

**SANDPOINTER**  
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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



## **Benefit Concert for Mary's Place Sunday, May 1st, 3:00 p.m. Sand Point Community UMC**

Featuring:

**Diane Radabaugh**— mezzo-soprano  
**Beth Kirchhoff**—musician, pianist, conductor and  
former Chorusmaster of Seattle Opera  
**Chancel Choir of Sand Point Comm. UMC**

This concert will include selections from “Feel the Spirit” by John Rutter (a collection of spirituals, arranged for choir, mezzo-soprano soloist and piano) and “The Confession Stone” by Robert Fleming (a song cycle for mezzo-soprano and piano).

“The Confession Stone” is a very moving collection of Mary’s thoughts and love for her son, Jesus. There is a connection between this work ... evoking a mother’s love for her son and that of Mary’s Place offering homeless women and their children and families, shelter and hope. Free will offering.

## **Rummage Sale!**

**April 29—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**April 30—9 a.m. to 12 noon**  
*(Saturday only: \$5 bag sale  
from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.)*

**Volunteers are needed to:**

**Set up, sort, display and price, cashier, assist guests  
during sale and clean up after sale**

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact  
Ngaire Taylor.

## From Our Pastor

There's a reason we have 'Community' in our church name. I have heard these wonderful words countless times since coming to you in July. I have come to think of it as our unofficial church tagline. But what these words remind us of, is our connection and care of community—both that around us in the neighborhoods and that community which lives within these walls. Everywhere we look, we can see our good care of one another; from our engagement with Tent City and Sand Point Housing, to our prayer circle and ways of watching out for one another.

In recognition of how we watch out for one another, our Church Council just adopted an attendance and participation safety policy. In many ways, this policy simply holds us accountable to what we already do so well: care for one another. The policy is designed to help us identify and address any potential safety needs that might arise so that we can support people in their continued, safe presence with us. In particular, it gives guidelines for how the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is to respond to known needs (IE: mobility concerns, inconsistent transportation, challenges related to short- or long-term disability, etc.)

The goals of this policy are two-fold: 1. To maximize our accessibility as a community and facility and 2. To ensure (as much as possible) the safety and well-being of all those who are part of our community. What this means for you is that if in watching out for one another you notice something that worries you, please bring it to the attention of an usher, the pastor, a staff member or a member of the SPRC. It is good for us to watch out for one another and we all need someone who 'has our back.' After all, there's a reason we have 'Community' in our church name!

Thank you for the good care that we take of one another. If you'd like to see the attendance and participation safety policy Church Council approved, it is available in the church office and is posted on the board outside Perry Hall.

In Your Good Care,

*Pastor Janelle*

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday (Apr. 27)

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

### Thursday (Apr. 28)

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

### Friday (Apr. 29)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Saturday (Apr. 30)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### Sunday (May 1)

Youth Sunday School—9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Youth Room  
Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—after worship service, Perry Hall  
Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary  
Benefit Concert for Mary's Place—3:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Youth Group—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Youth Room

### Tuesday (May 3)

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

### Wednesday (May 4)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (May 5)

SPRC—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead

### Tuesday (May 10)

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

### Thursday (May 12)

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

### Sunday (May 15)

Recorder Recital—3:00 p.m., Sanctuary (reception in Fireside Room after recital)

### Monday (May 16)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

### Friday (May 20)

Family Game Night—5:00 p.m., Perry Hall

### Sunday (May 22)

Baby Shower for Pastor Janelle—during Fellowship Hour and beyond!  
Tent City 3—dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., delivery & serving approximately 5 p.m.



**Come to Family Game Night!  
May 20th, 6-8pm  
Perry Hall**

Come with your family for a night of pizza, games, and fellowship!

Bring your kids, your grandparents, imaginary or real friends and enjoy yummy Pagliacci Pizza and some great games. We will have board games (like Sorry), card games (like Spot It), Legos, puzzles and group games (like Apples to Apples). This is a great opportunity for families from Sand Point Community to have fun and get to know one another better. Hope to see you there!!! So we know how much pizza to order, RSVP to:

Jeny at [sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com) or Sarah at ([spcittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spcittleones@gmail.com)) .

**Baby Shower!  
Sunday, May 22nd**

Please join our church family at a baby shower to celebrate with Pastor Janelle and Kevin the upcoming arrival of their first child. On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin with our fellowship time in Perry Hall and remain as we transition into the shower. Please contact Sylvia Abbott or Ana Eagen with questions.



**It's Time to Register for  
Summer Camp!**

Swimming, hiking, boating, archery and more ... there are great programs at our four United Methodist Camps (Ocean Park, Lazy F, Twinlow and Indianola! To find out detailed information, go to [www.pnwcamps.org/registration](http://www.pnwcamps.org/registration). (You can register online or call and request that a form be sent to you.)

**2016 Graduates**

One of our traditions each year is to list in the SANDPOINTER the names of graduates and the schools they are graduating from. Is someone in your family graduating? Please contact the church office with information.



**A Note of Thanks ...**

*Vernetta Rickert is feeling better and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and thoughtfulness.*

**Congratulations to Bella Flaccus!**

Bella recently completed her certificate for performing arts at Shoreline Community College and is now planning on getting her AA.

**Recorder Recital**

**Sunday, May 15 at 4pm in Sanctuary**

*Laura Faber and Mike Woolf present:*

“Musick for Seaverall Freinds”, a recorder duo recital. Music ranging from the early Baroque to modern by composers Sweelinck, Locke, Baldwine, Hotteterre, Giamberti, and Eccles. Recital in the sanctuary, reception to follow in Fireside Room.

**Prayer Lanterns**

We are a church in connection with each other and with all of creation. One opportunity to celebrate this connection is by joining in the call to prayer for climate change. On Thursday, May 12 at 7PM, people of faith will gather in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center to prayer together. By offering our own prayers at that time, we join in no matter where we are!

In preparation, we are creating prayer lanterns which will be on display for the prayer vigil in Portland. These are a visual sign of our shared connection and commitment to creation care.

Thank you to all who have already shown off your artistry with a lantern! If you wish to make one, materials and instructions are available through the church office. Please return lanterns to Pastor Janelle by May 3 so they can make their way to Portland in time!

**May Issue of SANDPOINTER**

Because the office manager will be on vacation for 2 weeks in May, there will be only one SANDPOINTER issue in May. The deadline to submit information is May 16th. Please be sure to either drop off a printed copy of your information or email it to [spcommunity@qwestoffice.net](mailto:spcommunity@qwestoffice.net) . Thank you.

## **Thank you for the Church Gardens! (The “garden party” is growing.)**

*A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.*

*Liberty Hyde Bailey*

Talk about expending effort ... over the past several months we have been watching the amazing transformation of our church gardens because of the huge efforts made by church members. **Keith & Soona Moxon** continue to work many long hours cutting, pruning, clearing, digging, planting and more. In addition to replacing (and painting) the garden shed door and helping with large tree removals, **Doug Warnaca** has hauled away many loads of yard waste for composting and has delivered two big loads of crushed rock to what was a muddy area south of Perry Hall. **Kevin Kurtz** helped with a major all-day wood-chipping project to turn a huge pile of tree and bush trimmings into landscaping wood chips. **Terry & Teri Cicero** spent an afternoon pruning the hedge and provided the services of their gardener to thatch and reseed the grass. **Joan Bohn** provided new rose bushes. **Jennifer (Cicero) Lee** and **her parents** donated a variety of plants; **Susan Vigil** donated daffodil and gladiola bulbs. *It is so exciting to watch these changes!* Be sure to thank these hard working and generous people when you see them!

**\*\*Note\*\*** If anyone is interested in the joining the project, even for an hour or two, contact the Moxons.

## **Office Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to staff the church office for the weeks of **May 9-13** and **May 16-20**. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Light duties include answering the phone and door. If you can help, please contact the church office by: phone at 206-523-3040 or email—[spcommunity@qwestoffice.net](mailto:spcommunity@qwestoffice.net) .

## **Peace With Justice Special Offering Sunday, May 22nd**

This special offering empowers those who spread a gospel of peace and encourages those who courageously stand for justice. To learn more go to

[WWW.UMCGIVING.ORG/GIVEPWJS](http://WWW.UMCGIVING.ORG/GIVEPWJS) .

## **United Methodist Women's Luncheon Tuesday, May 10 12:00 noon—Perry Hall**

*A Note from Jan Shapiro, UMW Treasurer:*

We are all members of the United Methodist Women of our church. As your new Treasurer, I'm calling for funds to build our Treasury for 2016. We are committed to send \$1200 to the UMW of the Conference. These funds support Mission work all over the world as well as locally. The average amount from each of us is \$25, preferably more, per year, as you can. Please make out checks to UMW of SPCUMC. If you wish, you also have the option of making your donation in cash when you see me. Thank you so much for your contributions. Hope to see you at our next luncheon, May 10, when we celebrate our mothers with pictures and stories.

## **Coming to the Chapel near you: Syntrofia! Starting May 22nd, 6:00pm, Chapel**

Συντροφία (Syntrofia) is a Greek word that means "A group of individuals with a common purpose." We are all tasked by God to live in such a way that we bring love, hope, and justice to the world. In order to live that calling, we must return to our grounding—in worship, conversation, and prayer. Syntrofia will be a weekly space where we will sing, share our stories, and support one another in our common purpose of being Love in the world.

What makes Syntrofia different from regular Sunday worship? First, we will have live music that reflects the story of our post-modern world. Second, we will have "conversational homilies" where we talk about how scripture, faith, politics, church polity, and social justice impacts our lives and witness at home, school and work. Last, we will always be in dialogue with God through art and meditative practices that open us up to new ways of understanding God's Word for us.

This time and space have been designed with Millennials and Generation Z in mind, but anyone of any age or stage of life who feels a longing for this kind of community is welcome.

Starting on May 22nd, those of us here at Sand Point Community who desire to be part of Syntrofia will be gathering in the Chapel at 6:00pm. We hope you will join us!