

Simpson United Methodist Church

Simpson News

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Advent is known as a season of “waiting” - for the Christ child to be born anew in our hearts, for God to “create a new heaven and a new earth” for Christ to come again and for the reign of God to come to this world.

But the “waiting” for the arrival of Christ can be challenging. As Rhonda Britten describes it in her book *Fearless Living*, “when we passively wait, we are living in fear.” What she is referring to is that when we wait for circumstances outside of ourselves to change in order to feel hope, peace, joy, or love or to live our lives fully, we rob ourselves of the chance to have those things right now. Cultivating those things means we accept and claim our agency to make our lives our own and move freely into the future no matter the circumstances of our lives or the world around us. And when we do that, we are living fully into whom God calls us to be because we have the power to make a difference—to help shift circumstances—rather than live in fear of them.

So... the “waiting” in Advent cannot be passive, the kind of waiting that believes that God doesn’t need us in order to make the world a safer, better place for all people. This is the message that the angels who appear to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds bring to us. They invite participation in the story. The message is “God is doing thus-and-such” and “you are a part of it.” Get over your fear because God is in need of you. And in order for all this to happen, we are going to need more hope, more peace, more joy, more love, and more life all around. God needs you to spread the word.

May you see the angels in your lives and be the angels for others.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Leah



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Annual Church Conference

Simpson's annual Church Conference is **December 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. via zoom.** The important church conference is a Holy conferencing meeting where we discuss the business of Simpson UMC and elect leaders for the new year. Please join the meeting by using the link below:

<https://mtnskyumc-org.zoom.us/j/81065800623?pwd=aFdQVlo4ZXFSWmpCZzRtYW13VEwzQT09>



Soles4Souls Update – Thank you to everyone who has donated pairs of shoes to our Soles4Souls campaign. With your help, we have donated 250 pairs of shoes!

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

This year the tall tree on the north side of the Sanctuary will be a sock tree!

Please consider bringing a pair of socks to decorate the tree and in January, we will take them to Mission Arvada along with the breakfast casseroles we make for them for the second Monday of the month. Socks are one of the most requested items in shelters.

Thanks for your support!



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They're ba-a-ck!

The Choir will once again be selling poinsettias for Christmas and this year we will also have a new offering—*fragrant rosemary Holiday tree cones!*

You can use the fresh rosemary for cooking, dry it for later use and if you have a green thumb, you will have a rosemary plant to go with the rest of your summer herb garden! The rosemary smells just great, and you might consider decorating this small, table-top rosemary tree for Christmas instead of a traditional pine tree since it has similar evergreen-type needles and has been trimmed into the triangular tree shape. Thanks so much for considering us! You can order either plant on the enclosed order form. If you have any questions, please call Jane Nakama at 720-233-3756.



Advent Activities



**Join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service at
4:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

**and on Christmas Day, stay in your Christmas PJs,
and join us for a zoom service at 10:00 a.m.**

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

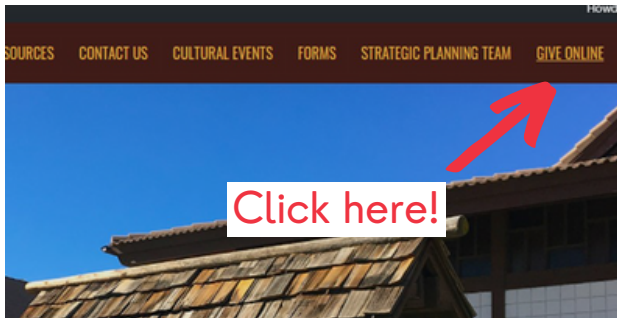
How to Setup Electronic Giving

You can now give to Simpson through electronic giving:

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

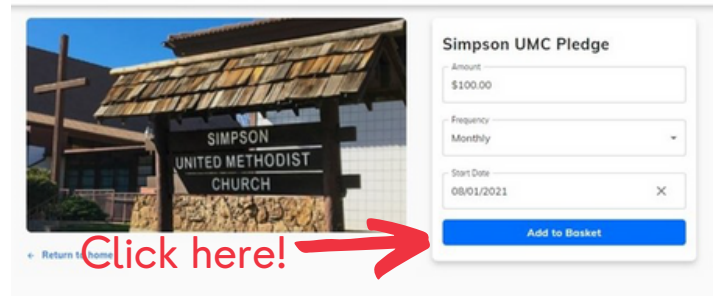
Step 1

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



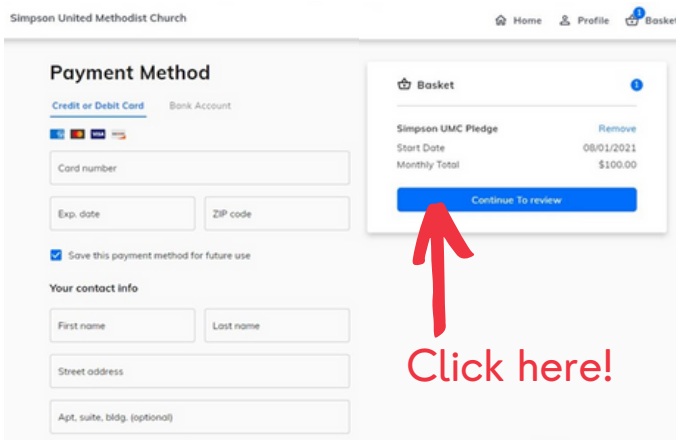
Step 2

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.



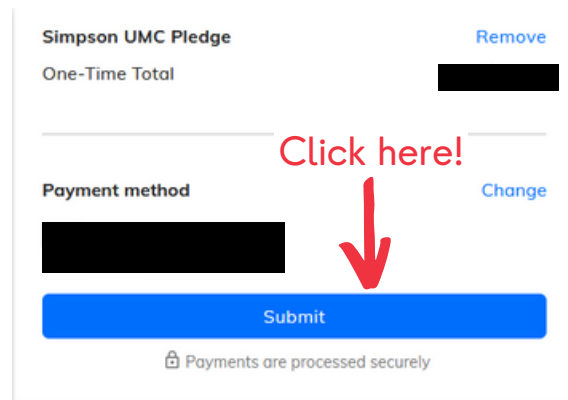
Step 3

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>

Thank You Very Much

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.



O.N.E. Thanksgiving Baskets

Julia Kamura
Nancy Miyahara
Ruth Shinto
Chen Wu
Calvin Yukihiro

Building Maintenance

Dion Dishong

Christmas

Gerald Holt

Thanksgiving

Gerald Holt
Ida Mae
Ritsuko Munn
Ken & Charlotte for new lock system
Carol Yamamoto

Kitchen Supplies

Kitchen Supplies

Asian Camp

Pat Hayashi

In Memory of:

Yoko Ichikawa by Aileen Ichikawa for Nichigo bench
Yoko Ichikawa by Jane Tottori, Betty Morioka & family for Nichigo bench
Yoko Ichikawa by Janet Ichikawa-Ramsey, Teruko Ichikawa-Okimoto, Sharon Koches,
Mark Ichikawa, Steve Ichikawa for Nichigo bench

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00 am Taiko
4 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion	5	6	7	8 5:30 pm Finance and Stewardship Meetings	9	10 9:00 am Taiko
11 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE	12 Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge	13	14 7:00 pm Trustees	15	16	17 9:00 am Taiko
18 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE	19	20	21	22	23	24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas Day No in-person Worship Service Zoom Worship	26 Church office Closed	27 Funeral of Hideo Inye	28	29	30 Church Office Closed	31

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