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Rev. Janelle Kurtz, Pastor



Mindfulness Enrichment Hour—June 10

Mindfulness Enrichment Hour--Take 2! Andy Lang will be with us for a Special Enrichment Hour on Sunday, June 10th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. He will lead us through a mindfulness workshop. Mindfulness and the related practices of contemplation are great resources to add to our spiritual disciplines. This is an opportunity to find quiet in the world and yourself. It can also help with those who want to pray but worry they don't have the right words, or anyone who is curious about 'how to be' and not just 'what to do' in their lives. Basically, it's an awesome opportunity for all of us that Andy is making available out of his own passion! I look forward to seeing you there!

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.



From the Pastor—

Our refrain for our One Another worship series is from Psalm 133: O look and wonder how good it is! As it happens, ‘wonder’ is one of my star words this year (remember those words we got in January to use as a touchstone throughout the year?) It seems like a good time to reflect on this word.

I shared with you that Kevin was recently involved in a car accident. I was telling one of my friends about it and how overwhelmed I feel with the unexpected need to replace my car. She said something in response which was so true, “I guess it shows we never really are in control, are we?” “Well, of course not, but darn if I don’t try,” I laughed. Before letting out a deep, resigned sigh.

After our conversation ended, I reflected on this. These past several weeks have been immersed in change for me. I have struggled to relinquish control over them all and come to grips with: who am I in these changes if I’m not ‘in control?’

I’ve shared with some of you already that I’m working to just ‘be’ in them: to be with you, to be present to God’s working in them, to be with my family and my truest self. As one of the wise saints in our congregation reminded me recently, it is good to remember that I am still Janelle, just as I also have a number of other roles. And so I am trying to be.

In this, I am realizing, that that’s where the wonder is waiting! There’s a whole lot more room for wonder when I am being. Fully connected to self, God and others. The wonder exists precisely in those places where I release control and am blessed and surprised by the gifts that we offer to each other.

Wonder wells up like the tears in my eyes when I’m so overwhelmed by how well loved I am by you and others in my life. Wonder comes in the warm embrace among friends. Wonder bubbles up like the laughter that comes when I revel in the joke without wondering if it was the ‘right’ thing to say. Wonder comes upon me in breathtaking awe for the ways that I look back and see how God is at work among us in ways that few could foresee. Wonder is the assurance that we have shaped each other, and no change will undo that.

My friends, I think I’m learning that I just might like wonder more than control. Pray that it would be so! For dear ones, let us look and wonder how good it is for us to have been together!

Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

This week

Friday (*May 25*)

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

Sunday (*May 27*)

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 28*)

Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday (*May 29*)

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Wednesday (*May 30*)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (*June 3*)

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.

Tuesday (*June 5*)

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

Wednesday (*June 6*)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (*June 7*)

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.

Rummage Sale Thank you!

This year's Annual Rummage Sale was a success! The Church raised over \$6,000 for our Missions fund.

As always, it takes a village to collect, sort, price, cashier, and clean up the Sale. We are so grateful for all these folks who volunteered their time and energy this year: Phyllis Ferguson, Kyungha and Jean Kim, Judy Foss, Terry Cicero, Liz Banse, Diane Fathi & Verle Bleese, Keith & Soona Moxon,, David Strack & Karen Porter, Helen & Sainsbury Strack, Marilynn Pray, Elise Pray, Virginia & Alison Muir, Sue Haas, Marsha Nemitz, Frances Taylor, Sylvia Abbott, Berta Cohen, Karen Smith, Susie Bowman, Beth Mullin, Kathy Warnaca, Lynn Ferguson., and Boy Scout Troop 177.



Farewell and Thank You to Becky & Brittany!

There have been recent changes to our childcare staff-

Becky Shelton was offered a marine education and aquarist internship on Santa Catalina Island, CA for the summer and will be leaving her position as childcare attendant here at Sand Point.

Brittany Erickson has been accepted to do field work in Dillon, Montana over the summer through UW studying local geology and mapping areas. She begins her student teaching in the Fall. Her last day with us will be June 10th.

We are so excited for both Becky and Brittany's new opportunities and hope to share news of their new adventures with you all!



Church Office Hours Starting June 1

8:00 a.m.-noon
Monday –Friday



Melodies of Compassion May 2018 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.

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!

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.

Welcome, Sara and Hannah!

We welcome Sara Shelton and Hannah Goffin
— our new childcare attendants!

Sara is a senior at Roosevelt High School and will be attending Western in the fall.

She loves kids and is excited to become part of the SPCUMC community.

She is also Becky's (one of our out-going childcare attendant's) sister!



Hannah Goffin is a ballet teacher and a student at Western Governors University.



Her two big passions in life are dance and working with children. She hopes to be a kindergarten teacher and begins her student teaching in the fall.

SPRC NEWS OF NOTE

Martha Price, Chair of Staff Parish Relations

After I made the announcement Sunday morning (May 6) about having acquired a new minister, someone remarked to me that “now you (SPRC) can relax because the work is done.” I laughed and said, “Not so. Yes, that phase is behind us, but we have lots more work to do.”

Full transition is tricky territory. We have real peoples' lives involved in all this change, and there must be time made to do the transition of “goodbye” as well as that of “hello.” And the “goodbye” is time-limited, so we want to find meaningful ways to connect with Pastor Janelle and her family in this short space of time.

To this end, it would be wonderful if you (members of the congregation) could take a moment to acknowledge your time with Pastor Janelle through cards, letters, emails, etc. You can send these to the church office through our office manager, Nicole Denny. Email is spcommunity@qwestoffice.net; the office phone number 206 523-3040; or USPS (snail mail) Sand Point Community United Methodist Church, 4710 NE 70th Street, Seattle, Washington 98115.

And it would be fabulous if you have tips on available **housing** in the neighborhood for our new pastor and his golden retriever, Calvin. You can direct those tips to the Church Office.

As of this very moment I do not have details of plans to celebrate Pastor Janelle and her family, but I'm hoping those will come soon. Expressing the value of our connection to someone lifts us all, and we learn yet again that Love does not have limits. We can embrace the full measure of our love for Pastor Janelle, Kevin and Sasha, and still have space for the new pastor. We aren't losing the love we have; we are expanding it.

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