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## **Tent City 3 Dinner October 23**

The Greater Seattle Cares organization supports those who are homeless and promotes a better quality of life and self-sufficiency of those who live within their Tent Cities throughout Seattle.

Sand Point has been a devoted part of their community network over the years by providing a meal once a month.

This month our Junior High and High School Youth will be helping with Tent City 3 dinner, cooking and serving, on October 23rd from 2-6:30 p.m.

Please contact Sarah Ritchey, if you haven't already, to join the youth for this opportunity of mission service and learn more about Sand Point's Tent City 3 Dinners.

## **Charge Conference Tuesday, October 25th 7:00 p.m. in Perry Hall**

Note: District Superintendent Rich Lang will meet with the Staff Parish Relations Committee at 6:30 p.m.



## **Meet our new Childcare Attendants Kathryn and Brittany!**

We offer childcare every Sunday Morning  
from 9:20-9:50 a.m.

## From Our Pastor...

Last week, I gathered with 18 other young clergy as part of a three-part continuing education series. We met in Kansas City to focus on our first theme of "Leadership & Vision." While there, we toured different churches and had a chance to meet with their pastors. Rev. Adam Hamilton spoke about strategic planning and having an MVP: Mission, Vision, Plan. In his 26 years at Church of the Resurrection, he could recount in detail every step of their development; each connected clearly to their vision. As we toured the active construction site of their new sanctuary, he talked not about the next decade, but about the next century and the plan for the space for the generations yet to come.

Meanwhile, Pastor Tim Keel drew a picture of a tree that sparked new imagination within me. It's such a simple and common image: a tree, ripe for the harvest, its roots sprawling deep underground. But this is the vision of his ministry, he calls it "abiding." He says that instead of focusing on creating ministries, he seeks to find the places where God is already at work, and then live (or 'abide') in those places. He referred to it as "chasing life." The nourishment of life with God, like deep roots that can't help but bear fruit. He structures his personal life and the communal life of the church around living in the places where God's movement is already felt in their community.

Two different ways of visioning and making meaning; both equally creative and far more complementary to each other than they first appear. As our own Vision Team gets set to begin meeting at the end of the month, I begin to wonder: What is our MVP? Where are the places for us to abide in our community? How do we chase life? I invite you to pray everyday over these questions. Share with me what reflections God reveals for our vision and our next faithful, life-chasing step together.

Dreaming Together,  
*Pastor Janelle*

## Calendar

### Tuesday (October 18)

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

### Wednesday (October 19)

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (October 20)

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

### Sunday (October 23)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Worship Team—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Tent City 3 Dinner—2:00—6:30 p.m., Perry Hall/On-site

### Monday (October 24)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline

### Tuesday (October 25)

Charge Conference—7:00 p.m., Perry Hall

(DS Meeting with SPRC @ 6:30 p.m.)

### Wednesday (October 26)

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

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Sunday (October 30)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

### Monday (October 31)

Trunk-or-Treat—4:00 to 6:00 p.m., 7030 35th Ave NE

## Looking Ahead

### Tuesday (November 8)

UM Women's Luncheon, 12:00, Perry Hall

### Friday (November 11)

Veteran's Day (Church Office is closed)



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

All men of the church are  
welcome to attend.



## November Birthdays

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



## Trunk or Treat with Wedgwood Community Council

Please mark your calendars and join us Monday, October 31st from 4-6 p.m. as Sand Point Community UMC participates in this year's Wedgwood Community Council's Trunk or Treat with the neighborhood!

We need your help to pass out candy and prizes with the whole neighborhood community along 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. We will be stationed in the parking lot of the Green & Pietsch Family and Cosmetic Dentistry office located at 7030 35th Ave NE.

All the Wedgwood stores and businesses open their doors this night to costumed characters big and small for this fun-filled event! Come as you are or come in costume for this celebration! A few cars will be needed to trick or treat from the car trunks. Chairs and tables will be made available to those who need to be seated.

We will be collecting candy for the evening as well. Please drop off any candy donations to the church office or to Sarah Ritchey.

## Calling All Volunteers!



Volunteers needed to help as teacher's assistants with Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

Elementary (K-5th) at 9:30 a.m.

Youth (6th grade - High School) at 9:30 a.m.

Little Ones (Infant-PreK) during Worship after Children's Time

Please contact Sarah Ritchey if you are interested in working with any our Children and Youth before and/or during Worship.



## Women's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays

10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room

All women of the church are invited.

## Sasha's Baptism



“Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”

(Mark 10:14).

Sasha Kurtz was baptized on October 2. Family and friends joyfully celebrated her initiation into Christ's holy church after worship. Thank you to all who

were able to participate—what a lovely day! *(Photo by Bill Eagen)*

## A Thank You from Jan Kreidler—

Since making the decision to retire, these past several months have been a whirlwind of activity ... sorting, tossing, packing, preparing to sell my house, searching for a new house in a new location. Sand Point Community UMC has been a huge part of my life for a very long time and I am grateful for the many blessings (the opportunity to grow in my faith, the wonderful people in my life who provided emotional support when several painful life events happened in a short time span, the long-term employment in a job that I enjoyed, and much more).

Even though I declined, I thank Staff Parish for offering to host a retirement reception in my honor. In the past few years, SPCUMC has hosted two beautiful receptions for me and I greatly appreciated them. This time it felt more comfortable for me to quietly depart. Thank you all for the love you have shared with me over the years, the cards and the gifts.

In Christ's love, Jan Kreidler

## Marie's 100th Birthday Celebration



Marie Cribley-Horsley celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, October 9. Her family hosted a sit-down brunch for about 90 people, with music from Les and Laura Martin (who was playing the violin given to Laura by Marie!). A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this wonderful celebration a birthday to remember!

*Photos by Weldon Skirvin)*

## 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.