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**Youth Mission Trip to Portland**



## Reflections from Pastor Cathy....

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. - Philippians 4:4-9*

I have loved being your pastor over the past (almost) 6 years, and as I write this last newsletter, my heart is full of gratitude and thankfulness for each of you, even as I shed a tear or two. Moments of grace all around me - Kenny walking into worship and someone inviting him to sit down and holding his hand; Emily dancing as we sing the hymns of the faith; so many arms outstretched ready to hold the babies in our midst; so many folks stepping up to help with Mary's Place even in the midst of a bit of chaos; the installation of the new sound system; new people getting involved in our congregational life in deeper ways; a youth mission trip after more than a decade. These are all good things, and so I rejoice in these moments, and rejoice in the many more moments you will experience without me as your pastor.

You have been a loving and gracious congregation to serve, and I know you will open your hearts to Rev. Beryl Ingram as she begins her time of ministry with you September 14th. Have I mentioned how delighted I am that Pastor Beryl will be coming to be your pastor? She will baptize babies, offer confirmation to our youth, walk with you in your worshiping lives, and journey with you in the midst of grief, illness and death. She will most certainly be with you until after Christmas, and possibly until the end of June 2015. Your Staff Parish Relations Committee (chaired by Kathy Warnaca & Beth Mullin) will be working closely with Rev. Pat Simpson, Seattle District Superintendent, to bring about the best pastoral appointment for Sand Point Community UMC.

In the meantime, you will need to look after one another, and encourage each other to keep the faith. Continue to be the Body of Christ as this faith community. Show up for worship on August 31st as Kim Herbert, Director of Youth Ministries brings the message, and on September 7th as Tom Trzyna steps into the pulpit.

Thank you for the blessing of being your pastor. I will treasure you and remember you in my heart always, giving thanks to God for the grace you have shown me. And I close my last newsletter article with these words from Phil. 1:6: *I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.* -Grace upon grace, Pastor Cathy

## Family Play Dates



Four families, along with staff members Sarah Ritchey & Kim Herbert, joined together at View Ridge Park after church this past Sunday for more fun and fellowship.

This gathering occurs monthly. Make sure to join in the fun next time. Check with Diane Chapel for more information.

## MELODIES OF COMPASSION FOR SEPTEMBER

Since the Global United Methodist Church started its comprehensive program of "Imagine No Malaria" in 2010, the death rate from malaria has been cut in half!! Now the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area is stepping up its commitment to "Imagine No Malaria", and our Pacific Northwest Annual Conference has pledged a goal of \$500,000. Much has already been raised, but our own Bishop Grant Hagiya is asking each church in the Conference to help fulfill this pledge. Just \$10 is enough to protect a whole family, or provide a course of lifesaving medicine for a sick child. The Missions Team of SPUMC is asking its congregation to consider this as we collect our offerings for Melodies of Compassion in the month of September. We are truly blessed that our loved ones are not endangered by malaria -- now it's time to step it up and pass that blessing on.



Left: Susan Vigil, literally going “above and beyond” to clean those impossibly high places in the Narthex! Thank you, Susan.

### September Birthdays

*We apologize if we missed your birthday. Please call the church office with your information so we may include you next time.*



### Portland Youth Mission Trip

The last week of July Olivia, Charlie & Frances, Max Sleeth, Kim and Pastor Cathy from Sand Point joined forces with UMC youth from Edmonds, Redmond, and Salem, OR to spend six days stocking food banks, helping out community centers, serving breakfast to the homeless, packing green-beans to go to food banks around Oregon, walking through the streets of the city to bring food and socks to the homeless, and many other awesome activities! It was a growing experience for all of us, barriers were broken, and community was built in Portland, among the group of 35 UMC Youth, and among our Sand Point Youth. All-in-all, it was an unforgettable experience!



### Please pray in memoriam for:



Warren Kraft—brother of Ken Kraft

### New Contact Information

*Please be sure to add this information to your church directory.*



### Thank You to Office Volunteers

Many thanks to these wonderful people who volunteered to help in the church office while your office manager was on vacation: Carol Blainey, Verle Bleece Diane Fathi and Judy Keller.



## Thank you to Mary's Place Volunteers

Our guests from Mary's Place were 5 moms and 9 children (ages 2 to 16). Sand Point Community United Methodist Church is blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who provided transportation, meals, hospitality and / or stayed overnight!

We thank Tony Russo, Sylvia Abbot and Joan Bohn for their amazing leadership.

In addition, thank you to the volunteers listed below for their help: Phil Bohn, Fritz & Susie Bowman, Mike Bush, Diane Chapel, Ursula Class, Berta Cohen, Julie Conklin, Megan Dean, Bill & Ana Eagen, Florence Greff, Sue Haas, Jim Koza, Jan Kreidler, Laura, James & Emerson Kyle, Pastor Cathy Law, Madison and Meredith McVicar, Alan & Judy Miller, Marsha Nemitz, Jan & Blair Paul, Marilynn Pray, Martha Price, Sarah & Ewan Ritchey, JW Roundhill, Barry Roundhill, Kim Herbert and Sand Point Youth (Anna, Charlie, Emerson, Frances, Ian & Max), Bev Sheller, Karen & Mari Smith, Stadium Cleaners, Bruce Taylor, Tom Trzyna, Doug Whalley, Ron & Susan Vigil, Virginia Williams and those who made monetary donations. We could not have done it without you!

## Thank you to ...

everyone who came in last Thursday for a tutorial on how to operate our new sound system: Doug Warnaca, Alan Miller, Ron Vigil, Kim Herbert, Ngaire Taylor, Terry Cicero, Sylvia Abbott and Marsha Nemitz.



## Sound System Update

It is my pleasure to inform all of you that our new sound system installation has been completed and is fully functioning! We are looking forward to beautiful sound for our music program and for our sermons and other speaking selections. We also have the ability to record our music performances which may bring more groups to our beautiful sanctuary.

We want to thank all of you who so generously contributed to the make this sound system a reality. Your generosity is overwhelming and we want all of you to know how much we appreciate you! We have a remarkable and very giving congregation! I want to thank Doug Warnaca for his willingness to take a leading role in this project. It was very special to be able to work with him and watch his careful and thorough researching of sound systems elsewhere, vendors and bids, and his presentations to the church council. Thanks also to Les Martin for his input and research, to Tony, Sylvia, Bill, Bruce Taylor, Pastor Cathy and to the extensive assistance by the Church Council as we refined information and made our final choice of Morgan Sound. We appreciate Charlie Morgan and his knowledge and the professionalism of his staff. Many spent some time Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> with a Morgan Sound rep to learn the system. Those present will be able to share their knowledge if needed.

We will keep you up to date with more details and qualities our sound system brings to all of us and to those who come just occasionally to enjoy our special music.

Again, I want to thank all the financial contributors and the behind the scenes worker bees who helped make this new sound system possible. It was a group effort and we will all benefit for years to come! Sweet, sweet sound!

Marsha Nemitz, Chair of Trustees