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HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 Services

March 27th

Easter Sunrise Service—7:00 a.m.

church lawn

(followed by Continental breakfast in Perry Hall)

Easter Worship Service—10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

From Our Pastor ...

How is this Lenten season making a difference in your life and in your faith story? Are you experiencing greater connection with God, self and others? Have you encountered a greater sense of busy, unpredictable, get-through-today, glory? I've made no secret that I hope that this can be a season filled with spiritual exploration and renewal for us all.

As a church community we are supporting this season of growth and discovery through the continuation of our worship and Enrichment hour themes. Last newsletter, I introduced the themes for the first half of Lent; below you'll find what to expect for the last half. I hope that these themes can focus how we engage our faith. Once again, I invite you to join us for our **Enrichment Hour series every Sunday till Easter, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Instead of convincing you why Enrichment Hour is so enriching, let me simply share what happened in our first session. Using conversation, journaling and watercolors we individually explored where we are now in faith. The creativity and self-exploration were amazing, but nothing compared to how we shared this in community as a group afterwards: for one person, this group became a way to focus prayer throughout the week. Another was surprised and overwhelmed at how meaningful this experience was for them. People commented that they didn't know they needed this till they tried it; others said it brought to the surface questions and thoughts they didn't even realize they were wrestling with. Some preferred to keep their experiences private, but nodded along in agreement to this testimony.

To all of it, I say: Yes! This is the hope for this time—that we can discover our own faith stories of how the Spirit is working in our lives! **Please consider giving it a try!**

March 6: “Disconnections”—’There’s nothing wrong with a little friendly competition.’ But this can set up harmful comparisons that divide community. This week we will explore the things that disconnect us from God, ourselves, and the Body of Christ so that we can experience wholeness instead.

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Church Calendar

Wednesday (Feb. 24)

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

Thursday (Feb. 25)

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

Sunday (Feb. 28)

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
All Church Lenten Enrichment Hour—11:30, Perry Hall
Tent City 3—dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., delivery & serving approximately 5 p.m.

Monday (Feb. 29)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

Tuesday (Mar. 1)

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

Wednesday (Mar. 2)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Mar. 3)

Staff Parish Relations—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead

Friday (Mar. 11)

Parents’ Night Out—5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Thursday (Mar. 24)

Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Mar. 25)

Good Friday Service—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Mar. 27) Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service—7:00 a.m., front yard of church, followed by Continental breakfast
Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary



Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon **and**
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon only



March 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 In Memoriam for:

Barbara LaViolette—services to be held at a later date.

Thank You!

From: Roland Grober thanks you for all of your support, kind words and prayers during his recovery.

From: Ann McDonald thanks you for all the cards, phone calls and visits that she received during her recent illness. Your prayers and best wishes were greatly appreciated.

To: Kristy & Dave Blackman, Phil & Joan Bohn, Jeny Carlson, Kevin Kurtz, Jan & Blair Paul for helping with the pancake breakfast.

New Address for



UMW Noon Luncheon

Tuesday, March 8th, Perry Hall

The theme will be “The History of Sand Point.” Lynn Ferguson will show historic photos and discuss how our park has changed since the mid-1800’s. Lynn led the successful five year effort by Friends of Sand Point Historic District to make the former Naval Air Station Seattle’s 8th historic district. Bring your memories of the former base to share. You will need to provide your own sandwich; veggies, beverages and dessert will be provided.

From our Pastor *(continued from page 2)*

March 13: “Expectations”—Reasonable, well communicated expectations can go a long way to ensuring healthy relationships. The same is true in our relationship with God. This week we will explore the expectations that we have for God and the pain that can come when these aren’t met.

March 20: Palm Sunday: “Journey”—This week leads us into the tragedy of Holy Week and the triumph of Easter. We hear the call to be part of the journey, witnessing to God’s story at work in our own. Today we explore what keeps us silent and how we can break the silence to tell our stories.- *Pastor Janelle*



**One Great Hour of Sharing
Special Offering
Sunday, March 6th**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds to needs caused by disasters worldwide. This particular offering provides the administrative support for UMCOR, making it possible for 100% of donations for disasters to go to the specified need. Please give generously.

Performance Information for Les Martin

Les Martin, our very talented Director of Music at Sand Point Community United Methodist Church, will be performing on the dates listed below:

- Saturday, March 12, 2016 – J. S. Bach *St. John Passion* (Leslie Martin, continuo harpsichord and organ) – Orchestra Seattle/Seattle Chamber Singers, First Free Methodist Church 7:30pm
- Sunday, April 3, 2016 – Händel, “Organ Concerto in G Minor, Op. 4, No. 1” Leslie Martin, organ – Auburn Symphony Chamber Series – St. Matthew Episcopal Church, Auburn, 4 PM
- Sunday, April 24, 2016 – Michael Haydn, “Concerto for Organ and Viola, C Major” Mara Gearman, viola & Leslie Martin, organ – Philharmonia Northwest, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 2:30 PM

Women’s Bible Study



The new Women’s Bible Study meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All women of the church community are welcome!



**Melodies of Compassion for
Imagine No Malaria**

Our March Melodies will be sent to our PNW Conference to support **Imagine No Malaria**, a denomination-wide program dedicated to preventing malaria by educating communities and health care workers, developing health care infrastructure and making advancement in health care communications.

Did you know:

- Malaria is preventable but infects nearly 500 million people each year and kills more than one million of those who become infected?
- 90% of deaths from malaria occur in Africa where the disease is a leading killer of children. Children who survive the disease face physical and mental impairments (poor growth and development)?
- Every day 25 million pregnant African women risk severe illness and harm to their unborn children from a malaria infection?
- Malaria contributes to low birth weight among new born infants, one of the leading risk factors for infant mortality?

Please give generously.

**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.)