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New Year's Day Worship Service

Sunday, January 1, 2012

10:00 a.m.

“Un-Hanging of the Greens”

January 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to the “Un-hanging of the Greens” on Saturday, January 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Sue Haas (206-522-0693 or sdbph@aol.com) with your questions.



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Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, born in a manger, be with you ALL! What a beautiful Christmas season to be part of Sand Point Community UMC! Almost balmy, sunny weather on Christmas Eve made it possible for at least 400 people to attend worship at our Family Service followed by our over 50-year old traditional Candlelight Service. Singing beloved Christmas carols accompanied by Yvonne Hoar on the organ, and listening to lovely Chancel Choir anthems led by Music Director Jeremy Matheis turned to the traditional singing of Silent Night by Candlelight. Later the chancel area was graced with the presence of harp music by Barbara Broderick, and soloists Laura Bohn & Charlotte Hotchkiss. Many thanks to the Taylor & Strack Families for organizing the Candlelight Service for us this year!

Every six or seven years (depending on Leap Year) Christmas Day will actually fall on a Sunday. What is a pastor to do? Cancel worship, or forge ahead on one of the most holy days of the year and open the church for the handful of people who will show up for worship. The people kept coming through the doors until there were about 80 of us, from a six week old baby to octa- and nonagenarians among us. We listened to the ancient Christmas Story again, through scripture, poetry, and carols. Phyllis Ferguson as liturgist and Narrator gave the appropriate dramatic inflection; Frances Taylor made a stunning angel; and Joanna Vahey made for a very poignant Mary, especially when I spotted that six week old baby, Benjamin Sibrava with his father in the congregation. I urged the father (Michael) to bring that baby forward to the Chancel steps when we got to the part of the Shepherds journeying to Bethlehem and “seeing this thing that came to pass”. Joanna took her role very seriously, tenderly holding the Babe.

I pray your Christmas season holds such tender moments of pondering the Christ Child born into our hearts once again. I leave you with a prayer we sang in worship Christmas Day. The words were written by Shirley Erena Murray and each verse ends with the prayer: *This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Dec. 28)

NO choir rehearsals this week!

Friday (Dec. 30)

Church offices closed.

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Dec. 31)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Jan. 1)

Worship service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Monday (Jan. 2)

Church offices closed.

Tuesday (Jan. 3)

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

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline—12:00 noon

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

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday (Jan. 4)

Choirs’ Christmas Party—6:30 p.m.

Thursday (Jan. 5)

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

Friday (Jan. 6)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Jan. 7)

“Un-Hanging of the Greens”—10:00 a.m.

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Jan. 8)

Worship Service—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Staff Parish Relations Comm.—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Tuesdays, Jan. 3 & 17—12:00 noon

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Reflections from Pastor Cathy continued ...

1. Star Child, earth Child, go between of God, love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lighting rod,
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
3. Grown child, old child, memory full of years, sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
4. Spared child, spoiled child, memory full of years, wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
5. Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign, down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies to Resume

The **Men's Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

The **Women's Bible Study** will resume on Thursday, January 5, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room



**UMW Luncheon—Thursday, January 12,
12:00 noon, Fireside Room**

Our Narrator #1, Joyce Hoffer, will present a "Fable of Little Red Riding Hood." Bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert provided. Call the church (206)523-3040) to reserve your place! Note: the UMW (*United Methodist Women*) meets on the second Thursday of each month.



Photo by Tom Cohen

The Christmas Promise

(Christmas Cantata)

Many thanks to members of the Chancel Choir, the brass quartet, Jeremy Matheis (Director of Music) and Yvonne Hoar (organist) as well as Sainsbury Strack and Joyce Hoffer (readers) for presenting a spectacular Christmas Cantata! Your generous sharing of your time, energy and talents are greatly appreciated!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Many thanks to all of the children who participated in "*Such A Lot Like Me*" (the Children's Christmas pageant. Special thanks also to Sarah Ritchey who directed the pageant, accompanist Paul Vahey and assistant Jan Shapiro.