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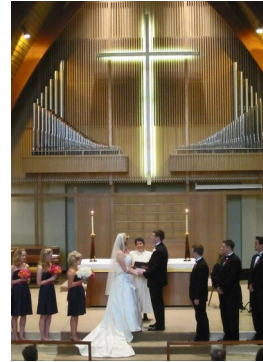
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### **Sacrament of Marriage ...**

Congratulations and best wishes to Taylor Westphal and Aaron White who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 5th. Mother and father of the bride are Laurie & Brad Westphal; grandmother of the bride is Jerrie Fliflet.

### **Ritual of Holy Baptism and Welcoming New Members**



During the worship service on Sunday, June 13th, Kenny Miller was baptized. Kenny, Nate & Kessia Goldbloom became members of Sand Point Community United Methodist Church. WELCOME!

### **Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...**

As we gather for worship each Sunday, we invoke the presence of God & the Holy Spirit to be among us as we worship and lift up our voices in song and prayer. I believe that we should come with the expectation that God will speak to us or move within our hearts, calling us deeper into the heart of discipleship. This past Sunday was one of those holy moments where it was apparent that the Spirit of God hovered in our midst. Through the welling up of tears in my own eyes, I realized there were probably few dry eyes in the congregation, as we celebrated the ritual of Baptism and Membership.

Nate & Kessia Goldbloom have been part of Sand Point for almost two years, and made a prayerful decision to become members of our church. What a blessing to have their energy and vitality and love of God in our midst. Kenny Miller has crept into our lives and stolen our hearts over the years he has been attending our church and helping with Tent City. When I invited him to consider joining the church as well, there was no hesitation. After asking if he had to come to church on time, he then exclaimed, “Can I be baptized, too?” Well, of course.

When asking Kenny, Nate & Kessia the traditional questions for membership and baptism, Kenny hesitated, but when I asked them, “Do you love Jesus?” he shouted out, “**I know that one. Yes, I love Jesus!**” And then I asked if he wanted to find out if the congregation loved Jesus. Without hesitation, Kenny confidently and boldly addressed the congregation, “**Do you ALL love Jesus?!**” As we witnessed Kenny’s baptism and his journey to meet the congregation while singing “I was there to hear your Borneing Cry”, I reflected again how thankful I am to be appointed to this church.

This week I will be joining my colleagues in ministry at our Annual Conference gathering, and joyfully anticipate our Sunday morning worship when the Bishop and District Superintendents read the appointments for the coming year. Back in the day, when the Annual Conference gathered, pastors would find out on the spot where their next appointment was going to be. Times have changed, and since I have not heard otherwise, I will proudly stand when my name is called to be appointed at Sand Point Community UMC. God is doing a new thing in our midst, and I am humbled to bear witness to God’s action in our community.

## Calendar of Events

### Friday (June 18)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (June 19)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (June 20)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after worship, Perry Hall

Youth—5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wallingford UMC

### Tuesday (June 22)

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

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

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Friday (June 25)

AA—6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (June 26)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (June 27)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—after worship, Perry Hall

### Monday (June 28)

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### Tuesday (June 29)

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

### Monday (July 5)

Church offices closed in observance of Independence Day

### Saturday (July 10)

John Schwager memorial service—3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Summer Office Hours

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

**Next SANDPOINTER deadline:** Monday, June 28

## Workshop On “Membership Fellowship & Outreach”

The workshop planned for the morning of Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> was held in Perry Hall and attended by 15 of our church leaders in an attempt to reactivate our ministry with the Membership, Fellowship and Outreach Committee. We were successful in creating an exceptional work plan outline, and also blessed by the gift of Jan Shapiro’s volunteering to head this committee as its chair. A couple of our workshop participants have already expressed an interest in joining Jan. We need and hope, however, for at least nine members for this committee’s ministry to have success and longevity. Anyone interested or curious about the work of the Membership, Fellowship and Outreach committee should please contact Jan Shapiro, Pastor Cathy, or Bill Eagen.

Thanks to our participants for their thoughtful contributions and dedication to the need for this ministry in our church and for our community. The workshop participants were: Ana Eagen, Berta Cohen, Blair Paul, Bill Eagen, Pastor Cathy Law, David Burt, Joyce Hoffer, Jan Kreidler, Jan Shapiro, Marsha Nemitz, Midge Halberg, Nate Goldbloom, Pam Gates, Roland Grober and Steve Mullin. We also extend a special thank you to all who brought food to keep us fueled and hydrated for the three busy hours that we met, especially our ‘food coordinator’, Ana Eagen.

### Finance Notes

(as of May 31, 2010)

#### Pledge Income:

Annual Budget	\$210,000.00
Received to date	\$ 80,326.61
Remaining balance	\$129,673.39

#### Contribution Income:

Annual Budget	\$ 23,500.00
Received to Date	\$ 8,806.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 14,694.00



### A note of thanks ...

*Dear Friends, It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank you for prayers, cards of comfort, telephone calls and visits after my fall and hip fracture on March 17th. Your caring was an immeasurable aid in my healing. I continue to rehab at home and hope to rejoin you soon at church. Until then, God bless!*

*Carol Schimanski*

**Congratulations** to Kenny Miller who recently won several medals in the Special Olympics!

### Art Wall—New Art Exhibit

Take a look at the new art exhibit in the North hallway. On display are linocut prints selected from an artist-made book, *God In All*, written and illustrated by Cara Hochhalter. Cara is an artist and also pastor of the United Church of Christ Federated Church of Charlemont, MA. Included with the prints are Cara's meditative writings and a watercolor about hope and peace. Cara is a former member of our church and is Sue Haas' sister.

**Note:** Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker (daughter of Rev. Bruce Parker who served Sand Point) will be signing her new book co-authored with John Buehrens, *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the 21st Century* and *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire at the Field House at UPS in Tacoma, Friday at 7 p.m.* She will be preaching for the Ordination Service Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.





## Notes from Nate ....

**Quote of the week:** Kenny Miller, in response to being asked if he wanted to become a member of the church. "YES! Does that mean I have to show up on time, or can I be late?"

**Vacation Bible Camp:** All students and friends, are invited to this year's Vacation Bible Camp: Baobab Blast July 19-23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration forms may be downloaded from the web ([www.sandpointumc.org](http://www.sandpointumc.org)) or picked up from the church office.

**VBC Donations requested:** The children would benefit most from your presence. Can you help out at the registration table, greeting, decorating or cooking / preparing the snack one day. If you can't spare the time to be there that week or decorate, we could use your help in gathering the following: *Power Wheels Jeep, Bongo drums, long grass skirts, indoor water fountain/fall, small flat pieces of wood (around 8 X 6 inches), clay/ heavy small pots, colored beads, egg cartons, twine, VERY small rocks (gravel or pebbles).*

**Memorial Day Recap:** The weekend went by so fast, but it was clear the Spirit was moving like crazy throughout. A major highlight was our keynote speaker, Mark Yaconelli. This youth ministry veteran and author helped us all connect with God through incredible stories that had us laughing, crying, and excited. We journeyed through what it means to be a Christian, how we are to respond to God's love, and take risks for God's kingdom.

Our group (youth from Haller Lake, Wallingford, and Snoqualmie) had a great time. We were able to share with one another what God was teaching us and confirm all the gifts that God has endowed us with. Through these conversations we found ways to "make trouble" back at church by challenging our congregations to consider things like racial reconciliation, engaging our passions in missions, and learning to slow down so that we notice God in the little moments. The spirit was indeed moving and I hope you get a chance to feel the presence of God like we did this weekend!

## Melodies of Compassion



The Melodies for June will be for Tent City 3 Dinners. For the past 2 years, SPC (under the guidance of Jeff Ricco) has been preparing, delivering and serving complete dinners to the residents of Tent City 3 on the 4th Sunday of every month. Members of our congregation have volunteered to assist in this project either on a regular basis or as-needed, and we are so grateful to everyone who has participated in any way to make this program a success. However, even though Jeff creates delicious and nutritious dinners as frugally as possible, each meal can cost between \$150 and \$200 for the 75 to 100 Tent City residents each month. Please remember to bring your coins (or "envelope" money) to place in the offering plate each Sunday in June. This is an outreach program of SPC that has been a great success and is so appreciated by those who live at Tent City 3.