

Simpson News

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In June, I was commissioned as a Provisional Elder of the United Methodist Church. To be commissioned, the clergy session of the Mountain Sky Conference held a vote during the annual conference to approve the commissioning of all candidates recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry. Before the vote, each candidate wrote something to describe themselves, and another clergyperson read it. Below is what I wrote based on the poem "Where I'm From" by George Ella Lyon.

I am from the sizzling wok and steaming pots of my family's home,
From a touch of soy sauce, a dollop of oyster sauce, and too much ginger,
From a table that always has enough room for one more hungry friend and guest.

I'm from the honoring of ancestors and the insistence to stay till the job is done,
from Lee Yok Shui and Let Mon Lee, from Eng Sui Hing and May Louie,
From a family who gave and helped others so their families can thrive.

I am from the heat of the oven that slaps you when it's opened,
It smells sweet with brownie shortbread and coconut macaroons,
and the savory aroma of youvetsi with too much orzo and meat fills the air.

I'm from Bruce Lee's way of the intercepting fist,
From shapeless and formless water that can trickle or can crash.
I am from Bruce Springsteen's Darkness on the Edge of Town and The Rising,
From songs about lives with so many shades of gray heading straight into the storm.

I am from a small circle of college students on a Sunday evening, serving one another a piece of King's Hawaiian and a bit of grape juice,
who invited me to partake because at God's table, hungry hearts are fed.

I'm from Psalm 27,
My heart was strangely warmed by "Come, my heart says, seek his face" at 21 years old.
At 41 years old, I take heart that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

I am from old historic churches,
From long roots of legacy and complicated histories,
The boldness of previous generations to help future generations dare.
I'm from Jack Wesley's "the grace of God is free in all and free for all,"
From submitting to be more vile and preaching faith till I have it,
Because I do have it, I will preach faith.

I am from all 84 lines of Chuck Wesley's Wrestling Jacob,
Jack was right about the worth of all the verses, so I'll close with the final ones:
"Lame as I am, I take the prey, hell, earth, and sin with ease overcome;
I leap for joy, pursue my way, and as a bounding hart fly home,
through all eternity to prove thy nature, and thy name is Love."

I'm sharing what I wrote so you can get to know me. After one month of serving as your pastor, I continue to be excited to be part of the Simpson community and humbled that I am now a part of the proud legacy of this historic church. I look forward to our life together and hope you feel free to share your joys, concerns, dreams, hopes, and ideas with me. You can email me at revbrian@simpsonumc.com or call 720-381-4129.

--Rev. Brian

Simpson Church Picnic

Our church picnic was a great success! I want to thank Dave and Nikki, the Shigio Family especially master griller, Kevin, our fabulous bingo callers, Cal and John and our historian, Paula. Thank you for everyone who came and shared their yummy dishes.

Carol for ONE Committee



Photos by Paula Matsumoto

Simpson Church Picnic



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Paula's Challenge Results



Thank you to everyone who responded to Paula's Challenge and contributed! In total, Simpson's response to Paula's Challenge was \$6,645, and we met her match for a grand total of \$9,145.

The funds raised will help address expenses related to building maintenance, staffing, utilities, AV equipment, and starting new ministries.

Thank you, Paula, for your example of stewardship and generosity!

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 foods like Spaghetti O's
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Tooth brushes
- Deodorant
- Diaper Wipes
- Laundry soap (small packages)
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap



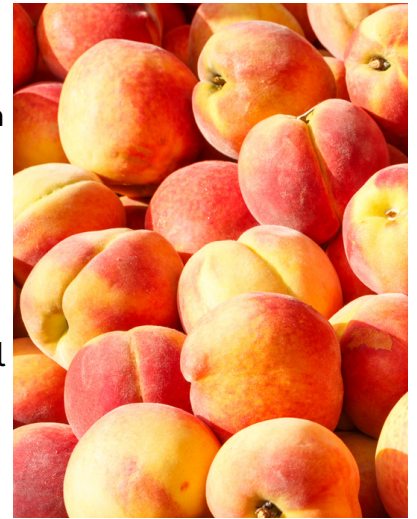
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Peach Sale - Orders Due August 18 and Pickup on August 26

Support the ministry of Simpson UMC and enjoy the best peaches in town! Order forms can be found at <https://bit.ly/SimpsonPeachSale2023> and the end of the newsletter. Order forms and payment are due at the church by August 18th. Checks should be made out to Simpson UMC. Full boxes (~18 pounds) are \$40.00, and half boxes (~10 pounds) are \$28.00.

Peach orders can be picked up on August 26 at Simpson (6001 Wolff St., Arvada, CO) from 9 AM to 3 PM. Any orders picked up after the 26th will be subject to an additional \$3.00 per box.

For more information, please contact Ken at 303-425-7318.



Sushi Cooking Class - August 26th from 9 AM to 12 PM



Come to Simpson and learn how to make makizushi, inari sushi, and ohagi/botamochi on August 26th! The class will start at 9 AM and end at 12 PM.

The registration form can be found <https://bit.ly/SimpsonSushiClass> and at the end of the newsletter. Registration forms are due by August 21st with payment of \$15. Checks should be made out to Simpson UMC.

Sign up fast because the class is capped to 25 students.

If you have questions, please contact Charlotte at 303-425-7318.

Sushi and Ohagi Sale- September 30th from 11 AM to 1 PM

Simpson will have a sushi and ohagi sale on September 30th from 11 AM to 1 PM. Order makizushi, inari sushi, and ohagi to share with your family, friends, and neighbors!

The order form can be found <https://bit.ly/SimpsonSushiSale2023> and at the end of the newsletter. Orders are due by September 20th with payment of \$15. Checks should be made out to Simpson UMC.

If you have questions, please contact Charlotte at 303-425-7318.

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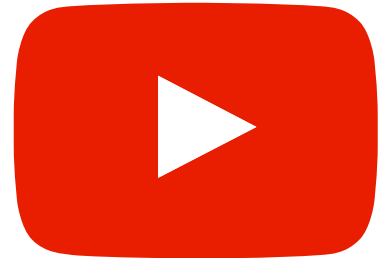
Zoom Worship and Youtube Channel

We will resume offering worship through Zoom starting August 6th.
The Zoom link for worship is

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87520951862?
pwd=VUZlQkNMd2ZvSTZYVVd0eElUVZkQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87520951862?pwd=VUZlQkNMd2ZvSTZYVVd0eElUVZkQT09)

Simpson also has a Youtube channel now! Please go to
<https://www.youtube.com/@SimpsonUMC-ArvadaCO/> and
subscribe to it.

If you experience technical difficulties, please contact Rev. Brian at
revbrian@simpsonumc.com or 720-381-4129.



Simpson Looking for Musicians, Singers, and Performers

Do you like singing praise music? Are you interested in singing and playing hymns in different settings and instruments? Have you ever wanted to experiment with worship at Simpson? Rev. Brian is seeking anyone who might be interested in singing, playing instruments, and experimenting with different kinds of worship music.

If you might be interested or know someone who might be, please contact Rev. Brian at
revbrian@simpsonumc.com or 720-381-4129.

New Simpson Leaders Needed!

One of my important responsibilities is identifying, preparing, training, and supporting the lay leadership at Simpson. As I begin my pastorate, my hope is that this time will be an opportunity for you to explore serving Simpson as a congregational leader alongside me. I'm seeking individuals who are willing to serve on the Nominations Committee to help me identify new leaders. In addition, I am also seeking individuals who might be interested on serving on the Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC).

If you have questions about serving or would like to share your experiences of serving at Simpson, please contact me at revbrian@simpsonumc.com or 720-381-4129.

Doumo Arigatou Gozaimasu

We are grateful for the many ways people support our church with generous gifts. Our tradition is 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 July 31, 2023.



In Memory of:

Roy Suminaga

Given by:

Masako Furuiye

Those who stepped up to the challenge (Paula's challenge)

Anonymous
Karla Cornish
M/M Owen FitzSimons
Karen Freml
M/M Bob Fujioka
M/M Tom Fujita
Masako Furuiye
Lily Goto
MM/M John Hall
Daniel Hamai
Julia Kamura
Dennis Kitayama

Robin Miyahara
M/M Ken Namba
JoAnne Otsuki
Ruth Shinto
Cynthia Shioshita
Randy Shioshita
Catheryn Smith
Alan Suzuki
M/M Stome Tanita
Barbara Wong
Toni Yagami
Carol Yamamoto
Calvin Yukihiro

Thank You to Jane Nakama, Pati Fujisaki and John Hall for helping
with the breakfast casseroles.

Your terrific help made everything come together quickly and smoothly.

Thanks also to Dave Powell for delivering the casseroles.

Many thanks! Terry Hall

Nisei Veterans

Donation to choir fund

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	2 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	3	4 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	5 9:00 am Taiko
6 10:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	7	8 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	9 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	10 5:30 pm Finance and Stewardship	11 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	12 9:00 am Taiko
13 10:00 am Worship Service 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	14 10 am-noon Ukulele Memorial Lounge	15 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	16 7:00 pm Trustees 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	17	18 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	19 9:00 am Taiko
20 10:00 am Worship Service Knit & Crochet 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	21	22 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	23 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	24	25 Down Kitchen in use All day—prep for Sushi Class 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	26 9:00 am Taiko 9 am—Noon Sushi Cooking Class
27 10:00 am Worship Service at Westminster UMC 11:30 am Ad Council 1-5 pm Pastor Leo	28 10 am-noon Ukulele Memorial Lounge	29 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	30 7-10 pm Pastor Leo	31		

SIMPSON-UNITED-METHODIST-CHURCH
ANNUAL-PEACH-SALE
2023



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Sushi Cooking Class Registration

Sushi Cooking Class Event



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

Saturday, August 26, 2023 – 9 to 12 noon

- We will learn how to prepare and serve makizushi, inari sushi and ohagi/botamochi.
- Registration form must be **received in the church office** by Saturday, August 21, 2023.
- Payment of \$15 (to cover expenses) must accompany the registration form.
- Please make your check out to Simpson United Methodist Church.
- Class size will be held to 25.
- Men are welcome!
- If you have questions, please call Charlotte @ 303-425-7318.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Check number and amount: _____

Please mail your registration form with payment to:

Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff Street
Arvada, CO 80003
Attention: Cooking Class

Simpson Sushi and Ohagi Order Form

Sushi and Ohagi Sale

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

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Pick up Time 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Order Form

- Deadline – order form with payment must be received by Wednesday, September 20, 2023.
- Make your check payable to Simpson United Methodist Church.

Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Check No. and Amount: _____

Description	Price	Quantity	Total \$ Amount
Makizushi	\$12/roll		
Inari Sushi	\$12/1 tray of 6		
Ohagi	\$10/1 tray of 4		
Total Amount Due			

Please mail your order form with payment to:

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

Simpson United Methodist Church
6001 Wolff St
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