SUMC.

Qualifications:

1. Japanese fluency and knowledge of Japan.
2. Teaching experience (preferably in Japanese for adults).
3. Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Pay Rate: This position pays \$25/hour.

Please submit your resume to Rev. Leah Coleman (pastorleahcoleman@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Coleman at 307-214-0871.

Thank You Very Much

Dear Simpson United Methodist Church,

It's been an honor being a part of such a beautiful and culturally rich community for the past 18 years of my life. Thank you for helping me discover my identity as a proud Japanese-American of faith and your generous love and support.

Love,

Alex Nishida



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the Gene and Kimiko Side

Scholarship for Continuing College Students! It is thanks to this community's support that I feel proud to be Japanese American and have been able to achieve so much. I will always be grateful to Simpson for everything they have done for me. With the scholarship, I plan to enhance my college community as marketing chair of the Japanese Culture Club.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Migaki

Community Events



NIKKEIJIN KAI
日系人会

Sunday, August
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11:00 am - 1:30 pm

*Nikkeijin Kai of Colorado invites
friends and members to the*

Annual Japanese & Japanese American Community Picnic

ONIGIRI – BEEF TERIYAKI – BBQ – BEVERAGES – WATERMELON

Bring blankets, camp chairs, games, your appetite
and catch up with old and new friends
while trying to win some amazing DOOR PRIZES!

Berkeley Lake Park - Northeast corner on Tennyson near I-70
[4601 W 46th Ave, Denver, CO 80212](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4601+W+46th+Ave,+Denver,+CO+80212/@39.754444,-104.894444,15z)

For questions, please email calvinhada@gmail.com

*Any party participating in a NKC event will not hold NKC liable for any injury, death or property damage.

Community Events



America's Promise: The Japanese American Veterans and the Fight for Justice

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(Reservations are not required)

Simpson United Methodist Church | 6001 Wolff St., Arvada

9 AM – 10 AM

Hosted Light Continental Breakfast & Networking

10 AM – 12 PM

Keynote Presentation by Dr. Mitchell T. Maki, President/CEO of Go For Broke National Education Center, and Lead Author of *Achieving the Impossible Dream: How Japanese Americans Obtained Redress*

For questions, or more information, email takeaction@goforbroke.org.

Join us for this highly-acclaimed, interactive presentation by Dr. Maki about the Japanese American WWII experience from incarceration and military service through the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Nationally recognized as one of the Japanese American redress movement scholars, Dr. Maki weaves the historical facts, community anecdotes and audience opinions, and ties the lessons of the Japanese American experience to contemporary issues. In sharing this narrative, Dr. Maki affirms the perception that this is not a great Japanese American story; it is a great American story.

The Japanese American experience upholds America's Promise – *the promise that in our nation, no one is to be judged by the color of their skin, the nation of their origin or the faith that they choose to keep.*

This program and the GFBNEC Torchbearer Denver trip has been made possible through the support of Cindy Kondo, Kyle Nagai, Nikkeijin Kai of Colorado, Nisei Veterans Heritage Foundation, Jolie Noguchi, Courtney Ozaki, Pacific Mercantile Co., Sakura Foundation, Sakura Square, Simpson United Methodist Church, Tri-State Denver Buddhist Temple and Carol Tsutsui.

AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 "Transformation of our Suitcases : Multi-Generational Japanese American Experience" Webinar presented via ZOOM at 7 :00 pm	4	5	6
7 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion 11 am—1:30 pm Annual Japanese & Japanese American Community Picnic Berkeley Lake Park	8 10-Noon Ukulele Memorial Lounge	9	10	11	12 Go For Broke Golf Tournament Thorncreek Golf Course	13
14 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Trustees Peach Orders Due	15	16	17	18	19	20 10 am—3pm Pick up Peaches in Simpson Parking Lot
21 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 Finance	22 Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge	23	24	25	26	27 10 am—Noon Ohagi Making Workshop
28 8:30 am S.P.R.C. 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Ad Council	29	30	31			

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