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Pastor Janelle's First Sunday



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From Our Pastor ...

Hello Friends in Faith,

These past several weeks I have had the joy of beginning to get to know you. I have most enjoyed hearing your stories and look forward to more. In return, many of you have reached out to me to hear mine. With these invitations in mind, I'd like to use this as a chance to share more about me. So here's a story: it combines a bit of my past, some of my personality, a very dear person and a lot of my experience with God. It is told with permission and I can all but guarantee I'll tell it again! Enjoy!

I'm not one to have visions like in the stories about prophets, but I am sure that I have seen the face of God. It happened in the most unexpected of places, on the most unexpected of days. Then again, isn't that how these things always happen?!

Anyways, it was a cold, grey day my last year of college. I was unusually tired and late for work. At the time I was working as a tutor for a wonderful little boy named Keegan who lives with severe autism. Rushing, I made it to Keegan's house and did my best not to let it show how flustered I really was. Well, Keegan was having an off day, too; though he had no qualms about letting his frustrations show. Eventually I gave up on following the planned activities—I needed a break and Keegan needed his own stimulations. Suffice to say, it was a long morning for both of us.

By the time lunchtime came, we were both ready to be done. So I let Keegan do his thing while I made his usual lunch: 4 hot dogs, no bun, and applesauce. As he sat down to eat, I sat down to write my notes—all the while willing the clock to go faster; when out of nowhere, Keegan starts laughing. For a reason that will forever be unknown to me, he caught a major case of the giggles. Actually, it was more like a full-on, contagious, whole-body shaking, hot dogs-falling-uneaten-out-of-his-mouth, kind of laughter. It was a matter of seconds before we were both laughing uncontrollably—sometimes my cheeks still hurt from it!

It was in this moment that I looked wonderingly into his laughing face. And right there: in the applesauce smile and twinkling eyes that always struggled to meet mine, I saw the face of God. I am *sure* of it.

Seven years later and I can still picture it: God smiling through Keegan. My friends, in that moment and ever since, I am reminded that surely God is present with us all...in every mundane, messy, frustrating, joyful moment that makes up our life lived together.

Thanks be to God! —*Pastor Janelle*

Sunday Mornings:

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Community Hour—following worship service, Perry Hall

Fellowship Dinner/Brunch Sign-ups for 2015-16

Ready for fun, food, and fellowship? Fall is around the corner (rain anyone?), so now's the time to consider joining one of our Fellowship Dinner/Brunch Groups for 2015-16! Groups of 8-10 people meet about every other month for either potlucks in our homes, or for no-host restaurant meals--either dinners or brunches. All ages are welcome. It's a great way to get to know each other, share stories, and enjoy delicious meals. Each group determines its own dates, times, and places to meet--often Sunday after church for brunch, or on a Friday or Saturday evening. Group lists will be announced in late September with gatherings to start in October. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 27. Please email or call Sue Haas to reserve your space in a group. Also, look for the sign-up sheet in Perry Hall during coffee hour.



September Birthdays

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

August Fellowship Hour Hosts

Sylvia & Bob Abbott, Marilyn & Don Covey, Diane Fathi & Verle Bleese, Beth & Steve Mullin, Bev & Jerry Sheller, Marilyn & Ken Kraft, Berta Cohen, JW Roundhill, Jan Shapiro, Greg Blodgett, Hal Thompson, Linda Balcom



Please Pray for:

Jon Eagen
Pat Redman, Pam & Tony Russo
Jacque Taylor Young

Congratulations & Best Wishes to:

Kevin Moxon and Nicole Molendyk who recently were married. Kevin is son of Keith and Soona Moxon.

Thank You to our Volunteers

Kevin Kurtz—resolving complicated computer issues in the church offices
John Blainey, Kevin Kurtz & Doug Warnaca—construction of new flower box outside the pastor’s office
Diane Fathi, Gladys Ruthrauff, Jan Shapiro and Ron & Susan Vigil—volunteers in church office
Dave Blackman—help preparing the newsletter for mailing

New Contact Information

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**United Methodist
Women’s Luncheon
Tuesday, September 8th
12:00 noon, Fireside Room**



The women of Sand Point Church will welcome Pastor Janelle at their first meeting/luncheon of the Fall. Come “Meet and Greet” our new Pastor. We will meet at 12:00 noon in the Fireside Room on September 8, Tuesday. Please let Ana Eagen know if you can attend. Bring a sandwich; drinks, crudites, and dessert are provided. All women and any friends or neighbors are warmly invited.



Going Back in History— Noah's Ark Quilt

Presented to SPCUMC on
April 4, 1976.

*(Paraphrased from April 7, 1976
SANDPOINTER article)*

The Bible verses Genesis 6:13-22 were the inspiration for the quilt and was a cross-generational project. The design was planned and financed by the Thursday Night Youth members of the committee: Nancy Cohen, Karen Corlett, Jeanelle Jackman, Linda Kraft, Jill Martin, Pat McCausland, Barb Moses, Karol Osterhout and Amy Scott. They were joined by Youth Assistant Jeri Roush, Kathy Finney, Margaret Ruggles and Beulah Wilkinson. Carol Schimanski directed the project. Two all-day quilting bees were held where conversation and ideas flew as fast as the quilting needles. Those joining the "Quilt Artists" were: Lillian Beazley, Berta Cohen and her mother Thelma Conklin, Ruth Devine, Darcie Lima, Carol McVicar, Kay Scott, Pam Scott, Francie VanOtegham, Sari VanOtegham, and Liz Wallace. By conservative estimate, well over 100 hours of quilting were combined on those two days. Win & Rob Scott provided the invaluable expertise needed to build an adaptable quilting frame and engineered the hanging of the quilt in Perry Hall.

Thank you to Sarah Ritchey and Sue Haas who recently requesting the re-hanging of the quilt in Perry Hall and to Ron Vigil for making it happen.

Volunteer Liaison Wanted

Wanted—1 woman under 80—who is willing to be the liaison between families and the church for receptions following memorial services. If you are interested, please contact Bev Sheller.

Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry coming up on September 19!!!!

Our Sand Point United Methodist Church Missions Team has signed up to support this important Food Drive. Please consider volunteering for a short time (about a 2-hour period) at the Wedgwood Safeway Store on September 19th, held from 9 am until 6 pm. We need volunteers to staff this important -- and FUN! -- benefit to collect food for the Food Banks throughout King County. All you need to do is to smile, be friendly and give out fliers with "most needed items" to shoppers as they enter the store and say "thank you" as they drop their purchased items into the barrels as they leave. You may even SIT for your shift if needed -- we will provide chairs. The neighborhood has been extremely generous at this store over the past years and we have been able to collect TONS of food!!

The sign up sheet is on the table in Perry Hall. Please support the Missions Team and volunteer!

Melodies of Compassion

Our August Melodies of Compassion (loose change offering) will support the work of Katherine Parker who is part of the General Board of the General Board of Global Mission — Health Team of the United Mission to Nepal. This group is focusing on water, sanitation, and hygiene. (Katherine's grandfather, The Rev. Bruce Parker, was pastor and Sand Point Community UMC and also served as Seattle District Superintendent.)