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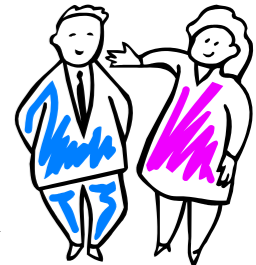
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April Enrichment Hours

The "Getting to Know You" series will continue on April 20th and 27th in the Fireside Room at 11:30 with Sue Haas and Charlotte Hotchkiss (new member in the choir) on the 20th and with Jane Stevens and Jerry Zimmerman on April 27th. They will talk about their careers, hobbies, interests, backgrounds, and anything else you might like to ask them.



Vacation Bible School Wednesday, July 23rd – Sunday, July 27th

Our Vacation Bible School dates are set and it's time to make your summer plans! In addition to the exciting activities we've always had, we are trying something new this year with a Wednesday through Sunday schedule instead of our usual Monday - Friday. Our hope is that working parents and Sandpointers who have traditionally been unable to participate will be able to volunteer and we will be able to conclude with a VBS-centered worship service on Sunday the 27th. We hope this will create opportunities for our congregation and our non-Sand Point families to connect and encourage them to join us in the Fall.

REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN UP IS NOW OPEN. If you wish to volunteer or want to register your children, family or friends, please call the church office at 206-523-3040. Watch for more details about this summer's exciting VBS!

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, Perry Hall
- 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

- Thursday, April 17th**
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
6:30 p.m. - Homeless Task Force, Fireside Room
- Sunday, April 20th**
11:30 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
- Tuesday, April 22nd**
7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room
- Wednesday, April 23rd**
9:30 a.m. - Probus, Choir Room
- Friday, April 25th**
No Youth Hang-out
- Saturday, April 26th**
Rummage Sale Set Up
- Sunday, April 27th**
11:30 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
- Wednesday, April 30th**
5:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
- Thursday, May 1st**
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- Friday, May 2nd**
Rummage Sale
- Saturday, May 3rd**
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Rummage Sale May 2nd & 3rd

Everyone is spring cleaning now, which is the perfect time to look for treasures to donate to this year's

Rummage Sale! This gives

you the chance to make space at home and benefits the church all at the same time. There will be opportunities to volunteer setting up, sorting, pricing, working during the event, making donations and of course SHOPPING!! So save the dates on your calendar now. Please contact Ngaire Taylor (206-522-6683) to volunteer.

Holy Boldness

Living Beyond our Fears

*In the midst of persecution and danger,
early Christians found courage and community.
Can we learn from them?*

An Easter-Pentecost sermon series
from the book of Acts
Through May 11

Mission Updates

Our April recipient for Melodies of Compassion loose change offering is the REfugee Women's Alliance (ReWA). ReWA is a nonprofit, multi-ethnic organization that promotes inclusion, independence, personal leadership, and strong communities by providing refugee and immigrant women and families with culturally and linguistically appropriate services. ReWA advocates for social justice, public policy changes, and equal access to services while respecting cultural values and the right to self-determination. If you would like more information about ReWA, you'll find flyers on the narthex table or go to www.rewa.org



Standing Pat

What are we here for? The church, I mean – this church on this View Ridge hill. Our scripture lessons from the book of Acts have been providing clues: They learned from the apostles, broke bread and prayed together. They were like family to each other, and had everything in common. They gave money to whoever needed it, and shared their food happily and freely. The apostles did many signs and wonders. In a powerful way they told everyone that Jesus was alive.

Much of this sounds familiar over the centuries, centered around the basics of worship, fellowship and giving. And though we don't come close to the communal life those first Christian shared, the words "like family" are often spoken by long-time church members here. Signs and wonders? A powerful message for everyone? Not so much.

In the coming months we will be making time to talk about our mission, vision and purpose. Wrestling with what to do about homelessness revealed some uncertainty about those things, so it's not just an abstract exercise. We really *need* a mission statement to serve as a touchstone when challenging opportunities come our way.

To get started there is a book going around: *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. You can get in line to borrow a copy by calling the church office. The current sermon series on "Holy Boldness" may get you thinking, drawing on the experiences of the early church. (After some weeks of neglect, I am getting sermons on the church website again – www.sandpointumc.org) Do you have some reading suggestions? Some good questions to spark this conversation? I would love to hear from you!