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**Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor**

## Parents' Night Out

**March 10  
5:00-8:00 p.m.**



Our next Parents' Night Out event is on March 10th from 5:00-8:00 p.m., in Perry Hall. This event is open for children ages 0-12. Space is limited. Please register by calling (206) 523-3040 or emailing [spclittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com) if you plan to have your child/children attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the fun. Please let Sarah Ritchey know if you would be available.



## United Methodist Women's Luncheon Tuesday, March 14, noon in Perry Hall

The program for March will focus on the Sand Point story--as we recall the history of our church, we are invited to share our own stories and dream together for our next chapter together. All women of the Church are invited to join the luncheon. Guest are welcome, too! Please bring a sandwich; coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided. March birthdays will be celebrated.

## From Our Pastor...

I read about a global public art project called *Before I Die*. The project originated in New Orleans, when an artist, Candy Chang, channeled her own grief into an interactive art experience. The wall was covered with chalkboard paint and stenciled with the words: "Before I die I want to: \_\_\_\_\_" A bucket of chalk invites passersby to fill in the blank.

The responses range from light-hearted bucket list thrills to the vulnerability of broken spirits longing for compassion and healing. Before I die I want to: see the Eiffel tower. Swim with dolphins. Be a great mom. Get a job. Travel the world. Find grace in aging. Slow down, maybe even stop. Abandon all insecurities. Be back in my kid's lives. Be completely myself. Have a student come back and tell me it mattered. Be accepted. Have an honest conversation.

There are now more than 2000 walls in 76 countries and 38 languages. A beautiful array of responses witnessing to our shared humanity. Each a way to contemplate our mortality and a call for us to examine what it means to truly live.

I've been thinking about this project a lot lately. In part wondering how I would fill in the blank. How do I want to live before I die? But more than this, I've been wondering about how the church can be the community to hold each other in our vulnerability. I wondered about this all the more as I listened to our new bishop, Rev. Elaine Stanovsky reflect on how disconnected we often are. She shared stories of church families struggling alone, individuals isolated even surrounded by a church filled with the faithful. At the same time, I've been hearing your stories of how you came to this church and why you stay. Only a few stories in, already the themes of connection and relationships are emerging.

And I wonder all the more how can we carry forward this depth of community? Not only for ourselves but for our neighbors, our friends, the strangers, beyond our walls? How can we be the place where the fearful find hope? The outcast find belonging? The broken find healing? The neglected find an outpouring of compassion? How can we be the place where we can celebrate our joys and honestly struggle with our deepest longings?

Friends, this Lent let us examine these questions more fully so that together, we can learn what it is to live before we die.

*Pastor Janelle*

(See more from the artist:

<http://candychang.com/work/before-i-die-in-nola/>; and on the global project: <http://beforeidie.city>)

## Calendar

### Wednesday (March 8)

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

### Friday (March 10)

Parents' Night Out— 5:00-8:00 p.m., Perry Hall

### Sunday (March 12)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall  
Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

### Monday (March 13)

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### Tuesday (March 14)

UMW Luncheon—12:00 p.m., Perry Hall

## Looking Ahead

### Wednesday (March 15)

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (March 16)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room  
Rose Writing Group, 7:00—8:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (March 19)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall  
Worship Team—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

### Tuesday (March 21)

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



## Women's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays

10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room

All women of the church are invited.

## Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room

All men of the church are welcome to attend.





*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 March Giving**



The Dream is Alive! In 1988, with a leap of faith, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church established Africa University in Zimbabwe. The two initial departments, then called Faculties, were Theology and Agriculture. For many Africans and the UMC, the Dream was Alive. In March 1994, AU had its official inauguration, with visitors and participants from around the world. The Jubilate Choir of our Conference was invited to sing. The choir had visited AU in 1992.

March 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of Africa University. Enrollment for the academic year 2016-17 is 1394 students representing 25 African countries. A new academic structure has been developed, grouping subjects in the following categories:

- College of Business, Peace, Leadership, and Governance
- College of Health, Agriculture, and Natural Sciences
- College of Social Sciences, Theology, Humanities, and Education

Buildings on the campus include 5 academic buildings, 12 residence halls, and 16 staff houses. Services include a chapel, library, dining hall, student union, a facilities and office unit, information and communications technology, a health center, and an Ubuntu center.

The General United Methodist Church, many congregations and individuals have contributed to Africa University with financial support and with other resources. Our Annual Conference gave its first 100% apportionment to AU in 2015.

And now, Sand Point Community United Methodist Church will be counted among the contributors!

## Upcoming Concerts with our Music Director

### SPU Faculty Baroque Concert

Sunday, April 2, 4:00 p.m.  
Nickerson Studios, on the SPU Campus  
340 W Nickerson St  
Seattle, WA 98119  
Admission is Free.



An afternoon of vocal and instrumental masterworks for organ, brass, strings and voice from the Baroque era, celebrating SPU Music Department's new I manual + pedal, 6-stop chamber organ built by Michael Korchonoff. Music by Dietrich Buxtehude, Giovanni Paolo Cima, Dario Castello, Johann Hermann Schein, Johann Theile, Marco Uccellini, Jan Pietszoon Sweelinck, and Johann Sebastian Bach. Les Martin, organ; Chérie Hughes and Catherine Haight, soprano; Jan Nelson, alto; Brian Chin, trumpet; Danny Helseth and David Krosschell, trombone; Bradley Hawkins, cello, and Todd Gowers, Contrabass; with special guests, Steven Creswell and Kim Zabelle, violin.



### Intimate Baroque

Friday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Saint Mark's Cathedral  
1245 10th Ave E  
Seattle, WA 98102  
\$15-\$25

Intimate Baroque, a superb Seattle-based ensemble of singers and instrumentalists, offers this cycle of seven short cantatas that puts listeners at the foot of the cross to contemplate Christ's body. Madeline Bersamina and Rebekah Gilmore, soprano; Josh Haberman, countertenor; David Hendrix, tenor; Gabe Lewis-O'Connor, bass. Ingrid Matthews and Brandon Vance, violin; Laurie Wells, viola; Joanna Blendulf, gamba, Page Smith-Bilski, cello and Les Martin, organ. Cathedral organist Michael Kleinschmidt, will perform organ works of Buxtehude to frame this extraordinary Lenten meditation.



# PFLAG

## New PFLAG Group in North Seattle

A new PFLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, group is forming in north Seattle! The first meeting is March 28th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Haller Lake United Methodist Church—13055 1st Avenue NE. The first hour will focus on educational topics of interest to families with LGBTQ members; and the second hour will offer support in a group setting. Participation is free and confidential. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month.

### Fellowship Hour

Thank you for the hospitality of our Good Shepherd teams and all who contribute to our fellowship hour refreshments after worship. Per a suggestion from Church Council, we will be introducing a voluntary donation basket in Perry Hall to maintain the coffee, tea and miscellaneous refreshment supplies that support the fellowship time that we enjoy. As we trial this suggestion, please know that our hospitality will always be extended to all! Thank you!



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