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Lenten Calendar

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10th
7:00 p.m.—Chapel

Palm Sunday Service

March 20th—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service

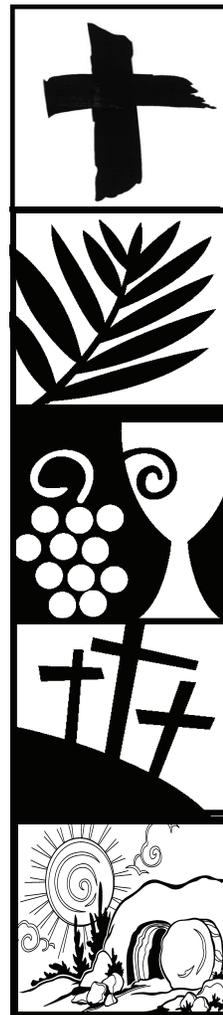
March 24th—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

March 25th—7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Service

March 27th—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



From Our Pastor ...

In our last newsletter, I introduced our Lenten Worship and Enrichment Hour Series. Each week in this season, we will consider another 'roadblock' that stands in our way of developing our faith. The conversation we start in worship will carry over into the Enrichment Hours, where we will have a chance to further engage these obstacles in the hopes of recognizing and moving past them.

The most exciting part about this Enrichment series is that there's a way to engage for everyone! Each week will include a time of teaching, sharing and your choice of different hands-on faith exploration mediated by journaling, conversation, movement and art. *If you haven't been to any other enrichment series, this is the one to try!* How about that for a Lenten spiritual discipline?

Here's what you can expect from the first half of our Lenten worship and enrichment:

Sunday February 14: "Preparation"—We are careful to prepare for many of life's experiences, from the major milestones, bucket list trips, to the mundane stops at the grocery store. Our faith development demands the same careful preparations. This is a time to discover how to prepare for growth in faith.

Sunday February 21: "Self-Sabotage"—We have all heard the sayings about 'best intentions.' We know they don't always pan out, and more often than we like to admit, we stand in our own way. This is a week to explore how we stand in our own way of faith development.

Sunday February 28: "Testing"—For many the notion of a testing provokes anxiety and unwanted experiences. Perhaps it's worse when we think of being tested in faith or by God. But how many of our greatest accomplishments and proudest moments have come on the other side of a significant challenge? This week we will consider the positive implications of testing our faith.

Looking forward to growing with you,

Pastor Janelle

Church Calendar

Wednesday (Feb. 10)

Ash Wednesday Service—7:00 p.m.

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

Thursday (Feb. 11)

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

Sunday (Feb. 14)

Youth Sunday School—9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Youth Room

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Community Hour—after worship service, Perry Hall

Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary

All Church Lenten Enrichment Hour—11:30, Perry Hall

Monday (Feb. 15) Presidents' Day

Church offices closed.

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Tuesday (Feb. 16)

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

Wednesday (Feb. 17)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Missions Ministry Team—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Feb. 21)

Youth School Sunday School—9:30 to 10:00 a.m., Youth Room

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary

All Church Lenten Enrichment. Hr.—11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Looking Ahead

Sunday (Feb. 28)

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



Rummage Sale!

Are you doing an early Spring cleaning, downsizing, helping a college student move? If you have items you would like to donate, please think of our annual Rummage Sale (scheduled for the end of April). Items can be brought to the church and stored in the Upper Room.

***Note: items we cannot accept are computers, printers, FAX machines, exercise equipment & adult clothing. ***

**Seattle District Lay Leadership
Spring Training at Des Moines UMC
Saturday, Feb. 20th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The keynote speaker will be Paul Shoemaker; 6 workshops are offered:

- **Mission Evangelism**—Rev. Dr. Bill Gibson
Director of Strategic Faith Community Development
- **Treasurers/Trustees**—Brant Henshaw
Conference Treasurer
- **Mission U**—Cecile Corsilles-Sy (Beacon UMC)
and Marilyn Reid (Ronald UMC)
- **Worship & Music**—Todd Shively
(Trinity UMC)
- **Discipleship Systems**—Rev. DJ del Rosario
the Bothell Story
- **Legacy 101**—Tom Wilson
(Executive Director of Northwest Foundation)

For more information and registration, go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/seattletraining> .

MELODIES OF COMPASSION FOR FEBRUARY will be donated to Forward Edge International, a missions & relief organization based in Vancouver, WA, that addresses the urgent needs of afflicted people worldwide. By mobilizing hundreds of volunteers each year, Forward Edge alleviates suffering through disaster-response work, health-care projects and programs for at-risk children. Since 1983, over 10,000 volunteers have served with Forward Edge in many parts of United States and 34 nations. Their **Vision**: care for vulnerable children, disaster victims restored, and everyone involved with Forward Edge discovering and pursuing God's plan for their lives. When God directs people to put their faith into action and they respond with faith and obedience—even without knowing what lies ahead—they are stepping onto life's *forward edge*. (Dan McGrew's son and his family have served in Nicaragua as missionaries for Forward Edge for many years.) Please give generously!



Please Pray for:
Betty Kelley—health issues
In Memoriam
Duane LaViolette—services to be held
at a later date.

A Note of Thanks

“Thank you!” to all you wonderful people who sent me prayers, cards, emails, flowers, food, a beautiful maroon soft knit cap, and finally the most beautiful prayer shawl I’ve ever seen. I can almost see the many prayers woven into the threads as it lies over my shoulders in the evenings. I brought all of your goodness and my thankfulness for it, along with the prayers and the shawl, with me to the Skagit River “solo retreat” the day after my final treatment for cancer. I felt protected and loved. It’s been a 9 months-long journey and I will never forget your kindness to me and to Les. You’re the best. - Laura Martin

Congratulations to JW Roundhill

JW has been included in the Age of Aerospace series of 5 Episodes running this month on both the Science and Discovery Channels. JW is in Episode 2 Miracle Planes and his son, John, is in Episode 5 Dreamliner.

In addition, JW will be on the American Heroes Channel on April 9th. Contact JW for dates & times if you would like to watch.

Another Opportunity to Order T-Shirts

You still can order T-Shirts with the unique design made especially for our congregation and the cost is \$14 each. Order forms are on the counter outside the church offices. Please clearly fill out the form and return to the church with exact cash or check (made payable to SPCUMC and indicating T-Shirts in memo section). Contact Meredith McVicar with questions.



Women's Bible Study

The new Women's Bible Study will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be meeting this coming Thursday, February 11th. All women of the church community are welcome!

Child Care Now Provided During Adult Choir Rehearsal

The Chancel Choir is a caring community of people that meets for fun, fellowship and music-making on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 PM in the main church. Now it's easy and convenient for parents to enjoy singing in the choir while their children have a fun and welcoming place to be, right at the church.

Meredith McVicar leads a team of two young adults who provide child care during choir rehearsals on Wednesday Nights from 7:15-9 PM, providing fun activities for kids while you enjoy your time singing. Children from ages 6 months through grade 5 are welcome.

Please contact Meredith McVicar if your child(ren) plan to attend, or if you would like further information about child care.

We hope that providing child care will benefit many families in our community! - Les Martin, Director of Music

Are you interested in receiving (electronic) news/information from the PNW Conference?

If yes, here is how you can sign up:

- go to www.pnwumc.org & click on Communications
- Click on Channels Magazine (On the right side of this page you will see another menu of items that you can read online. You also can sign up to subscribe to the News Digest Email.)

Jeny Shares Youth News...

The Sunday morning Youth Sunday School time has been a great way to get a jump-start on Sunday worship! All youth, 6th-12th grade are encouraged to come and have a chance to read and talk about the scripture that will be used in worship, looking for themes and talk about how it applies to your life.

We are a week away from the beginning of Lent, which is my favorite time in the church year. Many people focus on things like giving up chocolate or promising God they will read their Bible every day. Both those things are fine, but really, Lent is about one-on-one, special time with God; building and strengthening that relationship. Lent is a time of more peace for me than Advent and more excitement than Christmas because this is the time of year where I feel closest to God. And there are LOTS of things happening in the life of the church too!

February 10th, there will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm. This service marks the beginning of Lent, which is our time of preparation as we await to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. All youth should make time to attend. Pastor Janelle and I will be leading the service and if you've never been to an Ash Wednesday service, you shouldn't miss it!

And be sure to be there for the first Sunday in Lent (February 14th), when you will be given a **special present** to make your time in worship more fruitful and meaningful for you! I would really love to see all youth come to the Enrichment Hour with your families each Sunday. We are going to do some very cool things exploring your artistic side.

Because we want families to be together during this time, we will not have Youth Group until after Easter.