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### Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wedgwood Presbyterian Church (8008 35th Ave. NE, Seattle) will host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m.

### "HANGING OF THE GREENS"

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 27th, 10 a.m.-12 noon, in the sanctuary to decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. Refreshments and Christmas cheer provided. Families welcome!



Note: The UN-Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 10-12 noon. Contact Sue Haas at [sdbph@aol.com](mailto:sdbph@aol.com) or 206-522-0693. Thank you!

### United Methodist Student Day

Sunday, November 28, 2010

Funds from this Special Offering support United Methodist scholarships and the UM Student Loan Fund. Please give generously.

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

A few weeks ago, I attended a conference held in Seattle: "New Church Leadership Institute". It was a conference designed to help pastors discern whether they were being called to start new churches, and whether they have the gifts and personality to become a planter. Our Conference is currently embarking on planting new churches. So far, in the past two years, six pastors have been commissioned to geographical areas around our conference to begin the challenge of starting new ministries. Starting new churches is part of our biblical, and United Methodist heritage. At our healthiest phase, the Methodist Church started one new church a day. That boggles my mind.

You may be wondering why I attended this conference. I want to let you know up front that I do not feel called to start a new church. But I do feel called to help build up the church to which I have been appointed. The New Church Leadership Institute offered insights about our personalities in leading a congregation, and the kinds of personalities we need in leadership with us. I found this tremendously beneficial. Perhaps the greatest insight I received from the conference was that the people attending church are generally the "already convinced". As pastors, one of our roles is to order the life of the church, provide pastoral care, prepare for worship. What is forgotten, however is that in our culture today, people aren't necessarily going to go to church to get their spiritual needs met. That sounds odd to me, but it is the reality we live in. As a church, we are called to do the work of ministry, outside the walls of our church as well as inside. As a pastor, I need to find more ways of getting into the community.

The genetic code of the Methodist church is that it was started by a church planter to reach outside the walls of the Anglican church. John Wesley never appointed pastors to a church, he appointed to a geographical community. We just talked about this aspect both in Confirmation and in the Book Study on The Jesus I Never Knew. Both Jesus and John Wesley went out to meet people where they were. Neither waited for people to come find them

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## Calendar of Events:

### Wednesday (Nov. 17)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (Nov. 18)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

### Friday (Nov. 19)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Movie Night—6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

### Saturday (Nov. 20)

Al-Anon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (Nov. 21)

Worship—10:00 a.m., sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Leader training—11:30 a.m.

### Tuesday (Nov. 23)

AA—7:30 P.M., Lehmann Hall (aka Boys & Girls Club)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Wednesday (Nov. 24)

Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service—7:30 p.m., Wedgwood Presbyterian Church

### Thursday (Nov. 25 & 26)

Church offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving

### Friday (Nov. 26)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (Nov. 27)

Hanging of the Greens—10:00 a.m.

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner

Children's Christmas Pageant—Dec. 19th, during worship

Longest Night Contemplative Service—Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service—5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



## Volunteers Needed for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will have two services on Christmas Eve:

**Family service**—5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Candlelight Service**—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Marilynn and Roland Pray again have graciously volunteered to coordinate our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Volunteers are needed to sign up for half hour shifts to greet, hand out candles, read scriptures or tend to candles that are placed in the candle rack. If you can help, please contact Marilynn and Roland at 206-525-4288 or [prayromar@comcast.net](mailto:prayromar@comcast.net).

### Women's Annual Christmas Program

**Thursday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.**

Save the date: The annual Women's Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 in Perry Hall. Our speaker will be Edith Elion, Executive Director of Atlantic Street Center, an organization started by Methodist Women 100 years ago. We will also bring gifts for the Church of Mary Magdalene, share Christmas cookies and worship with carols and devotions.

### Finance Request

After prayerful consideration of your desire to support the ministry of SPCUMC, we respectfully ask for you to turn in your Pledge Card any time in November. This will be a tremendous help to the Finance Committee.



### 2010 Budget Information

*(as of October 31, 2010)*

#### Pledge Income:

Annual Budget	\$210,000
Received to date	\$167,159
Remaining balance	\$ 42,841

#### Contribution Income:

Annual Budget	\$ 23,500
Received to Date	\$ 18,521
Remaining Balance	\$ 4,979



## Please pray for:

**Richard Ferguson**—in hospital

### In Memoriam

**Jean Rockwell**—sister of Glen Vanlaningham

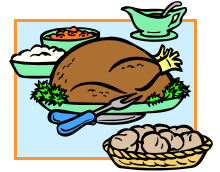
## Recognition of Accomplishments ...

**Steffanie Moxon**—recently passed Washington State Bar exam

## Melodies of Compassion

The Melodies of Compassion loose change offering for November will help support Maple Leaf Lutheran Church as they host Tent City 3 for 90 days, beginning November 27, 2010.

## Thanksgiving Baskets for Sand Point Housing



The Interfaith Committee that supports Sand Point Housing will again be putting together Thanksgiving dinner baskets for the families and individuals who live at Sand Point Housing. We are gathering items for our traditional 6 Thanksgiving baskets. The turkey display with tags for items to fill the baskets can be found in Perry Hall. If you didn't have a chance to take a tag, other welcome items are: laundry soap, toilet paper, dish soap and toothpaste. *Note: All items must be returned by November 21st!* We thank you for your past support of this project and hope you will be able to join the Missions Team in helping these neighbors have a joyous Thanksgiving again this year.

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy continued

in their office, nor confined themselves to a pulpit in one specific place. This model has given me an idea for our ministry at Sand Point. Don't be surprised if the next time you see me, it's in a local coffee shop with my shingle hanging out on my table, "Pastor on Duty". If I was like Lucy, I might add 5 cents! If you ever see me with my shingle out, stop on in. I just might buy you a cup of coffee.



## Notes from Nate ....

**Quote of the Week:** On Halloween Sunday two children came in wearing great costumes. One was a raptor (bird of prey) and the other a bumble bee. Berta Cohen quickly made a connection: "Didn't know we were talking about the birds and bees in church today!"

**Movie Night: November 19th, 6:30 p.m., Perry Hall**  
The featured moving is "Polar Express" Get into the Holiday Spirit with this Christmas tale.

**Leaders Training Meeting: Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30-12:00**  
If you have not been trained or need to renew for Sunday school, take a half hour with us after church. This short training is required for all volunteers. Contact Nate with questions or to join.

### All Church Christmas Gathering Sat., Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Our church will be celebrating advent with an intergenerational gathering. We will make advent wreaths, bake communion bread, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy a light meal together. All ages and friends are invited to share this special time together as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.



### Children's Christmas Pageant December 19th, 10 a.m.



All children and youth are invited to participate in the pageant. Practices will be: Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-12:30. Dress rehearsal will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-noon. Snacks provided.

### Movie Night: Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.,

Featured movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"  
Come enjoy this great Christmas classic. All ages are invited to "come out tonight and dance by the light of the moon!"

## Enrichment Hours

We are taking a two week Thanksgiving break and will resume on December 5 with our annual book, CD, and DVD exchange. This is a great time to clean out the book shelves to get ready for the new ones coming at Christmas. Leftovers will go to the rummage sale. We also will feature some of our own authors reading stories, reflections, or poems they have written.

### Christmas Caroling Wed., Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.



Help spread Christmas cheer by singing classic Christmas tunes for the neighbors and loved ones. The group will meet at Sand Point UMC at 6:30 p.m. before leaving for the surrounding community. Contact Jeremy for details.

### Longest Night Contemplative Service Monday, December 20th 7:00 p.m., Chapel

While Christmas is a joyous occasion for many, for others, it is a bittersweet time. It is a time for remembering both persons and events that have been a part of our lives in the past, but that are now changed or gone. As the days grow shorter, we feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us. Come out, and join in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that we are not alone, and that God's presence is with those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

**SANDPOINTER deadline:**  
December 15th issue: Monday, December 6th—12:00 noon