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United Methodist Church**

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Advent Calendar

**United Methodist Women's
Christmas Tea**

Tuesday, December 9, 1:00 p.m.,
Perry Hall

Pageant Rehearsals

Sunday, December 14,
following Youth Choir, Sanctuary
Saturday, December 20th,
10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

**Children's Pageant
and**

**Festival Music with
Choir, Organ and Trumpet**

Sunday, December 21
during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
****Pageant Dress Rehearsal****
9:00 to 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service—5:00 p.m.,
Festival Music with Choir, Organ and Trumpet

Candlelight Meditation—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Meditation with Special Music,
Scripture Readings and Candle lighting
(Communion will not be offered this year.)



Pastor's Perspective on ADVENT

What a joy it has been the past few Sundays to welcome guests, some new and some returning, or families returning after a time away from the church. I love hearing the squeals of delight as friends reconnect. Today it was such a blessing that Don Covey was able to be in worship, and looking great! And Marilyn Pray was so happy that her neighbors and their children, Ben and Lainey, came to worship and brought their grandparents from the United Methodist Church in Helena, Montana. Come back anytime, Barb and Tom!

By the time you receive this, we will have celebrated the first Sunday in Advent.

The colors on the altar, pulpit, and lectern will be purple instead of green. Purple was so expensive to make in the time of Jesus that it was reserved for royalty. Advent purple signifies the entrance of the Prince of Peace, the King of Glory.

Jeanne Smith has created two more beautiful banners, so by the fourth Sunday of Advent there will be four: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each worship experience will focus on one of these biblical words. On November 30, Advent 1, our word is HOPE. On December 7, Advent 2, PEACE. The word for Advent 3, December 14, is JOY. The final Sunday of Advent, December 21, the word is LOVE. Hallmark did not coin these words --- God did. God is alive in the world in every choice to hope rather than despair; in every inclination for peace. As joy rises in response to a kindness or an act of justice, and in every act of love, God is revealed.

Advent is a time of reflection, preparation and anticipation. Tom Trzyna and I are looking forward to doing some intense, highly focused Bible study on the stories leading up to the birth of Jesus.

- **November 30th**—The Strange Genealogy of Matthew—led by Tom Trzyna
 - **December 7th**—The Annunciation: What Did Mary Think? Look at the Art—led by Sue Haas
 - **December 14th**—Elizabeth and Mary: Where are the Men—led by Dr. B.
 - **December 21st**—The Historical Context of Jesus—led by Dr. B.
- These could be a wildly unorthodox classes so don't plan to participate if you can't handle heresies. ☺

And then before we know it, we will be celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. As we join in singing beloved carols that are comfortably old and refreshingly new, we will mark once again the Mystery of God coming to us as a messy, all-too-human, irresistible baby.

In delicious anticipation, Beryl

Calendar of Events

Tuesday (Dec. 2)

Men's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
Transition Task Force—7:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Wednesday (Dec. 3)

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

Saturday (Dec. 6)

Junior High Ice Skating—2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday (Dec. 7)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Youth Choir—immediately after worship, Sanctuary
Community Hour—immediately after worship, Perry Hall
Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room
Youth Group—6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Youth Room

Monday (Dec. 8)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter)—deadline to submit info. to church office

Meeting with Rev. Curtis Brown—7:00 p.m.

Perry Hall

Tuesday (Dec. 9)

UMW Christmas Tea—1:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Wednesday (Dec. 10)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Missions Ministry Team—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (Dec. 14)

Youth Choir—after worship service, Sanctuary
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal—following Youth Choir, Sanctuary
Parents' 2nd Sunday Bible Study—11:30 a.m., Fireside Rm.
Youth Group—6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Youth Room
Transitional Task Force—7:00 p.m., Perry Hall



Christmas Cards!

Sand Point Community UMC has a long standing Christmas card tradition — if you'd like to send a card to the church, we would be delighted to display it on one of the red ribbons in Perry Hall!

Thank you for the Thanksgiving Baskets!

Thank you to all who provided items for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Your generosity is appreciated by the residents in transitional housing at Sand Point and our Missions Team!



The Giving Tree is up in Perry Hall -- adorned with lights and ornaments and red cutouts of mittens and hats! Please stop and take one or two of the cutouts and then return them with a warm hat or scarf, or gloves or mittens all of which will be donated to Seattle's Union Gospel Mission. The items will be distributed to the homeless, who live out in the cold Seattle winter. Thanks for your continued caring!

December Melodies of Compassion

Our December Melodies of Compassion will support UMCOR (*United Methodist Committee on Relief*) and the Methodist Global Ministries response to Ebola in Africa.

Since June 2014, the Global Health unit of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) have been working in collaboration on a global scale to coordinate an integrated approach in response to the Ebola crisis in West Africa. To date, UMCOR and the Global Health unit have worked together to ensure that \$400,000 of educational programs, protective equipment, and other Ebola-related supplies have been provided to the health boards in Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Cote d'Ivoire.

Global Ministries and UMCOR are partnering with local health boards, bishops, missionaries, UMCOR technical offices and others to enable a long-term approach that not only responds to the current Ebola crisis, but helps to strengthen health-care capacity in the region to be better prepared for any possible future crisis. Please remember that **100%** of all money sent to UMCOR will be used for this UMCOR Advance. As we share gifts with friends and family over this Christmas Season, please also be generous towards this important mission that the Methodist Church is undertaking to this crisis in Africa.



Please pray for:

Francie VanOtegham Scott—recovering from injuries from an auto accident that her husband, Win, did not survive.

In Memoriam

Joanne Marr
Winfield (Win) Scott

Men's Bible Study

(1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

December 2 & December 16

10:00 a.m.

Fireside Room



Women's Christmas Tea

Tuesday, December 9

1:00 p.m.—Perry Hall

All women of the church are invited to a Christmas Tea to be held on Tuesday, December 9 at 1 p.m. in Perry Hall. It would be a great time to bring a friend or neighbor for tasty treats, Christmas inspiration, and an opportunity to share. Our gifts will go to Mary's Place, the shelter for homeless women and children. Their needs include \$20 shoe vouchers, cosmetics, new underwear, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, umbrellas, backpacks, and gift cards. This is also a great time to give our annual dues to the United Methodist Women. We will once again be drawing a lucky number for the door prize---a hand knit afghan by Virginia Williams.

Meet With Rev. Curtis Brown

Monday, December 8

7:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Curtis Brown is the demographics expert employed by our Annual Conference and will be here to share information about our area. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*

Parents' Second Sundays Study Group

December 14th, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

There will be a light lunch after church. Diane Chapel will facilitate the discussion on one of Jesus' parables, with questions from the Bible study book "Parables of Jesus" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Participants do not need to do prep work; just come as you are! Child care provided.

Enrichment Hours

November 30, December 7, 14 & 21—11:30 a.m.

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The Strange Genealogy of Matthew
- **Dec. 7th—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room** — led by Sue Haas
The Annunciation: What Did Mary Think?
- **Dec. 14th—11:30 a.m., Chapel** — led by Dr. B.
Elizabeth and Mary--Where are the men?
- **Dec. 21st—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room** — led by Dr. B.
The Historical Context for the life of Jesus

Poinsettias for Altar

If you would like to donate a fresh poinsettia plant for the altar this Christmas, please purchase your potted 6-inch plant (red, white, pink, etc.) and bring it to church on Sunday, Dec. 21 (not before, as we can't be responsible for watering them, and keeping them warm in the unheated sanctuary). Put your plant on, or in front of the altar, by 9:45 that morning. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with your poinsettia, please let Jan in the church office know their names. You may take your poinsettia home after our Christmas Eve Candlelight Meditation that ends at 7:30 pm on Dec. 24. Thanks in advance to our poinsettia donors!

- Sue Haas and Marilyn Pray



Friday, December 19th (5:00p-8:00p)

Parents are busy this holiday season and our hope is that we may offer an opportunity for you to either enjoy a few hours on your own or to do any last minute preparations before kids & students are on break from school/daycare for the holidays. Plus we want the kids & students to have a Christmas party! ;)

Staff and volunteers will be present while the kids will play games, create Christmas crafts, eat dinner, sing carols, and watch a short movie. This event will be open for children ages 0-12 & a suggested donation of \$5 per student is asked for in order to cover expenses.

We will be pre-registering spaces for this event. Please email spclittleones@gmail.com or spcommunitykids@gmail.com if you plan to have your child/children attend.



**Junior High RELA_night
Saturday, December 6th
2:30-4:00 p.m.**

On Saturday, December 6th, from 2:30p-4p, the Junior High Youth Group will be going Ice Skating at Highland Ice Arena. Parents are also welcome to join! Cost is \$7.50 for those over 13, and \$6.50 for those under. Skate rentals are \$4 per person. Email sandpointumcyouth@gmail.com if you are interested!

**Sand Point Community UMC Cast Call for
Children's Christmas Pageant**

Check the Advent Calendar for dates of rehearsals and pageant. Please contact Sarah Ritchey with your questions or concerns at spclittleones@gmail.com.