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**Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor**

**Un-hanging of the Greens**



*Left: putting away garland—  
Bill Eagen,  
Marilyn Pray,  
Ken Cribley, and  
Lynn  
Ferguson  
(Photo by Sue  
Haas)*

*Below — front row: Marilyn Pray, Sue Haas, Marie  
Cribley-Horsley, and Jane Stevens back row: Lynn  
Ferguson, Sylvia Abbott, Ana Eagen, someone hiding,  
and Jerry Zimmerman ( Photo by Bill Eagen)*

*Not pictured:  
Dan McGrew,  
Carol Houk,  
Bruce & Ngaire  
Taylor*

**Thank you  
to one and all for  
helping!**



## From Our Pastor ...

The season of Lent is quickly upon us. You know, that season which sometimes feels like a “do-over” on New Year’s Resolutions? As if this is the time when we really will give up the sweets or other ‘bad habits’ we’ve been trying to quit. Don’t get me wrong, these sacrificial practices can be all well and good, and very well might help deepen your faith in some way. But Lent is about more than that, because God needs more from us than for you to give up your chocolate addiction!

As we may recall, Lent is a time of spiritual preparation that mirrors the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry. So what are we to do with our 40 days of preparation? How will we engage our faith and deepen our commitment in new ways? Maybe these aren’t questions for us to answer before Ash Wednesday comes, but rather, questions to consider throughout Lent. Maybe an honest exploration of our faith and the stumbling blocks to deepening that faith *are themselves* our spiritual preparation that readies us for the joy of Easter.

With this in mind, Sand Point will engage in a Lenten worship series which asks the question: What stands in the way of growing deeper faith roots? Each Sunday we will explore another roadblock—from those life thrusts before us, to those we put up for our own sense of safety. The conversation and questions will continue in an all church Enrichment hour series that is a joint collaboration between our Children, Youth and Family ministries and our Adult Education team. There may even be chocolate.... See you there!

Journeying with you, *Pastor Janelle*

Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, February 7:** Pancake Breakfast Fellowship! Immediately following worship. Join us as we celebrate before the hard work of Lent begins. Please let Pastor Janelle know if you have an electric griddle and/or extreme pancake flipping skills you can lend to this event.

**Wednesday, February 10, 7PM:** Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. We are reminded of the reality of our mortality, which calls us to engage our faith now. As we face our own mortality, we recall that Lent ends with the promise of God’s life-giving resurrection. Join us in worship.

**Sunday, February 14:** First Sunday of Lent, followed by an all-church Lenten Enrichment hour.

## Church Calendar

**Wednesday (Jan. 27)**

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

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

**Thursday (Jan. 28)**

Women’s Bible Study—10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Sunday (Jan. 31)**

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

Youth—5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Youth room

**Monday (Feb. 1)**

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**Tuesday (Feb. 2)**

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

**Wednesday (Feb. 3)**

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Thursday (Feb. 4)**

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

**Sunday (Feb. 7)**

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

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Pancake Breakfast/Community Hour —after worship service, Perry

Youth Choir—after worship, Sanctuary

Youth—5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Youth Room

**Tuesday (Feb. 9)**

UMW Luncheon—12:00 noon, Perry Hall

**Wednesday (Feb. 10) Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Service—7:00 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. \*\*\*

## February Birthdays

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

**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:

**Ann McDonald**—health issues  
**Vernetta Rickert**—health issues  
**Tiero Jenkins**—recuperating at Anderson House

## Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

**Jan & Peter Shapiro**— who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

## A Note of Thanks

**Betty Kelley** went home on Christmas Eve. She wishes to thank the congregation for all the wonderful cards she received.

## Giving Tree Update and Thanks

Thank you to everyone who generously donated items for the Christmas Giving Tree and to Jane Stevens and Jerry Zimmerman who delivered 22 pr. of gloves, 28 hats, 5 scarves, 1 headband and 1 vest to the Union Gospel Mission.



## UMW Luncheon

**Tues., February 8th, Perry Hall**

The theme will be “Always Close to My Heart”. Please bring an object to share with us that brings to mind warm, loving, memories. You will need to provide your own sandwich; veggies, beverages and dessert will be provided.

## 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.

## **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

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

"Peace to All this Joyous Season" was our gift to the community through a 1500 postcard mailing to invite our neighbors to join SPCUMC for the 2015 Christmas Eve Worship Services. Our neighbors came and it was a heart warming attendance. Throughout the evening, we moved from quiet reflection into joyful, bell-ringing celebration. Through candlelight, Scripture, music, Communion, reflection and community, we offered an opportunity for all to worship together, while honoring traditions new and old. The children left with small gifts from our church, but we all left having received the gift of Christ in our hearts. We rejoice in an estimated attendance of over 300 with a combined offering of \$2,612.00.

Special thanks to all who led us in worship through hospitality, music and liturgy. We especially thank all who helped with the Candle Light Meditative Service: Harpist--Susan McClain, harpist, Vocalist--Laura Bohn, Sylvia Abbott, Dave and Kristen Blackman, Verle & Diane Bleese, Berta Cohen, Jan Kreidler, Les Martin, Anna McCausland Browning and family (Jim, Pat, Pete and family) Meredith McVicar, the Pray family, (Mark, Heidi, Elice, Matt, Connie, James, Marilynn and Roland), Ron and Sue Vigil.

Blessings to all for work well done,  
Marilynn Pray and the Worship Team

## **Parent & Youth Meeting January 26, 7pm in Perry Hall**

What do you want from church, from faith, from God? We will gather in Perry Hall to look at what current research is telling us about how young people experience and understand faith in their own lives, talk about what both youth and parents are needing in their own faith development and explore ideas for how SPCUMC can grow as a community. We strongly encourage parents and youth age 5th grade and up to come for dessert and conversation.

### **Sunday School Before Church, 9:30-10:00am**

Do you struggle to find meaning in Sunday Worship? All youth (6th -12th) are invited to the Youth Room at 9:30 to take a look at the scripture that will be used in service and look for themes that will help you experience worship more thoughtfully and fully.

### **Youth Helpers Wanted**

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to serve the Sand Point Community? Jeny is looking for two mentors who are willing to partner with youth. Your role is primarily to hang out at youth group and help facilitate conversations led by Jeny. This is a particularly great opportunity for parents with very young children to learn how to foster faith development in children and youth over their lives. If interested, please contact Jeny at [sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com)

## **Women's Bible Study**



Are you interesting in participating in a new Women's Bible Study? Our first gathering will be on Thursday, January 28th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will discuss topics and resources to guide us. We hope you will consider joining us! Contact Soona to let her know that you are interested.

## **Name Tags**

Name tags will be ordered soon. If you don't have one and would like one or if you have lost yours and wish to replace it, please call the church office at 206-523-3040.