

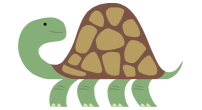


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**All Creatures Great and Small
& their human friends
are warmly invited to
Blessings of the Animals**



**Saturday, October 4th, 11:00 a.m. on the lawn
(feast day of Francis of Assisi)**

Join Us This Saturday!

Saturday, September 20th we will have our last Retreat Workshop to draft a “living” mission statement for our church. We will take a look at the present life of the church and where our faith will take us in the future. Please bring your own personal mission statement (20 words or less) for the church. We will begin with food and fellowship at 8:30 and start the work sharply at 9:00, ending at 12:30. Child care will be provided.

New Men’s Book Study

The Men's Book Study will meet the last Thursday of the month, which will be September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

We are starting a new book, God's Politics by Jim Wallis (subtitle: "A New Vision for Faith and Politics in America"). Come prepared to discuss Section 1 (about 40 pages). You will need to find your own copy. *Barnes & Noble has it in the store for \$30, or on-line for \$8. Amazon prices range from \$5 to \$10.*

If you have questions, please contact Paul Vahey, or Keith Olson .

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study
7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall
7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room
Wednesday 6:45 p.m. - Bell Choir (begging Sept. 24th)
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

Thursday, September 18th
9:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study, Fireside
Saturday, September 20th
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - All Church Retreat, Perry Hall
Sunday, September 21st
11:30 a.m. - Worship Work Area Meeting, Library
Tuesday, September 23rd
7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room
Thursday, September 25th
7:00 p.m. - Men’s New Book Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, September 27th
Mayors’ Day of Concern - Volunteers Needed
Sunday, September 28th
11:15 a.m. - Youth Choir & Bell Choir, Choir Room
11:30 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
Wednesday, October 1st
5:30 p.m. - Enrichment Hour, then Soup Night in Perry Hall
Thursday, October 2nd
9:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
Sunday, October 5th
11:00 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
Monday, October 6th
7:00 p.m. - Enrichment. Hour, Fireside Room

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon)/Mail Date:

Friday, September 26th Wednesday, October 1st
Friday, October 10th Wednesday, October 15th

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NEWS FROM MISSIONS *SAND POINT HOUSING*

WELCOME BASKETS: A big thank you to all of you who helped us fill the 4 Welcome Baskets that we recently took to Sand Point Housing. This is one of the on-going projects of the Interfaith Committee, composed of north end churches and synagogues, to support new residents of Sand Point Housing.

RESOURCE ROOM: The Interfaith Committee operates the Resource Room at Sand Point Housing the first three Wednesday evenings of each month and our church works there each September. Many thanks to Stephanie Ferri, Pam Gates, Jan Kreidler, Jan Paul, Jane Stevens and Jerry Zimmerman who worked in the Resource Room this month to help the residents select items they needed. Please keep the Resource Room in mind if you have gently used household items—pots, pans, etc., towels, sheets, blankets, etc., that you would like to donate. *(No clothing or electronics please.)* You can leave items in our church office or call Kira Zylstra to make arrangements for drop off. ***Donations are always needed and welcomed.***

MELODIES OF COMPASSION: In September, our loose pocket change will assist Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center which provides therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with disabilities who live in the Puget Sound area.

Thanks for your support—The Missions Team

MAYORS' DAY OF CONCERN FOR THE HUNGRY:

Sand Point Church will be helping again this year to collect food for The Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County on ***Saturday, September 27th***. We will collect food that day at the Safeway at 75th and 35th. We are asking teams of two to take 2 hour slots on that day and if you would like to help, please look for the sign up sheet in Perry Hall, or call Jane Stevens. It's a fun and rewarding way to help.



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 think about joining a group this year, starting in October. If you would like to be a part of one of Sand Point's long-standing getting-to-know-each-other programs, contact Sue Haas or Jerrie Fliflet

Caring for Creation "God Saw That it Was Good"

We are answering God's call for stewardship when we have concern about the health of our environment. One way to do that is to eat local, carefully grown, fresh, delicious food with friends. So we will begin on **October 1st** in Perry Hall with a 5:30 p.m. program on "Slow Food" presented by Gerry Warren and followed by soup made from veggies gathered at the Farmers' Market.

In keeping with our theme, Saturday, **October 4th** at 11:00 a.m. there will be a "Blessing of the Animals" with Rev. Pat Simpson, on the lawn in front of church. Sunday, **October 5th** will be World Wide Communion followed by the Enrichment Hour with Cecile Andrews. She is the founder of the Phinney Ecovillage with the theme of living simpler, slower and smaller. Details on the other Enrichment Hours in October will be in the next Sandpointer.

For folks who have requested evening classes, we will also meet Monday, **October 6th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room beginning with a presenter from the Climate Project. The title of the program is "Stewardship in a Changing Climate". Monday, **October 13th** will be Carol Kibble giving "A Citizen's Response" on N.E. Seattle neighborhood initiatives. Monday, **October 20th** we will have a fun family feature film with an environmental theme. Child care will be provided for all of these programs. If you have questions, call Berta Cohen.

Greetings Sand Point Community UMC!

My name is Nathan Goldbloom and I am the new director of youth and family ministries. I grew up in Redmond and graduated from Redmond High School. From there I moved down to California where I graduated with a degree in Youth Ministry and a minor in Psychology from Azusa Pacific University. I have worked with youth in three churches, including Faith United Methodist in Sammamish. This summer I also married my high school sweet heart, Kessia Smith.

I am very excited to be a part of Sand Point Community UMC. I look forward to worshiping, serving, praying, and learning more about God with all of you. See you on Sunday and at the many exciting events coming up!