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First Enrichment Hour of 2009

Enrichment Time next Sunday, January 11th, "Getting to Know You" series will begin with Terry and Teri Cicero. Come to the Fireside Room after you get your cup of coffee and hear about this couple who support our church loyally year after year. You will learn how it is that they know what to do in a medical emergency.

Un-Hanging of the Greens

Please come to help take down our Christmas decorations in the sanctuary on Saturday, January 10th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Refreshments provided! Families welcome! Contact Sue Haas

Human Relations Day – January 18th

Human Relations Day is one of six church wide Special Sundays Offerings of the United Methodist Church. It strengthens UMC outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and working with at-risk youth.

Human Relations Day is celebrated on the Sunday before the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Human Relations Day offering is allocated as follows:

- a) Community Developers Program: 57%
- b) United Methodist Voluntary Services Program: 33%
- c) Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program: 10%

a) and b) are administered by the General Board of Global Ministries and c) is administered by the General Board of Church and Society.

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
 11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Wallingford UMC - Jan.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
 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, January 7th

8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall
 3:00 p.m. - Set-up for Harmony Circle Luncheon
 4:30 p.m. - Worship Committee, Choir Room

Thursday, January 8th

9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Choir Room
 Noon - Harmony Circle Luncheon, Fireside Room
 7:00 p.m. - Charge Conference, Sanctuary
 8:30 p.m. - SPRC, Fireside Room

Saturday, January 10th

10:00 p.m. - Un-Hanging of the Greens
 5:00 p.m. - Couples Date Night

Sunday, January 11th

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class, Youth Room
 11:00 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
 11:30 a.m. - Memorials and Endowments, Library

Monday, January 12th

7:30 p.m. - SPRC, Fireside Room

Tuesday, January 13th

7:30 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room

Thursday, January 15th

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

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon)/Mail Date:

Friday, January 16th	Wednesday, January 21st
Friday, January 30th	Wednesday, February 4th

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Dear Church Family,

We have reached the end of our scheduled pledge drive for 2009. To date, we have committed pledges of about \$190,000. Thank you to all of you who have made commitments! Unfortunately, after making some initial cuts to the requests that we have received for funding from church committees and staff, we're still about \$45,000 short of funds necessary to balance our 2009 budget. The Finance Committee and Church Council will be discussing much deeper cuts in the coming weeks. We would strongly prefer not to cut too deeply into core church programs. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider doing so. If you have already pledged but think you might be able to increase your commitment, please do that as well.

Thank you! Steve Mullin, Chair, Finance Committee

Family Winter Retreat

Family retreat will be held this year on February 7-8th at Lazy F. This is great getaway for the family for only \$40 total! Space is very limited so sign up early with Nate.

Children's Ministry Council

We are creating a council to help discern God's will for His children in this church and community. Through prayer, discernment, and fellowship we will bring new ideas together to help foster spiritual growth in children and families in the church. All are invited to help guide and facilitate the spiritual formation of the Children and their families. The first meeting will be Thursday, January 15th at 7pm in the youth room.

Mission Notes

Our annual warm clothing drive is taking place in January this year. We are collecting warm socks, underwear, jackets, blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless youth served by the University District YMCA. There is a hamper located in the Narthex for donations - please try to bring something for these homeless kids whenever you come to church this month -- thank you.

Christmas Eve Services in the Snow

Snow and cold weather gave our traditional Christmas Family and Candlelight Services a little challenge, and we brushed it off. Our church doors were open and ready with warm greetings and faithful hearts.

A warm thank you to many hands and voices: **Beautiful Music:** Piano - Lora Lee Brown, Jeff Ricco, Voices - Laura Bohn, Jan Shapiro, Jeff Ricco, Jeremy Matheis, Charlotte Hotchkiss, Harp - Ashley Wong; **Set Up** - Roland & Marilynn Pray, Elice Pray, Jeri Fliflet, Roland Grober; **Greeters** - Jeri Fliflet, Roland Pray, Laurie & Brad Westphal, Helen Strack, Karen Strack, Bev Sheller, Nate & Kessia Goldbloom, Marilynn Pray, Roland Grober, Pastor Cathlynn Law; **Readers** - Jack Westphal, Sainsbury Strack, Roland Pray; **Snuffers** - Roland Grober, Kerry & Shannon Westphal, Roland Pray, Matt Pray; **Candles** - Matt & Connie Pray, Taylor Westphal, Bruce, Charlie & Frances Taylor, Sarah Short; **Guest Book** - Connie Pray, Helen Strack; **Communion** - Pastor Cathlynn Law; **Set Up** - Roland Grober; **Clean Up** - Roland & Marilyn Pray, Matt & Connie Pray, Roland Grober, and finally Ngaire Taylor who brought cheese and crackers for the volunteers at the Candlelight Service.

Those attending our Candlelight Service numbered 166, and 79 attending the 5:00 p.m. service, with \$500.00 left in offering from both services.

Couples Date Night

The next Date Night will be on January 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Please see Sheri Vahey or Nate for questions or to register and get the book. Deadline for signing up for Childcare is the January 7th. See you all there!

Youth Group

This month we will be meeting at Wallingford UMC from 5-7pm on Sunday nights. This month we will focus on healthy relationships and one night go out bowling as a group! See Nate Goldbloom for more details.

Pastoral Report to Charge Conference/January 2009

On January 6th, we entered into the Epiphany season, when the star led the Magi to Jesus. In our seasonal year, it is the time when light begins to take over the darkness again. 2008 has been a bit unsettling, to say the least. We would not have anticipated having to dig out from under "heap big snow" in early winter; very few predicted the economic crisis of this year; and fewer yet predicted that SPCUMC would receive a new pastor in the middle of the appointment year. Yet, in the midst, God's light is with us, calling us out of the shadows.

We are entering a new season in the life of our church! Change is the axis that life itself spins on: the seasons, the stages of human development, are born of change. God calls us to move through transition with grace, and the knowledge that God is with us.

In the midst of change we often recognize our deepest need for God. Very often in unsettling times we experience our greatest spiritual growth. This congregation is on the threshold of sacred space, reflecting on where the church has been, and what holds it together today. The foundation of this church is your faith & commitment to Christ. Your relationships with each other are strong, and your relationship with God is strong.

I am grateful to be entering into ministry with you. Already, in these past six weeks, you have offered hospitality & laughter, tears & confidences, ministry & service. Someone recently said, "If people visited this church and just gave us half a chance, they would find themselves enfolded in the warmth and love of this place." Especially in these unsettling times, people long for meaningful relationships. Sand Point has an important role to play in helping people connect to God.

The Christ light is shining upon us even now, inviting us to share that light all around us. May we have courage in this season of Epiphany to step into the changes God asks of us, individually & as a congregation. Let us look to 2009 to be a year of listening to God's call in our lives and responding with servant leadership brave enough to say, "Yes!"

Looking ahead to the great journey, Pastor Cathy