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**Cathlynn Law, Pastor**

### **Sacrament of Marriage ...**

On May 15, 2010 at the Pacific Ocean front venue of the Scripps Institute's Forum in La Jolla, CA, Kate DeKraay and Ross Russo were married in the presence of God, family members, friends and hundreds of assorted beach walkers, surfers, sea gulls and pelicans. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple! (Mother and father of the groom are Pam & Tony Russo.)

### **Peace With Justice**

### **Special Offering on May 30, 2010**

**Strengthen. Advocate. Give.**

Your gifts support programs that advocate peace and justice at home & around the world. Please give generously.

### **All Church BBQ—June 6th, 12-2 p.m.**

Judy & Kelly Foss have graciously opened their home to our church family for the All Church BBQ. This great pool party (to celebrate a wonderful year at Sand Point CUMC) will be right on the water. All are invited (friends too!) to enjoy great food, fun, friends, and of course, swimming. To get the correct amount of food we need to know if you are coming so contact Nate Goldbloom.

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

This past Sunday we celebrated Pentecost—the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, and the beginning of the Christian church. Every Pentecost makes me think about how the Holy Spirit is active in my life, bringing a variety of emotions—laughter, tears, wonder, humility, amazement, and deep pondering. I feel the Spirit EVERY time I participate in a baptism—and I’ve been grateful for two opportunities already at Sand Point. What a beautiful moment when introducing baby James Pray to the congregation and placing him in Chuck Devine’s lap; and a few weeks later during the baptism of baby Chloe Pietsch, 10 year old Ian Hinck stopped me while singing “*Borning Cry*” to ask how to spell her name. He wanted to make her a name tag as a way of welcoming her to our church. Who could ask for more?

I felt the Spirit Pentecost Sunday walking into the Sanctuary to behold the vibrant flaming colors of fabric hanging from the balcony to the Chancel (thanks Jeremy & Jeff). And again as the Choir sang a rousing Gospel song—“*Praise His Holy Name.*” Who knew our Choir could sing, move, and clap all at once.

I have just returned from vacation—an 800 mile journey through northern New Mexico, and I became aware of the Spirit hovering around me throughout the Pilgrimage. Amazement at Bandelier as I climbed 140 feet up multiple ladders to get to the ancient dwelling places of the Pueblo people; sadness and repentance in being reminded how Native Americans were treated by those who came from the New World; losing all sense of time at Taos Pueblo, as I stepped into a culture that values its’ heritage; gratitude for the beauty of mountains against blue sky & the ability to hike the red rocks that artist Georgia O’Keefe loved; humility in driving a 13-mile dirt road strewn with potholes to reach a lovely monastery, “*Christ in the Desert*”, where 40 men have created community, and offer hospitality to seeker and stranger; and the serendipity of visiting The Center for Action in Contemplation in Albuquerque and inadvertently meeting its founder, Father Richard Rohr, who has written many books on the Spiritual life, including Centering Prayer. Such gifts the journey brings.

I’m thankful that Spirit abounds. Where do you feel the Holy Spirit in your life? I invite you to ponder the question.

## Calendar of Events

### Friday (May 28)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (May 29)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (May 30)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after worship, Perry Hall

### Monday (May 31) Memorial Day

Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

### Tuesday (June 1)

Summer office hours begin

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

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

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Wednesday (June 2)

Bell & Chancel Choirs’ potluck party & rehearsal—6:00 p.m., home of Jan & Peter Shapiro

### Thursday (June 3)

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

### Friday (June 4)

AA—6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (June 5)

Membership Fellowship & Outreach —9:30 a.m., Perry

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (June 6)

All Church BBQ—12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., home of Kelly & Judy Foss

Youth—5:00 p.m., Wallingford UMC

### Friday (June 11)

Movie Night—6:30 p.m., Perry Hall

### Saturday (June 12) Date Night—5:00 p.m.

### Summer Office Hours

Beginning June 1st through August 31, summer office hours will be: Monday through Friday — 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Next SANDPOINTER deadline:** Monday, June 7



## Jeremy's Musical Notes

### Choirs Finish Out Program Year

As many of you know, our volunteer musicians are a very dedicated group of singers within our faith community. However, the tradition is for the choir to take a "break" for the duration of the summer.

During this time, special music will include singing solos, duets, piano solos (possibly duets) and is a time to encourage others to participate. If you know someone who has a gift that is not being fully recognized or utilized, please let Jeremy know so he can talk to them about possibly being available for special music during the summer.

The choirs will conclude their portion of the program year on Sunday, June 6. This service will be all about music and the gifts God has given us to use here at Sand Point. The bells will ring, the Chancel Choir will sing 4 anthems and everyone will be encouraged to sing, as Charles Wesley puts it, lustily. You won't want to miss this worship service filled to the brim with great music, including such choir hits from the past year as: "Glory Hallelujah", "Were You There" and "Calypso Praise".

What a great way to celebrate another wonderful year of music in worship at Sandpoint UMC!

### Family Choir

The inaugural meeting of Sand Point's Family Choir went well. We had 4 people show up to make a joyful noise with their voices. The intent was to come together in community and music; singing and being in fellowship (kind of like singing around the campfire). Nothing was expected of anyone and I think it's safe to say we all had a great time singing together. The choir will take a break over the summer and resume again in the Fall. It 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; but coming with a child is **not** required; we only encourage it to promote a diverse age range.

**Many Thanks to...Roland Pray** for replacing the clock timer with a photo electric switch. Roland has also done several other electrical projects for the church. **Berta Cohen** for giving another inspirational message on Sunday and **Pastor Stan DePano** for being on call while Pastor Cathy was away.

**Potluck Success:** Many thanks to all who helped with and attended the May 5<sup>th</sup> potluck at Sand Point Housing (sponsored by the Interfaith Committee). Pastor Cathy Law, Teri & Terry Cicero, Blair & Jan Paul, and Jane Stevens & Jerry Zimmerman helped with cooking and transporting of our church's potluck contributions. Other members of the Interfaith Committee that participated and enjoyed sharing the meal with the residents were from Wedgwood Presbyterian, Assumption, St. Bridget, Beth Shalom, St. Stephens, and University Congregational. It was a nice evening of good food and new friendships.

### Workshop On

#### Membership, Fellowship & Outreach

**Saturday, June 5, 2010, 9:30 to 12:30**

In Perry Hall, on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, a workshop will convene and tackle the task of studying and recommending ways to assist our committee on "Membership, Fellowship and Outreach." Although Sand Point Church continues to be very active for our congregation in many ways and offers our building facilities for the surrounding community for many programs and events, we have neither an overall plan nor a leader for this ministry.

To determine what "Membership, Fellowship & Outreach" truly mean to our church and for the direction and leadership that it requires, the Church Council asked for a Task Force/Workshop to be formed. Those who volunteered are Berta Cohen, Bill Eagen, Blair Paul, David Burt, Jan Shapiro, Pam Gates, Roland Grober, Steve Mullin, Pastor Cathy Law, Nate Goldbloom, and Jan Kreidler. Anyone from the congregation may participate in this workshop, either in person or by contacting one of the panel members to relate those ideas or issues that you believe should and need to be reviewed and discussed. If you have questions, contact Bill Eagen.



## Notes from Nate ....

**Quote of the week:** Frances explained in Sunday School that because of her avid reading of the Seattle Times sports page: *“I should win a Nobel Peace Prize!”*

### Vacation Bible School: Baobab Blast

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School (July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon each day). The forms are available at church or online at the church’s website ([www.sandpointumc.org](http://www.sandpointumc.org)). Let your friends and neighbors know so they can join in the fun!



**Can you, will you help?** We are also looking for everyone to considering 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 VBS.

### Video Game Day

Our first video game day was this last weekend. In the end, as the dust cleared from the Mario Kart track, Ben and Will Olson captured the top prize! Congratulations, and thanks to everyone who participated.

**Summer Fun!** This summer we are going to do many fun things including: a day at the Zoo, volunteering at Eastside Baby corner, and a few fun days at View Ridge Park with Nate and Kessia!

## Summer Camp Information



Camp Indianola is a wonderful location on the shore of 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/>. Check out the camping opportunities for children, families, and

adults at [www.pnwumc.org](http://www.pnwumc.org).

## Faith in Action

In my office some of you might have noticed a small “Jesus Action Figure.” This action figure is housed in mint condition, safe from the world. The box tells us lots about the figure, declaring the fantastic “poseable arms” and “gliding action”. While these claims sound great, I will not know until I finally take Jesus out of the box.

This is where many of us keep our faith in Jesus, safe in the box. We may learn about our faith, but never put it into action. Our faith needs to be taken out of the box, played with, tested and tried. We need to put the *action* back in our faith, instead of having a “Jesus Figure”.

This Memorial Day weekend I will be with high school students at University of Puget Sound for CONVO. In the workshop I am leading, we are going to look at how God loved us first (*John 4:16-19*), and how we choose to respond. Once we accept that love, then we are called to love in return.

What does that look like in life? It is simply spelled out for us in the greatest commandment: <sup>37</sup> *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”* <sup>38</sup> *This is the first and greatest commandment.* And the second is like it: <sup>39</sup> *“Love your neighbor as yourself.”* (*Matthew 22:37-39*) This testifies that our first step is to love God. Once we grow in that unconditional love, we will be able to faithfully live out the second step of loving ALL others.

In this workshop we are going to take that next step by getting up and putting our love for God into action. To do this we will be making health kits for Haiti. This will be a great first step for these youth, but what about us? We can do so many things starting with prayer, volunteering, reaching out to those who are struggling, or allowing others to care for you too! As Mother Teresa explained, *“In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”*

My prayer for the youth, and all those connected to Sand Point UMC, is that we take our faith off of the shelf and out of the box. I pray that we try and test our faith so that it can grow and show the world through many small things the great love we find in God.

- Nate Goldbloom