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**Family Fun Night  
Sunday, Feb. 9th  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
in Perry Hall**

Families of Sand Point Little Ones, Kids, and Youth are coming together for an evening of fun, food, and games! Join us February 9th, from 5-7pm in Perry Hall!

**SEATTLE vs DENVER  
FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE  
#UNITEDINBLUE**

See page 2 for additional information.



## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ....

**To all Seattle Seahawk Fans- let's  
beat Denver on and off the field!**

As excitement continues to build over the Seattle Seahawks' appearance in the 2014 Super Bowl on Sunday, February 2nd, here's another way that Seattle-area football fans can participate in the rivalry with the Denver Broncos — by donating the most food to their local food bank!

The United Methodist Churches in Seattle challenged Denver area United Methodist Churches to a Food Drive. Over 30 Seattle United Methodist churches are participating, plus an additional 45 churches throughout the PNW Conference are joining in the fun. The contest is to see who can collect the most non-perishable food items between now and the Big Game on Sunday, February 2nd - PNW or Rocky Mountain.

Sand Point Community is participating in the contest, and all donations from our church will benefit the University District Food Bank. If you would like to participate, please drop your items off at the church by next Sunday's worship on February 2nd. Suggestions include: soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned meat, rice, dried beans.

We celebrated the life of Bishop Jack Tuell this past weekend and Bishop Elaine Stanovsky flew in from the Denver Episcopacy area to participate in Bishop Tuell's memorial service. Since we had both our Seattle Bishop Hagiya and Denver Bishop Stanovsky together, they had a photo-op showing their support for the contest.

We have until kick-off to help feed more hungry people than Denver can—showing that we are #UnitedInBlue on and off the field. Win or lose we're tackling hunger!

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## Calendar of Events:

**Wednesday (Jan. 29)**

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Sunday (Feb. 2)**

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after worship, Perry Hall

**Tuesday (Feb. 4)**

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

**Wednesday (Feb. 5)**

Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Looking Ahead:

**Sunday (Feb. 23)** Tent City 3 dinner

**Tuesday (Feb. 18) through Tuesday (Feb. 25)**

Mary's Place Shelter at SPCUMC



## Annual Rummage Sale

**It's Never Too Early  
To Start Donating!**

As you are all cleaning up from the from the past holiday season, please keep the church in mind with regard to your "rummage" and gently used items that you no longer want or need. We are now collecting items for the Annual Rummage Sale. Please call Ngairé Taylor with any questions about items you would like to donate.

## Brian McLaren to speak at Queen Anne United Methodist Church February 18, 7:00 p.m.

Brian McLaren will talk about his new book Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammad Cross the Road? - Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World. If you are interested in multi-faith issues, consider attending this lecture. McLaren is a writer and contemporary theologian who has appeared on All Things Considered, Larry King Live, Nightline, and Religion and Ethics Newsweekly. Time Magazine name McLaren as one of American's 25 most influential evangelicals.

## February Birthdays

- 2nd Charlotte Hotchkiss, Jason Whitney, Anne Passantino  
5th Ivaloe Meyer  
9th Steve Mullin, Joyce Hoffer, Dani Lockert  
13th Aaron Banse  
14th Carol Schimanski  
15th Alice Shoemaker  
17th Marsha Nemitz  
18th Jeff Ricco  
19th Vernetta Rickert  
22nd Judy Keller  
23rd Duane LaViolette, Vern Smith  
25th Frances Taylor  
26th Paul McVicar  
27th Ewan Ritchey



## Seattle & Tacoma District Training Day – 2014

**March 1 @ 9:00 am - 4:30 pm at Kent UMC  
Strengthening Churches for God's Mission**

Speakers Curtis Brown, Director of Faith Community Development for the Pacific Northwest Conference, and Gail Grossman will introduce you to a new church vitality process during the morning keynote.

Afternoon workshops will include:

Staff-Parish Relations (basic, multi-staff, and “small-ish” church options), Trustees, Finance, Social Media & Ministry 201, Creation Care, Lay Servant Ministry, Lay Leaders, Beta-Vitality Process Q & A., Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity, Safety Advocate Training

Talk to Pastor Cathy if you would like to attend.



**Please pray  
in memoriam for ...**

Bishop Jack Tuell

## Thank you from Missions Ministry Team

The Missions Ministry Team wishes to thank everyone who so generously provided warm hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for Union Gospel Mission. Jan and Blair Paul delivered 4 BIG bags of items after Christmas, and the delivery was WARMLY received!!!

Also a big thanks for the money provided for Mary's Place. They are always most grateful for our kindnesses throughout the year, and especially during the Holiday Season.



**Women's Lunch  
Thursday, February 13 —12noon  
Fireside Room**

All women of the church are invited to the Women's Lunch. Bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy *(continued)*

A few churches have already started counting their food collections:

Moscow UMC - 131 items.

First UMC Bellevue - 156 items; plus \$100

Sunrise UMC, Federal Way - 73 items

Lake Washington UMC - 795 items; plus \$125

Just think what Sand Point can add to the total to beat hunger. Wear your Seahawk colors and bling to church next Sunday, and we will get a congregational photo of our food collection in front of the altar after worship.

You can learn more at the United in Blue website:

[unitedinblue.wordpress.com](http://unitedinblue.wordpress.com).

**Mary's Place Shelter Opportunity  
February 18-25, 2014**

You have the opportunity to help shelter homeless women and their children at our church. Host one evening, bring or serve one meal to provide a safe overnight haven for women and their children. **Mary's Place** is a drop-in day program providing breakfast, lunch, showers, and laundry facilities. Classes and on-site services contribute to physical and emotional health. However, Mary's Place is closed at night. **(It is estimated that there are 27,000 homeless children in the Seattle area.)** Host congregations like SPCUMC become **Mary's Place Shelter** for a week at a time. We volunteer to provide transportation, dinner and breakfast, activities for the children and assistance with homework while offering a respite for mothers. In addition, two adults (at least one woman) from the church spend the night at the church.

Take this opportunity to volunteer:

- to prepare and serve dinner (before 6 pm) or weekend breakfast
- provide hospitality (5-8 pm)
- stay overnight (7:30 pm-7 am)

Please sign-up in Perry Hall on the sheets available for the next few Sundays or call Sylvia Abbott. This is a special opportunity.

**Melodies for February** will be donated to Christian Peacemaker Teams. Partnering with nonviolent movements around the world, CPT seeks to **embody an inclusive, ecumenical and diverse community of God's love** and believes they can transform war and occupation and the wider Christian world through: the nonviolent power of God's truth, partnership with local peacemakers, and bold action. CPT places teams at the invitation of local peacemaking communities that are confronting situations of lethal conflict. These teams **seek to follow God's Spirit as it works through local peacemakers.**

**Youth Will Be Involved in Mary's Place**

On Sunday, February 23rd, the youth will be renewing their commitment to the ideals of Mary's Place and practicing the outreach Christ calls us to do. Arriving at 6pm, they will spend several hours with the youth and mothers of Mary's Place and engage in a variety of activities.

**Elementary School kids and families will help with Mary's Shelter on Saturday, February 22nd.** Please contact Kim Herbert (spcommunitykids@gmail.com) for information.

**Youth Choir**

All youth in 3rd through 8th grades are invited to gather around the piano immediately after the postlude on Sunday to sing some new and exciting music!

**Library Happenings!**

Join us for these community library events as a fellowship opportunity with other families within our congregation and community as we continue to grow in faith and friendship with one another.

**Craft Extravaganza: Valentine's Edition!  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:30**

The event is for children, tweens, and teens! Craft options include cards, woven baskets, paper flowers, festive crowns, and more! Contact Sarah Ritchey with any questions via email at [spclittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com).

**SUMYT For Youth — grades 6-12**

This is an opportunity for our youth to meet their peers, grow in their faith community and have a blast! All of the information you could want is at <https://sumyt2014.evenbrite.com>.

**Who:** Youth grades 6-12

**When:** March 14-16

**Where:** Camp Indianola (just across the sound)

Individuals who register before February will receive a free T-shirt! Please contact William Maier if you are interested or if you have any questions.