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## **Children's Christmas Pageant**

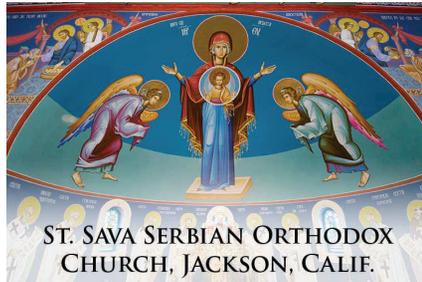
*(photo by Diane Chapel)*



## **Interfaith Worship & Conversation Friday, January 16th**

In light of recent events in Paris, a group of people from our area will worship with and then be in conversation with Muslims and persons of other faiths in the Interfaith Community Sanctuary in Ballard on Friday, January 16th. The Prayer Service begins at 12:45, with conversation at 1:30. Everyone is invited. The address is 63 Northwest 62nd Street, Seattle, WA 98107. Carpools will leave our parking lot at 12:00 noon. - Dr. B

## Pastor's Perspectives ....



When I was a child, I grew up in dual religious traditions. When I was about five my mother took me to the Methodist Sunday School, because she believed that we needed religious training. I loved it! That was in addition to attending the Divine Liturgy with my mother and Baba at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, where we stood, and I fidgeted, for three hours.

St. Sava is a tiny sanctuary on a hill, surrounded by graveyard, mostly granite monuments and markers. My maternal grandparents are buried there, as are my parents, my great uncles, my aunt and uncle, cousins, family friends --- the anchors of my childhood and characters who told amazing stories while sitting around our kitchen table, lapsing into “Slav” when young ears were too tender for “the good parts.”

As I write this on January 7, 2015, my cousins and friends are visiting in each other’s homes, eating especially prepared foods and toasting with Slivovitz or whiskey or Cherry Brandy, some of it still homemade [pun intended]. C’esti Bosic y Nasdravia Nova Godina! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Last night, Christmas Eve, there was undoubtedly a Yule Log burning in the Church Hall fireplace and a hub-bub of bantering and story-telling. The Hall is a separate building, across half the cemetery and down the hill from the church. You would know

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## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday (Jan. 14)**

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

**Friday (Jan. 16)**

Interfaith Prayer and Conversation—12:45, Interfaith Community Sanctuary

**Sunday (Jan. 18)**

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Community Hour—immediately after worship, Perry Hall

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

**Monday (Jan. 19) Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday**

Church offices closed.

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

**Tuesday (Jan. 20)**

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

**Wednesday (Jan. 21)**

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

## Looking Ahead

**Sunday (Jan. 25)**

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

## Human Relations Day Special Offering

**Sunday, January 18, 2015**

*Together we extend a helping hand to those in crisis so they can overcome formidable obstacles.*

Your gift will benefit neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation program. To learn more, go to [WWW.UMCGIVING.ORG/HRD](http://WWW.UMCGIVING.ORG/HRD).

Checks may be issued to Sand Point Community UMC, indicating Human Relations Day in the memo section.

## January Birthdays



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

### January Good Shepherd Team

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



### Please pray for:

Jon Eagen  
Helen Loorya—mother-in-law  
of Marisa (Eagen) Loorya

### Bible Presentation



Congratulations to Nathaniel Banse-Clark, Aleksandra Bowell-Gutierrez & Ben Swift who were presented with Bibles on Sunday, December 14th. *Photo by Liz Banse.*

### New Altar Flower Sign-up Chart for 2015

A new altar flower sign up chart is posted on the bulletin board outside Perry Hall. The New Year awaits your generous donations for altar flower arrangements to beautify our sanctuary and honor God's creations! Questions? Contact Sue Haas.

### Pastor's Perspectives *(continued from page 2)*

immediately that it is not a Methodist establishment because there is a big bar built right in!

I can picture the scene and hear it, from memories of so long ago when as a child with other children I danced the Kola [circle dance] inside the circle formed by the adults. Those adults were either “from the Old Country,” or were first generation children of the immigrants. The lusty songs were from Serbia, Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Croatia, Bosnia --- the Old Country. The people are all now gone from this earth, but I know where to find them.

Thanking God for my life, *Dr. B*

### Many Thanks to ...

**Dave Blackman** for generously sharing his time to help address the newsletter, for doing the occasional plumbing repair and for always being willing to pick up / drop off something with his truck.

**John Blainey and Ron Vigil** for researching and installing a new security system.

**Doug Warnaca** for already spending many hours solving problems for the church.

### Memories and Thanks for helping with the Christmas Eve Services

Our two Christmas Eve Services were well attended! On behalf of the worship committee I personally want to thank the talented, loving team of people that helped serve with their time and creative ideas to put forth the most beautiful Meditation Service I can remember. Helping hands, hearts and beautiful voices displayed what this church can do for its community and a congregation who love this service. **Thank you to:**

- **Dr. B, Sue Haas and Berta Cohen** for meeting with me to share our memories of this service with our interim pastor
- **Les Martin, Yvonne Hoar and Laura Bohn** our music team who created a heavenly atmosphere and the perfect setting for the evening.
- **Ron & Susan Vigil and Dr. B.** for preparing the Chancel, raising the Advent Wreath and putting up the candle racks.
- **Anna McCausland Browning and her family** (Pat, Jim, Pete and grandchildren) for helping set up and smoothly running the service.
- **Sylvia Abbott** for helping set up, and greeting the people who had never been to our church before.

My personal joy was to see Berta Cohen and her family come into the darkness and see the light of love on Berta's face while Laura was singing the Ave Maria. My granddaughter, Elice, and I sat for a half hour and just took it all in ... thank you all for this opportunity.

**Thank you to all** for your willingness to keep this a part of our tradition. May you and your loved ones have a healthy, joyous New Year and be richly blessed in all ways.

Shalom and Blessings,  
Marilynn Pray, Worship Co-Chair



### Thank you to Poinsettia Donors

Lynn Ferguson

Florence Greff

in loving memory of Dr. Nikolai N. Greff

Sue & Scott Haas—in honor of their family

Rev. Dr. Beryl Ingram

in loving memory of all the saints  
who through the years have loved me.

Les & Laura Martin

in memory of Peter Hallock,  
John Hamilton, Bailey & Pete Coburn, Bill Dengler,  
Don Morgan, Pris Jackson and Glenn White

Sandhurst Cooperative Preschool

### January Melodies of Compassion

The PNW Conference Disaster Response Fund will receive our January Melodies for continued support to the survivors of the Pateros fire that roared through the North Central part of Washington nearly six months ago. By the time the fire was extinguished, it had burned roughly 210 square miles. 356 homes were destroyed. 270 of them were primary residences, 55% were uninsured. Countless out buildings, pieces of farm equipment, and infrastructure were reduced to ash or hunks of metal and miles of power lines were down. Hundreds of survivors were without a home, left with no place to go.

Slow progress has been made in recovery. FEMA rejected the application for Individual Assistance so recovery is up to the cities, the county, the state, and the generosity of the people of Washington. Please give generously.