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DISCOVERING THE PERSONALITY OF SAND POINT CHURCH *The Beginning of a Continuing Dialogue*

This Saturday, Oct 6th, we will kick off the 2007-2008 year with what we hope will begin an annual tradition of exploring what we are and

what we'd like to become as a Christian faith community. Join us.

Why you say, what's in it for me?

First, it is likely the first time in decades where we will *briefly* take you through our organizational structure so that everyone understands what each of our committees does and why. It will help you identify where you might like to serve our church but perhaps more importantly, where to address a hope or concern you have for our church.

But second and *much more importantly* we will begin a conversation about what we as a congregation are all about and where we would like to be in 3, 5 or 7 years. Are we simply a place to come Sunday morning or are we a fundamental center for the totality of our lives and a magnet for others to join us. It will be a time to identify what it is that we do well, what we do poorly and what we do not at all that we should be doing.

Once again, ***JOIN US!***

Blair Paul, Chair
Church Council

SAVE THE DATE

Becoming Wise Elders: The Spiritual Tasks of Aging
Church retreat Friday, November 9
and Saturday, November 10 at Sand Point CUMC
Details next issue!

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 4th
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
Saturday, October 6th
8:30 to 1:00 - All Church Planning Retreat, Perry Hall
Sunday, October 7th - World Communion Sunday
11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
4:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group in Perry Hall & Fireside Room
Monday, October 8th
7:30 p.m. - Staff Parish Relations Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, October 9th
8:00 a.m. - Morning Celebration, Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room
Thursday, October 11th
Noon - Harmony Circle, Fireside Room
Friday, October 12th
Noon - Sandpointer Deadline
7:00-9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout Time
Sunday, October 14th
11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
4:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group in Perry Hall & Fireside Room
Monday, October 15th
7:00 p.m. - Testimony Workshop
Thursday, October 18th
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
Friday, October 19th
7:00-9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout Time

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Middle East Enrichment Hours Beginning October 7th

Israel, Iraq and Palestine are in the news daily. Come and hear from some of the folks who travel there or know about the contemporary and historical issues in that region. Rev. Jack Olive, United Methodist Pastor, and Interim Associate Dean at Seattle University will lead the first two, of five sessions on October 7 and 14, at 11:15 in the Fireside Room. The title of his first talk is: *"How many peace disappointments can we take?"* The second is, *"What Matters? Political and Economic Realities That No One Wants to Discuss."* His interests in the Holy Land range from archeology, to an organization to aide Palestinian children called "Kids for Hope", to the diminishing Christian presence in Jerusalem. Plan to attend this relevant series for the next five Sundays.

A Request:

If you have items for the rummage sale, please take them to the Upper Room. If you need assistance in getting your items to the Upper Room, please (in advance) contact the church office. Thank you!

Missions Ministry Corner Melodies of Compassion

The Missions Ministry team has chosen Wheels for the World as the October

recipient for Melodies of Compassion (our weekly loose change offering). Wheels for the world is an outreach program that "aims to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the disabled around the world by providing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Jesus Christ." Wheels for the Word has distributed over 38,000 wheelchairs in over 86 countries and has trained hundreds of ministry and community leaders, including people with disabilities. Please give generously.



Mission Note: Several people have indicated they would have liked (but were unable) to attend the potluck dinner to hear about the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. If you are interested in attending another presentation, please call (206-523-3040) or email Jan at the church office.

Standing Pat



Our series of Sunday services on Christian Practices is well underway. We're considering things we do in our everyday lives that might become windows and doorways for new connections with God. Here's an example from "Honoring the Body," in case you missed it: when you wash your face, how about ending with three splashes of water – "In the name of the Creator. In the name of Christ. In the name of the Holy Spirit." And if there is a mirror in front of you, look at your face and see the image of God. Sometimes a little thing, often repeated, can change your life.

In early October we will look at the practices of Hospitality (10/7) and Testimony (10/14). October 21st we'll continue the Testimony theme with Laity Sunday. Folks from the congregation will be speaking and singing their own testimonies. To prepare for that, I'm offering a writing workshop on Monday evening, October 15th. Suggested formats will include "This I Believe" statements (familiar to NPR listeners); "Why I Love This Hymn"; and very short stories.

Anyone is welcome at the workshop, even if you don't want to speak in church. I hope this opportunity will stir up some good reflections for all who participate, and give some of you the courage to stand up and read your piece on Laity Sunday. Hope you'll give it a try!

Blessings,

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our organist Lora Lee Brown, who is serving this year as Dean of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We're proud of her as she offers this year of leadership and service to her professional colleagues.