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United Methodist Church**

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Rev. Tom Peterson, Pastor



Meet & Greets with Pastor Tom and Missy

The congregation has very much enjoyed the first couple services led by Pastor Tom in July. We celebrated the arrival of Pastor Tom and Missy with a cake one Sunday and a potluck the next Sunday!

Please mark you calendars for the upcoming August events:

Sunday, August 4—Grab a cup of coffee from Perry Hall and head down to the Fireside Room to introduce yourself to Tom and Missy after worship service.

Tuesday, August 6—Sylvia and Bob Abbott are hosting a dessert Meet & Greet at their home that evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please call Sylvia, or Nicole in the Main Office to RSVP for this event!

If we missed you this summer, there will be plenty of time to get to know the Pastor in the fall too; for example, we are resuming Bible Studies (see page 5 for specifics) that Pastor Tom will lead. Of course we will keep you updated on new events.

Tom's Turn—

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tom Peterson, and I am honored and excited to be the new pastor here at Sand Point Community UMC. I thought I would use my first Tom's Turn here to tell you a little bit about myself.

I was born and raised in the United Methodist Church. I had no choice, because my dad, Ken, was a pastor for over 40 years. My mom's name was Betty. Both of my parents have passed away, but they were my greatest role models. I am the youngest of five children. My siblings are spread out along the west side of Washington (except for my brother David who lives in Portland).

I am married to Missy and have been for over 32 years now. She truly is my better half and partner in ministry. We have two sons, Matt and Jake, both live in Seattle (which is one of the reasons we are so excited to be here). We have a dog named Emery. She is an English Springer Spaniel, and spoiled rotten.

I was born and raised in Washington. I graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma, and after a couple of years of community college, transferred to the University of Puget Sound. I received my BA in psychology from UPS. I then attended Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, B.C., and received my Masters of Divinity from there.

Once I graduated from seminary, I was appointed as the associate pastor of children's and youth ministry at Wesley UMC in Yakima, WA. I served in that capacity for five years. After that, I was appointed to Grace UMC in Walla Walla, WA. I served as the pastor of that church for 11 years. I then received an appointment to Centralia First UMC where I served as pastor for 14 years, from 2005 to 2019. Now I am delighted to have received this appointment to Sand Point Community UMC. It is my intention to serve this church until I retire.

I know there have been many changes in pastoral leadership over the last several years, and that this has been fairly destabilizing for the church. It is my intention to provide this congregation the stability in pastoral leadership it desires. For your part, I ask you to keep an open mind and heart as we explore new ways of being the body of Christ together. I look forward to the chapter we will write together as we begin this journey.

I'll see you in worship.



August Birthdays

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

Perry Playdates

Mondays
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Perry Hall

All kids 5 & younger (& their caregivers) are welcome!



Church Calendar

Sunday (*August 4*)

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

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Meet & Greet—after Worship, Fireside Room

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Monday (*August 5*)

Perry Playdate—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Tuesday (*August 6*)

Meet & Greet—7:00-9:00 p.m., Dessert at Sylvia & Bob

Abbott's Home (RSVP with Sylvia, or Nicole in the Office)

Sunday (*August 11*)

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

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Monday (*August 12*)

Perry Playdate—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Tuesday (*August 13*)

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

Sunday (*August 18*)

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

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after Worship, Perry Hall

Monday (*August 19*)

Perry Playdate—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Sunday (*August 25*)

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

Worship—10:00 a.m., 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 (*August 26*)

Perry Playdate—9:30-11:30 a.m., Perry Hall

Melodies of Compassion August 2019 World Relief

Our August Melodies of Compassion collection will benefit World Relief. In compact and efficient offices in Kent, Washington, the staff and volunteers of World Relief have worked since 1979 to assist refugees and immigrants as they seek a home, jobs and a sense of their future.

The program is Christian-based and multifaceted. Beyond providing help navigating the paperwork pathways for those who have refugee status, World Relief helps immigrants get settled into apartments furnished with donated supplies, and find jobs. The agency offers cultural companions: trained volunteers who are paired with families or individuals to share weekly meals, time to practice conversational English, and advice for living in our community. There are on-site sewing classes, youth programs, and English language classes.

World Relief provides Detention Center Ministries at the Center in Tacoma (the 4th largest in the U.S.). Post-detention assistance is also given by making community connections for deportees in their countries of origin. Backpacks, clothing, and travel supplies are provided.

After touring immigration sites in McAllen, Texas, members of the Board of Church and the Society of the United Methodist Church issued—in part—the following guide to our activities as Methodists:

- Prayerfully and peacefully rally, march, and protest with our brothers and sisters seeking asylum and refuge.
- Be present in immigrations courts and be present in immigration detention centers.
- Build communities who welcome migrants with compassion and grace.

Over the course of August, we will add our Melodies—our spare change (and checks, if you are inclined) in the collection plate—to the needs of World Relief. And perhaps, if moved to do so in the future, donate our time and further resources to the great needs of the immigrants trying to succeed in our community.

An Endowment as a Catalyst for New Life

"Faith Formation happens when our children and youth experience worship, engage in faith practices and discussions at home with family, and develop in a spiritual community that surrounds and supports them. Our church is a place of belonging, where all are welcome, and we are working to show kids that they have a place to belong in the Church."

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Sarah Ritchey, closed her report with the above words after sharing some of the exciting activities the youth attending their church are able to participate in.

Read the full article from the July PNW News Digest:
<https://nwumf.org/news/2019/6/18/an-endowment-as-a-catalyst-for-new-life>

Mercy Magnuson Place Open House

Mercy Magnuson Place is a beautiful building, nicely renovated into 150 units of Workforce housing that will be full up by end of summer with new neighbors.

Please come down to Magnuson to see the latest developments:
Saturday, August 10,
10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
7101 62nd Ave NE, Seattle, 98115

This will be a community, family-friendly celebration that includes grand opening acknowledgments, kids' games, resource booths, and a tour of Mercy Magnuson Place.

Timeline:
10:30 a.m. Celebration fair and kids' activities
11:15 a.m. Speaking program begins

Refreshments are provided.

Summer Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.-noon



We celebrated!

With gratitude, we celebrated Les Martin's last Sunday with the Sand Point Community UMC on June 23rd. As Music Director, Les has excelled at bringing our congregation together through music and his dedication to the SPC Choir.

We were blessed to have Les' expertise in our Church Family for **seven years!**

Congratulations, Les and the best of luck in future music endeavors! We love you!!

Bible Study is Back for Fall— Mark the Dates!

Men's Bible Study—First meeting is Tuesday, September 3.
The Men's group meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women's Bible Study—First meeting is Thurs., September 5.
The Women's group meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room.

Pastor Tom is looking forward to leading our groups through meaningful, spiritual discussions. We hope you can join us!

Do You Need Your Lawn Mowed?

Aaron Banse, one of our young adults at church, has started a lawn mowing business for the spring and summer!

Aaron has good rates and an eco-friendly lawn mower to minimize his carbon footprint. And, he donates 10% of his profit to water1st.org. There are flyers posted throughout the church and office.

Contact Aaron