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United Methodist Church**

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Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday—April 13

Palm Sunday Processional
*(Meet in the Narthex 10 minutes prior to the
service to get instructions and palms.)*
Worship — 10: 00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday—April 17

7:00 p.m., Perry Hall



Good Friday Service—April 18

7 p.m., joint service 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 ...

As we move closer to Holy Week, I am pondering what it means to live and to die. Following Jesus is a matter of life and death. Or, to put it another way, life and death matter to those who follow Jesus. Jesus continually speaks of dying and rising, losing your life and gaining it. Worldly wisdom says grab, grasp and hold on. Get what you need for you and yours to be secure, and don't let go. The spiritual life of transformation always involves loss and letting go. Just like adventure requires letting go of security, and justice requires letting go of self-interest, transformation requires a type of death as well, letting go of familiar and safe ways of life.

Bill Plotkin speaks of the first half of life as doing our survival dance. The second half of life can then become our sacred dance. Perhaps these words resonate more deeply with me as I realize I am at the age of letting go of the first half of life, and moving more intentionally and deeply into the second half. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan Priest and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation says that many people may never move beyond the survival dance to ask the deep concerns of the soul that lead to our sacred dance. But he asserts that we have to go through the first half of life and its concerns. Every level of growth builds on the previous ones. Transcendence means including previous stages.

The spiritual life is a matter of becoming who we already authentically are. Most saints describe this path as much more unlearning than learning. It is a journey of letting go and developing an ongoing practice of letting go, and turning around one more time, until it becomes a way of life. (*The Art of Letting Go: Living the Wisdom of St. Francis*)

Where do you need to "die" today? What is God calling you to let go of today? May we journey together along the path of transformation, the Way that leads to life abundant.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Apr. 9)

Lenten Book Study—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

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

Thursday (Apr. 10)

Staff meeting—10:00 a.m.

Women's Lunch—12:00 noon, Fireside room

Sunday (Apr. 13) Palm Sunday

Palm Procession

Worship—10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour—after worship

New Member Class—11:45 a.m., Fireside Room

Tuesday (Apr. 15)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., fireside room

Wednesday (Apr. 16)

Lenten Book Study—6:30 p.m.,

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Apr. 17)

Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Friday (Apr. 18) Good Friday

Church offices closed.

Good Friday Service—7:00 p.m., joint service with
Green Lake UMC

Looking Ahead:

Sunday (Apr. 27)

Tent City 3 dinner

Friday & Saturday (May 1 & 2)

Church Rummage Sale



The Egg Hunt Begins April 20 at 11am

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin right after worship on April 20th. Kid's up through 5th grade are invited to participate! Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors as we celebrate Easter!

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, Director of Music

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!



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Please pray for...

Family, friends and victims of mudslide in Oso.

Tragedy in Oso: How You Can Help

If you would like to help our neighbors in Oso, you may write a check to Sand Point CUMC, indicating in the memo section: PNW Disaster Response Advance Special for Oso.

Happy 90th Birthday to Betty Kelley

Betty Kelley will celebrate her 90th birthday on April 25. Friends are encouraged to send her a birthday greeting at her home.



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

Jane Stevens is the featured speaker; the topic will be "Common Sense Hygiene." The program will include time for questions and answers. Be sure to bring a sandwich! Beverages & dessert will be provided.

Office Volunteers Needed

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

Sign up for Congregation Portrait Day!



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. The remaining Portrait photography session for our congregation will be on **April 13th** immediately following worship.

Please sign up in Perry Hall. Contact Sarah Ritchey with any questions spclittleones@gmail.com or (206) 523-3040.



**Blood Drive hosted by
View Ridge Elem. School PTA
and Sand Point CUMC
Thursday, May 15
1:00 to 7:00 p.m., Perry Hall**

This blood drive is in memory of 9-year old Zach Guillot who passed away on Feb. 7th after a valiant 4-year fight with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). **There also will be the opportunity for parents and kids (18 and up) to sign-up to enter the Bone Marrow Registry.** With a simple cheek swab and a few questions, you can enter a database to potentially be called upon to save a kid like Zach. Zach's then 3-year old brother, Jake (now a first grader), was his first lifesaving marrow donor. Following this transplant, Zach was disease free for almost 2 years. After Zach relapsed, a total stranger (we now know his name is Matt) donated his bone marrow for a second bone marrow transplant. You can drop in or sign up early by going to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0D49AEAB2BA20-yes. This is an opportunity to truly make a difference in someone's life.



New Art Exhibit for Lent & 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 the Last Supper, the sky darkened by an eclipse at Christ's passing, and Mary Magdalene at the tomb. Sue Haas, Sarah Ritchey, and Berta Cohen curated the exhibit.



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 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 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 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. Thank you!