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Pastor Bill Smith's Newly Published Book

Bill Smith (one of our former pastors) stopped by a few days ago to drop off a copy of his new book ("Sunday Mornings Reflections on Life's Meanings") for the church library.

Introductory information about the book is:

"Living in a time of economic uncertainty, how do we handle the inevitable stress? As unemployment, health care costs, and mortgage foreclosures all rise, where can we turn to regain our confidence? In the face of war, terrorist threats, and global warming, how can we get beyond our fears and anxieties? Where can we turn to find peace? Is there a "big picture" that can help us separate the merely urgent from the truly important?"

These are some of the questions this book confronts. Moving beyond simplistic answers, it offers an insightful and thought-provoking look at some of life's everyday concerns. Looking at the world through the lens of the Christian faith, the book is divided into three parts. Part one examines how we look at the world. Part two helps us determine what counts in coping with life's challenges. The third section introduces Jesus and what we can learn from his life as seen through the various roles he played.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—Nov. 25th

This year's event will be held at St. Bridget's Catholic Church. The worship service begins at 7:00 p.m.

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 at Haller Lake
- Monday** 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Tuesday** 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study
 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

- Thursday, October 15th**
 9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Friday, October 16th**
 6:30 p.m. - Movie Night, Perry Hall
- Sunday, October 18th**
 11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
 11:30 a.m. - Worship Work Area, Library
- Wednesday, October 21st**
 6:00 p.m. - Bible Study
- Saturday, October 24th**
 5:00 p.m. - 10 Great Dates, Perry Hall
- Sunday, October 25th**
 11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
- Tuesday, October 27th**
 7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room

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| Deadlines (noon) | Mail Date: |
| Friday, October 23rd | Wednesday, October 28th |
| Friday, November 6th | Wednesday, November 11th |

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Contemporary Social Justice Issues
A Lecture Discussion Series
Sundays 11:20 to 12:30 in the Fireside Room

October 18

Health Care Reform - A speaker from the staff of Representative Jim McDermott's will bring us up to date on the Bill being discussed in congress.

October 25

Immigration - Michael Ramos, Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle will join us.
"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." Amos 5:24 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Matt. 5:7

Worship in November

All Saints' Day—November 1st

On Sunday, Nov. 1st, we will celebrate our life in God and remember all the people we have loved and released to God in death in the hope of new life. We invite each of you who have lost loved ones since last All Saints' Day (Nov. 2nd, 2008) to call the church office with your loved one's name. During our worship service, these names will be read, a candle lit for each one, as we give thanks for them.

Guest Preacher Rev. Kathy Morse

Kathy & I will be doing a "Pulpit Swap" on Nov. 8th. Kathy served Sand Point for her seminary internship while attending Seattle University 1999-2001. She is now appointed to Everett UMC where I served as Youth Director and director of the Bell Choir, 1996-1999.

Consecration Sunday & Harvest Dinner

On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, we will be blessing our pledges for the 2010 church year. Look for your letter to come the end of October. Following worship, we will celebrate a dinner together in Perry Hall. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Looking for Musical Instruments

The Sunday School is looking to expand our music worship through joyful noises to the Lord. To do this we need more instruments. If you have an instrument that children 4-10 years old could play such as: Bongo drums, maracas, Egg shakers, xylophones, symbols, guitars, tambourines, bells, triangles, or rain sticks. Please see Nate to donate for Sunday School worship.

Youth Group:

Throughout October the youth group will be at Haller Lake UMC from 5-7pm on Sunday nights. Please contact Nate for more details or to carpool.

Couple's Date Night

The next gathering will be held October 24th. We will be on Chapter 10 for those who would like to jump in. If childcare is needed please email or talk with Nate by Wednesday the 21st of October.

Family Game Night

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7th for our annual family celebration of All Saints Day. There will be great food, decorations, and a great excuse to wear the Halloween costume one more time!

Movie Night This Week!

Friday October 16th at 6:30 the church will be showing a family friendly movie. Please fill out the movie vote in Perry Hall or via email with Nate.

Mission Updates

This Month the Missions Ministry Team will sponsor a new warm sock drive for **Operation Nightwatch**. There is a bin outside Perry Hall. We're looking to match the number of socks brought by the VBS kids this summer.

Pastor Cathy off to Nashville – Oct. 26-31st

I have been selected to enter a program entitled Companions in Ministry, sponsored by the Upper Room. Since 1935 Upper Room Ministries has provided resources such as the devotional magazine, *The Upper Room*, one of the most widely read devotionals in the world. In 1983, The Upper Room developed The Academy for Spiritual Formation, an in-depth experience in Spiritual Formation for laity and clergy. The Companions in Ministry program is a new offshoot of the Academy. The facilitators were looking for pastors who desired more training and support in assisting their congregation in deeper spiritual formation. Some of the foundational principals: 1) God is actively engaged in shaping congregations; 2) Pastors seeking to lead congregations in transforming ways need covenantal relationships with clergy peers; 3) In order to serve as spiritual guides for a congregation, pastors must attend to their own spiritual formation, paying attention to the Spirit of God at work in their lives. I invite your prayers and support for this process and training during that week together, as I join with other clergy from across the country.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations
October 17th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join a group of folks from Sand Point who will attend this seminar with Bishop Schnase who wrote this book on how a congregation can employ practical applications in their church. We will carpool from the church to drive to Auburn UMC. Talk to Pastor Cathy for more info.