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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor

Homecoming Sunday

September 13



Following our worship service on Sunday, September 13th, we will have a potluck lunch, face painting, games, and prizes following Worship to celebrate our community.

Please bring something to share!

Last Name (A-J) – Drinks

Last Name (K-O) – Salad, Fruits, or Veggies

Last Name (P-S) – Main Dishes

Last Name (T-Z) – Desserts

If you are able and willing to help with the stations where we plan to have games after Worship and/or help with set-up / tear-down for the potluck please contact Sarah Ritchey.

Wild Fires: How to Help

The PNW Conference's disaster fund will receive our September Melodies of Compassion (loose change offering).

The wildfires in our PNW have done tremendous damage. We don't know yet what will be required for recovery but we ask that you pray about ways you can help.

Right now we can participate in building a financial resource for recovery by making a donation to our PNW Conference's disaster fund (Advance #352). You may write a check to Sand Point Community UMC, indicating the advance number in the memo section. Please give generously.

From Our Pastor ...

Dear Friends in Faith,

Today I want to share with you my (purposeful but unintentional) meditations on Sabbath:

The walls in our stairwell at home are lined by canvas paintings: different views of the Cleveland skyline, a dogwood tree in full bloom and a colorful dove that reminds me of the Spirit on the move. These are all paintings that Kevin or I completed at one of those ‘teach you to paint’ classes. If you’ve never experienced one, they go something like this:

When you walk into the class there are stations set up around the room. Each one has an easel with a blank canvas, a paper plate with blobs of paint on it, a cup of water with brushes. There’s also usually chalk so you can outline something before painting it, and then paper towels to correct the mistakes that inevitably come no matter how good your chalk outline is! The instructor sets up the same way and then gets to teaching you step by step, until you have something that sort of resembles the picture you were going for.

When you walk in, there’s almost always one more thing: a palpable nervous energy in the air as people doubt their creative abilities. Contrary to what you might think, this anxiety only grows throughout the event. People fret over their lines, their colors, their design choices. Sometimes they even doubt the instructor, unable to see how the early steps that set the background will ever transform into the hoped for image. These classes are a wonderfully freeing, while oddly stressful experience!

This mood lasts right until the moment the instructor tells everyone to put their brushes down and take a few steps back. At this point, furrowed brows finally begin to give way to hopeful smiles. People can see their work coming together. The room is filled with ‘oohs’ and ‘ahhs,’ as an air of celebration takes over. Bodies relax as the weight of ‘getting it right’ is lifted. Now people simply rejoice in the beautiful, creative process unfolding before them.

I find myself thinking about this today, because it is good for the church to take a few steps back sometimes. Because it is easy, especially in a time of transition, to get caught up in the furrowed brow of every detail. Or to obsess over every line or misplaced brushstroke. Or to begin to doubt that these steps are really taking us somewhere fruitful. And so I want to invite us to pause and step back. Let’s ‘ooh’ and ‘ahh’ and share the talents we have that are going into our ‘Mission Masterpiece.’ Let’s celebrate the beautiful, creative process that God is working through us at Sand Point. Let’s rest in that renewed vision so that when we step back to the easel, we are ready to paint on with a refreshed sense of hopeful abundance. For, my friends, such is the oddly stressful, wonderfully freeing joy of Sabbath!

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

Church Calendar

Tuesday (*Sept. 8*)

UMW Luncheon—12:00 noon, Fireside Room

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

Wednesday (*Sept. 9*)

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

Thursday (*Sept. 10*)

Meet & Greet—7:00 p.m., home of Bob & Sylvia Abbott

Sunday (*Sept. 13*) **Homecoming Sunday**

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Community Hour & Homecoming Potluck—following
worship service, Perry Hall

Youth Group—6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Monday (*Sept. 14*)

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Tuesday (*Sept. 15*)

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

Adult/Youth Educ. Comm.—1:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Meet & Greet—7:00 p.m., home of Bob & Sylvia Abbott

Sunday (*Sept. 20*)

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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

Community Hour—following worship—Perry Hall

“Getting to Know You”—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead

Sunday (*Sept. 27*)

Worship Team —11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

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

Sunday (*Oct. 4*)

CROP Walk—begins at 1:00 p.m., Green Lake UMC

You are invited to participate in Sand Point's Music Program!

People of all ages are welcome to sing, play handbells, and offer special music at Sand Point – membership at SPUMC is not required to participate in the music program – please feel free to invite interested friends and neighbors to join us.

Chancel Choir – begins Wed., Sept. 9th at 7:30 PM

Those who love to sing are invited to be a part of the Chancel Choir, which rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 PM. We sing each week at the 10 AM service.

Handbell Choir – begins Wed., Sept. 23rd at 6:30 PM

Handbell ringing is an intergenerational team sport at SPCUMC! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM. We play about once per month at the 10 AM service. A basic understanding of musical notation is helpful, but not essential.

Sand Point Songbirds—begins Sun., Sept. 20

Sand Point's youngest music-makers come together in this lively group. We meet for 15-20 minutes weekly in Sunday School room #3 to play recorder, drum, sing, and march about while learning basic musical techniques and, of course, having lots of fun! Children ages 5 and up are welcome to join us, and the choristers can join the group after the Youth Choir rehearsal each week. *(Led by Laura and Tasha Faber)*

Youth Choir – begins Sun., Sept. 27 rehearses each Sunday in the Chancel right after the postlude. Children in 3rd thru 8th grades are invited to sing in the Youth Choir. We rehearse for approximately 15 minutes each week and sing at the 10 AM service when we are confident and prepared to offer one of our pieces. Children learn the fundamentals of good signing technique and make friends in this spirited and fun group.

Special Music

Do you sing or play an instrument? Please let me know if you would like to share your musical gifts at SPUMC.

Current and new singers and ringers are asked to contact me by in advance of the start dates, to let me know which groups you would like to participate in, so I can have music ready for you. I look forward to hearing from you!

Leslie Martin, Director of Music

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Rebecca (Paul) and Shane Ryan—
recent birth of daughter Maya; proud
grandparents are Blair and Jan Paul



Thank you!

Many thanks to the **Moxons** for their hard work at the church last week as our substitute our custodians. In addition **Keith** moved all of the dirt back into the new planter, scraped a lot of moss off of the pavement near the parking lot and swept up leaves from the drive-ways. **Soon** was very busy doing pruning and other garden clean-up. Now we need some volunteers who enjoy gardening and know about perennials, etc. to buy and plant in this new space. We do have some bulbs saved from previous planter and a couple of shrubs that could be replanted. However, the consensus is not to replant the boxwoods. Contact Doug Warnaca if you have an interest in this project.

We also thank **Doug Warnaca** for his many hours of hard work on the flower box!

Fellowship Dinner/Brunch Sign-ups for 2015-16

Ready for fun, food, and fellowship? Now is 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 contact Sue Haas to reserve your space in a group. Also, look for the sign-up sheet in Perry Hall during coffee hour.

Putting Our Faith Into Action

Meet the new Seattle District Superintendent, Rich Lang, on Saturday, September 26th, at the Spiritual Activism Training for Laity. The event is to be held at Lake Washington United Methodist Church in Kirkland.

Wes Howard Brook and Sue Ferguson Johnson will present the Keynote, Biblical Theology of Spiritual Activism. We'll share a simple lunch with \$10.00 donations for Lake Washington U.M.C's relational ministry with homeless car campers. Finally, we'll learn about direct action responses.

I plan to attend this all-day event. Rich has asked that each church send at least two representatives. I hope some of you will join me. If you would like, we can carpool.

There are a few flyers on the counter outside Pastor Janelle's office. Additional information and tickets can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/laityuprising>. — Sylvia Abbott, Lay Leader

Shepherd Team Opportunities

The Shepherd Teams consist of five groups of volunteers that rotate. Every five months members of a team volunteer as Sunday Service greeters at the front and back doors, as Communion stewards, as the worship assistant, and to host the Community Hour in Perry Hall by setting-up, serving coffee and tea, cleaning -up, and/or bringing refreshments. We are in the process of updating our team lists. This is an excellent time to join a team. There are plenty of folks happy to show you where supplies are kept and to train you in the running of the dishwasher. Participating in the life of the church through the Shepherd Teams is a special way to meet, greet, and care for each other. Please call the church office (206-523-3040) to volunteer.

Thank you, Sylvia Abbott

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.

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

(sponsored by Emergency Feeding Program)

September 19!!!!

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. You may even SIT for your shift if needed -- we will provide chairs. The sign-up sheet is on the table in Perry Hall. Please support the Missions Team and volunteer!

Meet and Greets

Several Meet and Greets are planned so that church members can get to know Pastor Janelle and her husband, Kevin, in a small group setting. Please call the office or Sylvia Abbott to be put on the list to drop in at one of the following opportunities.

Thursday, September 10th 7-9 pm
Tuesday, September 15th 7-9 pm
Saturday, October 10th 9-11 am

The above drop-ins with coffee and dessert or Danishes will be held at the home of Bob and Sylvia Abbott, where several stairs with handrail access the entrance. Other venues with disability access are being planned.

Sylvia Abbott

David Di Fiore's Farewell Organ Concert

David Di Fiore will give a farewell organ concert at University Temple UMC on Sunday, September 11th at 8 p.m. He served 44 years as organist and is moving to Slovakia to play at their cathedral. Free parking at U Bookstore.