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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

All Church Rummage Sale
Friends & Family Preview



The **First issue in
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Friends & Family Preview will be on Thursday, April 29th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; a \$5 admission fee will be charged. Contact Ngaire

Elderhood Conference

May 13 & 14, Des Moines UMC

This Conference focuses on the Myths & Realities of Aging, and the importance of growing spiritually as we age and the value of a growing faith. Featured speakers will include our Bishop Grant Hagiya, Retired Bishop Jack Tuell, and Dr. Rick Gentzler, Director of Aging and Older Adult Ministries. There will be interesting workshops to choose from on Thursday as well. Contact Pastor Cathy if you are interested in carpooling from Sand Point. More info on bulletin board outside Perry Hall.

Taylor at 206-522-6683 or ngaire@aol.com
to volunteer to help.

The Rummage Sale hours:

Friday, April 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

Every year, I look for some new adventure – sometimes travel, sometimes learning something new. Summer 2008, against all logical reasoning, I took two wind-surfing lessons on Hood River, the “*Wind Surfing Capital of the World!*” I have yet to take the third lesson – mostly due to weather & timing. But truth be told, because of how sore I was the first two days holding my sails to the wind, trying to keep to the center of the board, falling continuously into the water, until I mastered the art of falling onto the board itself.

Summer 2009, I took sailing lessons in Lake Union. I love being on the water, powered only by the wind in the sails. There’s something primal about it. When you take a sailing class, it is expected that you will spend time at the tiller. I didn’t realize how anxious I would be holding that tiller in my hand. Tacking, jibing, coming about from beam reach to close reach or a close-hauled, constantly trimming sails to avoid luffing. Basically, it felt chaotic until I set my eyes on a fixed point.

In sailing, it usually isn’t possible to sail directly to your goal. You have to tack back and forth, with a few jibes before you make it. I became aware that life in the church and our Christian journey is very much like wind-surfing and sailing. God remains our goal, our fixed point, but we usually don’t sail directly toward God our whole lives. The wind knocks us off course. But ultimately the goal is to always come closer to God.

We have to be willing to get in the boat and dare to put our sails to the wind. Sometimes when there is a lull we must patiently wait for the wind to pick up, or go in search of wind: “You do not know which way the wind blows” (John 3). It takes work to tack back and forth, keeping God as our goal. We have to constantly trim our sails adjusting to the changes of the wind. Sometimes we have to learn new skills and disciplines.

Calendar of Events

Thursday (Apr. 29)

Friends & Family Preview—6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday (Apr. 30)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (May 1)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (May 2)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after worship, Perry Hall

Enrichment Hour—11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Youth—5:00 p.m., Wallingford UMC

Monday (May 3)

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Tuesday (May 4)

Women’s Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside

Church of Mary Magdalene Spring Benefit Luncheon—
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees meeting—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Missions Ministry Team meeting—7:00 p.m., Perry Hall

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday (May 5)

Spring Potluck Dinner at Sand Point Housing, 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (May 6)

Men’s Bible Study—9:00 a.m., Fireside Room

Friday (May 7)

AA—6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (May 8)

Date Night—5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Next SANDPOINTER deadline:

Monday, Monday, May 3rd



Be Aware ... Be Alert!

Recent neighborhood events demand a "heads-up" for all of us. Recently there have been a number of break-ins in the View Ridge & Wedgwood neighborhoods. *Some incidents have occurred with residents in the house!* Police patrols and stake-outs seem to be more frequent. For more information on where the break-ins have occurred, go to <http://www.wedgwoodview.com>. *(Thank you, Susan Vigil, for providing this information.)*

A Note of Thanks

The Missions Ministry Team thanks everyone who baked and everyone who so generously purchased the baked goods for the Bake Sale. The proceeds were \$551! We have a great start on our April loose change offering (Melodies for Compassion) which will benefit Hope For the Children of Africa. Thanks!

Canapés & Mocktails

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 4 to 6:00 p.m.
Trinity UMC
6512 23rd Ave. NW, Seattle, Washington

Trinity United Methodist Women are hosting their annual fundraiser to benefit local and global ministries for women and children. This fundraiser features Actress/Storyteller Debbie Dimitre, in her premier performance of Suffragette Alice Paul (1885-1977) principle architect of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. Tickets (\$20) must be purchased in advance by May 7th. Checks need to be made payable to Trinity UMW and mailed to Carol Bronkema at 14014 First Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98177. (Childcare provided.)

Enrichment Hours for May Sundays, 11:30 in the Fireside Room

May 2: A "Getting to Know You" session will feature our child care provider, Natsenet Tesfamichael. We will learn about her family and her homeland, Eritrea.

May 16: Ann McDonald will talk about "God's Secretaries", the why, who, and how of the King James version of the Bible.



A Long-time Tradition: for many years we have honored high school graduating seniors. We will do so again during the worship service on June 13. Please contact the church office (206-523-3040 or spcommunity@qwestoffice.net) if you have a family member who is graduating this Spring!

Birthday Information

Jan Shapiro is still collecting birthdays from all our church family, near and far. Please let Jan know your birthdates and those of your friends and loved ones who once attended SPCUMC. What a joy to receive a birthday greeting from your church family. The church office or Jan Shapiro will be happy to add your names to the list.

Upcoming Opportunities:

Join Berta Cohen, Jan Shapiro, & Pastor Cathy at the **Mary Magdalene Spring Benefit luncheon May 4th, 12-1 p.m.** No need to drive. Just meet at our church at 11:15 a.m. to carpool.

The Spring **Sand Point Housing Potluck Dinner** will be held Wednesday, **May 5th at 6:00 p.m.** Sand Point UMC is responsible for the main dish. Can you come? Or can you provide a dish? Call Jan Paul (206-526-1231) to confirm.



Notes from Nate

Quote of the week: As Jeremy was teaching a new song to the children in Sunday school, he asked if anyone knew the song. He got one quick, honest response

from Joanna Vahey: *"I know that one; I just don't sing it well!"* She and the rest of the kids sang it beautifully!

Vacation Bible School:

Registration is now open for VBS. The dates are July 19th-23rd from 9 am to 12:00 noon each day. The forms are available at church, or online at the church website (www.sandpointumc.org). Let your friends and neighbors know so they can join in the fun!



We are also asking everyone to consider sharing their gifts with the children during VBS. This can be the gift of your presence, a talent for art, music, cooking, stories or maybe

the gift of hospitality. Everyone has a gift to share and we hope you will share yours with us during Vacation Bible School.

Movie Night: Come join all those who have discovered the fun of movie night. This month we will view "Bee Movie" (PG) on May 21st, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Perry Hall. All ages are welcome!

Video Game Day: By popular demand, we are going to have our very first Video Game Day on May 16th from noon to 2 pm. This day is for all ages and abilities. We will have snacks, prizes, and a Mario Kart Tournament.



Jeremy's Musical Notes!

Beginning in the month of **May**, Sand Point will begin a **Family Choir** for all ages and musical abilities. The intent is to come together in community and music to sing and be in fellowship.

The choir is open to parents, children, grandparents and their grandchildren. If you don't have a child/grandchild or vice versa, consider "adopting" one for the choir. We will meet on the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 6 PM and ending by 8.

Camp Update



Join the Vahey family at summer camp. Timothy, Joanna, and Paul Vahey will all be at Camp Indianola's Elementary Excitement camp, July 5-8, for children entering grades 1-3. Camp Indianola is a wonderful location on the shore of the

Puget Sound, where campers may explore the wooded trails, discover shellfish at low tide, and enjoy the wonders of God's creations. Learn more about Camp Indianola at <http://www.campindianola.org/>. If you are unable to make Elementary Excitement camp, check out other camping opportunities for children, families, and adults at www.pnwumc.org.

From the Trustees...



Three cheers for Patrick Matson, grandson of our office manager, Jan Kreidler, for all his efforts in our church gardens. He is graciously volunteering to do strenuous weeding where sod and crab grass have overtaken as well as other pesky and tenacious weeds. It has taken a lot of time and great strength to get control of these weeds and we are all admiring his hard work. Patrick is a senior at Roosevelt High School and community service hours are being accrued for all of our benefit. Thanks so much Patrick!

- Marsha Nemitz, Trustees Chair