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United Methodist Church**

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Rev. Nico Romeijn-Stout, Pastor



Join us **Sunday, December 2nd** for the Hanging of the Greens—the time when we adorn our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Just as we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we will prepare our space, too. And both ‘preparations’ will take place as part of our worship service.

After worship, we will enjoy some fellowship and a potluck together and then re-gather in the sanctuary to finish any decorating we cannot do as part of the service. Please join us for worship and decorating!

Christmas Tea

All women of the church are invited to a Christmas Tea on **Tuesday, December 11, at 1:00 p.m.** in Perry Hall. It is a great time to bring a friend or neighbor for tasty treats, Christmas inspiration, and an opportunity for giving.

This is a highly anticipated annual event sponsored by the United Methodist Women; and this year’s charitable organization is the Seattle Police Foundation’s “Beds for Kids” Project. We will be collecting new sheets and bedding, teddy bears, and monetary donations during this season of need. The goal: giving every child a better night’s rest, thus preparing them for a better day at school.

From the Pastor—

You are invited to *Cross Over to Life*

Our bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, has issued an invitation to every United Methodist in the Greater Northwest to join together in a year of **Crossing Over to Life**, beginning this Advent on December 2nd.

Jesus said that he came so that all people “could live life to the fullest” (John 10:10). Our church, locally and globally, are not yet fully *living* as Jesus envisions for us to live. On a global scale our denomination is stuck, and has been stuck since 1972, in a fight over who is to be included in the Church. Where are we stuck, and not *living*, as a local church?

The bishop’s invitation is to join her on “a year-long quest for SPIRITUAL FORMATION, REORIENTATION, and ACTIVATION.” We will be guided in this quest by Brian McLaren’s book *We Make the Road by Walking*. The book has 52 chapters (one per week for a year). Each week, in just 3-4 pages, McLaren will invite us to revisit principles for Biblical Living.

How you can participate:

1. Visit www.greaternw.org/crossover to read the bishop’s invitation and to find ongoing resources and discussion topics. (Pastor Nico will forward these on to participants as well).
2. Purchase the book (\$13.60 on Amazon).
3. Decide if you are going to participate on your own or if you would like to be part of a group. Groups will meet during Advent (December), Lent (March/April), and then pick dates to finish out the year. Depending on interest we hope to have both a Sunday and weeknight group meet so please let us know what you prefer!
4. Sign up by letting Pastor Nico or the Church office know you would like to participate!

As I have said many times before, you (we) are not yet finished, and that is Good News! We continue to become who we are meant to be by continuing to walk the road; by not becoming stagnate. I invite you to join me and United Methodists around the Greater Northwest in this year-long quest. *Pastor Nico*

This week

Thursday and Friday (November 22 & 23)

Church offices are closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday (November 25)

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

Tent City 3 Dinner—Prep @ 2:00 p.m., Lehman Hall;
delivery approximately 5:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Monday (November 26)

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Wednesday (November 28)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday (December 2) *Hanging of the Greens*

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

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Youth Choir Practice—immed. after postlude, Sanctuary

Fellowship Potluck—after Worship, Perry Hall

Hanging of the Greens—11:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Tuesday (December 4)

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

Wednesday (December 5)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (December 6)

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.

Caroling



Opportunity

Celebrate the final 12 days before Christmas with an evening of neighborhood Christmas caroling on **Thursday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m.** This is open for anyone who wants to share in a holiday activity with almost no planning or effort required! Families and anyone who likes to sing (no skill required) are invited to join us as we visit our neighbors door-to-door and serenade them with a choice of one or two carols. We will also be collecting shelf-safe food and monetary donations that will go toward the University Food Bank and our own Little Free Library & Pantry.

We will gather at the front of the church at 5:00 p.m. around the tree and set off on foot toward 49th Ave NE in the direction of View Ridge Elementary School. Please bring your own flashlight or illumination of some kind. Hot cocoa and cider will be provided! If you have any questions, please email Sarah Ritchey at spclittleones@gmail.com

Trunk-or-Treat Fun on Halloween!



Thank you to all who helped in making our Trunk or Treat Event a fun-filled success! This Halloween tradition has been ongoing since 1952 and we are thrilled to take part in the celebration for our fourth year in a row! The rain did not hold back the Trick or Treat-ers! Many thanks to Martha Price, Berta Cohen, Bella Flaccus, Doug and



Kathy Warnaca, Barry Roundhill, Pastor Nico, Lynn Ferguson, Nicole Denny, Sarah, Adam, Ewan, & Matthew Ritchey. And a special "Thank You" to Nassim Pietsch and her dental office Green & Pietsch Family and Cosmetic Dentistry for the use of their parking lot.

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.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, December 21st
5:00-8:00 pm.



We are hosting a Parents' Night Out this holiday season. Parents can enjoy a few hours on their own or do any last minute preparations before children are on break from school/daycare for the holidays. Plus we want the kids to have a Christmas party!

Our staff and volunteers will be present while the kids will play games, create Christmas crafts, eat dinner, sing carols, and watch an short movie. This event will be open for children ages 0-12. Please register with Sarah Ritchey by December 17th if you plan to have your child/children attend. A suggested donation of \$5 per child/ \$10 per family.

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

Stewardship Update

Dear Church Family,

As you can see in the Stewardship update chart below, we are more the \$10,000 short of budget in stewardship contributions as of the end of October. More concerning, we are almost \$26,000 short of pledge revenue, which we budget based on your pledge commitments. As a result, we have about \$63,500 in spending commitments (money that folks have given to particular needs like the capital campaign and for the music program), but we have only about \$45,500 in our checking account. Thus, we are “underwater” by about \$18,000. So please consider this a request to catch up on your pledge if you have fallen behind. Thank you!

Steve Mullin
 Finance Chair

Through October 31, 2018	Pledged	Unpledged	Total
Budgeted	\$141,666.66	\$20,833.34	\$146,250.00
Received	\$115,825.00	\$36,348.00	\$137,664.45
Surplus (deficit)	(\$25,861.66)	15,514.66	(\$10,347.00)

Help Needed for
Parents’ Night Out
December 21st
5:00-8:00 p.m.



We are in need of volunteers to help with set up, reading/playing with the kids, serving dinner, and clean up for our Parents Night Out on Friday, December 21st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. This outreach opportunity is open for all children ages 0-12 years old. Staff and volunteers are present while the kids play games, create art projects, sing songs, eat dinner, and watch a short age-appropriate movie.

Please let Sarah Ritchey know if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information.