

Simpson News

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Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

"I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. 'Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee.'" Matthew 28:5b-7a

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! The empty tomb points us to the resurrected Jesus. Easter morning offers the confident assurance that the darkness of Good Friday gives way to the resurrected light. The resurrected light reminds us that our most challenging experiences can lead to new life and restoration.

During this Lenten Season, we will be collecting two offerings. One is our general offering that supports Simpson's ministries, and the other supports United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advance # 901670.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover independently. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States and worldwide. When disaster strikes, local churches provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, and expertise to communities making them more resilient to disasters, including wildfires.

Please prayerfully considering sending an Easter donation to continue the ministries of Simpson UMC and UMCOR. Please indicate the ministries you wish to support on the memo line of your check or consider giving online ([Simpson UMC Pledge](#) | [Simpson United Methodist Church \(myvanco.com\)](#)).

We look forward to seeing you in person or on-line on April 9th at 10:00 a.m. as our family of faith gather on Easter morning to celebrate God's ultimate expression of love. You can join us online using the following zoom link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84784185968?pwd=TzBaZ0xGRVNYb1pleE4ycjFpQUtOUT09>).

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Leah

Simpson News and Events

Update on the Knit and Crochet Ministry from Paula

Thank you to Terry, who has given me two deliveries of Shamrocks. The first batch went to cancer patients, and the second batch will go to seniors living in the retirement home near Simpson. Most don't have family visits or other visitors, and the staff appreciates having something to give them and cheer them up. Terry is amazing and each of these Shamrocks will light up someone's life. I have taken a bunch of books that Charlotte has donated, as many love to read, but their library needed some new selections. If anyone has any books or magazines they can donate, they will be greatly appreciated.



Jane, who does not stitch, has been cutting out and punching holes in the sayings which we tie to our creations. Thank you, Jane as you have spent a lot of time helping us with this task. Jane has also agreed to make pom poms for our hats. Hats are needed year-round by our cancer patients. Let Jane know if you are interested in some of her pom poms!



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Pickleball is coming to Simpson!



Pickleball is a mix of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong.
It is also one of the fastest-growing sports.

Simpson is in the process of modifying the gymnasium to bring the game to our church. In the month to come, please look for updates on scheduling and lessons.

The Simpson United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee encourages you to apply for the scholarship available through the church for graduating high school students and continuing college students.

This year we will make available The Gene and Kimiko Side Scholarship. These scholarships will be awarded to continuing college students and/or college graduates planning to further their education by entering one of the following: a business, trade, technical, or vocational school; an undergraduate college or university program; or a graduate program. The application deadline is April 12, 2023.

ATTENTION-ATTENTION

We will soon be implementing a
Key Pad entry system into our
building.

In most cases, this new
system should be transparent but
please be patient as with any new
system will take time to
debug.

More to come,
Trustees



Mark your calendars for our next
Virtual BINGO event

Friday, May 26th at 7:00 pm

Contact Calvin Yukihiro at
yukihcal@yahoo.com
for our BINGO Cards



Hina Matsuri was a huge success this year after taking two years off. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers from start to finish!

Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to volunteer with food prep, setting up of the dolls, flowers, bonsai, and clean up.

Also, a huge thank you to all of our performers and hosts!



As always, we could not have done this without Dennis Kitayama, Jane Nakama, Kazuko Dishong, and Karla Cornish. Without your hard work behind the scenes, this year's Hina Matsuri would have not been possible.

We can't wait for next year!
Jacque Cornish



Thank you to the following people for helping to do set-up, prepare the udon, different onigiris and somen noodle pockets for Hina Matsuri--

- Karen Freml, Karen Padrick, Terry and John Hall, Carol Tsutui, Carol FitzSimmons, Ann Kitayama, Charlotte Namba, Robin Miyahara, Julia Kamura and Joann Otsuki
And very special thank you for going "on beyond..."
- Karen Padrick for staying as long as I did on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and for making such expert onigiri!
- Emma and Sarah Shigio for volunteering to stay later to help clean the stove, including replacing the foil!

I'm very grateful to all of you!
Jane Nakama

Simpson Japanese Food Bazaar

Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street, Arvada, CO 80003
303-428-7963

Saturday May 6, 2023
Pick up time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Order Form

- This year will be take-out **ONLY**.
- The take-out order form **must** include payment with your order.
- Deadline for orders is **April 28, 2023**.
- Please make your check payable to **Simpson United Methodist Church**.
- **IMPORTANT: IF YOU ARE ORDERING CLOSE (AFTER APRIL 22) TO THE DEADLINE, PLEASE CALL IN YOUR ORDER TO AVOID HAVING YOUR ORDER DELAYED IN THE MAIL AND NOT BEING RECEIVED.**
- Questions? Please call Dennis Kitayama @ 303-550-4327 or William Murakami @ 303-949-1210.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Check Number: _____

Description	Price	Quantity	Total Amount
Chow Mein, Teriyaki Beef, Rice	\$15		
Maki Sushi Roll	\$12/roll		
Inari Sushi	\$12.00 for 6		
California Roll	\$12/roll		
Spam Musubi	\$3/each		
Baked Manju	\$12/6		
Ohagi	\$10/ 4		
Total Amount Due			

Please mail your order form with payment to:

Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street
Arvada, CO 80003
Attention: Bazaar Committee



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The National Park Service Wants to Hear from You!

The National Park Service is preparing a foundation document to guide future planning and management of the Amache National Historic Site. We invite you to participate in this effort.

On March 18, 2022, President Joseph R. Biden signed the Amache National Historic Site Act into law, starting the process to establish Amache as a new unit of the national park* system. Amache, located near Granada, Colorado, was one of 10 incarceration sites established by the War Relocation Authority during World War II. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, leading to the forced removal of more than 110,000 Japanese Americans from

their homes and communities on the West Coast to a system of incarceration sites.

The new legislation directs the National Park Service to preserve and protect Amache and to interpret Amache's history and continuing relevance for current and future generations. More information about Amache and its transition to NPS management can be found on the park web page: <https://www.nps.gov/amch>.

As the National Park Service works toward establishing Amache as a new unit of the national park system, one of the first steps is developing a foundation document. This document identifies a national park

unit's core purpose and significance, its most important resources and values, and the key interpretive themes or concepts that tell its unique story. Foundation documents also identify important issues to be addressed in future planning and data collection efforts.

A foundation document is not intended to provide specific recommendations for how the park will be managed but will instead inform future decision making by documenting what is most important about Amache and what efforts are needed to protect and preserve its resources. Foundation documents are a required first step before comprehensive management and development planning.

* Park, national park, and park unit are all umbrella terms used to describe any area managed as part of the national park system, including national historic sites like Amache.

The National Park Service welcomes Amache survivors and descendants, as well as any member of the public with an interest in Amache, to participate in the development of the foundation document. Here are some ways to participate:

► **Review draft foundation document content on the project website (available after March 29, 2023)** (https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation).

This content was developed in collaboration with Amache subject matter experts and using past public input received on Amache. To view this content, click on "Document List" on the left side of the web page.

► **Share your written thoughts and ideas during the public comment period (through June 23, 2023).** We are most interested in your thoughts on any of these topics as they relate to Amache:

1. What are the core resources at Amache National Historic Site that should be protected and shared with visitors?
2. What should people know about the history of Amache National Historic Site? What are its most important stories?
3. What are the biggest challenges facing Amache National Historic Site and its management?
4. What are the biggest opportunities for Amache National Historic Site when considering its new status as a unit of the national park system?

You can submit comments until June 23, 2023, in the following ways:

Online (preferred) by visiting the project website: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation. Click on "Open for Comment" on the left side of the web page.

By mail to:
Amache Foundation Document,
c/o Charles Lawson
National Park Service
12795 West Alameda Parkway
PO Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225-0287

Or by e-mail at:
Amache_Study@nps.gov

► **Attend a public meeting.** Meet with the National Park Service to learn more about the foundation document process and share your thoughts and ideas on the future of Amache by attending a public meeting. Meetings will be held in California and Colorado. Each meeting will follow the same format, beginning with an informational presentation and followed by opportunities to ask questions and share thoughts and ideas with NPS staff in an open house setting. Please consider joining us at the location and on the day that is most convenient for you. Information on public meetings is listed below, as well as on the project web page (https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation).

► **Attend a virtual information session.** This virtual meeting will begin with the same informational presentation as the in-person meetings, followed by a moderated question-and-answer session about foundation documents and the best methods for submitting written comments. This meeting will be recorded and remain available on the project website to view at your convenience. The meeting date and link is included below.

Thank you for your interest in the future of Amache!

MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DATE AND TIME	ADDRESS
Online virtual information session	Tuesday – April 4, 2023 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MST	Links to join the live meeting or view the recording are available on the project website under “Meeting Notices” (https://parkplanning.nps.gov/AMCH_Foundation).
Denver, Colorado	Sunday – April 2, 2023 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST	Tri-State/Denver Buddhist Temple 1947 Lawrence Street Denver, CO 80202
Granada, Colorado	Wednesday – April 5, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. MST	Granada Community Center 105 South Main Street Granada, CO 81041
San Jose, California	Saturday – April 22, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PST	Japanese American Museum of San Jose 535 North 5th Street San Jose, CA 95112
San Francisco, California	Saturday – April 22, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PST	Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California Issei Memorial Hall (1st floor) 1840 Sutter Street San Francisco, CA 94115
Sebastopol, California	Sunday – April 23, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PST	Enmanji Buddhist Temple Memorial Hall 1200 Gravenstein Highway South Sebastopol, CA 95472 Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required for entry.
Oakland, California	Sunday – April 23, 2023 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. PST	J-Sei Emeryville Facility 1285 66th Street Emeryville, CA 94608
Gardena, California	Saturday – May 6, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. PST	Gardena Valley Japanese American Cultural Institute 1964 W. 162nd Street Gardena, CA 90247
Los Angeles, California	Saturday – May 6, 2023 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. PST	Japanese American National Museum Inahara Foyer 100 North Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90012
Livingston, California	Sunday – May 7, 2023 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST	Livingston United Methodist Church Pioneer Hall 11695 Olive Avenue Livingston, CA 95334
Sacramento, California	Monday – May 8, 2023 10:00 a.m. – Noon PST	Buddhist Church of Sacramento 2401 Riverside Boulevard Sacramento, CA 95818
Arvada, Colorado	Saturday – June 10, 2023 10:00 a.m. – Noon MST	Simpson United Methodist Church 6001 Wolff Street Arvada, CO 80003

Conference News



DISTRICT GATHERING
with Mile High Metro

**INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY WORKSHOP
WITH DALE WEATHERSPOON**

Worship, Business, & Connection

9am - 4pm
Saturday, April 15th
Grace UMC
4905 E. Yale Ave Denver, CO 80222



MHM DISTRICT
1600 S. Pearl St.
Denver, CO 80210

303-389-9456
metro@mtnskyumc.org
@mhmdistrict

Our yearly district gathering is **Saturday, April 15, 8:30am-4pm.**

This year's event will include worship, a few business items,
and a continuing education/leadership development opportunity for clergy and laity.

Rev. Dr. Dale Weatherspoon will lead a workshop on Cultural Awareness/Cultural Mindfulness. Rev. Weatherspoon is an ordained Elder in the California-Nevada Conference, currently serving as Senior Pastor of Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, California. Rev. Weatherspoon has served four multicultural congregations throughout his ministry, served on the General Commission on Religion and Race, and worked as a consultant for churches and other non-profit organizations. We are excited to welcome Dale to the area and excited for the workshop.

Register Here: <https://mtnsky-reg.brapp.com/MHMDistrictGathering23>

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. Donations posted February 23, 2003 through March 26, 2023



Music

Chen Wu

Hina Matsuri

Japanese Association of Colorado

Midori Allmeyer - donation to Doll Festival from the Tea Ceremony

Eileen Barela

Dion Dishong

In Memory of:

Muneko Fruiye

Umeka Ishida

Julius Ishida

By Carol Yamamoto



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am Taiko
2 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	3 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	4 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	5	6	7 Good Friday Office Closed 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	8 9:00 am Taiko
9 EASTER 10:00 am Worship Service 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	10 10 am-noon Ukulele Memorial Lounge 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	11 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	12	13 5:30 pm Finance and Stewardship	14 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	15 9:00 am Taiko 8:30 am—4pm District Gathering 10 am—3 pm MIA meeting in their offices
16 10:00 am Worship Service Knit & Crochet 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	17 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	18 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	19 7:00 pm Trustees	20	21 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	22 9:00 am Taiko 10:00 am—3 pm MIA meeting in their offices 1-3 pm Pastor Leo Sweet 16 Ceremony Sanctuary
23 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 am Ad Council 1-5 pm Pastor Leo Native American Ministries (offering)	24 Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	25 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	26	27	28 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	29 7 am – ? Bazaar Cmte. 9:00 am Taiko 1:30 pm Celebration of Life Yasuko Nonaka
30 10:00 am Worship						

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Or current resident

