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Rev. Nico Romeijn-Stout, Pastor



Come learn about Project Transformation

On Sunday October 28th, Rev. Rachel Byers, Executive Director of Project Transformation Pacific Northwest, will join us in worship as our guest preacher, and afterwards for a “bonus hour” discussion. She will be sharing about their mission “to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, support children in holistic development, and connect churches with communities.” You can read more at www.projecttransformation.org.



We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Virginia Williams, who passed away on October 7th.

All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 4th

On Sunday, November 4th, we will celebrate All Saints' Day during our worship service. We will read aloud the names of those who have died since November 1st of last year. If you would like your loved one's name read during the service, please submit his / her name and a photo to the church no later than Friday, October 26th. If possible, please email photos to the church spcommunity@qwestoffice.net in JPEG format.

From the Pastor—

In August, Seattle born band Pearl Jam hosted two concerts at Century Link Field dubbed “The Home Shows.” The purpose of these concerts was to raise money to support organizations working with people experiencing homelessness in King County. Recently it was announced that Pearl Jam’s efforts raised over \$10.8 million.

A friend of mine posted a reflection about that on Facebook. He celebrated - as should we - the generosity of our community and willingness of the band to use their platform and voice(s) for the greater good.

But he also asked an important question: when was the last time the Church (big “C” meaning all of us who profess to follow Jesus) did something of that magnitude to directly address the pain of our neighbors? There are more people who claim a Christian identity in King County than attended these concerts, and yet in two nights they painlessly, actually probably joyfully, raised what would feel like a staggering sum coming from the Church.

It is so easy for us to focus on what is right in front of our noses, in fulfilling the needs that we can directly see. We often focus more on maintaining what is than asking God what can be.

In the next couple of weeks you will begin to see 2019 financial pledge cards arriving by mail, in the Sand Pointer, and on Sunday mornings. Making your pledge to our shared ministry is a vital part of our planning, visioning, and dreaming process for the coming year. I ask that you take the time to pray over your commitment to our shared ministry in the coming year.

In order for us to continue to do what we have been doing, we have a goal of about \$175,000 in congregation pledges. But the thing is, I have been asking our leadership to also create a “wish” budget. What ministry do we hope to invest in in 2019? Training for our leaders, improving our digital outreach, investments in new partnerships...

I invite you to join me in enabling the work of God’s Kingdom right here in North East Seattle.

Pastor Nico

This week

Sunday (October 21)

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

Wednesday (October 24)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (October 28)

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

Enrichment Hour with Rachel Byers—11:30 a.m.,

Fireside Room

Tent City 3 Dinner—Prep @ 2:00 p.m., Lehman Hall;

delivery & serving approximately 5:00 p.m.

Monday (October 29)

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Wednesday (October 31)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Trunk-or-Treat—5:00-7:00 p.m., 70th & 35th

Thursday (November 1)

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

SPRC Meeting—7:00 p.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.

New Art in the North Hallway

Please check out the new photo exhibit on the United Methodist Women!

Sand Point's United Methodist Women's (UMW) group is part of the international UMW faith organization - 800,000 members strong! We meet on the second Tuesday monthly from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in Perry Hall for lunch, programs, devotions, and fellowship (September-June, except January).

Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Methodist Women and The United Methodist Church's principles and values include:

Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth

Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism

Promoting inclusion and equity

Promoting fair labor practices

Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability

Join us!

Sue Haas, President; Lynn Ferguson, Treasurer; Kathy Warnaca, Secretary.

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.



Women's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thursdays

10:00 a.m.—Fireside Room

All women 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!

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. Please just pray for them; create a routine and simply pray.

SPRC NEWS OF NOTE
Martha Price, Chair of Staff Parish Relations

All of us have had a move or two in our lives. I've had too many to count and three of them cross country. But I'm trying to imagine what it is like to move from a place and life that you were still very much attached to, and agreeing not only to move, but also to not be in contact with the church family you left behind for at least a year. Holmes and Rahe (1967) created the Social Readjustment Rating Scale (SRRS), a list of 43 life events of varying severity. Major change is stressful and is thought to be related to illness later on. And in a radio interview I heard, these social psychologists rated moving a long distance the most stressful of all. Why? Because you have to reestablish every important connection in your life – to recreate yourself as it were.

Now suppose you not only had to leave a life that made sense and was well connected, you have to move in order to assume the position of spiritual leadership of a new church, in a new place and filled with people you do not know. My point is that Pastor Nico came to us on July 15th – about three months ago. And although he has done his best to settle in, conduct three memorial services, and visit homes and hospitals, walk the community area daily, and lead from rituals and traditions he knows we still hold dear, *he is still in transition*. I would ask that we be mindfully sensitive to this process.

I work closely with Pastor Nico because of my SPRC role. I might have expected that he would be sad or angry or frustrated because of this call to our church. After all, he had a meaningful and full life in Anchorage with roots established and more planned. But from my perspective he has been kind, calm, and professional in all matters. He has graciously accepted any help I've offered, but he has not expected me or anyone else to pave the way for him. He has been about the church's business from day one, and his business acumen is impressive (and the church does have a business side, which is very important to understand).

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SPRC NEWS OF NOTE, continued

In last month's "News of Note", I requested that you introduce yourself to Pastor Nico; to make an effort to get to know him. This month I'm going to request that you go a step further and ask him what you can say or do to make him feel welcomed or to give him a sense of belonging here with us. Pastor Janelle told me something as she was preparing to leave, that it makes all the difference in the world to a new pastor to hear from the congregation that s/he is going to do well/is doing well. I think that she is right – it is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat

Please mark your calendars and join us Wednesday, October 31st from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as Sand Point Community UMC participates in this year's Wedgwood Community Council's Trick-or-Treat with the neighborhood!

We will park in the parking lot of the Green & Pietsch Family and Cosmetic Dentistry office located at 7030 35th Ave NE. Come as you are or come in costume for this celebration!

**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