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Dale Wood's A Service of Darkness Chancel Choir of Sandpoint Community United Methodist Church

This choral program, commemorating the suffering and death of Christ, is based on the ancient Tenebrae (Latin for darkness or shadows) and will be presented on Good Friday, April 10 at 7:30 PM.

Director: Jeremy Matheis
Organist: Lora Lee Brown

The emphasis in the service is on the disappearance of Light from the world with the death of Christ. The disciples experienced utter desolation and gloom with Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. They did not know, as we do, about Easter and the return of the Light and Hope with the resurrection.

The Tenebrae liturgy helps worshipers to experience something of the emptiness, hopelessness and fear of the disciples as they scattered and went into hiding. It consists of the seven last words, or phrases of Christ, interspersed with singing. Six lighted candles represent shadows of suffering that our Lord endured and are slowly extinguished as the service progresses until the only light remaining is the seventh candle; representing Jesus, the Light of the World. The Christ candle is then carried out of the sanctuary, leaving us in darkness and symbolizing Christ's death and burial.

Please plan to join us and invite your friends and family for this dramatic service of true meditation and reflection for everyone.

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, March at Haller Lake
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 7:30 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, March 18th

9:30 a.m. - Probus, Choir
6:30 p.m. - Taize Service

Thursday, March 19th

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

Sunday, March 22nd

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class, Library
11:00 a.m. - All Church Potluck, Perry Hall

Tuesday, March 24th

7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 25th

6:30 p.m. - Taize Service

Saturday, March 28th

10:00 a.m. - Noon - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 29th

11:00 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room

Monday, March 16th

7:30 p.m. - Parsonage Task Force, Fireside Room

Wednesday, April 1st

8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall
6:30 p.m. - Taize Service

Thursday, April 2nd

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

Friday, April 3rd

9:00 a.m. - Aimmee Bertheau Recital

Sunday, April 5th

11:00 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class, Library

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Enrichment Hour The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations After Worship in the Fireside Room

Sunday, March 29th the Enrichment Hour topic will be Risk-Taking Mission and Service. Pam Gates and Jeff Ricco will facilitate the discussion. This is an opportunity to learn about what we are presently doing for outreach. It is also a time for us to remind one another that Jesus consistently reached across oppressive social boundaries to serve the poor, sick and outcast. HE calls us to love and serve others outside our church..

EASTER BASKET FOR SAND POINT

Again this year, 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 and then bring back the item listed on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Thank you! The Missions Team

Special Musical Guests & All Church Potluck

Many of us go out to eat after church. On March 22nd you have an invitation to stay in Perry Hall for your Brunch/Lunch. We will be enjoying a Pot Luck Brunch with our guests, the women of the Church of Mary Magdalene Choir. We are asking that persons with a last name that begins with A-H bring fresh fruit, I-Q bring a breakfast bread, and R-Z bring an egg or potato casserole.

There will be a short presentation featuring portraits of the homeless women of Mary's Place. A selection of those portraits is now showing in the hall between the back door and Perry Hall. A book of the pictures and stories of the women will be available on Sunday, March 22nd at the Pot Luck.

Many thanks to Sue Haas for professionally hanging the art work. If you like what you see, be sure to tell her.

Youth News Updates

Easter Pancake Breakfast Revived

Over 10 years ago there was a tradition of having an all church Pancake meal in Lehmann Hall . We are bringing back this wonderful tradition.

Join us in Lehmann Hall on Easter morning from 8-9:30. Stop by anytime to enjoy Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, OJ & milk. The meal is free. Any donations will go to support Sand Point Youth. Volunteers needed to help youth with cooking. See Nate to help. See you for breakfast!

Children's Country Home Service Project

May 2nd we will go serve medically fragile students in Woodinville. We will plant flowers & read to kids. All ages are welcome to join this special outing. See Nate for details.

In Memoriam

Beloved Pastor, Rev. Robert Hicks, who served Sand Point for many faithful years in the 1950's, died February 27th. Please hold his wife Ruth, and the family, in your prayers. Rev. Hicks died at home at the age of 94. He was remembered in a private family service.

An Invitation

Aimee Bertheau will be performing her Senior Recital in the Sand Point Sanctuary on Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. She is a voice major studying with Tom Harper at the University of Washington. The program will include works by Debussy, Schubert, Satie, and 20th century composer Richard Faith. All members and friends of the church are invited and encouraged to bring guests!

People and Events...

* Please keep Duane and Barbara LaViolette in your prayers. Duane's brother, Rodney, died last Thursday, March 12th.

* Thank you, Roland Pray, for working on the fluorescent lights in Lehmann Hall, enabling the Boys & Girls Club to have better lighting!..

The Spiritual Journey Through Lent & Holy Week to Easter

You are invited to join us in worship as we continue the Lenten journey into Holy Week & Easter celebrations.

Sunday, March 22nd & March 29th—continuation of the Sermon Series on The Lord's Prayer
Wednesdays, March 18, 25 & April 1 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Taize Services in Chapel. Join us for a quiet time of prayer and singing.

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

The Children lead us in the Great Palm Procession

Thursday, April 9th Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

We remember the last night Jesus spent with the Disciples in the Upper Room. Maundy is Latin for mandate, that we should love one another, as Christ loved us. We will gather for a simple meal in Perry Hall. A service of Holy Communion will follow.

Friday, April 10th—Good Friday (see article on p. 1)

Sunday, April 12th Easter Pancake Breakfast
Lehmann Hall, 8 - 9:30 AM (details in youth column)

Easter Celebration Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Our Easter worship celebrates the risen Christ! Music will include the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choir and live brass quartet! The service culminates in the traditional singing of Handel's "*Hallelujah Chorus*". After the service, everyone is invited to fellowship hour as the children embark on our traditional Easter egg hunt around the church grounds.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Sunday, March 22nd

Throughout the year, 100% of gifts to UMCOR go directly to disaster relief. Once a year on the 4th Sunday of Lent, we take a special offering, which covers all the overhead costs for basic expenses the rest of the year.

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon)/Mail Date:

Friday, March 27th	Wednesday, April 1st
Friday, April 10th	Wednesday, April 15th