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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



Above:
“Philanthropy Through Song”
Indianapolis Children’s Choir; led by Judy Dwyer
Below:
Farewell Reception for Dr. B & Kim Herbert



From Our Pastor ...

Dear friends in faith,

The day is here when I have the joy of joining your faith community! This is a day that I have longed for, counting down the days with the eager anticipation of a child at Christmas. It is also a day that I have worried over, uncertain of new beginnings when familiar ways are happy and comfortable. Sadness for goodbyes, excitement for new hellos. Trading in the surety of rootedness and belonging for the adventure of new places and faces. All of this mingled together, it was enough to leave me dizzy. Disoriented, as if on a boat at sea far from land.

Seeking an anchor to hold me, I relied on prayer and a handful of my favorite, most comforting Scriptures—Scriptures filled with the promises of hope and God's presence. My friends, those prayers were answered. God's presence was made known to me. And it was through you.

God's presence was made real to me through your loving welcome: Through your cards that arrived even before I did. Through welcoming emails and Facebook messages. Through gifts that eased the transition and welcomed me with a real taste of Washington. Through tours of the building, invitations for lunch and recommendations on how to enjoy Seattle. Through the prayers that you raised on my behalf and the opportunity to worship with you before leading you in worship. Through all the good work that you did with Dr. B to prepare for our next chapter together. My dear friends in faith, all of these are the ways that you have been God's presence made real to me and I am so grateful to you all.

Your caring welcome has been the anchor I sought, and what a beautiful thing it is, too! To me, to be anchored in God's presence is freedom—freedom to drift with the wind, to bob in the waves, even to jump off the boat to swim in the water with the assurance of a strong place to return. This is the source of my joy today. You are the source of that joy!

This is also my hope for our future together. My hope is that as we share our stories, our struggles, our joys, our fears, our gifts, and our life together we would be God's presence made real, both to each other and to the world. All so that, with God as our anchor, we can be set free to drift with the winds of the Spirit and to courageously jump into the Living Waters surrounding us. As I heard a lifeguard once encourage some children on the diving board: Extra points for a cannonball!

With great joy and hope for cannonballs ahead,

Pastor Janelle

Sunday Mornings:

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

Address Changes:



Altar Flower Sign-ups Needed

Please share your garden flowers, or order from a florist, for our altar arrangements. There are several blank spots on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Perry Hall. If ordering from a florist, please have them deliver before noon on Fridays when the office closes.



If you bring flowers from your garden, you may use the church's vases in the cupboards along the back entrance wall, or use your own. Bring the flowers by 9:45 am on Sundays. Thank you! — Sue Haas

Office Volunteers Needed!

Fri., July 24, Mon., July 27 & Wed., July 29

Can you help in the church office for a few hours ... 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon ... during the week of July 23-29? Light duties include answering the telephone and door. If you are available and can help, please contact the office manager at 206-523-3040 or email spcommunity@qwestoffice.net.



August 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

Summer Day Camp - July 20-24

*To register your children, go to our website...
sandpointcommunity.org .*

Sand Point will join other North End UMC churches to host our annual Summer Day Camp from July 20-24. We will host it at Green Lake UMC. We hope to make this Summer Day Camp our biggest yet, and so we need LOTS of volunteers! If you are interested in getting involved there are several ways you can do so—contact Kim Herbert or Sarah Ritchey for details.



Farewell & Best Wishes to Anna Long

Anna Long is leaving us and returning to Bristol (UK). August 2nd will be Anna's last Sunday at Sand Point. She thanks everyone for making her feel welcome and supporting her with your fellowship over the last two years and would appreciate hearing from people. *Anna, we will miss you; and we wish you safe travels.*



Congratulations!

Cameron Martin—graduated from Blanchet High School and will attend Shoreline Community College; grandson of Olin & Judy Keller

Kim Herbert—graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity

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.

2015 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Restoring the Sacred Circle

The theme and focus of this conference included acts of repentance, a step in restoring the sacred circle with indigenous people. Several members of the conference as well as guest Elders and Leaders shared their indigenous talents from language and music to weaving and stories. We reviewed the history that was hidden from many of us. History about indigenous children taken from their families to attend boarding school far from their home. History about their clothes and language and art taken away because the white Christian government officials thought the indigenous people should become like the white man. One elder said, "Our Creator doesn't make mistakes. We were meant to be like this." Acts of repentance included understanding privilege and offering respect. We also celebrated, worshiped, discussed social issues, and engaged in the community.

Celebrations

- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR): 75 years of being with those in times of Crisis. The Pacific Northwest (PNW) churches have been not only generous donors to UMCOR but our communities have received back ten times the amount in aid.
- United Methodist Foundation: 50 years
- Retiree Celebration (*The Rev. Dr. Beryl Ingram led this event.*) and Memorial Service (*Rev. Bruce Parker was remembered.*)
- Ordination and Appointments: The Seattle District appointments were read by Pat Simpson, one of her last duties as Dist. Supt. (*She announced the appointment of Pastor Janelle Kurtz to Sand Point Community United Methodist Church.*)

Change the World-Community Engagement

- UMW delivered baby quilts
- Prayer Walk for Peace in Pasco
- Wrote letters to children at Jamma Letu (see newsletter and two pictures on bulletin board)
- Teaching and action stations were available to learn best practices for advocacy.

Legislative Action

An example of Legislation considered by the conference were the following petitions

- "Avoid investment in production of petroleum, coal, & natural gas"
- "Do not invest in petroleum, coal or natural gas"
- "Create petroleum and natural gas investment screens"
- *There was discussion over wording in the petition to remove prejudice against candidates for ministry who are disabled

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July Melodies of Compassion for Imagine No Malaria

Imagine No Malaria is the United Methodist church-wide effort to overcome malaria in Africa and eliminate deaths caused by this preventable disease.

Nothing But Nets is a global, grassroots campaign to save lives by providing mosquito nets to help prevent malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa.

Malaria is preventable, but infects nearly 500 million people each year and kills more than one million of those who become infected; 90% of deaths from malaria occur in Africa where the disease is a leading killer of children. Children who survive the disease face physical and mental impairments (poor growth and development). Every day 25 million pregnant African women risk severe illness and harm to their unborn children from a malaria infection. Malaria contributes to low birth weight among newborn infants, one of the leading risk factors for infant mortality.

In addition to preventing malaria with bed nets, eliminating deaths caused by this disease will require educating communities and health care workers, developing health care infrastructure and making advancements in health care communications. **Imagine No Malaria** will create a stronger and more broad-based community health infrastructure to help The United Methodist Church in the fight against diseases of poverty. Nothing But Nets remains a key component of the campaign against malaria.

2015 PNW Annual Conference (continued)

- Clergy and Lay Delegates for General and Jurisdictional Conferences were elected. Marie Kuch-Stanovsky was elected Lay Delegate to General Conference.

It was an interesting conference. Thank you for sending me. The General Conference will be held next May in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Convention Center. The local host committee is responsible for providing hospitality to visitors as they arrive and spend time in the host city. You are invited to share extravagant hospitality by following three steps.

1. Visit WWW.GC2016PDX.org and click on the "First Time Volunteer" link.
2. Register online
3. Shortly after submitting your volunteer registration application you will receive an email with instructions on how to access the Volunteer Website.

If you are interested in volunteering as a group, contact gcvolunteers@umoi.org.

Sylvia Abbott, Lay Leader