

# Simpson News

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Is the UMC Church Splitting at this time? The term “split” applies when there is a negotiated agreement within the denomination to divide assets and resources. No such agreement has been made in The United Methodist Church. The earliest point at which such an agreement could be made would be at the next General Conference to be held in 2024.

A more accurate term, as suggested by the Rev. William Lawrence, retired dean of Perkins School of Theology and former member of the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church, is “splintering.” What is happening is that some traditionalist leaders have decided to create their own denomination (the Global Methodist Church). Leaders of that denomination and other unofficial advocacy groups, such as the Wesleyan Covenant Association, which created it, are encouraging like-minded United Methodist congregations and clergy to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church and join their denomination instead. The requests for disaffiliations are coming largely from traditionalists.

The creation of the Global Methodist Church has no bearing on the existing policies of The United Methodist Church. The policies of The United Methodist Church are set by its General Conference. The General Conference is the only body that can change them. The General Conference is scheduled to meet next in 2024.

Because of the current deep conflict within The United Methodist Church around issues of human sexuality, a local church shall have a limited right, under the provisions of 2553, to disaffiliate from the denomination for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow. The only paragraph in the Discipline that provides a means for a local church to become disaffiliated from The United Methodist Church while retaining its property and assets is Paragraph 2553.

The debate over human sexuality has been argued since the 1970s and will continue into the future. The hope is that discussion can create new understandings and new opportunities for personal growth without causing additional harm to our siblings. For more detailed information, such as the text referenced above, please refer to Ask UMC at [Ask The UMC](#).

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# Welcome Mirror Image Arts to Simpson

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## FROM THE TEAM AT MIRROR IMAGE ARTS

We want to thank the board of trustees and Pastor Leah for building a relationship and understanding of our organization, Mirror Image Arts. Our organization's passion and purpose is to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by utilizing participatory theatre.

As a nonprofit organization, we utilize interactive theatre, positive youth development, and trauma-informed and restorative approaches. We work with youth (ages 7-21 ) in schools and juvenile detention centers. Through our work, we aim to give youth access to the arts while opening spaces for them to express themselves through play, imagination, and dialogue. To feel valued, seen, and heard. To be experts in their own lives and have the opportunity to make mistakes and come back stronger. To practice their resilience and their potential.

Mirror Image Arts was invited by the trustees to rent Rm #10, allowing our growing organization to create a welcoming office for our team. We now call Simpson United Methodist home. We are honored to be stewards of this space with you and look forward to meeting all of you.

If you'd like to learn more about us, please visit [mirrorimagearts.org](http://mirrorimagearts.org) or email Theresa Mazza with any questions you might have at [t.mazza@mirrorimagearts.org](mailto:t.mazza@mirrorimagearts.org).



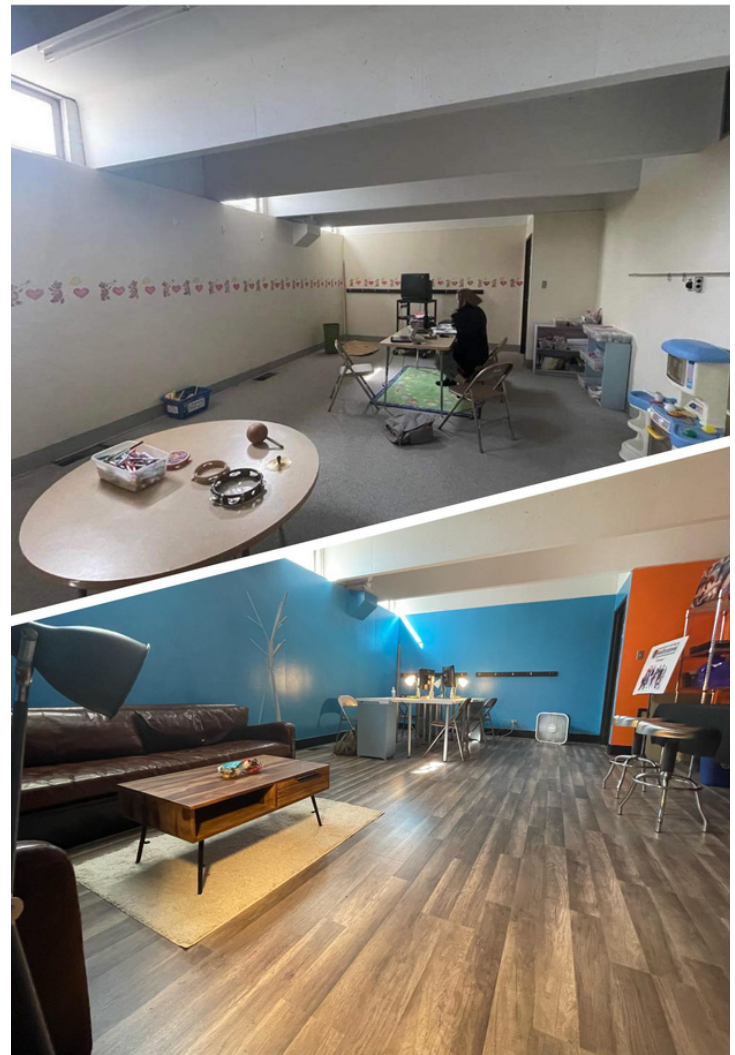




MIA STAFF MOVES IN AND GIVES  
ROOM 10 A FRESH LOOK

# MIA's Remodel

INCLUDED IN THE  
RENOVATIONS -  
NEW FLOORING  
AND BASEBOARDS  
IN RM #8 WHICH  
IS A FLEX ROOM  
FOR MIRROR  
IMAGE ARTS STAFF  
FOR REHEARSALS  
AND MEETING  
SPACE WHEN  
NEEDED.



BEFORE AND AFTER VIEW

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# Thank You Very Much

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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. Giving information as of September 25, 2022.

## **In Memory of**

Yukio Furuiye by Masako Furuiye

Yukio Furuiye my dear uncle by Carol Yamamoto

Johnie and Miyako Smith by Gloria Smith and Catheryn Smith

Terri Sagara Haack by Stacey Shigaya

Ruby and Doug Sagara by Stacey Shigaya



## **Building Maintenance**

Dion Dishong

## **O.N.E. Committee**

Ruth and George Kawamura

Chen Wu

## **Keiro no Hi**

Brian Lee

Ronald Rigg

## **Thank you to Rosemarie Regan for:**

masks

disinfecting wipes

Covid tests

**Many thanks** to all our wonderful helpers to put together the September breakfast casseroles. Your help is so appreciated!  
Terry Hall

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## New Ministry at Simpson

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Simpson UMC is starting a new care ministry. The Congregational Care Team is designed to nurture persons in our congregation and community by carrying out God's command to love one another.

The vision of the team is to ensure that each member of Simpson UMC feels God's grace, love, and compassion. The team will be made up of a group of people that come together to pray for, care for, help, and love on members and the community, as needed. This ministry will involve group gathers to pray for congregational members, write care cards, and conduct home visits and small group gatherings (e.g., dinner or a movie).

In order for us to care for others with a joyful heart, we must also learn to love and care for ourselves. According to Psychology Today, studies have linked gratitude with increased satisfaction, higher levels of motivation and energy, better sleep and health, and reduced stress and sadness. Grateful people are more engaged with their environment, leading to greater personal growth and self-acceptance, and stronger feelings of purpose. To build our resiliency as caregivers, the Care Team invites you to focus on the things you are grateful for in your life.

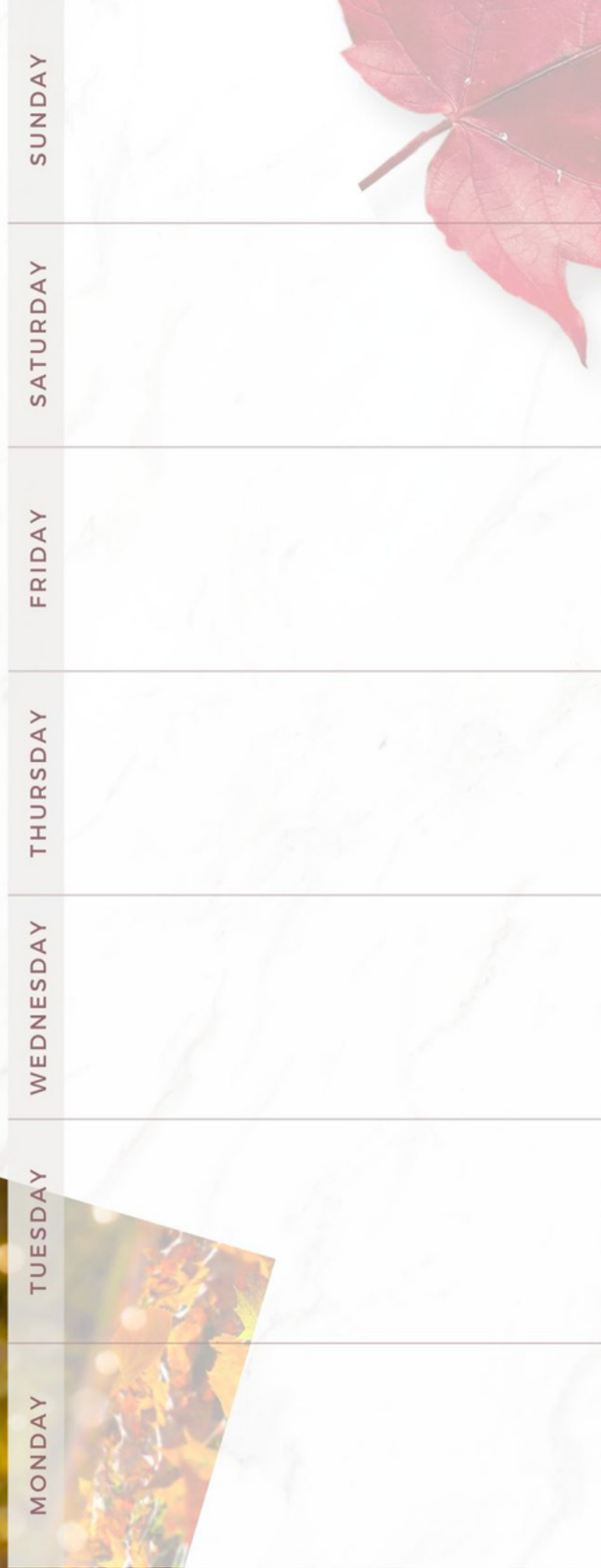
One suggestion is to take a few minutes in the morning before the start of your day to give thanks to whatever and whomever you are grateful for. It can be as simple as finding a quiet space in your home, closing your eyes, or going for a walk. You may also choose to use the Weekly Gratitude Journals below. Find a way that is most natural and have fun!

The Care Team will be meeting on **October 13th and 27th at 7:00 pm** via zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84784185968?pwd=TzBaZ0xGRVNyblpleE4ycjFpQUtOUT09>



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Gratitude  
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everything.

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GRATITUDE

CARE

KINDNESS

## APPRECIATION





Weekly Gratitude

Weekly Gratitude

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# Simpson News and Events

## Keiri no Hi

Thanks for all who helped prepare for Keiro no Hi! Many hands do indeed make light work!

- Thanks to Stacey Shigaya for stepping-in and making the very cute invitation!
- Thanks to Ellison, Elizabeth and Todd Namba, Emma and Sarah Shigio, and Noelle Higuchi for set-up and prep help--that was a lot of matsutake to slice or shred and pick through to be able to make the matsutake rice for lunch!
- Thanks to Terry and John Hall, Sharon and Jim Tingstrom, Noelle Higuchi, Ann and Dennis Kitayama, Alan Suzuki and Cindy Kondo for prep help and cleanup on Sunday.
- Thanks to Ann Kitayama for the skillfully-made and yummy soft mochi and for the cute packaging!
- Thanks to Alan Suzuki for delivering lunches.

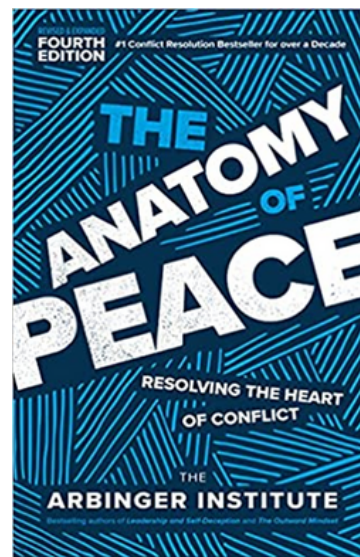
All your help was very much appreciated!

Jane Nakama  
for the ONE Committee

## Ohagi/Botomochi Workshop

Simpson continued to share our food ministry by teaching the tradition of making Ohagi/Botomochi.

Please see photos below.



The Anatomy of  
Peace Book  
Study

**Friday nights  
at 6:00 pm  
beginning  
October 28th.**

# OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:00 am Taiko Food Festival pickup 11 am—3 pm
<b>2</b> 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion World Communion Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Taiko
<b>9</b> 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Guest Speaker	<b>10</b> Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 Finance Stewardship Mtgs.	<b>14</b> Set-up for Yukio Furuie Reception	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Taiko Yukio Furuie Celebra- tion of Life Reception
<b>16</b> 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Budget Requests Due	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Trustees	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Taiko
<b>23</b> 8:30 am S.P.R.C. 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Ad Council Craft Fair   <b>30</b> 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE	<b>24</b> Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge —  31	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Taiko



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Or current resident

