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Save the Date! **Sand Point Community Church's 75th Anniversary Celebration**



Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 19th—the Sand Point Community United Methodist Church is turning 75! We are inviting former pastors and staff to our celebration during Worship with a reception to follow. Volunteers are needed for everything from preparing invitations, to setting up on the day. Please contact Sylvia to help.
Thank you!



We send our deepest condolences to the family of Carol Schimanski, who passed away on January 18th. Her memorial service is scheduled for March 16th at 3:00 p.m., in our sanctuary.

Daylight Savings Time Begins— Set your Clocks ahead!

Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday, March 10; so set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night so you do not miss Church!



From the Pastor—

“I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist... But I am afraid lest they should exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power.”

~John Wesley, “Thoughts Upon Methodists,” 1786.

I am writing this about a week before the Special General Conference begins, but you all will receive it after whatever will happen has happened. My hope and prayer is that the folks who have planned and organized this conference have been attentive to the Holy Spirit (and I believe they have), and that the folks attending to make the decisions will allow for the Holy Spirit to move in, among, through, and even in despite of us.

Whatever will be, in terms of our denomination, this global connection that has been a tie that binds us for 50+ years, is out of my hands. I pray it is truly in God’s hands.

My greatest fears, as I have expressed to you, are not linked to the fate of The United Methodist Church, however. My greatest fear for the Church is like that of John Wesley’s: that the Church will continue to exist in form, but not in power. I fear the complacency. I fear the lukewarm sentimentality, the watered down comfortable gospel, and the tepid practice that offends none, converts none, and saves none.

We in the Northwest have a mission field ripe with opportunity for fresh, 21st century expression of the gospel. We live in possibly the least “church” region of our country. Huge swaths of our neighbors are a generation or two removed from any regular religious practice. They are unburdened by *any* preconceived ideas or experiences of church!

If the core message of the gospel is to Love God and Love our Neighbors; if it is to love because we ourselves are loved; if it is to give grace because we receive grace: then what can our neighbors teach us about reclaiming the power of our religion?

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Church Calendar

Sunday (February 24)

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—Dinner prep. @ 2 p.m., Lehman Hall; delivery & serving approximately 5 p.m.

Monday (February 25)

SP Kids Play Date—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Wednesday (February 27)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (February 28)

Missions Team Meeting—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (March 3)

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

Monday (March 4)

SP Kids Play Date—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Tuesday (March 5)

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

Wednesday (March 6) Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service—7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (March 7)

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

Sunday (March 10)

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

Monday (March 11)

SP Kids Play Date—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Tuesday (March 12)

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

Church Council—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday (March 13)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

CrossOver Year Book Study—6:00 p.m., Perry Hall



March Birthdays

Diane Fathi	3/1
Eric Pruehs	
Justin Bales	3/3
Nathaniel Clark-Banse	
John Rogers	3/6
Bev Sheller	
Roland Grober	3/12
Cyrus Pietsch	
Jane Pietsch	
Sue Haas	3/15
Peter Shapiro	
Anna Hinck	3/30
Jane Stevens	3/31

*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.



Pastoral Connection

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

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My friends, Charles Wesley asks a bold question in one of his better known hymns (a Methodist standard in every church I've ever known): And are we yet alive?

Are we?!

1. And are we yet alive / and see each other's face? Glory and thanks to Jesus give / for his almighty grace!

3. What troubles have we seen, / what mighty conflicts past, / fightings without, and fears within / since we assembled last.

6. Let us take up the cross / til we the crown obtain, / and gladly reckon all things loss / so we may Jesus gain.

~ Charles Wesley

"And Are We Yet Alive"

United Methodist Hymnal, 553.

Melodies of Compassion

March 2019

Lazy F Camp

The Lazy F Camp is located in the heart of Washington state, a ministry of the United Methodist Church, providing summer camp experiences for youths and families, and serving nonprofit organizations.

The Camp's mission is to be a sanctuary of hospitality, renewal, and learning with in God's natural world that celebrates diversity, inspires love and service, and fulfills our special partnership with local churches in the development of Christian disciples and spiritual leader.

Please give generously this month to the Lazy F Camp.

Women's Bible Study

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

All women of the church are invited.



**United Methodist Women's Luncheon
Tuesday, March 12, 12 - 2 pm in Perry Hall**

Program: "Prague, Cornwall, & South Africa!" Mazie Webb will talk about her trips, and bring items to show.

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

**CrossOver Year Book Study
Continues in Lent**

"Faith was never intended to be a destination, a status, a holding tank, or a warehouse. Instead, it is to be a road, a path, a way out of old and destructive patterns into new and creative ones."

~Brian McLaren in We Make the Road by Walking.

When our bishop challenged each United Methodist in the Northwest to spend a year journeying together, accompanied by this book about walking the path of discipleship, her hope was to (re)activate our faith! A few of us have been journeying together, with periodic in-person discussions.

You are invited to join us Wednesdays in Lent (beginning March 13th and ending April 17th) at 6:00pm for our discussions guided by this book. A light meal will be served. If you do not yet have a book and are worried about being behind, do not fear—each week's chapter is very short and you can pick up at any point!

Part-Time Childcare Needed

Sand Point Community UMC (4710 NE 70th St.) is looking for a part-time childcare attendant on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings 9-11:30. Sunday mornings are with 1-4 children, ages 0-5 years, and Wednesday evenings are working with 3-4 older elementary age kids, ages 7-12.

We pay \$15/hour. Must be 17 years or older, requires a federal background check, and tax verification. Position available immediately! Please send an email to spclittleones@gmail.com if you are interested!



**College
Care Kits**



This year we recognize that 11 of our youth are spending time away at college! Sarah Ritchey is organizing care packages to send from the congregation to our students. These gifts will help them power through midterms and finals and show them they are being held in prayer through personal messages of encouragement and support. In fact, nothing is better than receiving a handwritten note from your home town and knowing that you have friends and family supporting you... the more the merrier.

Stationary and notecards are available if you would like to write a personal message to our many youth working hard on their education. If you would like to buy Care Kit items, we have a flyer in the Narthex, and in the office with a list of goodies college kids enjoy. Monetary donations to purchase items and any purchased items dropped off to Sarah Ritchey through the church's office by March 12.

Our college students are Brittany Erickson, Ian Hinck, Kathryn Jacobson, Meredith McVicar, Audrey Mullin, Olivia Mullin, Sara Shelton, Becky Shelton, Frances Taylor, Charles Taylor, and Brian Whitney.

Please contact Sarah Ritchey spclittleones@gmail.com if you have any questions about our College Care Kits.

**SP Kids
Perry Playdates**

Join us every Monday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.! You are invited to come build community with friends, and meet new ones, in Perry Hall at Sand Point Community United Methodist Church.

This program is designed for children 5-younger and their caregivers. A wide variety of books, toys and games will be available within a larger indoor space to play. This a free program and open to the public. This is not a drop-off event, supervision is required.