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**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 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.

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

Volunteers are needed to:

- 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.

## From Our Pastor-

Friends in faith, what follows below is an excerpt from the sermon I preached on Sunday, April 30. This message referenced the power of worship, a Heineken ad and the recent made by our United Methodist Judicial Council in regards to the election of Bishop Karen Oliveto. (That decision ruled the consecration of Bishop Oliveto as a violation of our denominational law--a decision that has to do with Bishop Oliveto's sexuality. The ruling calls for a review of Bishop Oliveto. Until due process is complete, she remains in good standing and continues in her role as Bishop appointed to the Mountain Sky area.)

There is tremendous uncertainty about this 'in-between time' while due process is conducted. The excerpt from my sermon below speaks to that uncertainty in particular. However, just back from my trip to Washington DC, I'm reminded that we face uncertainty in lots of places. When much seems unsure, let us be reminded of who, and Whose, we are:

*My dear friends, I honestly don't know what will happen next for Bishop Oliveto. I don't know what will happen for my dear colleagues who identify as LGBTQI persons. I don't know what will happen to our beloved denomination in the coming years as we seek a way forward.*

*But what I do know is that if a social experiment and a beer can transform the way we engage with one another, then the possibilities for transformation are limitless when we worship together as a community of believers and friends. Even more so given that the object of our worship is God whose great commandment is love. God who resurrects hope from despair and life from that which is dead.*

*My friends, I believe that our worship is still creating us. I believe there is power in hearing the life-giving Scriptures together. There is grace in sharing the peace of Christ in community. There is redemption in sitting side by side in oneness to praise our God.*

*And because of this, I believe that we can still teach and admonish each other with wisdom and compassion. I believe that the word of Christ still dwells richly within us and that far more powerful than the songs themselves is our commitment to sing them together. My dearest community of faith, I believe that immeasurably more important than how we shape worship is how worship is shaping us. May it ever be so, amen.*

*Pastor Janelle*

## Calendar

### Wednesday (May 3)

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (May 4)

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

SPRC—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Friday (May 5)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Perry Hall

### Saturday (May 6)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Perry Hall

### Sunday (May 7)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

### Monday (May 8)

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### Tuesday (May 9)

United Methodist Women's Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Perry

Church Council—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead

### Wednesday (May 10)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Choir Practice—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Sunday (May 14)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

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

### Tuesday (May 16)

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 May 2017 Hope for the Children of Africa Jamaa Letu Orphanages**

Melodies of Compassion for May will be donated to help support Souzanne, the orphan girl that Sand Point Church sponsors at Jamaa Letu Orphanage.

Hope for the Children of Africa is a task force of the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNWC) of the United Methodist Church. Since 2000, through a partnership with the South Congo Episcopal Area, PNWC supports two orphanages at Jamaa Letu.

“Our Family” in Swahili, Jamaa Letu provides a safe haven for young Congolese victims of war, famine, poverty, and abandonment. The funds collected by the task force have built a secure compound for the girls and boys, pay their school tuition, and provide their food, water, a bed, and medical needs.

Our Sandpoint UMC sponsorship program at Jamaa Letu is for the girls’ orphanage, for Souzanne. Monies donated through our church mission sponsorship is used literally in all facets of Souzanne's life: house parents who give her guidance, love, and encouragement each day; the building that shelters her; and their running water and electricity.

Commitment to the children of the Jamaa Letu Orphanages does not end when they complete the equivalent of our high school, which is when they must also leave the protection of Jamaa Letu. Latest efforts have been developing education scholarships to help support these young adults as they transition from life at Jamaa Letu and enter the community as adults, hopefully moving forward with upper level education and training.

**Our support:** There is more than one church sponsor for each child at any given time. The emphasis continues to center on support, school fees, and maintenance of the facilities. **Our Sandpoint UMC Commitment is \$493 each year.** Please consider Souzanne every day during the month of May and donate to Melodies this month for her life and education at Jamaa Letu Orphanage.

## **United Methodist Women's Luncheon Tuesday, May 9 in Perry Hall**

Sylvia Abbott will give a talk about her recent cruise all along the coast of Australia. Sue Haas will also give a brief report about the regional UMW's "Spiritual Day Apart" retreat at Haller Lake UMC on April 22nd. All church women and guests are invited to the luncheon. Some women from the University Temple's UMW group may join us. Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate May birthdays! Please RSVP to Sue Haas.

## **Seattle District Fundraiser for PNW Disaster Relief**

To help support the rebuild of Okanogan County, the Seattle District is holding a fundraiser featuring music, presentations by the Rebuild staff, and a special guest musical artist.

Saturday, May 6th, 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue First UMC  
1934 108th Ave NE, Bellevue  
\$10.00 *suggested* ticket donation

Tickets can be purchased through our church by contacting either Pastor Janelle or Sylvia Abbott, our Lay Leader. There is a suggested donation, but no one will be turned away. There will also be a free will offering taken during the performance to help support Rebuild.

If you cannot attend, but would still like to help, you may make a donation through the PNW Disaster Relief (100% of your gift goes to supplies, not administration).

## **Sewer Work on the Church Grounds**



There is going to be some major sewer work completed on the Church grounds the week of May 8-12. Most of the work is being completed on the front lawn; and should not impact access to the parking lot or the building.



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## **Treehouse Donation Drive and Community Potluck Dinner**

**Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**

Join us on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m., for a potluck dinner, games, and music as we gather together for a good cause and to celebrate our community! Bring along a non-perishable food item for donation and a dish to share for dinner. Clothing, toy, and monetary donations will go to Treehouse - Non-Profit Serving Youth in Foster Care.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Community Dinners or would like to find out ways that you can participate, please contact Sarah Ritchey at [spclittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com) or the church office at 206-523-3040.

## **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 as they host Lutherwood Bible Camp for Day Camp. This event is for kids who will have completed kindergarten to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade by this summer. Older kids can be "Jr. Counselors."

It pays to register soon: \$150 after April 16, \$175 after June 1. To register go to [ReachOutChurch.org](http://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](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com) or Pastor Julie Blum at [mapleleafelcapastor@comcast.net](mailto:mapleleafelcapastor@comcast.net).