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**February
Parents' Night Out**

We are hosting another Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 16th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Parents' Night Out is open for all children ages 0-12 years old. Staff and volunteers are present while the kids play games, create art projects, sing songs, eat dinner, and watch a short age-appropriate movie.

A suggested donation of \$5/child, \$10/family helps to offset the cost of dinner and supplies.

Please contact Sarah Ritchey if you would like to have your children participate!

We are additionally looking for help with set up, reading/playing with the kids, serving dinner, and clean up. Please let Sarah Ritchey—splclittleones@gmail.com or 206-523-3040—know if you are interested in volunteering.

Reminder:

The Church offices are closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day.

From the Pastor—

Lent is a season of preparation and examination. I tend to think of it as a time to take stock of my faith life. I ask myself: “Who am I in faith? And who is God calling me to be?” After all, these answers aren’t static. Being intentional with these questions during Lent, helps me to journey deeper into the glorious mystery of God’s majesty that we see on full display come Easter morning.

In light of this, our Lenten worship this year will focus on our identity in Christ. Each week, we will consider another aspect of who we are because of who God is. As many of you know, we’ll also be using songs from *The Greatest Showman* to highlight these themes. I *really* cannot explain how excited I am about how this is coming together! Thank you for sharing (or indulging) this enthusiasm!

Here’s everything you need to know:

Ash Wednesday, February 14—We will mark the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes; a symbolic reminder that we are utterly dependent upon God, from creation to death. I will offer “**Ashes To Go**” out in the community during school drop-off and during the usual time when our chapel is open for prayer (9:00 a.m.-Noon). The congregation is invited to this time or to our **Ash Wednesday Worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.**

Lenten Dinner and Discussion Group—Wednesdays in Lent we will gather for a light supper and discussion. The time is designed to encourage fellowship and engagement so that we can take Sunday’s message one step further. We’ll hear a song from *The Greatest Showman*, relate it to Scripture and share how it intersects with our lives now. Soups and breads will be provided for our meal. The first session is **Wednesday, February 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Perry Hall.**

Maundy Thursday Worship—March 29, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Morning Preview: Sunday April 1—Plans include a Son-rise worship, brunch and an egg hunt in addition to our 10:00 a.m. worship.

At some point, we’ve all wondered who we are. Now we get to ask and explore together!
Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

This week

Sunday (February 11)

Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m.

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Looking Ahead

Monday (February 12)

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Tuesday (February 13)

UMW Luncheon—12:00-2:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Church Council—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday (February 14)

Ash Wednesday Service—7:00 p.m., Chapel

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (February 15)

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

Friday (February 16)

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

Sunday (February 18)

Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m.

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall.

Monday (February 19)

Church offices are closed in observance of Presidents Day

Tuesday (February 20)

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

Wednesday (February 21)

Lenten Dinner + Discussion—5:30-7:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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.



February Birthdays

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

Financial Update

Operating Budget

In the last issue of the Sandpointer, we explained that the adopted operating budget for 2018 projected a deficit of \$17,933. We requested supplemental pledges to help reduce this deficit. Due to updated revenue estimates of endowment fund revenues, we are pleased to report that the projected budget deficit has been reduced to \$11,755. Our projected revenues are now less than 3% short of our budgeted expenses. We hope to avoid a final year-end deficit by attracting a bit more pledge revenue and managing expenses. Thank you for your generous support of the operating budget.

Capital Fundraising Campaign

We are happy to report that your support of the major capital repair projects resulted in a total of \$220,775 raised! Because your donations exceeded the original \$200,000 fundraising goal, we are pleased to report that the Church Council and Trustees are planning to use these funds to finance additional capital improvements that were originally going to be included in the 2018 operating budget in the amount of \$14,000. These projects include replacement of the kitchen stairs outside Perry Hall, replacement of the commercial dishwasher in the Perry Hall kitchen, construction of a covered porch over the parking lot entrance, and several other building and landscaping improvements. These projects can now be funded from the "extra" capital campaign funds, without requiring support from the annual operation budget.

Many thanks to each of you for your generous support of our church!

Yours in Christ,

Keith Moxon, Chair, Church Council

Steve Mullin, Chair, Finance

February Melodies of Compassion SPCUMC Little Free Pantry

February Melodies of Compassion is for our Little Free Pantry.

We as a church are committed to serving our community; one way we are doing that is through the construction and installation of a Little Free Library and a Little Free Pantry. Money that is donated to Melodies this month will go toward stocking the pantry. It is through these works of piety and works of mercy that make Sand Point a driven community of faithful people, full of adventurous spirits as we experience God's grace with one another.

Whether there is a need for food or a need to give, the Little Free Pantry facilitates neighbors helping neighbors, building community. In all places, Little Free Boxes are for those who want and/or need to give.

If you are inspired and would like to help share in the stewardship duties of our Little Free Boxes, please contact Sarah Ritchey at spclittleones@gmail.com or the church main office at 206-523-3040.

Stewardship duties include keeping the Pantry stocked with good food, and making sure the box is well maintained on a daily basis.

United Methodist Women's Luncheon

The next United Methodist Women's Luncheon is Tuesday, February 13, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Perry Hall.

We will enjoy a Valentine's Day Program: Sharing love stories from our past--our own, our parents', someone else's (?), or a favorite book or movie love story--also, Lynn Ferguson's annual report, and Devotions.

Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate February birthdays! Please RSVP to Sue Haas and to let her know if you'd like a ride. Thanks!



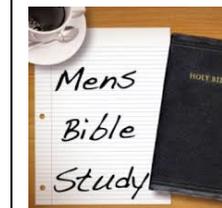
“Oh, Freedom” on MLK Sunday
Phyllis Ferguson with the Sand Point Singers: Sarah Bowell, Cara Hochhalter (Sue’s sister), Sue Haas, and Marilynn Pray



Happy 80th Birthday to Roland Pray!

Our church helped Roland celebrate 80 years of life in style on Sunday, January 14 during Fellowship Hour. There was cake, ice cream, and good wishes all-around.

Happiest of birthdays to you, Roland!



Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room

All men of the church are invited.

Women's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays
10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room

All women of the church are invited.

