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**Electronics Recycling Event
Saturday, October 13**

Do you have old electronics at home gathering dust? We have a way for you to recycle all that unused/unwanted stuff—for free!

The church is holding a recycling event in the Fireside Room on Saturday, October 13th from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. We will have volunteers here to receive your old electronics.

In addition to this free service, \$1.00 for every 100 pounds of material collected is donated to Hero House, a local, non-profit organization that provides practical help to people living with mental illness (courtesy of 3R Technology, the event coordinator).



Give to Disaster Response with UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already on the ground aiding folks affected by recent storms and other natural disasters.

If you are moved to give, you can find out more and give online through www.umcor.org. You may also give to UMCOR through the church – just include in a note or memo line that it is for UMCOR.

From the Pastor—

My grandparents were some of the most thoughtful and generous people I've ever known. I remember how systematic they were in their giving. Each week their tithe (the first 10%) would go to their local church. If they were traveling, half of that tithe would go to wherever it was they attended worship. I also remember that each year they would plan out an additional gift to a different cause or organization each month.

Their example, and the example of my parents, is the foundation of not only my giving practices, but also my theology of finance.

Even for those of you newer to this faith community, I am sure that you have been expecting a fall finance/fundraising/stewardship/giving/pledge campaign. The simple truth is that it is "that time of year" for every nonprofit. Including churches.

But in the Church the season truly is different. This is meant to be a season of celebration! Celebrating all that God has blessed us with! Celebrating all that God is accomplishing in and through us, the Church. Celebrating what God may yet be doing in and through us in the coming year.

In the last Sand Pointer I asked you to consider what it is like to care for something belonging to someone else. A question we are contemplating this fall as we remind ourselves that It's ALL God's!

What would it be like if we, you and I both, really looked at the balances in our financial accounts in the same way? What will it take for you, and for me, to really ask questions like: How much is enough? What is God calling me to do with these resources? What will it take for us to ask these questions with a sense of gratitude and joy? This is no simple task, and I fully admit that I am learning how to do this myself.

In the coming weeks you will receive a letter and a pledge card, either in the mail or on Sunday morning, asking you to consider your financial support for Sand Point Community Church in 2019. I hope you will take time to pray over the commitment you will make to this community of faith next year; to pray over the gifts from God that will be returned to God, for God's work here in Northeast Seattle and every corner of the world we can reach.

If you have questions, do not receive a pledge card, or would like to talk further with me, as always, please feel free to reach out.

Grace and peace to you this fall,
Pastor Nico

This week

Sunday (October 7)

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

Looking Ahead

Monday (October 8)

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Tuesday (October 9)

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

Wednesday (October 10)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday (October 13)

Electronics Recycling Event—10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,

Fireside Room

Sunday (October 14)

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 (October 16)

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

Wednesday (October 17)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (October 18)

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

Pastoral Connection

To connect with Pastor Nico you can reach him by phone (206-523-3040) or email (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.



October Birthdays

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

Men's Bible Study

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

All men of the church are invited.



Melodies of Compassion

Operation Nightwatch/ Sock-It-To-Homelessness

October Melodies of Compassion will be donated to Operation Nightwatch, an outreach program for Seattle's homeless. Giving out a sleeping bag, a bus ticket home, getting someone back to work, looking to bring relief in everything they do -- this is Operation Nightwatch's mission.

Food and shelter is a top priority, and hundreds of volunteers each month agree they show up to prepare and serve late night meals to people waiting for shelter. Affordable housing for 24 low-income seniors is provided, along with activities and services to keep people motivated, hopeful, and functioning as a community.

The Street Ministry Program reaches out to those who are still outside at night, providing food, supplies, and support to the homeless.

The annual Sock-It-To-Homelessness sock drive is kicking off in October. **Please bring new men's athletic socks to Perry Hall, beginning on October 7th.** We will deliver them to the Shelter Dispatch Center on November 11th. Let's show our generous outpouring of love and concern through both our Melodies donations each week at church, and by bringing socks for our homeless friends and neighbors!

Missions at SPCUMC

The Missions Team has donated \$200.00 to the Seattle Times School Supply Drive so that our donation will be received by the September 30th fund drive deadline.

The monies donated through Melodies of Compassion in September will be donated to schools needing ongoing supplies of essential school items for low-income families.

Thank you to all who have supported our public schools this month with school supply donations and money!

A New Prayer Partnership

Over 12.6 million members in more than 125 countries spread across about 32,000 congregations: this is, at a glance, The United Methodist Church. To help bring this expansive global connection into a little more focus and create a stronger bond between our fellow United Methodists, congregations in the SeaTac District are being paired with congregations in Kenya to pray for each other. That's it. Just to pray for one another.

So I am asking you to join me in prayer for Miti Mingi UMC led by Pastor Njoroge. Pray for them with your breakfast, or over dinner, or at night before bed. Or all of the above. Write a note to remind yourself, set an alarm on your phone, ask a friend to help you remember. Create a routine and simply pray.

United Churches Emergency Fund Snack Packs Needed

The United Churches Emergency Fund (UCEF) is a local non-profit organization created in 1986 whose main mission is to prevent homelessness. They also provide their clients with snack packs which are assembled and donated by supporters. Each snack pack usually contains: a non-perishable fruit cup or applesauce, a granola bar, cheese crackers, a small bag of chips, fruit juice or water, a plastic spoon and a napkin.

How it works: A group of people would purchase the ingredients and create a work party to assemble the packs in individual brown paper or plastic bags; then give the completed Snack Packs to UCEF.

If a group at Sand Point Church would like to assemble up to 50 snack packs for UCEF, please contact Jo Gustafson, executive director, at 206-524-7885 (Tues/Thurs/Fri 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) or director@uchurchesemergencyfund.org. Thank you!



Women's Bible Study

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

All women of the church are invited.

Parents Night Out Thank You



Thank you to all who helped make our September Parents' Night Out a success! Twenty kids came and had a great time creating artwork, playing games, and enjoying time together.

A special thank you to Sylvia Abbott, Bella Flaccus, Alison Muir, Beth Mullin, and Adam Ritchey.

United Methodist Women's Luncheon Tuesday, October 9 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Perry Hall

The day's program will feature a talk by Sylvia Abbott:
"Flowers: Biblical, Edible, and Symbolic."

Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate the end of Summer and our September birthdays! Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Sue Haas. Thank you!

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 12th. High School-age through adult singers are welcome!

Handbell Choir – Rehearses 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (the hour before Chancel Choir) Rehearsals begin September 26th. 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 3rd through 8th 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