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Sand Point Community United Methodist Church
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Pentecost Sunday – May 31st

Join us in Worship as we welcome the Celebration Singers from Tucker UMC in Atlanta, GA. This 40-voice senior high choir has toured throughout the US as well as singing their way through England, Canada and the Bahamas. The Celebration Singers, Chapel Bells, and Carillon Ringers will be part of our Pentecost worship on May 31st. The liturgical color for Sunday is red.

Fresh Berries from the Youth Group

Strawberry Shortcake, Raspberry Pie, Blueberry Pancakes, Berry Smoothies. Are your taste buds screaming for fresh fruit? Our combined youth program is selling fresh and flash frozen strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries from Mike 'n Jean's Berry Farm in Mt. Vernon, part of the sustainable farming network. Order forms with quantities and product options as well as prices are available at church or by calling the church office, 206-523-3040. Order and payment deadline is Sunday, June 14th. Berries are available in late June and early July when they come into season.

Christian Faith & Fitness Adventures (CFA)



Join us for a Bike Ride on the Burke-Gilman Trail, June 7th after worship. We will meet at the trail at 70th at 12:15 p.m. and go at least as far as Lake Forest Park, or perhaps even up to Bothell Landing. Talk to Pastor Cathy if you are interested in biking with us.

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, here at Sand Point
- 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

Thursday, May 28th

7:00 p.m. - Men's Book Study, Fireside Room

Sunday, May 31st - Day of Pentecost - Wear Red!

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Youth Choir from Atlanta

Wednesday, June 3rd

9:00 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall

6:45 - 7:20 p.m. - Taize Worship

6:00 p.m. - Final Choir rehearsal & Potluck at Shapiro's

Saturday, June 6th

5:00 p.m. - Couples Night, Great Dates, Fireside/Perry

Sunday, June 7th

11:30 a.m. - VBS Training, Fireside Room

11:30 a.m. - Bike Ride - Christian Faith Fitness Adventure

Monday, June 8th

7:30 p.m. - SPRC, Russo's

Tuesday, June 9th

7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room

Thursday, June 11th

7:00 p.m. - VBS Training, Fireside Room

Wednesday, June 17th

9:30 a.m. - Probus, Fireside Room

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Movie Night, Lawn (or Perry Hall if rain)

Thursday, June 18th

7:00 p.m. - Family Ministries Team, Perry Hall

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Summer Office Hours

Reminder: the summer office hours (for the office manager) begin on Monday, 1 June. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday, through 31 August.

Office volunteers are needed to help cover the office manager's vacation time ... last week of July and the full month of August. If you can help, please call the church office.

Summer *Sandpointer* Issues Coming Up!

Deadlines (noon)

Friday, June 5th
Thursday, July 2nd
Friday, August 14th
Friday, August 28th

Mail Date:

Wednesday, June 10th
Wednesday, July 8th
Wednesday, August 19th
Wednesday, September 2nd

Graduations

Christopher Roundhill, great grandson of Betty and Warren, graduates from Lake Stevens High School and will attend Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque Iowa. Grandad John Roundhill (son of Betty and Warren) will be the Commencement speaker at the UW College of Mechanical Engineering on June 14th. Warren and Betty are very proud of both, and share these exciting events with us.

Let us know about your graduate!

Outdoor Summer Theater!

Every Wednesday this summer starting on June 17th the church will be having an outdoor movie theater with family friendly movies. The first movie will be "The Lion King."

Sand Point UMC Dad's of Young Families:

May 28th - Discuss Mars Hill worship with Pastor Cathy. Meet at Barnes & Noble in U-village.

June 25th - potluck gathering of families (host wanted). Contact paul_vahey@hotmail.com, or call Paul at (206) 527-3496

Youth Group

In the month of June will be at Haller Lake with an end of the year celebration on June 21st. See Nate for details.

VBS

We need help with the many stations, groups and crafts. There will be two options for training: June 7th from 11:30-1:30pm, or June 11th from 7-9pm. Remember to sign the kids up before we run out of spaces!

Couples Date Night

Next couples date night is June 6th. If childcare is needed please contact Nate by June 3rd.

Notes from Cathy

The past several weeks I have been preaching a sermon series on Wesleyan theology of Salvation through Grace. Like Eskimos, who have many words for snow, Methodists have various words to describe God's grace: prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying grace.

Prevenient grace means "coming before." It is the theme of the children's book "The Runaway Bunny", and it is also the grace described in Psalm 139: God knows us before we were even born. God loved us before we ever loved God.

At some point in our lives, we need to say "YES!" back to God. That involves recognizing our brokenness, and experiencing healing and wholeness through salvation in Christ. Looking at the root word of Salvation, salve is a therapeutic word. Therefore, salvation means participating in an act of healing, where Jesus is the balm that heals. **Justifying Grace** occurs when we realize our brokenness and need for healing and accept God's forgiving grace.

But this is not the end of God's saving work. **Sanctifying Grace** is the deepening of our faith to become mature disciples, moving on to perfection in love. We are not yet what we shall be – we are constantly becoming. We grow in our knowledge of God and commitment to serve God. As we open our lives to the love of God, it makes us more loving toward others and invites us to be part of the healing of the world.

I am blessed to be serving a congregation grounded in grace and moving on to perfection in our love and care for each other and the world.

Along the Journey, Pastor Cathy

Next Taize Worship

June 3rd - 6:45-7:20 p.m.

On the first Wednesday of each month we will offer a **Worship Service in the Taize tradition**. Join us in the chapel for a quiet service filled with singing simple chants, prayers, and lighting of candles .