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United Methodist Church**

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Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m..

Join us in the sanctuary for a reflective worship service as we hear the Scriptures and experience holy rituals together.

Good Friday

Friday, April 14.

Sand Point will not be hosting a Good Friday service this year. We invite you to join one of our neighboring congregations in the journey to the cross. Area options:

- 7:00 p.m.—St Stephen’s Episcopal 4805 NE 45th St, 98105
- 7:30 p.m.—Maple Leaf Lutheran 10005 32nd Ave NE, 98115

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16.

Join us for worship and fellowship as we celebrate that Christ is victorious!

- 7:00 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Worship to begin outside on the front lawn and continue in the sanctuary. Followed immediately by a continental breakfast in the Fireside Room
- 10:00 a.m.—Easter Worship followed immediately by the children’s Easter egg hunt.

From Our Pastor-

Beyond the Empty Tomb...

After the surprise and celebration of Easter morning, the disciples were left wondering, “now what?” The miracle of the empty tomb invited them into the fullness of community with one another. The earliest Christian communities were taking shape. We hear their stories told in Scripture, particularly in the book of Acts. Their story becomes our story as we continue in fellowship as a faith community.

At the start of Lent, I wrote about the “Before I Die” project. I asked us what it would look like to be a community that can engage true life together. Now, it’s time to find out! This year, as we move beyond the empty tomb of Easter, we will focus on what it means to live together as a community of believers. Every Sunday from Easter to Pentecost (June 4), we will be guided by the text Acts 2:43-47. Each week we will consider a different characteristic that defines a faith community. Sometimes these will be reminders to us, sometimes affirmations, other times, they will challenge us. But always, they will invite us beyond the emptiness of a tomb and into the fullness of community.

Pastor Janelle

Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Calendar

Wednesday (April 5)

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (April 6)

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

Sunday (April 9)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

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

Monday (April 10)

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Looking Ahead

Tuesday (April 11)

UMW Luncheon— 12:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Wednesday (April 12)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (April 13)

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (April 16) EASTER

Sunrise Service—7:00 a.m. (Breakfast follows)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Tuesday (April 18)

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

Church Council—7:00 p.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.





Rummage Sale



Friday, May 5—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 6—9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Church's annual Rummage Sale is almost upon us! If you are Spring Cleaning and have items you would like to donate, please think of us! Items can be brought to the Church and stored in the upper room or the Chapel.

***Note: We cannot accept computers, printers, fax machines, exercise equipment, and adult clothing.*

Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up during the week prior to the Sale
- Sort, display, and price
- Cashier
- Assist guests during the Sale
- Clean up after the Sale

If you have any questions or you want to volunteer, contact Rummage Sale coordinator, Ngaire Taylor.

Interested in Worship Planning?

Anyone with an interest or passion for worship is invited to join the Worship Team! Some of our team goals, include:

- Collaborating to plan creative worship
- Creating visuals and music for a cohesive worship service
- Planning future holiday worship at the church

If you are interested, you can either let the Pastor know, or call the office



Tierra Nueva

Melodies of Compassion April Focus Tierra Nueva

Our Melodies of Compassion recipient for April is Tierra Nueva, a ministry supporting immigrant rights and the incarcerated in the Skagit Valley. Tierra Nueva (TN) has its roots, figuratively and literally, in Honduras in the 1980's.

Since 1981, in the western mountains of Honduras, soil conservation and sustainable farming have been a part of Tierra Nueva's mission. Today, the TN ministry's Underground Coffee Project imports single source coffee beans for small batch roasting, packaging, and marketing by men and women released from jail in the Skagit Valley. Partners in distribution include churches in Bellingham, Burlington, Mt. Vernon, and Seattle. Their website is www.undergroundcoffeeproject.com.

Tierra Nueva also leads prayer walks in Burlington. On a recent walk, encounters included individuals, families, and a group from the American Legion. The latter even returned the gift of prayer to the walkers.

The Gang Ministry led by Tierra Nueva includes a former gang member who directs TN's backyard community garden, works on bike repair with gang youth, and writes to gang-affected men and women in prison. He also speaks at churches sharing TN's methods for helping young people extricate themselves from the web of gang membership.

For women who are recovering from addiction, Tierra Nueva provides a Genesis Process (individual relapse prevention counseling) that lasts six months and provides support to 60 women. It is a challenging program and relies on the energy and dedication of the women leaders in TN. From Bible study to a breakfast of French toast (bread donated by local artisan bakers and leftover from communion) to a group swim in local Lake Padden, women are enjoying freedom "not just from physical imprisonment but also from drugs."

Please join in support of these and other activities of Tierra Nueva through Melodies of Compassion in April.

**United Methodist Women's Luncheon
Tuesday, April 11,
12:00 p.m. in Perry Hall**

Speaker, Linda Mills, will share the happenings of the local, national and international UMW organization that is 800,000 members strong. Linda is on the Seattle UMW District's Executive Board, as Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Coordinator. She attends the Kent UMC. Check out UMW's website to see all that UMW does around the world. <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/members>

All women of our church are considered members of UMW. Annual dues of \$25 support UMW's many efforts—in missions, education, health, and spiritual growth for women and girls worldwide. New officers in 2017 for our church's UMW group are Sue Haas, president, Lynn Ferguson, treasurer, and Kathy Warnaca, secretary. All church women and guests are invited to the luncheon. Please bring a sandwich; coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate April birthdays! Please RSVP to Sue Haas, so we know how big a cake to bake!

**UMW Half-day "Spiritual Day Apart" at
Haller Lake UMC, Saturday, April 22.**

"The Arts in Worship" is the theme for the Seattle District UMW's event at Haller Lake UMC, 13055 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125. Registration & book browsing, 8:00 a.m.; Program, 9:00 a.m.; Lunch, noon. Three workshops are offered:

- 1) Contemporary Icon Design with Rev. Vizcarra Perez,
- 2) Sacred Movement with Susan Little, and
- 3) Paper Craft (Prayer Balls & Cranes with Evelyn Reymond & Linda Roser.

Registration fee is \$10; deadline is April 17. For a registration form, please contact Sue Haas.

There will be no Sunday School on April 23rd!

Easter Egg Hunt

Plans for our annual Sand Point Easter Egg Hunt are underway. Any help with the egg hunt's set up, event, and clean up would be greatly appreciated! The Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately following Worship on Easter Sunday, April 16th.

Please contact Sarah Ritchey at spclittleones@gmail.com if you are available to help out on Easter or if you have any questions.



**Easter Candy
Donations**

The Easter Bunny is looking for nut-free treats/candy donations to fill our plastic Easter eggs. If, for some reason, extra candy hops into your shopping cart, please feel free to re-gift the goodies as a contribution to the Easter Egg Hunt. The candy can be dropped off in the office or you can pass it off directly to our staff members and they will be sure it gets where it needs to go!

**Summer Day Camp
at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church**

Plan on joining us this summer for the week of Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14, at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church (10005 32nd Ave. NE, Seattle) as they host Lutherwood Bible Camp for Day Camp (Vacation Bible School). We will meeting daily from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm in the Community Hall of Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. This event is for kids who will have completed kindergarten to completed 5th grade by this summer. Older kids can be "Jr. Counselors." All are welcome!

It pays to register NOW: \$125 before April 16, \$150 after April 16, \$175 after June 1. To register go to ReachOutChurch.org and click on the links on the left side of the page that say "Day camp info" and "Day Camp form." Registration forms are also available at the Sand Point church office.

For questions, please contact Sarah Ritchey at spclittleones@gmail.com or Pastor Julie Blum at mapleleafelcapastor@comcast.net.