



# SANDPOINTER

December 12, 2007

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church  
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Patricia Simpson, Pastor

**No matter how far you're  
coming from,  
you're welcome here.  
Join us for Christmas  
services!**

## Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 23, 10 a.m.  
Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and Bells

## Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.  
Carol singing, Christmas story and candles for all ages.

## Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Come and go as you wish.  
Music, scripture & candlelighting in Sanctuary  
Communion in the Chapel

## *Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed*

We need individuals and families to lend their special touches at both services: as greeters snuffers, readers and set-up help for half hour shifts at the 6 to 7:30 service, call Blair or Jan Paul, 206-526-1231. For the 5:00 service, call the church at 206-523-3040.

## 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 Wallingford 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

**Sunday, December 16th - Third Sunday of Advent**

**Monday, December 17th**  
7:30 p.m. - SPRC, Fireside Room

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall  
11:30 a.m. - Morning Celebration at Claire's Pantry

**Thursday, December 20th**  
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

**Saturday, December 22nd**  
10:00 a.m. - Noon - Cantata Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Cantata

**Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve** (church offices closed)  
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. - Family Service  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service

**Tuesday, December 25th - Merry Christmas** (church offices closed)

**Thurs-Sat, December 27th-29th - Sr. High Winter Retreat**

**Saturday, December 29th**  
7:00 p.m. - Movie Night, Perry Hall

**Sunday, December 30th**  
11:15 a.m. - Un-Hanging of the Greens

**Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st - Happy New Year!** (church offices closed)

**Wednesday, January 2nd**  
8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall

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## What is a Methodist, Anyway?

### Class on Methodism

Beginning with Soup Night, January 9th, there will be a class on Methodism taught by Pastor Pat. It will be at 7:30 p.m. on January 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Let her know you are interested so that a book can be ordered for you. If you need child care, call the church office (206-523-3040) so that can be arranged.

### Movie Night, Saturday, December 29th

The first in a series of Movie Nights will be Saturday, December 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Perry Hall. We will watch "Places in the Heart" starring Sally Field. Of course, there will be popcorn during, and conversation afterward. If you wish to bring a film for your children, we will arrange for someone to watch it with them downstairs. If you have questions call Berta Cohen (206-523-9342) or Lora Lee Brown (253-941-5180). We hope to do this the last Saturday of every month through May, with one exception, we will have it on April 19<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts with our Rummage Sale at the end of the month.

### Mission Notes

The coins collected for Melodies of Compassion in November for *Soulumination* totaled \$162.15. Also -- the total pounds of food collected for University District Food Bank for the past 6 months is 1,157 pounds! Please remember to bring nonperishable items to church each week to place in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your caring hearts for these projects!

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## People and Events...

\* The first 2008 issue of the *Sandpointer* will be mailed on January 2nd, with a deadline of December 28th. Thank you!

### Poinsettias

There will be a sign-up sheet in Perry Hall December 16th for those who would like to buy a poinsettia for our Christmas season altar decorations. This year we will have both white and red poinsettias, so please indicate your preference for color on the chart. Poinsettia plants will be \$10 each. You may take home your plant after the December 30th Sunday service. Any questions, contact Sue Haas at 206-522-0693 or [sdbph@aol.com](mailto:sdbph@aol.com).

### "Un-Hanging of the Greens"

"UN-Hanging of the Greens" will be on Sunday, December 30th, right after church in the sanctuary from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come one and all to help take down our decorations. Families are welcome and LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED! If you have questions, contact Sue Haas at 206-522-0693 or [sdbph@aol.com](mailto:sdbph@aol.com).



## THE BIGGEST BEST-SELLER

It's the Bible, of course! And it might make a good Christmas gift for someone you love. Here are three ideas, including two of my translation favorites.

If a student in your life is learning a foreign language, how about a Bible in that language? Contemporary translations are best. A great source online is the International Bible Societies ([www.ibs.org](http://www.ibs.org)), where you can actually link to texts in more than 35 languages. Local bookstores also have some foreign language translations in stock.

The Contemporary English Version (CEV) is a 1995 translation published by the American Bible Society. It's aimed at readers unfamiliar with typical church language, at a fourth-grade reading level. But it's also a graceful, inclusive, fresh version for adult reading. (I especially love the Psalms.) There's a children's edition with pictures (\$20), a simple blue hardback (\$12), and a study version called "The Learning Bible" with helps and introductions (\$33).

Brand new this year is The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation, a project of Priests for Equality. It is a free translation that makes women's full participation clear at every turn. "Children of Abraham and Sarah," replaces "sons of Abraham," for instance. Nicely printed hardback for \$35 cover price, but discounted as low as \$23.

I have these and others in my office, so come in and browse. A fresh translation can bring new perspective. You might even treat yourself.

Blessed Advent to you!

### Hope For the Children of Africa

#### Calendars available

Hope For the Children of Africa is again selling calendars to benefit the School of Theology at Mulungwishi, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The cost per calendar is \$10. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, please contact or Jan Kreidler at [hfcajankreidler@aol.com](mailto:hfcajankreidler@aol.com) or 206-523-3040.