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Rev. Nico Romeijn-Stout, Pastor

## **Rally Sunday is September 16th**

Join us as we celebrate the start of another year in worship, ministry, and community together. We will welcome back our choir and enjoy a special time of fellowship following service.

Be sure to mark your calendars to be here September 16th for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel and Worship at 10:00 a.m. Stay to join us in Perry Hall afterwards for a shared potluck meal, conversation, and fun!

## **United Methodist Women's Luncheon Tuesday, September 11**

The next United Methodist Women's Luncheon is Tuesday, September 11, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Perry Hall.

The Program will be "Sharing our Summer Adventures." Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate Summer and September birthdays! Guests are always welcome.

Please RSVP to Sue Haas. Thanks!

## **Men's and Women's Bible Study Resumes**

Bible Study is back from summer vacation! Men's Bible Study restarts Tuesday, September 18th; and Women's Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 20th. Both Bible Study's start at 10:00 a.m., and meet in the Fireside Room.

## **From the Pastor—**

It's ALL God's.

All of it. Everything.

The Earth, the stars, the oceans, the mountains; every animal that walks, swims or flies; every tree that sinks its roots deep into the soil, every flower that tilts its head to the sun (also God's), every seed filled with possibility; every atom, quark, lepton, and boson.

All of it.

Everything you are. Everything you have been. Everything you will be. Everything you "have" – it's ALL God's.

Yet scripture tells us that God has also entrusted us with some special relationship to the rest of creation. Genesis 1 tells us that God created humanity and declared that we would have "dominion" over the rest of creation. Other translations phrase it as humanity "taking charge of" or becoming "trustees of" creation. Genesis 2, in another creation story, says that God placed humans in the garden God had created to "till it and keep it."

Our conversation in worship this fall will be guided by the Biblical principle that "it's ALL God's." This is a principle affirmed over and over again in scripture, especially in the Psalms that often refer to God's sovereignty and dominion over all of God's creation. (See for example Psalm 24:1-2, which Paul quotes in 1 Corinthians 10:26).

Beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup> we will ask questions and explore what it means to praise God as creator and sovereign over everything; what our (humanity's) role and responsibility is as handed to us by God; how our responsibility for God's creation intersects with Jesus' commandments to love God and neighbor; and also ask the hard question of where is God in the midst of tragedies, when creation seems to cause harm?

We will then spring into fall on October 7<sup>th</sup> with a celebration of World Communion Sunday, the fall harvest, and ALL that God has blessed us with.

I am looking forward to these conversations with you and with our community. Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors! Invite that person who just drove by!

Because we are ALL God's. Grace and Peace, Pastor Nico

## **This week**

### **Sunday** (*September 9*)

Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m., Chapel

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Party in the Park—2:00-5:00 p.m., View Ridge Park

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Monday** (*September 10*)

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### **Tuesday** (*September 11*)

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

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

### **Wednesday** (*September 12*)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### **Sunday** (*September 16*) RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m., Chapel

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall.

### **Tuesday** (*September 18*)

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

### **Wednesday** (*September 19*)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### **Thursday** (*September 20*)

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

### **Friday** (*September 21*)

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

## **Pastoral Connection**

To connect with Pastor Nico you can reach him by phone (206-523-3040) or email ([nromeijnstout@gmail.com](mailto:nromeijnstout@gmail.com)) Sunday-Thursday. His days off are Fridays and Saturdays. Pastor Nico is happy to schedule a time to meet with you in person. Appointments can be scheduled through Pastor Nico or the Church Office.



### September 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

### Seattle Times School Supply Drive

September Melodies will be donated to the Seattle Times School Supply Drive. In addition to collecting donations of backpacks and school supplies here at SPUMC, our September Melodies collections will be donated to this School Supply Drive to ensure that needed school supplies will continue to reach kids and families in need.

School supplies are not just for learning; they also help a child's self esteem. Please help to continue this School Supply Drive throughout September by bringing your donations to Melodies of Compassion each Sunday!

### Information on Tent City 3 Dinners

SPCUMC continues its gracious commitment of providing one meal a month to those at Tent City 3, and volunteers are needed to prepare and specifically needed to serve this hot meal on the 4th Sunday of every month.

**Shopping:** Friday-Sunday before 2 p.m.: Shop at Costco or the like and a regular grocery store, deliver food to downstairs kitchen (any time after Friday at 7:00 p.m., (or before then, the food goes in Perry kitchen), fill out reimbursement form.

**Prep:** Sunday of dinner, 2:00-4:45 p.m. (or even just the first hour or so when extra help is needed) in Sand Point's downstairs kitchen. Tasks: chop, stir, layer, cook, clean dishes. (There is a task for every ability!)

**Serving:** About 5:30 pm at **Tent City 3's current location** for one hour or so.

Email Jeff Ricco to volunteer or if you have questions! Thank you!

## Party in the Park

Join us as we participate in Party in the Park's 11th year at View Ridge Playfield & Park on Sunday, September 9th 2:00-5:00 p.m.

We will be providing games and an art activity for families in our community. We are looking for volunteers to help during the event. Sign up sheet is located right outside Perry Hall. Come get to know our neighbors, play with friends, and build a relationship with our community!



## Parents' Night Out September 21st

We will be hosting Parents Night Out on Friday, September 21st, 5:00–8:00 p.m. Please contact Sarah Ritchey at 206-523-3040 or [spclittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com) if you would like to have your child participate or you would like to sign up for the evening to help volunteer!

## We are Hiring!

We are hiring 2 part-time childcare attendants for Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. (beginning September 12th) and Sunday mornings 9-11:30 (beginning ASAP). Sunday mornings are with 1-4 nursery age children, ages 0-5years, and Wednesday evenings are working with 3-4 elementary age kids, ages 7-12.

Please send an email to [spclittleones@gmail.com](mailto:spclittleones@gmail.com) if you or someone you know may be interested!

*I build on Christ, the rock of ages;  
on his sure mercies described in his word,  
and on his promises,  
all which I know are yea and amen.*

*John Wesley*

## We have a place for you in the Music Program at Sand Point!

**Chancel Choir** – Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Rehearsals start Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> High School-age through adult singers are welcome!

**Handbell Choir** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin September 26<sup>th</sup> Handbells rehearse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month for the hour before Chancel Choir. We play about once a month at the 10:00 a.m. service. Previous ringing experience is not necessary.

**Youth Choir** – Rehearses each Sunday in the Chancel right after the postlude for approx. 15 minutes. Young people in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to sing in the Youth Choir.

We hope you will consider taking part in one of our welcoming musical communities at Sand Point!

Leslie Martin,  
Director of Music

## Welcome back to Sunday School!

I am so excited for this school year! It is going to be filled with fun opportunities to grow in our faith journey, discover strengths and passions, and deepen our love of God and connection with one another.

On Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., we prepare for worship with music, dancing, scripture lesson, and activities. I will be teaching with our wonderful volunteer co-teachers, some of whom you will remember from helping last year! There are still some slots that we need to fill with volunteers this fall. If you are interested in helping out or would like to know more, please let me know!

I am excited for our year together and look forward to discovering all the ways we can be a community together at Sand Point!

Sarah Ritchey  
Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries