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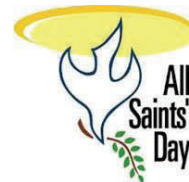
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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



Rev. Janelle & kids giving Communion bread & juice back to earth .



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, please submit his / her name and a photo to the church no later than Monday, October 26th. If possible, please email photos to the church in JPEG format. (The church's email address is: spcommunity@qwestoffice.net .)

From Our Pastor ...

You may have noticed that Communion Sundays have been ending a little differently than other Sundays. At the end of worship on these Sundays, I invite the children forward and we divvy up the remaining bread and juice. The benediction is given with a mass of children around me and then together we process down the aisle and outside. Some of you have joined us to see what happens next. If you've missed it, let me tell you about it:

Once outside, a beautiful thing happens. The oldest children help the youngest, each keeping an eye on the other. Some kids take oversized fistfuls of bread, soak it in the juice and let it dribble down their chin as they take giant bites. Others immediately begin to tear off the bread and toss it to the birds. The leftover juice is poured on the ground and it isn't long before a game to see who can throw the bread the farthest begins. There is always enough. It doesn't take asking twice for the kids to share their bread.

I love this time with the children! More than that, I love this witness! For here is one place where I see the Body of Christ come together in how the kids rally around each other. Here is where I see the joy of faith, as they laugh and leap with grape juice stained smiles. Here, in their game of who can throw the bread the farthest is the enthusiasm to share the Good News with the world! Those big, messy bites showing the unreserved, insatiable longing we all have to receive more of the Bread of Life.

This past Sunday, on World Communion Sunday, this ritual had an even deeper meaning to me than usual. You see, I started this tradition with my church in Ohio two years ago. The idea came out of an Adult Bible study. The group learned that once the bread and juice for Communion are blessed, the 'leftovers' are to be eaten entirely, or go back to the earth—as a sign of God's grace for all creation. The group wondered how our church could be attentive to caring for the 'leftovers' and suggested having the children spread the bread and juice in our prayer garden. Thus this ritual was born and quickly became a favorite tradition.

What a wonderful delight for me on World Communion Sunday, to be able share this ritual with a new group of children who I am coming to know and love; while realizing that another group of beloved children is sharing the same joyful tradition! Truly, this is the joy of life together as Christ's church and I invite you to experience it for yourself and join us next Communion Sunday!

Peace, *Paster Janelle*

Church Calendar

Wednesday (*Oct. 14*)

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

Sunday (*Oct. 18*)

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

Monday (*Oct. 19*)

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Tuesday (*Oct. 20*)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
Church Council Meeting—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (*Oct. 21*)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (*Oct. 25*)

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
Tent City 3—dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., delivery & serving
approximately 5 p.m.
Youth Group—6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Looking Ahead

Sunday (*Nov. 1*)

All Saints' Day
Daylight Savings Time ends

Follow-up: Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry

Members of Sand Point Comm. UMC stood outside the doors at the Wedgwood Safeway, handing out leaflets with the Emergency Feeding Program's wish list of food items. They collected cash donations of \$139.75 plus 5 large, 3 medium and 4 small barrels of food that were filled to the brim! All donations went to the Emergency Feeding Program and will benefit the food banks in King county. We thank Jan Paul, Pastor Janelle Kurtz, Ngaire & Bruce Taylor, Joan Bohn, Jane Stevens and Jan Kreidler for sharing their time.



Can you recommend a reliable computer tech?

The church office is looking for references for reliable computer techs to call in the event that our wonderful volunteer is not available at the time of a computer crisis. If you have a recommendation to share, please call the church office at 206-523-3040.



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!



Please Pray for:

Roland Grober—recovering from injury
Pam & Tony Russo—recent death of Pam's mother

Thank you!

Many thanks to **Marie Cribley** for donating services of her gardener (**Keith**) and plants for the new flower box near the church's back entrance. And thank you to **Christy Blackman** for volunteering to add bulbs and seasonal plants and flowers. The planter project has been a labor of love for all involved. Thanks again to **Keith and Soona Moxon** for taking over the upkeep and pruning of the church grounds.

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.

Enrichment Hour Series

“Praying the Psalms”

Led by Rev. Janelle Kurtz

Oct. 25 and 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.**

Our new pictorial directories are here!

You will find the box of directories in the Narthex. The number of copies are limited so please take only one per household. The directories are labeled with each household in the upper right-hand corner of the directory cover. Please double check to make sure that you have the right name!

Melodies of Compassion

October Melodies (*loose change offering*) will be donated to Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through its programs and services. CAP’s programs and services include providing food, clothing, and shelter, as well as home repair and disaster relief emergency response services. CAP relies on generous donations from corporations and the general public to sustain these valuable programs. Through CAP’s life-changing programs, 83 % of donations go directly to supporting the needs of children, and their families, and seniors in Appalachia.



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.

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 with questions and/or to sign up.