

SANDPOINTER

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Sand Point Community United Methodist Church
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Women's Bible Study

Why are these women smiling? Bible study and fellowship are good for your spirit. Come on Tuesday mornings at 10 (except for two special Wednesday dates, November 7 and 14). New members are always welcome!



Everyone is Welcome
to the

All Church Conference
Monday, November 26, 7 p.m.

This is our annual congregational meeting, with our District Superintendent Rev. Elaine Stanovsky presiding. Everyone involved in the church is welcome, and all members have a vote in the meeting. Come lend your voice as we discuss our congregation's role in God's mission.

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

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, November 1st

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

Friday, November 2nd

No Youth Friday Night Hangout Time

Sunday, November 4th - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!!

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

Tuesday, November 6th - VOTING IN PERRY HALL

7:00 p.m. - Trustees, Fireside Room

Wednesday, November 7th

6:00 p.m. - Soup Night!, Perry Hall

Thursday, November 8th

Noon - Harmony Circle, Fireside Room

Friday, November 9th

Church offices closed in observance of Veteran's Day

Noon - Sandpointer Deadline

2:00 p.m. - "Becoming Wise Elders" Retreat through Saturday

7:00 p.m. - Youth Hang Out Night

Saturday, November 10th

10:00 a.m. - "Becoming Wise Elders" Retreat

Sunday, November 11th

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

Monday, November 12th

Deadline for Charge Conference reports

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

Tuesday, November 13th

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

7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room

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Enrichment Hours

Middle East



On November 4 the series on contemporary issues regarding the Middle East will conclude with speaker Amin Odeh. Amin is a Muslim Palestinian who lived most of his life in a refugee camp near Bethlehem and has been an Israeli prisoner. He will tell his personal story on behalf of the "Voices of Palestine."

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.

Sacred Spaces -- Past, Present and Future

The enrichment hours on November 11th and 18th will feature our own Sue Haas who attended the 2007 Seattle University Summer Institute for Liturgy and Worship on "Sacred Space and the Arts as Theology." Sue is Former Adjunct Professor of Art History at Seattle Pacific University and an art consultant and appraiser. The first session is titled "Sacred Spaces of the Past and Present". The second is "What Makes a Space Sacred? Ideas for the Future." Sue will have hand outs and visuals to inspire us to think about how the space in which we worship influences what we experience.

Mission Notes

NOVEMBER WARM CLOTHING DRIVE:
Brrrrrr – it's getting colder out! Please remember to bring your donations of new underwear or socks and warm clothing such as jackets, sweaters, etc., on Sundays in

November. This is our annual warm clothing drive for the homeless kids supported by the University District YMCA. We will have a place for your donations in the Narthex during the month. The YMCA is always so grateful for our help as are the kids who get to put on warm, dry clothing after being cold and wet out on the streets. THANK YOU!! If you have questions, please call Jan Paul at 526-1231.



The above chart shows the break down of the 85 pledges made for the current year. The data given by each of the pie wedges includes: 1) the monetary range of that particular group, 2) the number of pledgers in the group, and 3) this group's % of the total (\$205, 984). Pledges covered about 60% of the 2007 budget while the rest was covered by rental and investment income and plate contributions. So you can see how important your pledge is in planning for our future at Sand Point.

BLOOD DRIVES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

It takes 900 people, registering every weekday, to keep our community's blood supply at stable levels. Please try to stop by one of these upcoming neighborhood blood drives:

11/1/07 Children's Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way NE in the Blood Mobile parked at the Giraffe Entrance 10AM - 4PM (closed for lunch 1-2PM).

11/19/07 Our Lady of the Lake, 8900 35th Ave NE in Friar McMullan Jubilee Hall. 2PM - 7PM (closed for lunch 4-5PM).

- Carol A. Blainey, Blood Drive Chairman

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Willing or not, we settle into the morning darkness and daytime dampness. The winter season of lights is still ahead – Advent, Christmas and Epiphany for us Christians. But tradition offers us one bright festival on the way into November. All Saints, which we will celebrate Sunday, November 4th, dresses the church in Easter white. We'll remember our own beloved dead, and those more famous saints who belong to the whole church. We'll light candles for them, and share the Lord's Supper in full awareness that the whole communion of saints is at the table with us. Praise God for shining through the lives of the saints to light our way!

I also want to invite you to a service of healing this month, Wednesday, November 14th, at 6:45 p.m. in the chapel. Anyone in need of healing for body, mind, spirit, or relationships is welcome. We will pray for each other, asking God for the wholeness we so need. There will be anointing and laying on of hands for those who desire it.

If you have a friend or family member who is grieving or ill I hope you will extend an invitation, even if the person isn't normally a churchgoer. There's no need to bear these burdens alone, when the prayers of God's people can surround us with warmth and light.

Blessings,

People and Events...

* If you are moving, please be sure to contact the church office with your new address and phone number!

* Our next Soup Night will be on Wednesday, November 7th. Please join us in Perry Hall at 6:00 p.m. We will have speakers about hosting Tent City.