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March 5, 2008

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church  
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Patricia Simpson, Pastor



**Church Conference**  
**Monday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m.**  
**In the Sanctuary**

Details on page 2. Please call the church office if you would like a ride, 523-3040.

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## 100 Years at Fifth and Marion

A Seattle and United Methodist landmark is changing after 100 years. On Easter Sunday, First United Methodist of Seattle will celebrate its last worship service, at 10:30 a.m. in their historic building. Their Open House, March 8th, let's you tour, talk with long-time members, write a love letter on the wall, visit and share memories. March 15th, there will be an "On the Move Sale", where you can snatch a bit of history or special memory. Items from candle-holders, vases, altar cloths and toys, to pianos, pews, and desks. If there is something special you have fond memories of that you wish to purchase before someone else snatches it, call John in their church office.

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## Easter and Our Home-Bound Members

Wouldn't it be great if our home-bound members could receive Communion on Easter Sunday? It would take a lot of volunteers, but we could do it. Please think about your Easter plans, and if you have time to do this right after church or later on that day (March 23<sup>rd</sup>), reply to the church office at 206-523-3040.

## Calendar

### Regular Weekly Events

<b>Sunday</b>	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, Wallingford UMC
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room 7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir, Choir Room 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

### Upcoming Events

<b>Thursday, March 6th</b>	9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
<b>Sunday, March 9th</b>	11:30 a.m. - Learning & Spiritual Growth Meeting, Fireside Room
<b>Monday, March 10th</b>	7:00 p.m. - Church Conference, Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday, March 12th</b>	3:00 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set-up, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. - Soup Night, Perry Hall
<b>Thursday, March 13th</b>	12:00 noon - Harmony Circle, Fireside Room
<b>Friday, March 14th</b>	6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Group #2 at, Sand Point Country Club
<b>Saturday, March 15th</b>	10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, March 16th - Palm Sunday</b>	
<b>Monday, March 17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>	7:00 p.m. - SPRC, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, March 18th</b>	Morning Celebration - 8:00 a.m., Fireside Room Missions Ministry - 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, March 20th - Maunday Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room 7:00 p.m. - Maunday Thursday Service, Sanctuary

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## Church Conference Q & A

### When and where?

Monday, March 10th. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please arrive early to check in and find a seat. There will be seating reserved for those who are part of the congregation.

### What will be decided?

We will decide whether to host Tent City in July and August and consider other avenues of ministry addressing homelessness.

### Who gets to vote?

Professing Members (who have taken the membership vows) may vote at the Church Conference. All regular participants in the church will be welcome to take part in the deliberations.

### Are there absentee ballots?

No. But if you can't be at the meeting you're welcome to speak your mind in a brief written statement. Letters & e-mails from absent members will be posted Sunday, March 9th, and printed for the night of the meeting.

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## EASTER BASKET FOR SAND POINT HOUSING MOMS AND BABIES

As part of the Interfaith Committee of Sand Point Housing, our church will be putting together a Spring/ Easter basket for Harmony House—a residence for single moms and their babies. There are six moms and six babies residing there now. At our coffee hour next Sunday we will have tags available listing items needed to fill our basket. We hope you will pick a tag to take home and then bring back the item listed on Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

The Missions Team

### If I got a postcard, does that mean I am a voting member?

Not necessarily. That mailing was not from the church, and we don't know what list was used. There will be an official membership roll at the "Church Check-in" the night of the meeting. You can also call the church office to ask.

### Is it a public meeting?

The public is welcome to attend, and there will be a limited public comment period. Sign-in for those speakers will begin at 6:45 p.m.

### How can I get a ride?

Drivers are eager to help! Please call the church to request a ride: 523-3040

### Is there child care?

We will have child care available in the game room. But that the meeting will probably last until 9:15. If that's past bedtime you may prefer to get a sitter at home.

### How can I help?

Set-up and hospitality volunteers are needed the day of the meeting. (Please contact Pat Simpson.) What we need most of all is your prayers for God's blessing on the whole process -- the preparations, the decisions, and all that will come after.

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\* Sign-up sheets for coffee hour hosts in March and April are available - and EMPTY! Check outside Perry Hall for dates that work for you. Also, if you use either of our kitchens, PLEASE be sure to clean and tidy up before you leave.

## Hope For the Children of Africa

The Bishop's task force, HFCA, thanks you for the years of generous support. Several families and our Missions Ministry Team sponsor girls at Jamaa Letu (orphanage our conference built in the Democratic Republic of the Congo). We also need sponsors for the boys living in the temporary orphanage. Last year two representatives from our church were part of a Volunteer In Mission team that worked in Kolwezi, DRC. Several from Sand Point helped sort and pack clothing that was sent in two cargo containers. The task force continues its work, and we cannot do that without ongoing support of volunteers and donated funds.

HFCA is the intended recipient for the Melodies of Compassion in March. A container is going to be sent again this Spring, targeting specific items such as OTC meds, medical equipment, sewing machines, etc.

Urgent needs are:

1. Monetary gifts
2. Volunteers to help with sorting, packing, loading.
3. A staging location – a donated retail space of 10,000 square feet, preferably with a loading dock.

If you can help with any of the above or if you have questions, please contact me at the church office or [hfcajankreidler@aol.com](mailto:hfcajankreidler@aol.com). Soon our website, [www.hopeforthechildrenofafrica.com](http://www.hopeforthechildrenofafrica.com), will be posting complete information. Thank you for caring!

Jan Kreidler, HFCA Co-Chair

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## EASTER LILIES



There is a sign-up sheet in Perry Hall for those who would like to donate a fresh Easter lily plant for our altar display on March 23rd, Easter Sunday. Plants will be \$10 each. The deadline is Sunday, March 16th (Palm Sunday). Lilies may be taken home after the Easter service. Please supply dedication or memorial information on the sheet (optional). Questions, contact Sue Haas, 522-0693 or [sdbph@aol.com](mailto:sdbph@aol.com).