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## **World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 5**



World Communion Sunday offering is one of the special offerings authorized by the General Conference, to be observed with the taking of an offering throughout the denomination. World Communion Sunday is always observed on the first Sunday of October and focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday scholars, administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education. Please give generously. *(Everyone is invited to wear clothing from another country!)*



## **CROP Walk 2014 — October 5**

Ending hunger one step at a time is the goal of the CROP WALK sponsored by Church World Service. The walk in our area will begin at 12:30 p.m. on October 5th at Green Lake United Methodist Church, 6415 1st Ave. NE. It is a fun and meaningful event, but you do not have to walk in order to participate. Berta Cohen and Meredith McVicar will be accepting donations Sunday, Oct. 5th. Look for them and please give generously to help provide tools and safe water around the earth.

## Pastor's Perceptions

Sand Point Community UM Church is one blessed community in Christ!!! Each week I am discovering new groups of people who love God and one another and enjoy being useful in God's mission of loving the world! What a kick! It really didn't dawn on me when I accepted this appointment that it would be so much fun.

You may or may not know that there are many churches like SPCUMC that are on the slippery slope of decline and NO ONE in those congregations will realize it until it is too late to intervene. You have been fortunate to have had two pastors follow each other who did realize this, participated in Conference-wide conversations about decline and how to address it, attended seminars, read books, listened to experts, and brought their wisdom to this faith community. Thank you to the Rev. Patricia Simpson and the Rev. Cathy Law.

This community in Christ has held its own in a time of severe decline. That is NO SMALL ACCOMPLISHMENT in this None Zone! I offer my sincere congratulations.

Do you know what the None Zone is? In 2004 *Religion and Life in the Pacific Northwest: the None Zone* was published. Here was the empirical data that explained why our part of the United States is the "least churched" area in the nation. This is the only region of the US where the majority of the people (63%) have no religious affiliation **and don't want to have one**. When asked about their religious affiliation they wrote: none. Hence, the title of the book.

I hope as you read this you say, well, how are we different from other churches in our situation in this none zone? Think of the elements that you cherish in your church. What are they? Tangible? Intangible? Have guests returned to become involved? Why? Were there baptisms in the past several years? Why? Churches in decline probably answer "no" to the last two questions.

When was the last time you invited a friend or neighbor to come to worship or to some group or special event with you? My hunch is that those of you who have been here twenty or more years ran out of neighbors years ago because they were already here with you or you knew and respected their membership somewhere else. Are there new people in your neighborhood? The Sand Point area is in the midst of changing demographics as long-time residents move out of their homes and new people move in. The fact is not true for

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## Calendar of Events

### Friday (Oct. 3)

Movie Night—5:30 p.m., Perry Hall

### Sunday (Oct. 5)

World Communion Sunday (*wear clothing from another country*)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir following worship, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship

CROP Walk—12:30 p.m., from Green Lake UMC

Youth Group—6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Youth Room

### Monday (Oct. 6)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

### Tuesday (Oct. 7)

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

### Wednesday (Oct. 8)

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

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

## Looking Ahead

### Sunday (Oct. 19)

Teacher/Volunteer Training—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (Oct. 26)

Tent City 3—dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., delivery & serving approximately 5 p.m.

### Sunday (Nov. 2)

Charge Conference—after worship

Daylight Savings Time Ends

## October Good Shepherd Team

Sylvia & Bob Abbott, Marilyn & Don Covey, Diane Fathi & Verle Bleese, Beth & Steve Mullin, Bev & Jerry Sheller, Marilyn & Ken Kraft, Berta Cohen, JW Roundhill, Charlotte Hotchkiss, Jan Shapiro, Greg Blodgett, Hal Thompson, Diane & Aaron Radabaugh, Anna Long

**Melodies of Compassion for October** will be donated to **The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County**. Founded in 1977, the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides nonperishable food packs as a response to people in crisis hunger situations. They are dedicated to alleviating hunger while providing individuals with resource counseling to help move them towards independence.

**What They Do:**

- **Pack 15 varieties of emergency packs** to meet the cultural and nutritional needs of clients.
- **Work with over 180 partner organizations** to make the bags available when and where clients need them.
- **Provide clients** with a list of available resources to help guide them to the longer-term services they need to get back on their feet.
- **Collaborate with food banks and other anti-hunger organizations** to boost efforts to fight hunger in Seattle and King County.

Please be generous with your weekly coins and other donations to help support this very important work right where we live!

**Update on Sand Point Housing**

For the last several months we have not actively asked for household donations because SPH has been undergoing building updating (new windows and siding) and the Resource Room was not accessible. That work is now done. The interfaith team that works in the Resource Room met with SPH staff last Wednesday evening to work out details. The good news is that the Resource Room will be open again in November to residents in transitional housing. Specific gently used items are needed at this time: blankets & sheets (twin & double), towels, mixing bowls, cereal bowls, storage containers with lids, dinner plates, drinking glasses, frying pans of all sizes and larger pots & pans with lids. (Note: saucers, mugs & small pots are not needed.) If you would like to donate items, you may bring them to the church office. Thank you for your support.



**Please pray for:** Ann McDonald

**in memoriam:** Marion Goddard

**Congratulations to ...**

**JW Roundhill**—recipient of the French Medal of Honor at a ceremony on Sat., Sept. 20, 10:00 for his contribution to the Liberation of France during WW2. He previously was honored by the people of Normandy for his participation in the D-Day operation.



*Right: JW & great-grandchildren*

*Photo by Bill Eagen*

**Cathlynn Law and Angela Wolle** —recent marriage

**Correction:** In our last issue of the SANDPOINTER, we shared the news that Ann McDonald recently welcomed the birth of a great-grandson. Ann and her family *did* welcome a new baby ... he is her *great great-nephew!*



**Women's Luncheon  
Tuesday, October 14  
12:00 noon, Perry Hall**

All women of the church are invited! Be sure to bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.

**Pastor's Perceptions** *continued*

many of the churches that are in decline. They are surrounded by static populations. This is especially true for many of our small town or rural congregations. As beloved members die there are no new people moving in; no new families to invite to church. It is a desperately sad situation.

You are NOT in that situation. You are NOT in a sad situation. You are smack dab in the right place at the right time! What a gift! Let's make the most of it and have a ball doing it!

Thrilled to be with you and filled with the Spirit's power, **Dr. B**

**You are invited to participate in  
Sand Point's Music Program!**

People of all ages are welcome to sing, play handbells, and offer special music at Sand Point – membership at SPCUMC is not required to participate in the music program – please feel free to invite interested friends and neighbors to join us. A basic understanding of musical notation is helpful, but not essential.

**Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 7:30 PM**

Those who love to sing are invited to be a part of the Chancel Choir, which rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 PM. We sing each week at the 10 AM service.

**Handbell Choir – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 PM**

Handbell ringing is an intergenerational team sport at SPUMC! We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM. We play about once per month at the 10 AM service.

**Youth Choir – immediately after the 10 AM service**

Young singers in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up are invited to come up to the piano right after the postlude to rehearse for about 20 minutes each Sunday. Music reading ability is not required. We will present musical selections throughout the year and even plan to collaborate with the Chancel Choir on some special musical projects!

**Special Music**

Do you sing or play an instrument? Please let me know if you would like to share your musical gifts at SPUMC.

If you would like more information about the music program, see me on Sunday. I look forward to hearing from you. -Leslie Martin, Dir. of Music

**Charge Conference  
Sunday, November 2nd**

Staff Parish Relations will meet with District Superintendent Patricia Simpson at 9:00 a.m. Charge Conference will follow the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. (Please turn in ministry team reports by Friday, October 24.)



**Movie Night!**

**Friday, October 3**

**5:30 to 8:30 p.m. —Perry Hall**

Contact Meredith McVicar for additional information.

**Parents' Second Sundays Study Group**

Looking for a way to get to know people and grow in your faith? On the second Sunday of each month, families with children (babies through high school) are gathering for a light lunch after church, and then the parents will gather for study and discussion while children are looked after and cared for by church staff nearby. One of Jesus' parables will be examined each month, and Diane Chapel will facilitate the discussion with questions from the Bible study book "Parables of Jesus" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Participants do not need to do prep work—no advance reading required, no need to bring food; just come as you are! On October 12<sup>th</sup> we will share lunch in the Fireside Room following worship, and then return to Perry Hall to read and discuss the parable "The Prodigal Son" (Luke 15:11-32). Whether you have never heard the story or feel you know it well, come explore it with us!

**An Article about Solomon who stayed at  
Mary's Place Shelters with his family**

Recently Solomon was featured in an article by Thanh Tan, Times editorial columnist. The article shares how Solomon arrived in Tukwila from Ethiopia 2 years ago, how his family soon became homeless and stayed in shelters run by Mary's Place and how he persevered in school. This year Solomon is a freshman at the University of Washington. If you would like to read the entire article, it is posted on the bulletin board outside Perry Hall.