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**Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor**



### **Tent City 3 Dinner November 27 Volunteers still needed!**

The next Tent City 3 Dinner is Sunday, November 27. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare and serve food on that day, or if you would like to know more about Tent City 3, please contact Jeff Ricco. Thank you!

### **United Methodist Women Christmas Tea Tuesday, December 6, 12:30 p.m. Perry Hall**



All women of the church, and friends and neighbors, are invited to our annual Christmas Tea. There will be tasty treats, light entertainment, and the opportunity to share gifts for Mary's Place, the shelter for homeless families with children that the Church has long supported. Their wish list includes: underwear and socks for women and children; soap, shampoo, and deodorant; blankets, jackets, backpacks; Depends, baby diapers, and toddler pull ups; juice boxes, unopened vitamins and first aid items; gift cards, and shoe vouchers. Mark your calendars for this fun event!

## From Our Pastor...

Dear Friends in Faith,

A note of business today. With the support of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and our District Superintendent, I have made some changes to my schedule. These changes typically allow me an extra half day off each week for the next 6-12 months. I am grateful for this support as I continue to transition to a new stage of “family-work-life” balance. It is important to me that I share this with you so that you will know how I am available to you over the next few months.

Please know that I continue to prioritize emergency pastoral care needs. For such urgent needs you can reach me through the church office or directly through my cell phone (number available in the directory). ***Please leave a message with our Office Manager, Nicole, or on my cell phone*** if you do not reach me directly.

For non-urgent needs, scheduling a time to visit or meet together is best. Times can be scheduled with me directly or through Nicole. I will respond to phone calls, messages and emails throughout the week as I am able—I will not be responding on my usual days off of Monday and Friday.

To balance the extra time that I am away from the office with this new schedule, I have added drop-in office hours on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.. This time is for anyone wanting to stop by the church to visit without a scheduled meeting.

I look forward to our continued time together in fellowship and ministry!

*Pastor Janelle*

## Calendar

### Tuesday (November 15)

Men’s Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room  
Church Council—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Wednesday (November 16)

Missions Ministry Team—7:00 p.m., Perry Hall  
Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (November 17)

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

### Friday (November 18)

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

### Sunday (November 20)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall  
Hanging of the Greens—after Worship, Sanctuary

### Monday (November 21)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

### Thursday (November 24)

Thanksgiving Day  
(Church Offices closed Thursday & Friday)

### Sunday (November 27)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall  
Tent City 3 Dinner 2:00—6:00 p.m., prep in Perry Hall

## Looking Ahead

### Thursday (December 1)

Women’s Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room  
SPRC, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (December 4)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall  
Friends of Magnuson Park—12:30—3:30 p.m.,  
Perry Hall (Church members)

### Tuesday (December 6)

Men’s Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room  
UM Women’s Christmas Tea, 12:30 p.m., Perry Hall



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

Please join our all-church work party on Sunday, November 20, 11:30 to 12:30 in the sanctuary! Families are welcome! A snack/lunch potluck will be offered. We will hang our garlands and the Advent Wreath, making the Church ready for Advent and the holidays. Please RSVP to Sue Haas if you are planning on joining the fun! Childcare will be provided! Questions? Ask Sue Haas.

**Community Potluck Dinner  
 and  
 Food Donation Drive**

Join us this 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.



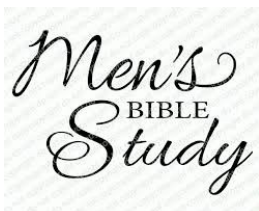
Please bring one of the following for the potluck dinner:

- 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 [spclittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com).

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

All men of the church are welcome to attend.



**Please Pray for:**

Reverend Bill Smith— ongoing chemotherapy and an upcoming hip surgery; Michael Smith— ongoing battle with PMP cancer and recovery from a recent surgery to alleviate the cancer.



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

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

**Thank you to the Trunk-or-Treaters!**

Thank you to all who helped in making our Trunk-or-Treat Event a fun-filled success! This Halloween tradition has been ongoing since 1952 and we are thrilled to take part in the celebration. We had over 200 Trick or Treat-ers! Much appreciation to Martha Price, Berta Cohen, Nicole Denny, Doug and Kathy Warnaca, Sylvia Abbott, Beth Mullin, Dan McGrew, Carol Houk, Barry Roundhill, Pastor Janelle Kurtz, Susie Bowman, Sue Haas, and Sarah, Adam, Ewan, & Matthew Ritchey. And a special "Thank You" to Nassim Pietsch and her dental office Green & Pietsch Family and Cosmetic Dentistry for the use of their parking lot.





## 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!



### 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.

### Sand Point's Music Program

We have a place for people of all ages in the Music Program at Sand Point. Please speak with Les Martin, our Music Director, if you wish to become involved!



## Join us for Elementary and Youth Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Our time together provides us the opportunity to prepare for Worship. We learn the day's scripture and discuss the themes we will hear in the sanctuary. Our faith-filled lessons are fun and exciting ways to prepare our hearts for Worship through playing games, creating artworks, singing songs, and reading stories together.

Elementary-Aged kids (K-5) gather for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m in the classroom located downstairs.

Junior High / High School Youth (6th grade and up) will continue to meet regularly at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Recreation Room.

Our PreK Little Ones lesson will continue to be held during Worship following the Children's Message. Childcare is now provided in the nursery before and during Worship for those in need.

We need your help too! You can help take an active role in the life and mission of the church by participating in our children's faith formation and volunteering in Sunday School! If you would like to help in the classroom and learn alongside our Sand Point Kids and Youth, please contact Sarah Ritchey at [splittleones@gmail.com](mailto:splittleones@gmail.com) or [206-523-3040](tel:206-523-3040).

(Pictured: Meredith McVicar, Lizzie Wilson, and Ewan Ritchey)

Photo taken by Sue Haas



### Advent in Sunday School

Beginning November 27, join us weekly for a special Advent-themed Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.

- K-5 in the downstairs classrooms
- 6th grade & up in the Youth Rec Room

