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Advent Calendar

Children's Pageant and Festival Music with Choir, Organ and Trumpet

Sunday, December 21

during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

****Pageant Dress Rehearsal****

9:00 to 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service—5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Festival Music with Choir, Organ and Trumpet

Candlelight Meditation—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Meditation with
Special Music, Scripture Readings and Candle lighting
(Communion will not be offered this year.)

Pastor's Perspectives for mid-December 2014

Joyful greetings from me to you and yours! I've chosen this type font (Tempus Sans ITC) to convey light-heartedness. If I could, I would choose a font that would burst open with golden star dust as choirs of mini-angels sang JOY TO THE WORLD when your eyes fell upon the page. Can't pull that off, though, so I hope you can imagine it. Ü

As I write this on Monday morning the 8th day of December, there is a bright gray sky that opens up with blue patches and clouds. Sparrows and Juncos and Chickadees, a few Wrens, a Flicker, quite a few Mallards eating the newly thrown corn, and high above, a Bald Eagle surveys it all from the bare branches of the gigantic Cottonwood. I enjoy the birds and the squirrels, these woodland creatures with whom I share space, with whom I am in solidarity. We are all of us blessings of a gracious Creator.

It reminds me of the Isaiah passage about God's holy mountain (Isaiah 11) where all creatures live in harmony, safety, recognized kinship, and there is peace among them. It is the lion and the lamb nuzzling as they nap together. PEACE. SHALOM.

One possible expression of that shalom would be a small act of solidarity with our Jewish friends as they begin the celebration of Hanukkah on December 17th, next Wednesday. They will put a menorah, a seven-branch candlestick in their windows. I am putting a menorah in my front window and will light it when I am at home.

I would like to see menorahs in the windows of Christian families all over the neighborhood. Why? Because it is a way of being in solidarity with people to whom we are through our faith related. Jesus was Jewish. His mother and father were Jewish. His disciples were Jewish.

A Jewish home with a menorah in the window is an easy target, for prejudice and ignorance, but if many homes display menorahs, bullies may think twice about messing around. Besides, it was a Jew who wrote "do unto others as you want them to do unto you." Good rule of thumb.

Blessed Advent, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza—**Dr. B**

Calendar of Events

Tuesday (Dec. 16)

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

Wednesday (Dec. 17)

Bell choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

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

Friday (Dec. 19)

Parents' Night Out—5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Saturday (Dec. 20)

Children's Pageant rehearsal—10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Dec. 21)

Dress rehearsal for Pageant—9:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Community Hour—immediately after worship, Perry Hall

Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

NO Senior High Youth Group tonight.

Wednesday (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve

Church offices closed.

Family Service: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Candlelight Meditation: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Dec. 25)

Church offices closed.

Sunday (Dec. 28)

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

NO Senior High Youth Group tonight.

Sunday (Jan. 4)

Epiphany Sunday

Tuesday (Jan. 6)

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

Saturday (Jan. 10)

Un-Hanging of the Greens—10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon



Christmas Cards!

Sand Point Community UMC has a long standing Christmas card tradition — if you'd like to send a card to the church, we would be delighted to display it on one of the red ribbons in Perry Hall!



The Giving Tree

It isn't too late to participate! (The Giving Tree is in Perry Hall.) Please stop and take one or two of the cutouts and then return them with a warm hat or scarf, or gloves or mittens all of which will be donated to Seattle's Union Gospel Mission. The items will be distributed to the homeless, who live out in the cold Seattle winter.

Thanks for your continued caring!

January Melodies of Compassion

The January recipient of our Melodies of Compassion will be Pacific Northwest Conference Disaster Response Advance #352 to help with recovery from the recent fires in Pateros.

January Good Shepherd Team

Jan & Blair Paul, Bruce & Ngaire Taylor, Jeanne & Vern Smith, Jerrie Fliflet, Sainsbury & Helen Strack, Fritz & Susie Bowman, Matt Hinck & Jill Seebergh, Ina Jenkins, Bob Houk, Carol Houk, Dan McGrew, Anne Passantino, Phyllis & Richard Ferguson



"Un-hanging of the Greens"
Saturday, January 10, 2015
10:00 a.m. to noon

Mark the date on your calendar! Everyone is invited to help take down and put away the Christmas decorations.



**Please pray
in Memoriam for:**

Kelly Foss—husband of Judy
Dick Warner—husband of Randi,
father-in-law of Peg Knudson

Men's Bible Study

December 16

10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Hanging the Greens



Many thanks to our wonderful work team for the "Hanging of the Greens" on Nov. 29! Pictured are (L to R): in front row are Martha Price, Sarah & Mark Alexander, Bella Flaccus, Sarah Ritchey; middle row: Emily Alexander, Anna Long and back row: Sue Haas, Ngaire Taylor, Tristan Strack-Grose, Charlie Taylor, Dan McGrew, Sylvia Abbott, Scott Haas, Carol Houk, Jane Stevens, Rev. Dr. Beryl Ingram, Jerry Zimmerman. Not pictured: Berta Cohen, Ken Cribley, Ana & Bill Eagen, Marie Horsley, Helen, Sainsbury, and Wendy Strack, Tom Trzyna.

Enrichment Hour

December 21—11:30 a.m.

Dr. B. will lead the final session of this series on
The Historical Context for the Life of Jesus.

New Christmas Art Exhibit



Take a look in the North hallway at the new Christmas art exhibit which features lovely, original papercuts by Sarah Ritchey. Sarah cuts each image from a single piece of black paper. The seven images include *Advent Wreath*, *Nativity*, and *Angel*, among others.

Poinsettias for Altar

If you would like to donate a fresh poinsettia plant for the altar this Christmas, please purchase your potted 6-inch plant (red, white, pink, etc.) and bring it to church on Sunday, Dec. 21 (not before, because we can't be responsible for watering them, and keeping them warm in the unheated sanctuary).



Put your plant on, or in front of the altar, by 9:45 that morning. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with your poinsettia, please let Jan in the church office know their names. You may take your poinsettia home after our Christmas Eve Candlelight Meditation that ends at 7:30 pm on Dec. 24.

Thanks in advance to our poinsettia donors!
- Sue Haas and Marilyn Pray



Thank You, Berta!

Many thanks go to Berta Cohen for the all that she does for Sand Point Community UMC! Most recently she planned, organized and hosted (with the help of her many friends) the Women's Christmas Tea.

(Photo by Sue Haas)



Friday, December 19th (5:00p-8:00p)

Parents are busy this holiday season and our hope is that we may offer an opportunity for you to either enjoy a few hours on your own or to do any last minute preparations before kids & students are on break from school/daycare for the holidays. Plus we want the kids & students to have a Christmas party! ☺

Staff and volunteers will be present while the kids will play games, create Christmas crafts, eat dinner, sing carols, and watch a short movie. This event will be open for children ages 0-12 & a suggested donation of \$5 per student is asked for in order to cover expenses. We will be pre-registering spaces for this event. The deadline to signup is Wednesday, December 17th.

If you plan to have your child/children attend, please email spcittleones@gmail.com or spcommunitykids@gmail.com by December 17th.

Ginger Bread House Making

December 19—5-8p

On December 19, from 5-8p (*during Parents Night Out*) the Junior High will be making Ginger Bread Houses! Don't miss it!