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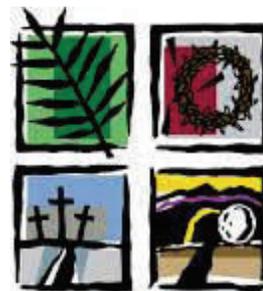
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday— April 13

Worship — 10: 00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday—April 17

6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

Joint Good Friday Service—April 18

7p.m., at Green Lake UMC

Easter Sunday

April 20

Worship — 10:00 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt after worship

New Member Class offered

Have you thought about officially joining Sand Point Community UMC, or are you curious about what makes United Methodists unique in the multitude of denominations? Join Pastor Cathy in a class/discussion to be held on Sunday, April 13th, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

What does it take to become a person of character and courage and conviction? Certainly Jesus, in his earthly life, embodied these qualities, and calls us, through a life of discipleship, to embody these traits in our love for God and love for humanity.

I recently read a book of historical fiction chronicling the real life of Sarah Grimke and her younger sister Angelina, two of the earliest female abolitionists, and imagines the life of a slave girl, "Hetty Handful". The Invention of Wings, beautifully written by Sue Monk Kidd, inspired me to reflect more deeply on what issues are important enough to me to take a stand, to speak up and to risk action.

History asserts that Sarah and Angelina Emily Grimke were the first women born into a southern slave-holding family to speak publicly on behalf of the abolition of slavery. They were also among the first to see the close connection between abolitionism and women's rights. With their religious conviction, they found the courage to defy their family's beliefs and leave the comfort of home and wealth. Speaking publicly against slavery and the subordination of women quickly created controversy and death threats. They were also criticized for having the audacity to speak to "promiscuous meetings of men and women together" in the 1830's, being admonished that women should remain silent in such gatherings.

Undeterred, these women, among others, continued to speak publicly for the rights of all people, addressing people in town halls and coming before legislative committees in Congress. When the U.S. Constitution was amended to give civil rights to African Americans, the Grimke sisters continued their efforts on behalf of racial equality, and turned to the early women's rights movement, attempting to change the 15th amendment to include women.

More than a century later, this story of the courageous Grimke sisters has been largely forgotten. I am thankful to Sue Monk Kidd for bringing stories like this to the forefront, especially in this season of Lent, as we reflect more deeply about how God is calling each of us to live into the words Jesus spoke in Luke 4:18 - "*to proclaim good news to the poor, the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.*"

May we move forward with bold commitment and courage toward the spiritual life to which we are called.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Mar. 26)

Lenten Book Study—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Mar. 30)

Worship—10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship
Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room
Parents' Meeting—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Tuesday (Apr. 1)

Men's Bible Study—10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (Apr. 2)

Lenten Book Study—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Apr. 6)

Worship—10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship
Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Tuesday (Apr. 8)

Book Study—10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (Apr. 9)

Lenten Book Study—6:30 p.m.
Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Looking Ahead:

Sunday (Apr. 27)

Tent City 3 dinner

Friday & Saturday (May 1 & 2)

Church Rummage Sale

Office Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to staff the church office the mornings of April 21-25, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please call (206)523-3040) or email spcommunity@qwestoffice.net) the church office if you can help.



April Melodies of Compassion

Our April Melodies of Compassion offerings will go to a fund to refurbish our 3 octaves of Schulmerich Handbells. The bells are quite overdue for a much-needed overhaul, after which they will ring beautifully for several decades with very little maintenance! We plan to send our bells to the Schulmerich factory in Pennsylvania for refurbishing in mid-June, after the end of our program year. The cost is approx. \$3,900 plus shipping and insurance. We appreciate your “melodies of compassion” to help to make our bells ring like new again!

Les Martin, Director of Music

Youth Choir Singing for Easter!

All young persons in 3rd through 8th grades are invited to come up into the chancel for about 20 minutes each Sunday right after church. We will sing, “Now the Green Blade Riseth” on Easter Sunday! We are also working on two other really cool songs:

Al shlosa d’varim Allan Naplan
Lord’s Prayer from *African Sanctus* Robert Fanshawe

These are all fun and lively pieces and I look forward to seeing you – and your friends, too – on Sundays up at the piano!

Les Martin

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 30th



Your generous gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering covers the operating expenses of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) and allows 100% of designated donations to get to those who need them most.



Please pray for...

Mafaituuga Gorud —recent death of sister who lived in Samoa.

Congratulations to Kenny Miller!

Kenny recently participated in the Special Olympics and won a gold medal in basketball.



Women’s Lunch—Thursday, April 10 12:00 noon, Fireside Room

Jane Stevens is the featured speaker; the topic will be “Common Sense Hygiene.” There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Be sure to bring a sandwich! Beverages & dessert will be provided.

New Art Exhibit for Lent and Easter

A new art exhibit--*AT JERUSALEM'S GATE: FROM THE PASSION TO EMMAUS*--in the north hallway, features colorful woodcuts by illustrator David Frampton, from a book by Nikki Grimes--*At Jerusalem's Gate, Poems of Easter*. Images include Christ's arrival by donkey in Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Mary Magdalene at the tomb, and Jesus' appearance at Emmaus. Sue Haas, Sarah Ritchey, and Berta Cohen curated the exhibit.

Frank Schaefer to Speak

Frank Schaefer was defrocked in December of 2013 for performing his son’s same sex wedding six years ago. Love for his son trumped the rules of the church. What does it mean to maintain spiritual integrity in the face of pressures to act in a different way? How can the UMC have spiritual integrity with the current Book of Discipline? Frank Schaefer will speak about integrity, spiritual identity, and the importance of prophetic witness inside the church and throughout the world. There are two opportunities to hear Frank speak—March 29, Open House Coffee for United Methodists, 10:30 AM at Woodland Park UMC or March 30, 4:00 PM at Queen Anne UMC. Reserve tickets at thewellqueenanne@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

Greetings Sand Point Community,
It's time update you with some of the recent plans of the youth program. We recently sent off our toolkit for Lenten Spiritual Practices called Family Faith, an engagement tool to help families start conversations about spirituality and faith with their youth. Additionally, our most recent youth group was a fantastic success! We had six youth involved in the Cookie Carnival, where we made two types of cookies and had different toppings to enable some creative creations! The youth themselves baked and made all of the cookies and frosting. I am so grateful that we have such a wonderful inter-generational community.

Peace, William Maier, Director of Youth Ministries

Sign up for Congregation Portrait Days!



It's time to have new photos taken of all the members of our congregation so we can put them up on the bulletin board in Perry Hall. This provides great hospitality to those who are new among us, and for those who have been a part of the church for decades. Even if you have had your photo taken in the past two years, we would like you to sign up again for an updated look. Portrait photography sessions of our congregation will be on **March 30th** and **April 13th** immediately following worship.

Please sign up in Perry Hall. Contact Sarah Ritchey with any questions spcittleones@gmail.com or [\(206\) 523-3040](tel:2065233040).

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up to donate a flower arrangement for the altar on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Perry Hall. There are many dates still available for the year. If you'd like to dedicate your flowers for a birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one, please write that information on the chart. For questions, contact Sue Haas, 206-522-0693. Thank you!

Pancake Feast Thank you!

Our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Feast was great fun! Approximately 60 people attended. Thank you to everyone who helped. Fruit platters were brought by Kristi and Dave Blackman, Ana & Bill Eagen, Judy & Olin Keller, Jan & Blair Paul, Jeanne & Vern Smith, and Ngaire & Bruce Taylor. Breakfast helpers included James, Laura, & Emerson Kyle, Judy Keller, Marsha Nemitz, the Blackmans, Eagens, Pauls, and Taylors. Super Shopper was Pastor Cathy. Decorators were Kim Herbert, William Maier, and Sarah Ritchey.

Lenten Enrichment Hours

Sundays, March 30th & April

11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Led by Tom Trzyna

Enrichment Hours are times for you to enrich your fellow members with your thoughts and experiences related to important Christian topics. We will continue a pattern of very little talk by leaders and a lot of wisdom from you. Our topic for Lent is forgiveness. Come to the Fireside Room at 11:30, after a cup of coffee, on March 9 and 30, and April 6 for a continuing conversation about an idea that lies at the heart of our faith.

EASTER LILY DONATIONS



If you would like to donate Easter lilies for the altar on Easter Sunday, April 20, please purchase your own potted Easter lily plant and put it on the altar, preferably before noon on Friday, April 18, or at least by 9:30 Easter morning. If you would like to honor a loved one with your donation, please call Jan Kreidler in the church office with that information at 206-523-3040. You may take your lily home following the Easter service. Questions? Contact Sue Haas at 206-522-0693. Thank you!