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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

An Update from the Search Committee

The Search Committee for The Director of Children and Family Ministries will be hosting an out-of-town candidate this weekend. On October 23rd, a candidate will be teaching a Sunday School lesson for our younger children, have an opportunity to meet our youth over pizza for lunch, and will be available to meet people during a question-answer session in the Fireside room at 11:30 a.m. Please join us in this opportunity to meet the candidate.

Women's Spiritual Retreat

Come join the women of Sand Point Church for a one-day Spiritual Retreat, "The Power of Blessing" on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. We will look at "The Power of Blessing" from these perspectives: God names us. God blesses us. The Blessings we receive from others. Blessing Life and all that is in it. The retreat will be held at the church. Please save the date. RSVP to Berta Cohen (206-523-9342) or to the church office (206-523-3040).

All Saints Day—Sunday, November 6

On Sunday, November 6, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day in our worship. During the service we will read aloud the names of those who have died since November 1 of last year. If you would like your loved one's name read for this year's service, please submit his/her name and a photo to the church office no later than October 31 (spcommunity@qwestoffice.net).

Sunday School Teacher Dedication

Photos by Blair Paul



Church Council Meeting

Church Council meetings are open meetings. All are invited. Our next gathering on October 25th will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The Council's business will begin at 6:30. The topics will include a Mary Magdalene support activity and a discussion around becoming a greening congregation.

Tony Russo & Sylvia Abbott, Co-Chairs

Note: If you would like to read the minutes from the Church Council meetings, a copy is posted on the bulletin board outside the church offices ... next to the most recent financial statement.

Thank you, Berta!

Many thanks to Lay Speaker Preacher Berta Cohen, who gave us much to think about last Sunday in "GPS: God's Persuasive Silence". It would be immensely helpful if God would give us verbal directions about which way to turn in our lives like our GPS units, but instead God invites us in to the silent moments of our lives to listen deeply to the Spirit's movement. Thank you, Berta, for inviting us deeper into our conversations with God and into our spiritual lives.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Oct. 19)

Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Oct. 20)

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

Friday (Oct. 21)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Oct. 22)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Oct. 23)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Monday (Oct. 24)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline—12:00 noon

Tuesday (Oct. 25)

Church Council—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall (*aka Boys & Girls Club*)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday (Oct. 26)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Oct. 28)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (October 29)

Women's Retreat—9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Every Month—Tent City Dinner

Sunday (Nov. 6) All Saints' Day

Sunday (Nov. 13) Harvest Luncheon

Sunday (Nov. 20) Consecration Sunday

Monday (Nov. 21) Charge Conference

SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Mondays, Oct. 24 & Nov. 7—12:00 noon

Please note: the newsletter is published monthly during June, July and August and bi-weekly from September through May.

Enrichment Hour

Looking ahead, on October 30 we will have an introductory presentation by Rania Hussein, Muslim Association of Puget Sound. She will bring us facts about Islam and address some popular misconceptions. Please join our guest speaker in the Fireside Room at 11:30 a.m.

- Berta Cohen



**Daylight Savings Time
Ends on
November 6th!**

Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour.

Charge Conference Monday, November 21

District Superintendent Patricia Simpson will preside over the cluster Charge Conference that SPCUMC will host. Other churches in the cluster will be Ronald UMC, Redmond UMC, Bear Creek UMC & Haller Lake UMC. The schedule will be as follows:

- 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.—DS & presiding elders meet to prepare
- 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.—joint meeting, worship & teaching
- 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.—churches to meet separately for charge conferences

Charge Conferences are open to all—everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday—8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Fridays—8:30 to 12:00 noon only.



Jeremy's Musical Musings

Fall is here and the music program is up and running in full swing at Sand Point!

During the month of October we are featuring the contemporary composer, John Rutter. On October 9 the Chancel

Choir sang one of the most beautiful arrangements of Psalm 23 by Rutter. This anthem, taken from his *Requiem*, is orchestrated with different instruments as well. We at Sand Point are blessed and fortunate enough to have many multi-talented people in our midst. With new organist Yvonne at the console, Barbara Broderick played her harp and Charlotte Hotchkiss provided the shepherd's pipe with her alto recorder. The trio of instruments and choir singing together was beautiful!

On October 16, the choir sang another tuneful song by Rutter with his arrangement of *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. Then, on October 30, the Bell Choir makes its Fall debut by ringing a very fun arrangement of *Come Christians, Join to Sing!*

My continued thanks and praise to all the musicians of the Sand Point music program. Your dedication, commitment and passion in serving others through music and leading in worship is a gift from God!

Thank you to CROP Walk Supporters!

A Big Thank you to all the Sand Pointers who supported the Crop Walk on October 2. We contributed \$200, which according to the sponsoring Church World Service organization, can provide a struggling farm family with a draft animal to increase their food production as well as carry produce to market. "We walk to be in solidarity with hungry people in developing countries who typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and take their goods to market."

Consecration Sunday And Harvest Luncheon

On Sunday, **November 13**, we will celebrate a Harvest luncheon in Perry Hall. Because our lunch will be provided, we will need RSVP's to know how many to expect for lunch that day. Please call the church office (206-523-3040) or sign up during worship on any Sunday prior to the 13th. This is a time to celebrate our church family with a meal together, and a thank you for your continued support for our shared ministry at Sand Point with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.

On Sunday, **November 20**, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday as part of our Stewardship Pledge Drive for 2012. We will ask God's blessings over our ministries and pledges.

Warm Clothing Drive



During the month of November, our Mission's Ministry Team is holding a warm clothing drive for **ROOTS: Rising Out of the Shadows**. **ROOTS** is a member of the University District Service Provider Alliance (UDSPA), a coalition of agencies working together to create a comprehensive continuum of services for homeless and street-involved youth and young adults.

Over the last 5 years, **ROOTS'** Young Adult Shelter has seen a 1,000 percent increase in the number of times homeless youth have been turned away because of a lack of space. These young people are spiraling out of the foster care system and onto the streets, fleeing abusive homes and failing to find work opportunities to survive in this tough economic climate. *They need warm coats, hat and gloves, socks, and sweaters to stay warm on the streets of Seattle this winter.* Please bring any of these items, for both youth and young adults, women and men, to church in November and place them in the marked containers you'll find. Thank you, from the Mission's Team, for your continued love and care.