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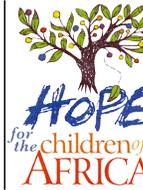


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**Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor**



## Melodies of Compassion

### Hope for the Children of Africa

Melodies of Compassion for the month of November will be donated to the Pacific NW Conference (PNW) for Hope for the Children of Africa. As a task force of the PNW United Methodist Church, we partner with the South Congo Episcopal Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We help support two orphanages and collaborate with **Volunteer in Missions** teams to that area.

The task force was created to assist in providing relief and reconciliation to innocent children victims of wars, famines and the destruction of schools and hospitals due to the unrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Education scholarships, Peanut Nutrition, and support of the girls' and boys' orphanages at Jamaa Letu are included in our support.

This is a favorite mission of Jan Kreidler - please donate generously to Melodies this month!

### Time Change

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour  
on Saturday night, November 5.  
(Daylight Saving Time ends 2:00 a.m. Nov. 6)



## From Our Pastor...

I've mentioned before that I consider myself a "recovering perfectionist." Some of you have laughed good-heartedly at this. Others have wondered why I refer to it like this, as if my drive for excellence is a bad thing. For me, it is. My drive for excellence is a strength...until it's not. Eventually, my perfectionist ways become my own worst enemy; keeping me isolated, cut off from God and others. You see, when I'm deep in the drive for excellence, my sense of self is diminished: tied only to an ever-impossible standard. The voice of perfection shouts louder than the still, small voice of God which claims me and calls me Beloved Child. I become trapped in my own independence and pride, when God has set me free to live whole-heartedly (even vulnerably) in the faith community.

I share this with you now for two reasons. First, I want us all to be able to hear the voice of God who calls us Beloved. It is the name that sets us free and connects us to our truest self. That means naming and silencing the other voices which interrupt and interfere. I invite you to consider what those voices are that keep you from accepting the name God has given us all: Sons and Daughters of Abraham--Beloved Child.

Second, I share this because it's hard to be a (new) parent. Harder still, with the voice of perfection ever in your ear. I am grateful for your continued support, the grace you've given as I adjust to this transition and the continued offers of help. Perfection leads me to believe I have to do it alone but you witness to our connection instead. With that in mind, here are two specific ways that you can continue to support me in this transition:

1. Let me know who would like a visit--I *want* to visit people and think that you know best who would like that, too. If you or someone you know wants a visit, call the office so we can schedule one. Let me know if you want Sasha to come along so we can plan accordingly.

2. Share your easiest recipes--Bonus points for crock pot meals and meals we can prepare in advance and freeze.

Thank you for continuing to speak God's word of love in my heart. *Pastor Janelle*

## Calendar

**Tuesday** (*November 1*)

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

**Wednesday** (*November 2*)

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Thursday** (*November 3*)

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

Staff-Parish Relations Comm.—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

**Sunday** (*November 6*)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Music Concert—4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Daylight Savings Time ENDS (Set your clocks back!)

**Monday** (*November 7*)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

**Tuesday** (*November 8*)

UM Women's Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Perry Hall

**Wednesday** (*November 9*)

Bell Choir Practice—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Friday** (*November 11*)

Veteran's Day (Church Offices closed)

**Sunday** (*November 13*)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead

**Tuesday** (*November 15*)

Church Council, 7:00, Fireside Room

**Friday** (*November 18*)

Community Potluck Dinner & Food Donation Drive,  
6:00-8:00 p.m., Perry Hall

**Sunday** (*November 20*)

Hanging of the Greens, right after Worship

**Thursday** (*November 24*)

Thanksgiving Day

(Church offices are closed November 24 & 25)

## Invitation to Enrichment Hour



Now through 2017, Enrichment Hour will be a series of monthly discussions of our pastor's sermons, held the second Sunday of each month, 11:30-12:30 in the Fireside Room and facilitated by members of the Adult Education Team.



## United Methodists Women's Luncheon

The next United Methodist Women's Luncheon is November 8th, at 12:00 p.m. in Perry Hall.

Sue Haas and Marilynn Pray will give a talk about their recent trip to Quebec, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

## Men's Bible Study 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. Fireside Room

All men of the church are  
welcome to attend.



## Community Potluck Dinner and Food Donation Drive

Join us on Friday, November 18th from 6-8 p.m., for a potluck dinner, games, and live jazz music as we gather together for a good cause and to celebrate our community in fellowship! Bring along a non-perishable food item for donation and a dish to share. Food donations will go to the University Food Bank.

Please bring one of the following for the potluck dinner:

Last Name (A-I) – Salad, Fruit, or Veggies

Last Name (J-R) – Main Dishes

Last Name (S-Z) – Desserts

All ages are welcome!

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Ritchey at 206-523-3040 or at [spcittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spcittleones@gmail.com).



## Invitation to a Music Recital "Family and Folk" November 6, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Laura Martin Studios is extending an invitation to the congregation to their next recital. It is November 6 at 4:00 p.m., at the church.

The program is called "Family and Folk" and will have Laura's students from ages 6 to about 16 performing classical repertoire and folk music from various countries and cultures around the world. It's going to be really fun!

## Children, Youth, and Families Worshipping Together



We are excited to share that there are many different ways to Worship with your children and learn the Message as we come together as the Body of Christ.

When we worship together we are happy to offer Worship Kits and clipboards for drawing/coloring.

We also provide Children's Bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 years old. Our colorful Children's Bulletins are filled with games and activities related to the text each week. They also have a website code listed that you can take home to play games online for each Sunday's theme. Be sure to pick one up!

Our Junior High / High School youth are encouraged to use the white Worship & Scripture Reflection Notebook binders which have handouts to help understand the week's scripture and message in a meaningful way.

You may find all of these items in the Narthex before Worship every Sunday morning.

## Thank You to October's Tent City 3 Dinner Helpers!

Junior High and High School Youth gathered to help with the Tent City 3 meal prep/cooking and serving on October 23rd. It was a very meaningful and fun opportunity for us all! Thank you to all the youth who participated, to Bill and Ana Eagan who gave us guidance in the kitchen, and to Jeff Ricco who does an amazing job organizing everything for this incredible mission in our community! The meal was amazing!



Pictured: Kathryn Jacobson, Brittany Erickson, Aleksandra Gutierrez, Sarah Ritchey, Ana Eagan, Tasha Faber, Jeff Ricco

(Not Pictured: Ian Hincks, Anna Hincks, Jason Whitney, and Bill Eagan)

## Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 20, 11:30-12:30 pm.



Please join our all-church work party on Sunday, November 20, after church from 11:30 to 12:30 in the sanctuary! Families are welcome! "Snack/lunch potluck" offered. We'll hang garlands and the Advent Wreath, etc. Please RSVP to Sue Haas if you are planning on joining the fun! Questions? Ask Sue Haas



## Seeking Household Help?



Someone connected to our congregation has reached out seeking employment opportunities. She has experience in providing housecleaning, cooking and bathroom aide services. If you might be able to benefit from these services, please contact the Church's Office Manager, Nicole Denny (206-523-3040 or [spcommunity@qwestoffice.net](mailto:spcommunity@qwestoffice.net)) who will make the connection.

## Women's Bible Study 1st & 3rd Thursdays

10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room  
All women of the church are invited.



## You are invited to participate in Sand Point's Music Program!

We have a place for people of all ages in the Music Program at Sand Point.

**Chancel Choir – Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30 – 9 p.m.**  
High School through adult singers are welcome!

**Handbell Choir – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**  
Handbell ringing is an intergenerational team sport at SPCUMC! We play about once per month at the 10:00 a.m. service. Previous ringing experience is not necessary.

**Youth Choir – Rehearses each Sunday in the Chancel right after the postlude for approx. 15 minutes.** Young people in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to sing in the Youth Choir.

### Special Music

Do you sing or play an instrument? Please let me know if you would like to share your musical gifts at SPCUMC.

We hope you will be a part of one of our welcoming musical communities at Sand Point!

Leslie Martin, Director of Music



## Sunday School —New Time—

This November we invite our Elementary-aged kids (K-5) to gather for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Little Ones Sunday School (Infant - PreK) will be offered during Worship following Children's Time.