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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

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 a.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 or to the church office. Watch for more details in future SANDPOINTERS.

Sign-up for a Fellowship Group

Join a dinner/brunch group for 2011-12! All ages are welcome. It's a great way to get to know each other. Each group determines dates, times, and places to meet. Dinner/brunches will start in October. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 25. Email or call Sue Haas to reserve your space in a group. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Perry Hall during coffee hour.

Blessing of the Animals

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we will celebrate a Blessing of the Animals on October 9th. You are invited to bring your friendly and well-behaved animals to church for a blessing following worship—outside on the south lawn, and give thanks for their presence in our lives. Those who wish may bring a picture instead.

Reflections from Pastor Cathy

The rain held off as we celebrated our 3rd Annual Homecoming Sunday. Preaching about Manna in the wilderness that day during worship, I wondered - Will there be enough food for the potluck? Was there ever! Perry Hall was filled with people eating and talking across the generations. Outside on the lawn, the bounce house and other games were enjoyed by our children. It was a great start to a new school year.

With **24 children** in attendance - it reminded me how important the legacy at Sand Point Community UMC really is. It is a spiritual legacy intended to foster the spiritual growth of the generations coming behind us. Four of those children came from two new visiting families. If people walk through our sanctuary doors on a Sunday morning, it is impressive. If they come back a 2nd or 3rd time, it is a miracle. Let us recognize the Spirit moving in our midst.

Since we are still in process in hiring a Director of Children and Family Ministries, it makes it even more imperative that every person in the congregation be part of the Welcoming & Hospitality ministry at our church. What does that look like? Although I said it in the last newsletter, I am going to reiterate a few tips for engaging on Sunday mornings.

- 1) Wear your name tag. Not everyone knows who you are.
- 2) Before talking with all the people you already know, scan the sanctuary or Perry Hall for people you may not know. They probably won't stay very long after the service. It's a very brief window for interactions to occur.
- 3) If you notice someone you have not met or have not seen before, introduce yourself. Let them know that you are glad that they came to worship.
- 4) If you see someone new talking with the pastor, rescue them from the pastor.
- 5) Sign up to have a supporting role in either the nursery or Sunday School.
- 6) Take a courageous step and talk about what God is doing in your life!

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Sept. 21)

Worship Team—6:00 to 7:15 p.m., Fireside Room
Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Sept. 23)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Sept. 24)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Sept. 25)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry
Church Council—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Monday (Sept. 26)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline—12:00 noon

Tuesday (Sept. 27)

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

Wednesday (Sept. 28)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday (Sept. 30)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (October 1)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month—Tent City Dinner

Sunday (Oct. 2)

SEATTLE CROP WALK—begins at Green Lake UMC

Thursday (Oct. 13)

UMW Lunch—12:00 noon, Fireside Room

SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Monday, September 26—12:00 noon

Monday, October 10, 12:00 noon

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

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2011

Changing the World, One Life at a Time

We will observe World Communion Sunday during worship on October 2. This church-wide special offering supports these scholarships: 50%—Crusade Scholarship (at least 1/2 must go beyond the US), 35%—Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program, and 15%—Ethnic Minority In-Service Training Program. (You may go to www.umcsgiving.org/giveWCS for more information.) Please give generously.

SEATTLE CROP WALK at GREEN LAKE

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Register and start at Green Lake UMC. From Green Lake UMC the route will head down the street to the path around Green Lake. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.; the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m.



CROP WALKS are sponsored by Church World Services and benefit children and families worldwide—including here in the US. A portion of funds raised will stay here in Seattle to fight hunger through NW Harvest, North Helpline Food Bank, West Seattle Food Bank and White Center Food Bank. Let's put together a group from Sand Point! Call the church office (206-523-3040) if you are interested in participating.

UMW meet October 13 for Lunch



All women are invited to a brown bag lunch on Thursday, October 13, at 12:00 noon in the Fireside Room. Please RSVP by Monday, October 10 to the church office by email (spcommunity@qwestoffice.net) or

telephone (206-523-3040).

At our September lunch, we had 29 women and one little boy. We shared lots of stories of our summer and met both Sarah Ritchey and Yvonne Hoar.

Bible Trivia Needed

Do you have Bible games or trivia books? Bruce Taylor needs them for Sunday School. Please contact him at 206-522-6683 or send an e-mail to bruce@fantasyindex.com.

A Note from the Financial Secretaries

The Melodies of Compassion loose change offering is a success! We thank you for your ongoing generosity and Jerrie Fliflet for coming in to roll all of the coins! However, there is one complication: the bank does **NOT** accept any Canadian coins. Please help the process by not dropping Canadian coins into the offering plates!

Sunday School off to a good start

Many thanks to those who are volunteering their time teaching Sunday School so far this year. With the talented leadership rotation of Diane Chapel, Bruce Taylor, and Paul Vahey for our elementary school children, and Beth Mullin & Stephanie Ferri for our youth, we have much to be thankful for. The supporting cast includes Judy Foss, Karen Smith, Sylvia Abbott, Liz Banse, Laura Kyle, Bella Flaccus, Marie Horsley, and Jill Seebergh, Don't let these folks have all the fun. Talk to Pastor Cathy if you want to help out one time or on a regular rotation.

Children's Bell Choir to start up in October

Pastor Cathy will be leading the bell choir for all children 1st grade and up starting in October. We're still working out the days and time, but if you are interested, please contact the church office (206-523-3040).

Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry

Saturday, September 24—9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Saturday, September 24th, is the 19th Annual County-wide Food Drive sponsored by the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County. Sand Point Community UMC has reserved the Safeway Store at 7340 - 75th Ave. NE for our food collection site. With so many in our community continuing to struggle in these tough economic times, you can help by turning just a few hours of your time into tons of food for hungry local families by volunteering at this local store. Food collected benefits the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County and participating food banks. **Please consider volunteering for only 2 hours.** All you need to do is SMILE, be friendly and give fliers with "most needed items" to shoppers as they enter the store, and then accept the food donations as they leave. If 2 hours is too long for you to stand, then consider a portion of time -- and we'll have a chair for you to sit in if needed. If you have questions, please ask any Missions Team member for information, or call Jane Stevens.

Do you know about our prayer circle?

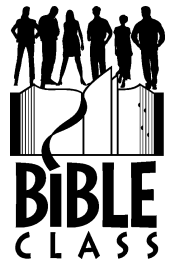
For several years (under the leadership of Carol Schimanski) SPCUMC has had a wonderful group of ladies who pray for specific (or general) needs. *(All prayer requests and information are confidential!)* If you find that you have urgent / special prayer needs, all it takes to activate the Prayer Circle is to contact one of the Prayer Circle members or the church office. Many thanks to Carol Schimanski, Ana Eagen, Berta Cohen, Bettie Kinsman, Claire Sandell, Connie Hoffman, Joyce Hoffer, Jan Shapiro, Joan Bohn, Kathy Warnaca, Midge Halberg, Marilynn Pray, Jacque (Taylor) Young, Vernetta Rickert and Pastor Cathy.

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.

Bible Studies Resume this Fall

Men's Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study will be continuing our study on Troublesome Bible Passages on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. All are welcome!



Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will pick up the study on the Gospel of John on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10 a.m. All are welcome!