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October 17, 2007

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church
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Becoming Wise Elders: The Spiritual Tasks of Aging Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10 Perry Hall

Presented by Carol Scott-Kassner

Throughout our lives we can imagine our journey as living in the midst of paradoxes. As we move into the second half of our lives, certain paradoxes emerge as invitations for us to explore. This retreat will focus on three of those:

Doing and Being - We will explore the quality of meaning we seek with both our doing and being. We will look at the question of balance between these two ways of engaging the world. We will reflect on our lives and harvest lessons learned along the way.

Holding On and Letting Go - We will examine what we still want to hold onto in terms of what has significance for us and how we might let go of nonessentials. We will also frame this in terms of healing old hurts and letting go of emotional baggage that no longer serves us.

Living and Dying - We will explore what it means to live fully until we die. We will explore the idea of becoming elders and sharing our wisdom with others, including what that might mean in the context of our church. We will also look at some tasks we might wish to complete in preparation for our own returning home time.

Schedule

Friday afternoon: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday morning: 10 a.m. - Noon
Lunch break, with meal provided
Saturday afternoon: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Registration

The cost will be \$40, with a lower fee on request. Simply call the church office by November 2nd to register, and pay when you come.

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
- Children's Choir and Sunday School
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
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 7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir, Choir Room
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Friday 6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room
7:00 to 9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout
Saturday 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 18th

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

Sunday, October 21st - Laity Sunday

11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room

4:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group in Perry Hall & Fireside Room

Tuesday, October 23rd

8:00 a.m. - Morning Celebration, Fireside Room

7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room

Wednesday, October 24th

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

Thursday, October 25th

7:00 p.m. - Men's Group, Fireside Room

Friday, October 26th

Noon - Sandpointer Deadline

Church offices closed!

Saturday, October 27th

4:30 p.m. - Family Games Night, Perry Hall

Sunday, October 28th - Acolyte Recognition Sunday

11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room

4:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group in Perry Hall & Fireside Room

Thursday, November 1st

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

Friday, November 2nd

No Youth Friday Night Hangout Time

Sunday, November 4th

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Youth at Haller Lake

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Middle East Enrichment Hours

Rev. Jack Olive has given us a rich background for our ongoing series on the Middle East. On October 21st, Dr. Eugene Webb, U.W. Prof. Emeritus of Comparative Religion, will return to

Sand Point UMC. His topic will be "Sunnis and Shiites: The Sources of their Conflict". Rabbi Anson Laytner will speak on October 28th and will give "A Jewish Perspective on the Israeli / Palestinian Conflict". November 4th, Amin Odeh will give "A Palestinian Perspective on the Israeli / Palestinian Conflict."

We meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Grab a quick cup of coffee and join us. Child Care will be provided.

Youth Group

Youth Group is in full swing for the fall season! As you know may know, we have greatly expanded our program for the 2007-2008 school year. We are now meeting twice every week instead of twice a month. Our new and expanded activities include **Youth Band, Bible studies, missions/ service team, movies, and more** which meet on Friday and Sunday evenings. Friday nights are our "**Hang Out Time**" which gives youth a place to be together, play games, watch movies and have fun at the end of each week of school.

Youth are especially encouraged to bring their friends to this! **Sunday nights** offer a more structured activity time that always includes a meal and a chance to participate in one of a variety of activities.

I am also happy to announce that we will be sending a youth delegation to **Guarjila, El Salvador** next summer to participate in a cultural exchange with Wallingford UMC's sister parish. This exchange is open to all youth and anyone who wishes to go is encouraged to contact Peter for more details.

CAN'T KEEP QUIET

Laity Sunday -- October 21st

Retreat Recap from Church Council

This is just a brief report on "Discovering The Personality Of Sand Point Church", the retreat held on October 6th. It was in my rarely uncritical opinion, a great success. Our purpose was to begin a discussion about where we are today and where we'd like to go tomorrow. About 35 parishioners participated. This first effort gave us some immediate new direction and if the e-mail chatter is any sign of things to come, there is much excitement. We will have a full written report by early next month, and I want to invite everyone to regularly attend the Church Council meetings (next on Oct. 23rd) where we will frequently return to the rich fodder this discussion unleashed. I also want to particularly thank Pastor Pat, our office manager Jan Kreidler, Jerrie Fliflet who kept us fed and lubricated, and all our committee chairs who did yeoman work during the day.

Thanks again! Blair Paul, Chair of the Church Council

FINANCE REPORT

As of September 30th

Year to date income: \$225,226

Year to date expenses: \$222,703

Variance \$ 2,523

A detailed report is available by request from the church office.

Upcoming Missions Projects

The Missions Team is gearing up for our annual holiday giving programs and would like you to know that we are planning to put together six complete Thanksgiving dinners for families at Sand Point Housing. We are joined in this effort by other area churches and synagogues so that everyone who lives at Sand Point Housing enjoys a Thanksgiving dinner. We also are planning to have our annual warm clothing drive in November for the homeless youths served by the University District YMCA. Please watch for information on how you can help with both of these projects in the next *Sandpointer*.

Jan Paul

Standing Pat



What has God done for you that you can't keep quiet about?

That question was posed at our leadership retreat October 6th by Kristina Gonzalez. It's a challenge to us as a church, and also as individuals. This Sunday, October 21 – Laity Sunday – we will hear some people answer it. Instead of a sermon, the service will include time for testimonies.

The Christian practice of testimony has a long history in our Methodist tradition, and is still common in United Methodist churches in other parts of the country. Here in the Pacific Northwest it's more widespread in other denominations, while we stay rather quiet. What a shame! Because I often get to hear people talk about God privately or in small groups, I know there are inspiring stories to be told.

You have had Laity Sunday sermons before, but this will be different – less formal, more voices, and I hope some people who have not spoken before. It gets too easy to rely on proven, reliable speakers, while others stand back.

Testimony is telling the truth about God's presence in your life, whether that comes through prayer, nature, service, human relationships, or some other means of grace. It is being a witness to what you know first-hand. I hope you will be here Sunday to hear others bear witness. I also hope we'll be inspired to answer Kristina's question for ourselves: *What has God done for you that you can't keep quiet about?*

Blessings,

Family Games Night

Join us on **Saturday, October 27th from 4:30-7:30pm** for Family Games Night in Perry Hall. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

Bring your active games and your board/card games! Dinner will be provided. All are welcome! Invite your friends...it's a great opportunity to introduce them to Sand Point UMC in a fun and informal setting!