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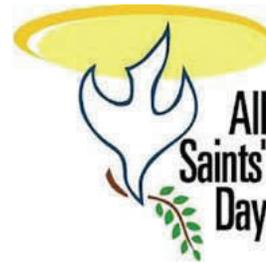
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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



**All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 1st**

On Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate All Saints' Day during our worship service.

We will read aloud the names of those who have died since November 1st of last year.

If you would like your loved one's name read during the service, and have not had a chance to submit his / her name and a photo, please do so as soon as possible. If possible, please email photos to the church in JPEG format.

(The church's email address is:
spcommnity@qwestoffice.net .)

**Daylight Savings
Time ends on
November 1st.**

Remember to turn your clocks
back one hour!



From Our Pastor ...

Dear Friends in Faith,

Catching up on emails after a week away, I was impressed with how quickly I was able to work my way through them. By now I should know better than to start thinking like that. Because as always happens, the next thing I know I'm blindsided by an email that would go on to nag at me for days. Fortunately, it was the best kind of nagging; this is what it was:

It came in the form of a district e-newsletter. In particular, I was struck by the reflections offered by our District Superintendent, Rev. Rich Lang. In his reflections he confronts us with the reality that we all too often rely on *believing* in God, rather than actually *knowing* God. We arm ourselves with all the good things of faith: Scriptures, doctrine, traditions, worship, service. But in building up our faith, we somehow miss a living experience with God. We miss God's presence around us and our willingness to simply be present with God in return. Rev. Lang ended his reflections with a challenge for us all: to take time to be alone before God, with nothing but the prayer that the Spirit come work within you.

This challenge burrowed into my spirit, as the flurry of post-vacation tasks gave way to memories of times when I have been alone before God. I will admit there are far fewer of these memories than I'd like, but the ones I do have contain my richest, truest, most meaningful encounters with God. Moments when God's grace overflowed within me. Moments when God's Word empowered me. Moments of pure freedom and joy when I first met Jesus as I would my dearest friend. I'm sure it's no coincidence that my faith is secured not by my deepest beliefs, but rather by these moments when I went alone to simply be before God. No agenda or need but to be present and experience God—however I am and however God is.

Friends, I would call us all to take up our District Superintendent's challenge. Let's take time to be alone before God, with no prayer but for God to come be present to you. If you've never intentionally done this, it can feel uncertain and vulnerable at first. That's why as part of the challenge, I invite those who have learned to do this regularly to share their stories of God with us—so that we might all be encouraged. Share stories through prayer time, fellowship hour, even an email as this all started!

May we never settle for belief apart from a lived experience of God.

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

Church Calendar

Wednesday (Oct. 28)

Bell Choir rehearsal—6:30 p.m., Choir room
Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Oct. 30)

Wedgwood Trick or Treat—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday (Nov. 1) *All Saints Day*

Daylight Savings Time ends

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Community Hour—after worship service, Perry Hall

Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary

Sand Point Songbirds—after worship, Sunday School Rm. 3

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

Worship Team meeting—12:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Monday (Nov. 2)

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Tuesday (Nov. 3)

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

Wednesday (Nov. 4)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Nov. 5)

Staff Parish Relations Comm.—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Nov. 8)

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Community Hour—following worship—Perry Hall

Sand Point Songbirds—after worship, Sunday School Rm. 3

Youth Choir—after worship—Sanctuary

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

Looking Ahead

Tuesday (Nov. 10)

Women's Luncheon—12:00 noon, Perry Hall

Church Council—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (Nov. 11)

Church offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day

Sunday (Nov. 22)

Baby Shower for Sarah Ritchey

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



November Birthdays

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

Sock It to Homelessness

Sponsored by Operation Nightwatch

**Make a difference in the life of a homeless person.
Sock donations may be placed in the basket in Perry Hall
by Sunday, November 15th.**

Sand Point Community UMC is collecting men's new, white socks for homeless men. You may bring socks to the church and place them in the basket in Perry Hall. Our Missions Ministry Team will then deliver the socks to Operation Nightwatch.



Please Pray for:

Dave Blackman—recovering from surgery

Happy Birthday to

Marie Cribley Horsley—recently celebrated her 99th birthday!
(photo by Les Martin)



UMW Luncheon

Tuesday, November 10th

12:00 noon, Perry Hall

All women of the church (and friends) are invited to the luncheon. Bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. Lynn Ferguson and Sue Haas will present a program on “The History of Thanksgiving. Contact Ana Eagen to RSVP.

Baby Shower for

Sarah Ritchey

Sunday, November 22nd



Sarah Ritchey, Director of Early Childhood Ministries, is expecting her second child in early December. The congregation will honor her with a baby shower on Sunday, November 22nd. There will be special refreshments at the Community Hour. As community time ends, everyone is invited to stay together in Perry Hall where the event will continue. *Knowing that each baby has different needs and sensibilities, a gift certificate may be the most appropriate gift. If you have questions please contact Sylvia Abbott or Ana Eagen.*

Enrichment Hour Series

“Praying the Psalms”

Led by Rev. Janelle Kurtz

Nov. 1, 8, & 15

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Fireside Room

If you are interested in learning more about ways to pray, Rev. Janelle invites you to our Fall Enrichment Hour series on “Praying the Psalms.” We will explore the Psalms to learn how to pray in various circumstances—including grief, thanksgiving, anger and joy—and discover how the vast poetry, imagery, honesty and vulnerability of the Psalms can be used to enrich our prayer lives. This will be a time for us to learn, share and pray together. *Notes: Each session stands alone, so plan to attend any/all!* **Child care will be provided.**

Adoption Celebration!

Sat., Nov. 21st, 5 to 8 p.m.

Mela Erickson is happy to announce that after 3 years in foster care, Ramona will be adopted this Fall! Come join our family and friends in celebrating her adoption with a potluck in Perry Hall on Sat, Nov 21st 5 :00 to 8:00 p.m.

Last names A-F please bring appetizers, G-L fruits/veggies or salads, M-S Entrees, and T-Z desserts. Note: vegetarian dishes are appreciated but not necessary.

Contact Mela to RSVP with questions or to RSVP

Update on CROP Walk

Crop Walk, which provides food and clean water to those in need around the world, raised \$21,142.21 in the Seattle area this year. Thanks to all who contributed, and especially to Connie, James and Emmy Lou Pray and Pastor Janelle who participated at Green Lake.



Halloween Celebration

in Wedgwood Business Area

Friday, October 30th—4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars and join us Friday, October 30 from 4 -6 p.m. as Sand Point Community UMC participates in this year’s Wedgwood Community Council’s Trick or Treat with the neighborhood!

We need your help to pass out candy and prizes with the whole neighborhood community along 35th Ave NE. We will be stationed in the parking lot of the Green & Pietsch Family and Cosmetic Dentistry office located at 7030 35th Ave NE.

All the Wedgwood stores and businesses open their doors this night to costumed characters big and small for this fun-filled event! Come as you are or come in costume for this celebration! A few cars will be needed to trick or treat from the car trunks. Chairs and tables will be made available to those who need to be seated.

We will be collecting candy for the evening as well. Please drop off any candy donations at the church office or leave in the labeled bin in Perry Hall.

A sign-up sheet is located in Perry Hall. We are looking forward to celebrating as a greater community! Contact Sarah Ritchey (spclittleones@gmail.com) with questions and/or to sign up.