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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



SPRC News of Note

From Martha Price, Chair,
Staff Parish Relations Committee



This is a good news message! I am pleased to let you know that the Reverend Nico Romeijn-Stout has accepted the request to be our new pastor. He is currently living in Anchorage, Alaska, and serving as Pastor of Discipleship and Social Justice at St. John United Methodist Church. He will be here July 7, 2018, to begin his ministry with us.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee was impressed with this young man. He is very easy to talk to, he describes himself in ways that prompted me to think “this is good; that’s a great fit; etc.” The SPRC committee agreed that he is a wonderful candidate, and we are so glad that District Superintendent Rev. Rich Lang (prompted by the input from SPRC and many congregants) went the extra distance (outside PNWUM Conference) to find him.

There will more details in the coming weeks. But if you know of housing opportunities in the area (Sandpoint Neighborhood), please let me know. Oh, yes, he has a golden retriever mix, Calvin, which thrills me!

From the Pastor—

The other night when we sat down to dinner Kevin asked me about my day. When I was done sharing, I automatically asked him: “So, how was your day?” He looked at me and said: “You asked me that already.” “Oh, I did?”, I asked, sounding surprised. “Yes,” he said, “twice actually.” “Oh.” I turned to face him, swallowed my pride and admitted, “I might have asked but I wasn’t really listening. I’m sorry. Would you tell me again?” To his credit, he didn’t roll his eyes or sigh, he just recounted his day for the third time. This time I listened, really listened, and responded.

As we are gearing up for a weekend when we take special time to celebrate the women and mothers in our lives, I thought back to this encounter. I wondered what it would be like if I was as intentional in the everyday interactions as we all try to be on this weekend when we recognize or remember our mothers (and all mother figures). Imagine if we engaged the people in our lives with ears and hearts wide open everyday! Imagine if we celebrated our relationships with joy, generosity and self-giving everyday! (Imagine what conversations could happen in my household if Kevin didn’t have to repeat his day three times to me!)

It’s not a new idea, this engaging others openly and without thinking only of our own selves, our own needs, our own responses in mind. In fact, I think it’s something we might have known instinctively as kids. Just the other day (probably the same day I wasn’t listening at dinner!) Sasha’s teacher told me a story of how Sasha heard someone crying across the room. Sasha *stopped what she was doing* to come over and give the child a hug. A second toddler came right over with his stuffed animal to share. Wow. It’s not a new concept but imagine how powerful!

My friends, I believe we still know how to do this! Sometimes we just need practice and reminding to cut through the ‘stuff’ we all carry with us everyday. My hope for us is that as our “One Another” Relationships Series continues in worship, we will practice being present to one another in all times and places, special day or not. Let’s grow all the more in engaging with curiosity and grace, celebrating each other, holding each other up and loving one another more deeply.

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This week

Friday (*May 11*)

Kitty Woodworth’s Memorial—10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (*May 13*)

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 (*May 14*)

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Tuesday (*May 15*)

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

Wednesday (*May 16*)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (*May 17*)

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

Sunday (*May 20*)

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.

Wednesday (*May 23*)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (*May 25*)

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

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.



May Birthdays

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

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Personally, this is my hope for the time that I have left as your pastor. I want this open engagement for you. I want it for the joy of community that we share. I want it for the renewing of trust and hope among us and the conference. I want it for me. I want to celebrate the life we shared together these past 3 years and to be able to honor that with a good goodbye. In fact, I told our SPRC that this was my first priority for the time we have left together. So will you help me in meeting it? To do that, I'm asking you to accept my invitations to come visit or call to follow through on the 'we'll have to do that someday' plans we once talked about.

My calendar is open. My heart is too. And I promise to do my best to only ask you once how your day was!

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

May 2018 Melodies of Compassion 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 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.

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

Pastoral Transition Information

For those asking about the pastoral transition as it relates to Pastor Janelle's schedule:

June 17--Pastor Janelle's last Sunday
June 21--Pastor Janelle's last day in the office
June 22-24--Annual Conference

Needed: Financial Secretaries

We are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to spend a couple of hours each week (1) counting and recording Sunday offering plate revenues and other sources of income, (2) keeping records of pledge revenues, (3) helping with bank deposits, and (4) co-signing checks issued by the church bookkeeper. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Pastor Janelle or Steve Mullin.

Parents Night Out



We will be hosting Parents' Night Out on May 25th, 5:00-8:00 p.m. If you would like your child to participate or if you would like to sign up to help volunteer for the evening, contact Sarah at spclittleones@gmail.com.

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 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.-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!



We Are Hiring!

Do you know someone who loves working with kids and would like to be part of our team at Sand Point Community UMC? We are looking for one part-time childcare attendants for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evening choir practice.

Please email Sarah Ritchey with inquiries or for more details at spclittleones@gmail.com

Help us Usher in Spring!

Join the team of ushers and learn secrets of the church:

- unlocking the building
- turning on the PA
- helping with the offering
- turning off the PA
- locking 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 Bruce Taylor.



Women's Bible Study

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

All women of the church are invit-

Men's Bible Study

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

All men of the church are invited.

