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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!

## **Thank you Pastor Janelle Celebration Potluck on June 17th**

We will be celebrating Pastor Janelle's time at the Sand Point Community UMC with a potluck after worship service on June 17th, in Perry Hall. If you would like to contribute a brunch/lunch dish to the celebration, please contact Ana or Bill Eagen.

## **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

### **From the Pastor—**

You know, I used to practice transitions all the time. In high school track, we ended every single practice with relay handoffs. We would move around the track with our coach, practicing again and again and again until the exchange was “like butter!” That’s what Coach Roberts used to say! If it was a particularly smooth handoff, she would add a delighted squeal, pause to nod her head in approval and sing: “Like butter!”

It’s like the finale scene of *The Greatest Showman*. The whole scene is a grand transition! PT Barnum passes the ringleader’s hat around the ring: It circles every act as it goes from person to person. Finally, Barnum gets it back and runs off stage to where his partner, Phillip Carlyle, is watching. Barnum passes the hat to Carlyle and says “This is for you!”

Carlyle accepts it and runs into the ring with a flourish and a dance. The circus sings “This is the greatest show!” while the crowd bursts to its feet with surprise and applause. Barnum watches for a moment with an approving smile before moving on to where he needs to go next.

My friends, as I prepare to lay down the same stole for Pastor Nico that I picked up from Dr. B three years ago, I don’t know that it will be ‘like butter.’ I don’t know that Coach Roberts would squeal in delight. I don’t know that Pastor Nico will pick up the ringleader’s stole with a flourish and a choreographed dance! (Or that all Methodists would like it if he did!)

What I *do* know is that we, as people of faith in real community with one another, are part of God’s greatest show! We, together, *are* God’s greatest show! The magic of it is not the razzle-dazzle spectacle or the CGI special effects; the magic is in how the hat passes around the ring, including everyone and the gifts that they offer. The magic is in trusting one another and welcoming one another in love. It is in making room for the other to flourish and dream and lead.

My friends, thank you for letting me part of the magic here with you at Sand Point Community UMC for the last three years. It sure was a great show! Now, it is my honor to pass the hat to Pastor Nico as you move into your next act. Together, may you be God’s greatest show all the more! Peace, *Pastor Janelle*

### **This week**

#### **Sunday (June 10)**

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**

#### **Tuesday (June 12)**

UM Women’s Luncheon, 10:00-noon, Perry Hall

Church Council Meeting—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

#### **Sunday (June 17)**

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 19)**

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

#### **Monday (June 25)**

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### **United Methodist Women's Luncheon Tuesday, June 12, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Perry Hall**

The Program: "Father's Day Memories" Bring a photo of your father and memories to share. We will have Devotions and Lynn Ferguson's treasurer's report. Bring your ideas for programs for the fall & beyond! Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate June birthdays! Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Sue Haas.

### **Pastoral Connection**

To connect with Pastor Janelle you can reach her by phone (206-523-3040) or email ([revjkurtz@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### June Birthdays

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

### **Melodies of Compassion June 2018 Tent City 3**

The Sand Point Community United Methodist Church has been supporting Tent City 3 for 11 years by preparing and serving dinner for 60-100 people on the fourth Sunday of each month.

**Melodies for June** will help offset the cost of dinners for Tent City 3, which costs \$150-200 per month. The folks that live in Tent City 3 are incredibly grateful and appreciative and it's a great mission for our church. Please give generously this month!

### **Meet Potential New Tenant—NEST**

North East Seattle Together (NEST) is committed to this Vision: "To live in a community where no one has to grow old alone." NEST is an active organization with 200 members and a 230 person volunteer pool; offering over 7,000 hours of volunteer time per year serving our senior community. Examples of NEST volunteer efforts include door-to-door rides to the doctor and grocery store, minor home repairs, yard work, cleaning and organizing, help with technology, friendly visits, laundry, and identification of safety-net services. .

NEST is losing their current space at the end of this year, and is seeking a new home in northeast Seattle. NEST contacted us to see whether our church could provide a leased space for their office and programs.

Our Trustees see a potential alignment between NEST, our Christian mission, and our community. Trustees are reviewing proposals for how to support this partnership and make space for NEST here in our building. The primary proposals involve converting either the chapel or choir room and re-dedicating it for NEST and their missional work. Preferred proposal is to re-dedicate the chapel to best match the needs of both our congregation and NEST.

Please join us at the upcoming Church Council meeting for an informational session about NEST and our preliminary ideas. The meeting is on June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

## **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.

## **Summer Special Music!**

People of all ages, and from both the congregation and the greater community, are invited to offer music at our worship services this summer. Some ideas for summer music are: individuals offering their music; parents and children making music together; a small vocal or instrumental ensemble; friends or neighbors who would enjoy sharing their music at Sand Point.

Music that is sacred or spiritual in nature is most appropriate for worship, and I'm always happy to help you with selecting something to offer. Please contact me or see me on Sunday mornings if you would like share your musical gifts – I look forward to hearing from you!

Leslie Martin, Director of Music

## **Summer Sunday School**

This summer we want to keep our families and kids in the groove of attending church! Sunday School will continue in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

This is a fantastic opportunity to prepare for Worship in a different and exciting way. Please let Sarah Ritchey know if you would like to help with instruction!



## **Church Office Hours Starting June 1**

8:00 a.m.-noon  
Monday –Friday

## **SPRC NEWS OF NOTE**

### **Martha Price, Chair of Staff Parish Relations**

Many in the congregation are busy with the work of the transition – planning ways to honor and acknowledge Pastor Janelle's and her family's time with us, while also planning to find ways to help Pastor Nico enter our city, neighborhood and, of course, our church life. Thank you to all who have come forward to help make these events happen. One of the bigger events will be Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> for a potluck for the Kurtz family after worship service (see more specifics in this newsletter edition). And the focus groups (Bible Study, UMW, etc.) are creating their own opportunities to say "thank you" to Pastor Janelle. SPRC is planning an "Exit Conversation" with Pastor Janelle to share the highlights of the learning and growth we've experienced together under her ministry, and to have her perspective on how to create a welcoming and fertile environment of relationship with Pastor Nico.

As July draws nearer, information about welcoming events will become clearer, but I am so grateful to SPRC and many other congregants who are stepping up to help. Pastor Janelle, too, is already engaged in ways to help Pastor Nico learn who we are and how to step into the work that is underway. At 6'4" inches, Pastor Nico is a big man, but he will need a lot of support to step into the large, rich footprint of our current pastor. Her sensitivity and caring will go far in helping him stand in her place. Pastor Nico's first Sunday with us will be July 15<sup>th</sup>, as he is driving and overnight camping his way here from Anchorage, Alaska. Please pray for his long journey as he travels alone with his dog, Calvin.

As I write this (5/24), Century Link is scheduled to be on site at the church today to finish the installation of fiber optic cable. This will replace our old, slow, and unreliable internet with high speed, 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology. Nicole Denny, our office manager, will no longer have to schedule downloads during her lunch! Much appreciation to Pam Timothy, technical consultant to the project, and to Steve Mullin who interceded with Century Link to make this happen.

**New Address!**