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December 10, 2008

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church
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Cathlynn Law, Pastor



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Family service in sanctuary with Pastor Cathy Law, Children's Choir, Adult Choir, and candle lighting at the end.

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Ongoing Communion available in Chapel with Pastor Cathy.

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Candle lighting in the sanctuary with ongoing readings and special music, including harp.



Advent in the Chapel

The chapel will be open on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 7:30 on December 10th and 17th. There will be advent candles, soft Christmas music, and readings from scripture and poetry. Bring your favorite CD or poem to share. Contact Berta Cohen, 523-9342, with questions.

Children's Christmas Pageant

The rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Pageant will be on December 14th and the pageant will be during the December 21st Church Service. If you are interested in participating in the pageant or helping out, please contact Nate Goldbloom.

Poinsettia Donations

Sue Haas will be collecting \$10 each for red poinsettias for the altar after church on Sunday, December 14th during the coffee hour. Please make out checks to Susan Haas. Please fill out the form on the table in Perry Hall, including a dedication name to honor a loved one with your poinsettia gift, if you would like. Poinsettias may be taken home after the December 28th Sunday service.

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, Haller Lake UMC
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - No Women's Bible Study this week
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 10th
6:30 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. - Advent in the Chapel
Saturday, December 13th
2:00 p.m. - Jon Fulton Memorial Service
Sunday, December 14th
11:00 a.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Monday, December 15th
7:30 p.m. - Living the Questions Study Group, Fireside Room
Wednesday, December 17th
7:00 p.m. - Advent in the Chapel
Thursday, December 18th
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. - Men's Book Study, Fireside Room
Saturday, December 20th
10:00 a.m. - Cantata Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. - 10 Great Dates - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21st
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service to include presentation of Children's Christmas Pageant and Chancel Choir's presentation of Christmas Cantata
Wednesday, December 24th (church offices closed)
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Family Worship Service
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Communion in Chapel
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Candlelight Worship Service
Thursday, December 25th
Merry Christmas! (church offices closed)

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“How Great A Gift”

Christmas Cantata

Our Sand Point Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 21st during the worship service.

Missions Team

The December recipient for *Melodies of Compassion* is Operation Nightwatch, a placement service to the homeless late at night. Recipients for the *Giving Tree* are Church of Mary Magdalene and Union Gospel Mission. Thank you for items already given to CMM. Items needed for Union Gospel Mission are warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, etc. Your ongoing support is appreciated.

Thanks to all of you who brought items for the six overflowing Thanksgiving dinner baskets we delivered to families at Sand Point Housing. Your generosity makes this a fun and successful annual tradition which our church participates in as part of the Interfaith Committee at Sand Point Housing making sure that each family who lives there receives a full Thanksgiving dinner. The Mission Team purchased five turkeys and one ham for the families (per their preferences) and added these items on Monday when we packed the boxes and delivered them to our very appreciative neighbors. Thanks again for your help!

- The Missions Team

Un-Hanging of the Greens

Please come to help take down our Christmas decorations in the sanctuary on Saturday, January 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to noon, as we prepare for Epiphany and the New Year.

Refreshments provided! Families welcome! Contact Sue Haas.

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon)/Mail Date:

Friday, December 19th	Wednesday, December 24th
Friday, January 2nd	Wednesday, January 7th

Couples Date Night

Save December 20th for our next Date Night from 5-8 pm. This will be a special Christmas session. We will resume Date #2 in January. For those who signed up for the last Date Night - you are all set. Anyone who did not get a chance to sign up in November can jump on board now. Please see Sheri Vahey or Nate Goldbloom for questions or to register and get the book. Deadline for childcare is December 17th. See you all there!

Enrichment Hours

The book and Christmas story exchange was a big success. In the continued theme of keeping ourselves out of the Malls, and in the spirit of anticipating the birth of Jesus, we will feature healthy, useful gifts you can make at home. They will be displayed, with recipes and instructions, in Perry Hall on Sunday December 14th.

Looking ahead to next year, the last three Sundays in January and the first three in February will be "getting to know you" sessions in the Fireside room. If there is someone in the congregation you would like to know more about, let Berta Cohen know and she'll try to set it up.

Pastor's Comments

The time came for Mary to deliver her child. She wrapped him in cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the inn. Luke 2:6-7

Have you ever thought about what life would be like if there was no place at “The Inn” for you? This is how Jesus entered the world - to parents who were unable to provide adequate shelter for him. And a village where the best hospitality available was a stable.

In the spring, Sand Point UMC reaffirmed the endorsement to partner with the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County. At the same time, a Task Force was created to help relieve homelessness. One of the outreach programs the church has committed to is to serve a meal at Tent City 3 on the 4th Sunday of each month for one year.

My first Sunday at Sand Point UMC was the 3rd Sunday. Jeff Ricco introduced himself, and then asked with a smile, “What are you doing next Sunday afternoon? Would you like to help serve a meal at Tent City?” How could I turn down such an invitation.

And...it was the best fun! Kenny and I worked diligently throwing chicken into a pan, slicing vegetables, layering spaghetti, chicken, and cheese to be baked once again. Jane was making me laugh & cry while slicing onions. Kevin, Karen, & Lauren went to work making cornbread, dessert, and hot apple cider. Jeff turned out to be not only a good chef, but a good project manager as well. Others had gone shopping and done some earlier prepping. I was only sorry that I couldn't be there to help serve, as Nate had invited me to come and meet the youth and serve communion. In fact, I heard great stories of the youth serving for Tent City this fall where they hosted a birthday party. Scripture is right. “...and the children shall lead them.”

Is there a chance you might find time to stretch yourself and help serve a community where there is no room at the Inn, not even a stable. Opportunities still abound.

Serving with you on the way to Bethlehem, Pastor Cathy