

SANDPOINTER

December 9, 2009

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Advent Worship

This is the most wonderful time of the year, and we hope that you include many of these joyful times for your family and friends to worship with us.



Advent Worship & Sunday School 10 a.m.

December 13

Elizabeth & Mary

December 20

Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve – Lessons & Carols - 5 p.m.

With Chancel Choir & Time with the Children
Christmas Eve – Candle Lighting Service - 6:30-8 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer during Advent

Wednesday Evenings in the Chapel - December 9, 16, 23
6:45-7:15 p.m. Come into the quiet. Pray in the candle-light. Lift your voices in song.

Christmas Pageant 2009



This year we will do a drama from the perspective of the animals. There will be a practice on Sunday the 13th at 11:30 a.m., and on Saturday the 19th at 10:00 a.m., both in the sanctuary. The pageant is on December 20th

during our worship hour. If you are interested in joining this year's re-telling of the Christmas story, please contact Nate to sign up.

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 Sand Point
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

Wednesday, December 9th

3:00 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set-up, Fireside Room

6:45 p.m. - Advent Contemplative Service, Chapel

Thursday, December 10th

6:30 p.m. - Women's Christmas Evening, Perry Hall

Sunday, December 13th

11:30 a.m. - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, December 14th

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

Wednesday, December 16th

6:00 p.m. - Friends of Compassion

6:45 p.m. - Advent Contemplative Service, Chapel

Thursday, December 17th

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

Saturday, December 19th

10:00 a.m. - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 20th

10:00 a.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant during worship

Wednesday, December 23rd

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

6:45 p.m. - Advent Contemplative Service, Chapel

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

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5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Worship Service

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service

Friday, December 25th Merry Christmas

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CHRISTMAS GIVING

Our traditional Giving Tree is in Perry Hall decorated with gift tags with suggestions for helping folks at the **Union Gospel Mission** and the **Church of Mary Magdalene**. We are suggesting donations of warm hats, gloves and mittens for the men, women and children supported by the Union Gospel Mission and shoe vouchers and donations of money for the women of the Church of Mary Magdalene. Please bring your donations back to church sometime before Christmas Day. Your generosity in the past has helped make the holidays brighter for many of Seattle's homeless people. let's continue that tradition!

Also, please remember the **University District Food Bank** when you are at the store and bring your canned food donations to church on Sundays for the grocery cart in the narthex. Cash for the Food Bank is always welcome too!

Many thanks for your continuing caring and generosity.
The Missions Team

Melodies of Compassion

Angel Tree, an outreach program of Prison Fellowship, is the recipient of our coins for Melodies of Compassion in December. Every child has a story, and for 1.5 million American children, that story is filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that comes from having a mom or dad in prison, and may also include following their parents down the same destructive road. The program reaches out to these children by sharing Christ's love with them at Christmas and year-round relationships. In the end, it's so much more than giving Christmas gifts - it's about restoring families. Please remember to bring lots of coins to church this month!

Sandpointer Deadlines During the Holidays

Mailed	Information Due
December 23	December 18
January 6, 2010	December 30 (office closed Friday)

"The Glorious Impossible"

All women of the church are invited to the annual Christmas program, Thursday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Perry Hall. We will begin the evening with Christmas cookies and drinks, followed by the Rev. Linda Smith, the pastor at the Church of Mary Magdalene telling us stories from their ministry. Bring cosmetics, hats, gloves, scarves, underwear and donations to give to the homeless women.

The evening will close with worship based on a book by Madeleine L'Engle entitled "The Glorious Impossible". Frescoes by Giotto, taken from the book, will be on display to illuminate the life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special evening.

Family Winter Retreat

On February 6-7th we will be taking our annual trip out to Lazy F in Eastern Washington. This great trip has inner tubing in the snow, great food, friends, and we will even work on a service project to help those in need. To sign up please see Nate soon as space is limited.

Youth Group

This week youth group will be at Sand Point UMC in Lehmann Hall from 5-7pm. We will have great food and will be looking at the Incarnation throughout December. We will have a Christmas celebration on December 20th.

Poinsettias For the Altar

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the altar Sunday, Dec. 20 and Christmas Eve, please sign up on the list in Perry Hall and place cash or checks (made out to Susan Haas) in the basket provided. Poinsettias will be \$10 each. If you would like to honor a loved one with your donation, please add their name to the list. You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Questions? Contact Sue Haas, 206-522-0693 or sdbph@aol.com. Thank you!



Charge Conference Report

Many thanks to the 20 people who were present for our Annual Charge Conference. Attendees voted to invest the money received from the sale of the Parsonage with the United Methodist Foundation in Cashmere. Many thanks to: Bill Eagen who dedicated countless hours as Church Council Chair, and guided a grace-filled process in discerning that the Parsonage should be sold; the task force that came to the decision to sell the parsonage; Blair Paul & Marsha Nemitz, for the transformation of the parsonage that helped it to sell within 48 hours after listing; and to the Parsonage Endowment Committee (Sylvia Abbott, Don Covey, Karl Flaccus, Ed Halberg, Steve Mullin & Kevin Smith). Charge Conference booklets are available in the office.

Un-Hanging of the Greens

Come join the Un-Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, January 2nd, from 10-12 noon, in the sanctuary as we Sand Point "elves" prepare to retire until next year. The whole family is welcome and there will be refreshments! If you have questions, call Sue Haas at 206-522-0693.