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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



Baptism of Molly, daughter of Anne (Moxon) & Ezra Goldman

**Human Relations Day Offering
Sunday, January 17th**

We give to minister in Jesus' name.

“Together, the United Methodists do remarkable ministry around the world. We care for survivors recovering from earthquakes and storms; we invest, long term, in vulnerable communities, we implement the most effective solutions to diseases like malaria; we equip the next generation to lead the church and society. In all of this, we share the good news of Jesus Christ.” For additional information go to <http://www.umcsgiving.org/>. Please give generously.

From Our Pastor ...

The best of New Year's resolutions create a vision for our lives and an action plan for living into that vision. In the spirit of the New Year, I want to share these three 'resolutions' for our congregation. These are the three goals that I submitted at our Charge Conference to focus us for our coming time together.

Implement a system of leadership training and mentorship—Move towards having co-chairs for all committees. Create an infrastructure that allows for the recruitment, training and support of new leaders. This will aim to avoid burnout, encourage new ideas and integrate new leadership into the life of the church.

Implement a vision team—This team will work closely with the pastor and Church Council to envision a vibrant future for Sand Point. I think of this team as the one who sets the destination and direction, while freeing others to discern the best path to get there. There will be an accountability function to this team, to check that what we are doing as a congregation aligns with God's mission for us.

Continue our focus and investment in family ministries—We are well staffed for, and eager to invest in, integrated family ministries. There is room for congregants of all ages to be involved, as older adults have the opportunities to share their faith with younger adults and children. When we do these inter-generational ministries well, the Body of Christ is alive and whole! This is a year for us to explore and experiment with family and intergenerational ministries.

Related to our last goal of family ministries—many of you have heard the good news that Kevin and I are expecting our first child in June. We are excited for this next stage in our family's life and are glad to share it with this great faith community! Please know that our District Superintendent, Rev. Rich Lang, will be working with our Staff Parrish Relations Committee to create a plan for the time that I will be away on family leave. Plans will be communicated as they are confirmed. We're in good hands and I give thanks for your overwhelming enthusiasm and outpouring of support!

Looking forward to sharing together all that this New Year brings,

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

Church Calendar

Wednesday (Jan. 6)

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

Saturday (Jan. 9)

Un-Hanging of the Greens—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Perry

Sunday (Jan. 10)

Middle School Sunday School—9:15 to 10:00 a.m.,
Youth Room
Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Community Hour —after worship service, Perry Hall
High School Sunday School—11:00 to 11:45 a.m.,
Youth Room
Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary
Sand Point Songbirds—after worship, Sunday School Rm. 3

Tuesday (Jan. 12)

UMW Luncheon—12:00 noon, Perry Hall
Church Council—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (Jan. 13)

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

Sunday (Jan. 17) Human Relations Day

Middle School Sunday School—9:15 to 10:00 a.m.,
Youth Room
Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Community Hour —after worship service, Perry Hall
High School Sunday School—11:00 to 11:45 a.m.,
Youth Room
Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary
Sand Point Songbirds—after worship, Sunday School Rm. 3
Youth Bowling—5 to 7 p.m., at Spin Alley

Monday (Jan. 18) Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday

Church offices closed.
Mission project at North Helpline—3:00 p.m. @ N. Helpline

Tuesday (Jan. 19)

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday (Jan. 24)

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

Tuesday (Jan. 26)

Parents' Meeting—7:00 p.m., Youth Room



January Birthdays

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



Please Pray for:
Betty Kelley—recovering from injury
Carol McVicar Scott—recovering from injury

In Memoriam
Glen Vanlaningham—husband of Jan Vanlaningham

Congratulations to ...

Sarah and Adam Ritchey—recent birth of son, Matthew. Big brother is Ewan.



New Contact Information

(Please add to your directory.)



Thank you!

Thanks to all the awesome women who contributed to Mary's Place at the Christmas Tea. We were able to deliver \$460.00 and a trunk full of gifts, cosmetics, clothes and accessories to the Bell Street location in time for Christmas. (It is not too late for you to make a contribution.)

Un-Hanging of the Greens: Sat., Jan. 9th 10:00 a.m. to noon in the sanctuary

Come join us for the "Un-Hanging of the Greens," as we put away of Christmas decorations for another year. Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 am to noon in the sanctuary. Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided! Questions? Contact Sue Haas or the church office. Thank you!



UMW Luncheon

Tuesday, January 12th, Perry Hall

The second Tuesday of the month is just around the corner. Please join women of the church at noon on January 12th in Perry Hall.

We'll get the New Year off to a good start with food, fellowship, and devotions. Bring a sandwich. Veggies, beverages, and dessert will be provided. The program, "Postcards from the Penguin Post Office", will be presented by Sylvia Abbott.

January Mission & Melodies

Our January Melodies of Compassion will go to support North Helpline, a local organization that provides emergency services and a food bank to support those in need. This month our Melodies of Compassion are coupled with a mission opportunity! In honor of MLK Day, we will be joining Wedgwood Presbyterian, Maple Leaf Lutheran and Wedgwood Community Church to help at North Helpline.

There are two primary projects we will be working on: breaking down bulk rice and beans into individual servings and building/installing benches. These are projects for all ages (they can be done sitting down) and skill sets. We will meet at North Helpline on **Monday, January 18** and serve from **3-5PM**. Immediately after this, we will gather for a shared dinner at the Wedgwood Alehouse (Family Friendly).

Ways to Give and Serve:

1. **Give:** Donate loose change to the Melodies of Compassion throughout the month. Checks can also be given, made out to "North Helpline Food Bank" with memo line: "MLK Day." Or bring in bags of rice and beans; we will collect them in Perry Hall.
2. **Serve:** Join us on Monday, January 18 at 3PM at North Helpline (12736 33rd Ave NE, Seattle). **Please sign up in Perry Hall** so we can know who and how many to expect.
3. **Fellowship:** Join us for dinner at Wedgwood Alehouse (8515 35th Ave NE, Seattle). A time to celebrate together and meet others from nearby churches.



- Jan. 17, 2016: BOWLING!
- Jan. 18, 2016: MLK Day of Service (Details Soon!)
- Jan. 24, 2016: What was *The Way*?
- Jan. 31, 2016: Living Out Faith

Some Exciting New Things for Youth!

Beginning January 3rd, there will be Sunday School times before and after church for youth to gather and discuss the scripture and sermon. **Middle School (6th-8th grade) will meet from 9:30-10:00am** and **High School (9th-12th grade) will meet from 11:15-11:45am**. Please come to the Youth Room before or after service to have a chance to read the scripture used in the service and talk about themes that are relevant to your life. *All youth grades 6 and up are encouraged to worship either together with Jeny or with their families.*

Youth Group also resumes on January 3rd. 6th-12th graders are all welcome. We will start as a big group but will break up into Middle and High school groups for discussion and prayer.



New Year, New Women's Group! There is an eagerness for a women's Bible study and we are looking forward to getting one going. The group will likely meet on Thursdays but a time has yet to be confirmed. We hope to have our first meeting by early February. At that meeting we will discuss topics and resources to guide us. Please consider joining us! Soona Moxon has kindly taken to being a point- person as we get this off the ground. Please contact her to let her know that you are interested, and to share what times work best.