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United Methodist Church**

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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor

Holy Week

Wednesday, March 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Perry Hall: Lenten Dinner and Discussion. Soups and breads will be provided for our meal.

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

Sunday April 1: Easter Sunday!

8:00 a.m.: Sunrise Service in the sanctuary
Continental Breakfast in the Fireside Room

9:30 a.m.: Sunday School

10:00 a.m.: Worship with choir and special musicians.
Fellowship brunch and Egg Hunt to follow.

**Easter Lilies
for the Altar**

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday, please bring it to the church by 9:45 a.m. on April 1st (Easter morning) and place it at the altar. If you would like a memorial or dedication to be posted in the bulletin, please let Nicole know by Wednesday, March 28.



From the Pastor—

I've shared the story before of my friend Sadie. She used to stand up in church every Sunday during prayer time and say: "if you missed Soulful Saturday, you missed a blessing." In reflecting on our Wednesday Lenten dinner and discussions, I find myself echoing Sadie: If you missed it, you missed a blessing.

Each week we gather together for the same thing. It begins with prayer then a spread of soup and bread, grapes and water. A simple meal full of rich engagement. We talk, sometimes about the weather, the food, our days. Other times about deep theological questions and our vulnerabilities in facing life. Then I stand up to talk for a few minutes. We listen to a song from *The Greatest Showman*, sometimes seeing a movie clip, too. And then, the sharing continues around discussion questions.

In these weeks, we have shared profound stories of how we experience God's grace. We've wrestled together about how to discern God's will: when to step out in faith and risk a little more of ourselves, and when to receive Sabbath rest, renewal and comfort? We've interpreted passages and songs differently. We've trusted one another with the struggles we face in faith. We've asked questions, reflected together, and held one another in prayer. There has been silence, laughter and tears. It has been, quite simply, the Body of Christ *together*.

This is not to say that this is the *only* place where the Body of Christ is gathered in our church. It's not. *Not by a long shot*. But in reflecting on this time together, I find myself agreeing with Sadie: if you missed it, you missed a blessing.

My friends, this has been a tremendous blessing to me and I hope it has been for you, too. Every time, I leave this space encouraged by the fellowship of our community. I leave reflecting on things in a new way. I leave grateful to God. I leave committed to answer God's call anew, knowing you will be waiting next week again with accountability and grace.

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This week

Sunday (March 25)

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
Recorder Duo Recital—3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Tent City 3 Dinner—Dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., Lehman Hall; delivery & serving approximately 5 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday (March 28)

Lenten Dinner + Discussion—5:30-7:00 p.m., Perry Hall
Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (March 29)

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

Sunday (April 1) Easter

Sunrise Service—8:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Continental Breakfast—after Sunrise Service, Fireside
Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m.
Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall.

Monday (April 2)

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Tuesday (April 3)

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

Wednesday (April 4)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (April 5)

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



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 1st.

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

Also: The Easter Bunny is looking for nut-free treats/candy donations for our Easter Egg Hunt. If, for some reason, extra candy hops into your shopping cart, please feel free to re-gift the goodies as a contribution to our annual event. The candy can be dropped off in the office or you can hand it to Sarah.

Summer Day Camp

We are invited again this summer to connect with Maple Leaf Lutheran Church for a fun filled week of Day Camp coming up this summer for ages K-5:

July 30 – August 3, 2018

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:30pm, Friday 9:00am-Noon

Cost: \$50/week (if registered before June 1st)

We hope you'll register and share the information with your neighbors, friends and children's classmates.

Registration forms are available in the office. Contact Sarah Ritchey with questions at spclittleones@gmail.com.

See you all this summer for fun, faith and fellowship!



Welcome Spring!

Continued From the Pastor—

Thank you, my friends, for this great blessing. As the Lenten season draws to an end, my dream is of how the blessing will continue. I imagine all the ways our Body of Christ will engage next: within the church to uplift each other in the journey, and outside these walls to extend that blessing to others. I can't help but think: A million dreams is all it's going to take; a million dreams for the world we're going to make...

Dear dreamers, let us go into Easter with rejoicing. Let us go with eyes wide open, full of the God's vision for us, the Body of Christ at Sand Point.

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

March Melodies of Compassion Christian Peacemaker Teams

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) is an international organization set up to support teams of peace workers in conflict areas around the world. These teams believe that they can lower the levels of violence through nonviolent direct action, human rights documentation, and nonviolence training. CPT sums their work up as "...committed to reducing violence by *getting in the way*".

The CPT places teams at the invitation of local peacemaking communities that are confronting situations of lethal conflict. These teams **seek to follow God's Spirit as it works through local peacemakers** who risk injury and death by waging nonviolent direct action to confront systems of violence and oppression. Please hold these teams in your prayers and support them with your Melodies gifts this March!

Recorder Recital

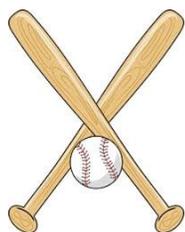
The Laura Faber / Mike Woolf Recorder Duo Recital is Sunday, March 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the our sanctuary.

The recital will include recorder music from the Renaissance to modern day, featuring the music of Jan Sweelinck, Georg Telemann, Glenn Shannon, and Sören Sieg. There will be a reception afterwards in the Fireside Room.

Could you volunteer time to cover the church office when the Office Manager is away ?

In the past we've put out a call for volunteers for office coverage a few weeks before the Office Manager's vacation time, but that turns out to be rather hit or miss, and we'd like to have a more reliable system in place. The aim is to compile a list of five or six people who could be trained to cover the basic needs in the office when the office manager is on vacation, ill or temporarily away. This would assure keeping the office open during main business hours so that it accommodates those who may have need of access to or use of facilities. Such volunteer coverage hours are usually modified to provide presence for 3 or 4 hours on any given day. The work is limited to tasks such as answering the phone, directing calls as needed or taking messages, bringing in the mail, etc.

We want to create a set list of volunteers so that we can rotate and not burden any one person with the task, and it will (hopefully) make it easier to find a volunteer if others on the list might not be available. Once we have "the list," the office manager will do a "training" of the basics, and then work with those on the list to plan ahead for coverage during the office manager's time off/vacations.



Save the Date! Sand Point Community Night at the Mariners!

When: Friday, June 15th at 7:10 pm against the Boston Red Sox.

Cost: \$13 per ticket (cash or checks made payable to Sand Point Community United Methodist Church).

Why: Come root on the Mariners with all of your friends from Sand Point Community United Methodist Church and watch a fireworks display after the game!

All ticket orders are due back to the church office by Friday, May 4th. Order forms are available at the church. Any questions contact Sarah Ritchey at spclittleones@gmail.com.

Go Mariners!

Parents Night Out—Thank you!

We are so grateful to the families who participated and to our volunteers and staff for their help with Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 16th. It was fantastic to meet a number of new families from the community. A special "Thank You" to Brittany Erickson, Bella Flaccus, Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Keith and Soona Moxon, and Doug and Kathy Warnaca who devoted their time and energy playing with the kids and making the Night a success!

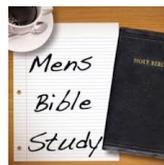
We will be hosting another Parents Night Out on April 20th. If you would like to volunteer to help for the evening or would like to have your children participate, please contact Sarah Ritchey at spclittleones@gmail.com.

Help us *Usher* in Spring!

Ushering is a fun way to contribute to Sunday services. Join the team of ushers and learn secrets of the church such as how to:

- unlock the building
- turn on the PA
- help with the offering
- turn off the PA
- lock the building
- and much more!

Joking aside, ushering is an important gift of service to the church. You'll be called one Sunday every six weeks or so. We'd particularly like to welcome any women who would like to join the group. We'll train you and get you into the loop pronto. Contact Pastor Janelle (revjkurtz@gmail.com / 206-523-3040) or Bruce Taylor.



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.

