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Cluster Conferences

Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m., we are hosting an important conversation with our neighboring United Methodist Churches (University Temple, Shoreline, and the new church start in Ravenna).

Our conversation's main focus is the work of our denomination to find a way forward in ministry, with a subtheme about our collective future in ministry here in North East Seattle and Shoreline. The conversation will be about 90 minutes. Please make an effort to join us.



We send our deepest condolences to Marilyn and the entire family of Don Covey, who passed away on October 22nd.

Women's Bible Study

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

All women of the church are invited.



Celebrating Jubilee!

On October 25th, the *Seattle Times* published an article that really caught my eye: “Free Rent in Seattle; no catch. Landlord’s faith inspired a gift for tenants.” It is well worth a read if you can. Husband and wife Kory Slaattohaug and Mickey Bambrick are landlords of a small apartment building in Greenwood and devout Christians. The building has been in Kory’s family for 50 years, and to celebrate the anniversary they turned to scripture.

Leviticus 25 outlines a pattern of life for God’s people that declares a Sabbath every seventh year, and a year of Jubilee every 50th. In that year of Jubilee *all* debts are to be forgiven, *all* people granted liberty. The people shall celebrate and sound the trumpet. Kory and Mickey chose to celebrate a year of jubilee by saving up for a whole year so that they could offer all of their tenants a month of free rent. Not as a gimmick to bring new renters, but as a witness to their faith.

The *Times* notes that the couple have a counter cultural view of money. Kory “said he views money and all other possessions as being borrowed from God for his use while he’s alive. ‘I’m not taking anything with me.’”

Scripture teaches us that all that we have, even our very lives, are gifts from God, and ultimately belong to God. It teaches us an entirely different economy from the one that we have constructed. It teaches us to discern what is enough for each of us, to be truly fulfilled, neither rich nor poor. It teaches us to live open and palms up to those who are struggling economically, emotionally, and spiritually. Scripture teaches us to be instruments of God’s liberation – instruments of Jubilee!

I look at Kory and Mickey’s faithful example and it *inspires* me. I wonder, how can our church, Sand Point Community, practice liberation and jubilee as well?

We are in the midst of our annual pledge season – asking you to estimate what you will give as a steward of God’s resources to the ministries of this congregation in 2019. My hope and prayer is that this is the year when we go beyond the bare minimum, that this is a year of holistic growth, a year when we can celebrate abundance by blessing our neighbors.

Please take a moment to pray about your 2019 pledge. If you have received a pledge card please return it by **Sunday, November 11th**. If not you can cut out the mini pledge card in this newsletter and return it to the church.

Grace and peace and jubilee to you! Pastor Nico

This week

Sunday (November 11)

Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Looking Ahead

Monday (November 12)

Church offices are closed in observance of Veterans Day

Tuesday (November 13)

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

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

Wednesday (November 14)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (November 15)

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

Sunday (November 18)

Sunday School—9:30-10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Tuesday (November 20)

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

Wednesday (November 21)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday and Friday (November 22 & 23)

Church offices are closed in observance of Thanksgiving

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.



November Birthdays

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



United Methodist Women's Luncheon **Tuesday, November 13th** **12:00-2:00 p.m. in Perry Hall**

November's program is "Sharing our Immigrant/Heritage Stories." Bring photos, if you wish. Please bring a sandwich. Coffee, tea, veggies, and dessert will be provided as we celebrate November birthdays! Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Sue Haas. Thank you!!

Mini Pledge Card

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

With deep gratitude for God's endless generosity and as an expression of my Christian discipleship, I/we make this commitment to ministry in 2019: \$ _____ per week / month / year (please circle).

___ I/We are interested in other forms of giving or legacy (estate) giving.

___ I/We are interested in electronic giving in the future (Sand Point is looking into this).

Melodies of Compassion

United Methodist Committee on Relief

The November Melodies of Compassion will be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), to aid people struggling in the wake of disaster around the world.

The vision of UMCOR: "As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities."

Their purpose is to assist United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need through programs of relief, rehabilitation, and service, including issues of displaced persons, hunger and poverty, disaster response, and disaster risk reduction; and to assist organizations, institutions, and programs related to annual conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in their involvement in direct service to such persons in need.

Please give generously this November, in recognition of the hard work that UMCOR accomplishes every day.

BACH CANTATA in December
**A Choral Collaboration with Orchestra,
Combined Choirs & Soloists**



Sand Point's Choir is collaborating with the choir of First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach to present Johann Sebastian Bach's sacred cantata, "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme", BWV 140. This Advent cantata is centered on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) and uses the text and tune of Philipp Nicolai's hymn "Wake, Awake,

for Night is Flying" (No. 720). These three hymn verses, sung by the chorus, are interspersed with supporting scriptural narratives from the old and new testaments in the form of arias and recitatives for soloists.

The cantata will be sung in German (with a printed translation) by the combined choirs. Soloists are Linda Tsatsanis, soprano; Joel Bevington, tenor; Martin Rothwell, baritone. The cantata is scored for chorus, soloists, oboes, and strings, and will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra of early music specialists, conducted by Leslie Martin & Joel Bevington. The congregation, too, will have the opportunity to sing this well-known hymn, accompanied by the full orchestra!

It's not too late to sing in the choir for the cantata – please contact me if you, a friend, or neighbor are interested!

Two Performances—

Sunday, December 9th, 10:00 a.m., Sand Point Community United Methodist Church, Seattle

Sunday, December 16th, 11:00 a.m., First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach, 18354 8th Ave NW, Shoreline, 98177

We hope you will invite a friend to Sand Point to share in hearing this wonderful cantata!

Les Martin
Director of Music
Sand Point Community UMC

Electronics Recycling Event
— A Success!

On Saturday, October 13th, the Church held an electronics recycling event for the community—and it was a huge success!



The response was even better than we'd hoped and so many neighbors were able to divest themselves of old and unused electronics, to be recycled with environmental awareness.

Special thanks to the volunteers of the day: Ngaire Taylor, Sylvia Abbott, Joan Bohn, Gladys Ruthrauff, and Jack Praeger. Their help was invaluable to our very successful event!.

Many thanks to 3R Technology, who sponsored the event—in those four hours, we collected 2040 pounds of recyclable material, which meant that 3R donated \$20.40 to Hero House due to our outreach efforts!

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

I need your help, please. November is the time of year the United Methodist Church reflects on the past year and sets goals for the coming year. That includes staff and pastor annual reviews. SPRC works hard to gather meaningful information for those reviews, and I am making the request that if any of you have positive comments or experiences with any of the staff or pastor to please let me know or leave your written comment with Nicole Denny in the church office and she'll place it in my mailbox.

Secondly, the messages that write I for the Sand Pointer are my words. I don't always get it right, but my aim is to offer information or ideas to highlight connections and opportunities within our church family. If you think I didn't (or, even better, did) get something right, you are welcome to contact me for an open conversation.