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HOME COMING SUNDAY September 14th

Homecoming Sunday brings us all together after our busy summers. Our new programs begin and the worship service is once again blessed with beautiful music from our choirs.

Join us September 14th, for a blessing ritual for students beginning the new school year, and as we mark the start of our regular Sunday School classes. Holy Communion will be served. The Chancel Choir returns from summer break and will fill the sanctuary with wonderful music.

We look forward to welcoming you, your family and your friends back to church this Homecoming Sunday.



Caring for Creation

What do Cecille Andrews, Victor Bremson, Peter Steinbrueck and Rev. Bruce Parker have in common? All of them care about our responsibilities to the environment, and will be speakers during our enrichment hour series entitled Caring for Creation. Save the October Sundays after church for this timely and important subject, and these deeply committed people.

Other activities in October include the Soup Supper on October 1 featuring a presentation by Gerry Warren about "Slow Food"; a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4th; and programs on Monday evenings Oct. 6th, 13th, and 20th. Mark your calendars so you won't miss any of these events.

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall
7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Friday 6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room
Saturday 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 3rd

8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 4th

9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

Saturday - Sunday, September 6-7th

Family Retreat (*NO Sunday School*)

Tuesday, September 9th

7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 10th

3:00 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set Up, Fireside Room

Thursday, September 11th

Noon - Harmony Circle Luncheon, Fireside Room

Friday - Sunday, September 12-14th

Youth Group Retreat

Sunday, September 14th - Homecoming Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Chancel Choir begin the season
- First day of Sunday School
- First day of Children's Choir rehearsals

Tuesday, September 16th

7:00 p.m. - View Ridge Community Council, Perry Hall

Wednesday, September 17th

9:30 a.m. - Probus, Choir Room

Thursday, September 18th

9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside

Saturday, September 20th

9:00 a.m. - Noon - All Church Retreat, Perry Hall

Fall Office Hours Have Begun:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon)/Mail Date:

Friday, September 12th Wednesday, September 17th
Friday, September 26th Wednesday, October 1st

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Fellowship Dinner/Brunch Groups

This fall we'll be forming new dinner/brunch groups which are a great opportunity for fun and fellowship in our homes or at restaurants. All ages are welcome. Please start thinking about joining a group this year starting in October. Please contact Sue Haas or Jerrie Fliflet if you would like to be a part of one of Sand Point's long-standing getting-to-know-each-other programs.

Recycle Inkjet Cartridges for Congo!

We are once again able to recycle inkjet cartridges to benefit the work of Katanga Methodist University in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. There is a box on the counter outside the church offices that you can drop your cartridges into. Please note: there also is a list of the cartridges that the company accepts. Your support makes a difference!

Dear Sand Point Family,

My heart overflows with gratitude for all the kindness you have shown me after Jim's death. The prayers, the cards, the donations to his memorial fund, the offers of help all have lifted my spirits. I and my girls, Jonelle, Leanne and Kay thank you.

Blessings to you all, Carol Schimanski

2008 Harvest Time for SHARE

On October 19th, do all of your holiday shopping at this year's Harvest Time Auction to benefit SHARE (Seattle Housing and Resource Effort), or volunteer to help out. Items range from fabulous one of a kind items, great experiences, to "almost" the kitchen sink. So, mark the date, October 19, 2008. This year's auction will be held at the Bell Harbor International Convention Center. Interested? Contact Donna Goodlett

Musical Opportunities for Everyone

Our Music Department, led by Jeremy Matheis is preparing for the new year ahead, and there are opportunities for everyone who loves music. Give yourself the gift of music this year and join one of our choirs. You don't need any previous experience ~ just a desire to enjoy making beautiful music together.

Chancel Choir: Wednesday rehearsals in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. started this week. The first Sunday we sing is September 14th.

Adult Bell Choir: Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. beginning on September 24th.

Children's Choir: Sunday rehearsals after church, beginning on September 14th.

Youth Choir / Bell Choir: Beginning Sunday, September 28th, we will be rehearsing in the Choir Room, immediately following the worship service. The concept will be to rotate, one week singing and one week ringing!



TENT CITY 3 MEAL

4th SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

(Look for a sign up sheet for each month coming soon!)

Remember, we as a church want to and have committed to helping end homelessness. Some may feel serving a meal to TC3 does not end homelessness, but it really does help! By providing a meal we contribute to their health and wellness, giving them the strength to continue working, or finding a job AND ultimately stepping out of being homeless! Our next meal is September 28th.

There are many ways to help out with the meal, from shopping, to preparing food, or serving the meal. You don't have to be a cook to help! The prep on the day of is often done at the church with a group working on different tasks from chopping, mixing, cooking, etc. It's a great way to socialize, have fun, and get to know your church family better ... all the while helping to end homelessness!

*Bring us home on love's renewing tide
to the place of our belonging . . .
With your warm embrace waken us to grace.
Bring your scattered people home.*

Rodney Romney, pastor for many years at Seattle First Baptist, wrote these words for a hymn I love. They make a fine invitation for Sand Point's Homecoming Sunday, coming up on September 14th.

We have been scattered over the summer – traveling for weddings, graduations, reunions, vacations, or because of a death in the family. Worship has taken different shapes as we've explored the varieties of congregational singing and held two services outdoors. Volunteers have been teaching kids, leading and singing in worship, putting on receptions, cooking for Tent City, fixing things and re-furnishing offices. Many hours were invested in hiring Nate Goldbloom, our new Director of Youth and Family Ministries.

We've been busy and productive. I hope we're renewed as well. But it's been a long time since we were all together! Please make church a priority on September 14th. It will be a lovely, festive service, and a good time to re-connect with God and each other.

The following Saturday, September 20th, is also a day to save for church. We're gathering for our third retreat day to explore the mission of this congregation. Come lend your voice as we start creating a new statement of mission and direction for our church.

This is a time of new beginnings. Come on home to church, and bring a friend!

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