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**Halloween
Trunk-or-Treat**



Please mark your calendars and join us Tuesday, October 31st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as Sand Point Community UMC participates in this year's Wedgwood Community Council's Trick or Treat with the neighborhood!

We need your help to pass out candy and prizes with the whole neighborhood community along 35th 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.

From the pastor:

As we wrap up our worship series on 'A Place for All,' I find myself very aware that we are never really 'done' with this theme. This is the hope of God's Kingdom and the ongoing work of the church. It's why we celebrate every time we baptize a child or welcome a new member into the faith community. We know that every time we witness to how God's Kingdom is a place for all, with grace for all, we are reminded of how God's love is offered so abundantly to us. This is why we rejoice. It is this joy that binds us together in worship. It is this joy that carries our commitment to creating a place for all!

Dear friends, I am glad for how I witness this vision being lived out here at Sand Point Community UMC! We recognize that the work is ongoing and that we may need to adapt along the way. *And yet, we keep at it!* We keep worshipping together, eating together, growing and trying together! We update and adapt our physical facilities, we create new ways of reaching out, we open more doors to welcome people in, we engage in deeper community partnerships with our neighbors. And through it all, we live into God's vision of a Place for All. I am so grateful for this place and I am so encouraged by each of you! Thanks be to God!

Worship Preview—Now that we have focused on creating a Place for All, we will be turning our attention to what it means to bring *all* of ourselves to worship. From mid-October through Thanksgiving, we will engage a stewardship series on what it means to 'Worship with our WHOLE Selves.' WHOLE, here, stands for: Well-physically, Healed emotionally, Obedient spiritually, Loved unconditionally, Empowered financially.

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

Please note—We will celebrate **All Saint's Sunday on October 29th
(one week earlier than usual)**

This week

Thursday (October 5)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
SPRC—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (October 8)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall
Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room
NE Social Justice Meeting—2:30 p.m., NE Public Library

Looking Ahead

Monday (October 9)

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Tuesday (October 10)

UM Women's Luncheon—noon-2:00 p.m., Perry Hall
Church Council—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (October 11)

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

Sunday (October 15)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Tuesday (October 17)

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

Wednesday (October 18)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (October 19)

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

Pastoral Connection

To connect with Pastor Janelle you can reach her by phone (206-523-3040 or email (revjkurtz@gmail.com) Sunday-Thursday. She takes her days off on Fridays and Saturdays. Pastor Janelle is happy to schedule a time to meet with you in person. Appointments can be scheduled directly through Pastor Janelle or the Church Office.



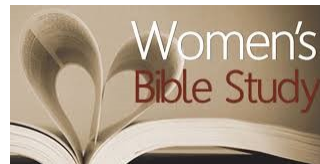
October Birthdays

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

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 invited.

Melodies of Compassion October 2017 Operation Nightwatch

October Melodies of Compassion will be donated to Operation Nightwatch, an outreach program for Seattle's homeless. Giving out a sleeping bag, a bus ticket home, getting someone back to work, looking to bring relief in everything they do -- this is Operation Nightwatch's mission.

Food and shelter is a top priority, and hundreds of volunteers each month agree they show up to prepare and serve late night meals to people waiting for shelter. Affordable housing for 24 low-income seniors is provided, along with activities and services to keep people motivated, hopeful, and functioning as a community.

The Street Ministry Program reaches out to those who are still outside at night, providing food, supplies, and support to the homeless.

The annual Sock It To Homelessness sock drive is kicking off in October. **Please bring new men's athletic socks to Perry Hall, beginning on October 8th.** We will deliver them to the Shelter Dispatch Center on November 12th. Let's show our generous outpouring of love and concern through both our Melodies donations each week at church, and by bringing socks for our homeless friends and neighbors!

United Methodist Women's Luncheon



The next United Methodist Women's Luncheon is Tuesday, October 10, from noon to 2:00 p.m., in Perry Hall. The program is Favorite Book Reports. Bring *one* favorite book you've read recently. Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate October birthdays! Please RSVP to Sue Haas. Thanks!



Sunday School

Sunday School restarted for this season on Rally Day, Sunday, September 17th!

It is going to be such a fabulous year filled with loads fun. We will have opportunities for sharing together in a faith journey where we will all have room to grow, discover strengths and passions, and deepen our love of God and connection with one another.

I will be developing our weekly Elementary and Jr High/High School lessons for us to prepare for Worship by examining the scripture used for the week's sermon and facilitate open discussions on how the message has meaning in their own lives and spiritual growth.

Our lead teachers this year will be Pastor Janelle and myself along with our wonderful volunteer co-teachers, some of whom you will remember from helping last year! There is still some slots that we need to fill with volunteers this fall. If you are interested in helping out or would like to know more, please let me know!

Junior High / High School (grades 6-12) meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Rec Room downstairs from the Fireside Room.

Elementary School (K-5) meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunday School classrooms downstairs off Perry Hall.

I am excited for our year together and look forward to discovering all the ways we can be a community together at Sand Point!

Sarah Ritchey
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

SPRC NEWS OF NOTE

Congratulations to Nicole Denny, SPCUMC's office manager, for completing her first year of employment with us. Nicole adds a special smile and warmth to the role, and has even made some nice special touches to the office environment itself with lighting and placement of items frequently needed or used by the church family. Thank you, Nicole!

As you may or may not know the office manager (OM) is central to providing a presence and sometimes first encounter impression to the many who are doing the church's work (or who use the church's facilities). In addition to managing phone calls, scheduling meetings, doing bulletin and newsletter (as well as special announcements), the OM's main responsibility is to support the administrative work of the Pastor, the CYF Director, the Church Council's, and SPRC's work. This may seem like a relatively small workload, but it fills up 37 hours per week pretty fast - especially when an urgency of some sort intervenes.

Rose Writing Group

The Rose Writing Group has restarted this fall! They meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. At this time we have six active members. We'd love to work with others who want to complete books, family memoirs or other projects. If you have questions, please email Tom Trzyna.

Deeds to Two Crypts at Acacia Memorial Park

In May of 1997, SPCUMC was gifted two crypts in the Garden Court of Acacia Memorial Park. The gift was made by Ms. Marybelle Sincock. The Memorial and Endowment managers would consider the sale of these crypts for benefit of the capital fund drive.

These two crypts are side by side in section F of Garden Court. If purchased from Acacia, crypts in this section are currently priced at \$8,500 each.

Anyone interested in purchasing the deeds to the crypts may contact the church or Doug Warnaca.