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Calling All Surfer Dudes and Dudettes!

We are inviting all children to be a part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible School, *Beach Party: Surfin Through the Scriptures*. At this *Beach Party*, children will become surfers riding the wave of God's love.

The Bible stories presented at the Scripture Scene encourage your children to develop Beach Be-Attitudes: Be Obedient, Be Kind, Be Forgiving, Be Bold, and Believe. The Children will extend their learning through every activity: making their own special memories in Beachcomber Crafts, singing fun tunes at Sound Waves, experiencing science activities at the Surf'n' Sand Science Lab, participating in recreational activities at Rocin' Rec, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Shack.

Come enjoy the surf and sand at *Sand Point United Methodist Church* on **JULY 23 through JULY 27 from 9 am to noon**. To register for our beach party or to find out more, call the church office at 206-523-3040.

July Enrichment Hours

This year our church pastors and lay leaders gathered for worship and work at three different levels, General Conference, Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, and Jurisdictional Conference to be held in Portland later this month. By the time you read this, Mary Simpson Stanton will have reported on the General Conference.

Rev. Pat Simpson and Phyllis Ferguson attended the Pacific Northwest Conference in Idaho and they will report about it on July 13th at 11:30 in the Chapel. Pat and her daughter, Mary Simpson-Stanton will be attending Jurisdictional Conference where the exciting work of electing Bishops will take place. Pat will tell us about that on July 20th at 11:30 in the Chapel.

Here is your opportunity to learn about how the Methodist Church makes decisions, elects its leadership and is inspired to do God's work in the world. Plan to attend.

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
- Summer Sundays Sunday School
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall
7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room
Friday 6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room
Saturday 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 13th
11:30 a.m. - Report on Annual Conference, Chapel
Sunday, July 20th
10:00 a.m. - Mission Trip Commissioning
11:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Information mtg, Fireside Room
11:30 a.m. - Report on Jurisdictional Conference, Chapel
Monday, July 21st
3:00 p.m. - Youth Group Swimming Party
Tuesday, July 22nd
7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee, Fireside Room
Wednesday, July 23rd - Sunday, July 27th
9:00 a.m.-Noon - Vacation Bible School
Saturday, July 26th
3:00 p.m. - Bill Welch's Memorial Service, Sanctuary
Wednesday, July 30th
7:00 p.m. - Hoovers Presentation & Dessert, Fireside Room
Tuesday, August 19th - VOTING IN PERRY HALL
Wednesday, August 20th
9:00 a.m. - Probus, Choir Room

Current Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon):

Friday, August 22nd Wednesday, August 27
Friday, August 29th Wednesday, September 3rd

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MISSIONS TEAM NOTES

Please join together to welcome and be inspired by Drs. Jeff and Ellen Hoover, missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, who have served in the Congo over the past 30 years. The Hoovers will be here in Perry Hall on Wednesday, July 30th to update us on their current ministry and bring information about the critical needs of the Congo that are emerging after three decades of the Mobutu regime and five years of war. Their presentation will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception and dessert. Childcare will be provided if advance notice is given to the church office. **Please plan to attend!**

Our Melodies of Compassion for the month of July will be donated to the Seattle Mennonite Church (SMC) Community Ministry, helping the homeless population in Lake City. SMC coordinates Sunday night community meals for the homeless, provides bus tickets to Meadowbrook Community Center, where the homeless are able to use the shower facilities, and facilitates a Homelessness Task Force to share insights and efforts on ways to address the concerns for homelessness in the Lake City neighborhood.



Church members voted on March 10th to affirm the Church Council's 2006 vote endorsing the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County, and then created a Task Force to investigate opportunities and propose actions we could use with neighbors and other congregations to relieve and end homelessness.

The Task Force sponsored a Community Forum on June 18th featuring Bill Block of the Committee To End Homelessness in King County, Joe Ingram of Vetsedge, and residents of SHARE/WHEEL Shelters and Tent City 3. Participants then had the option of visiting one or more tables where further discussion on specific ways to get involved in ending homelessness were held. As the result of those conversations, the Task Force invites you to get involved with us in one or more of the following areas:

Meals for Tent City 3: Following a recommendation to the Church Council that we commit to prepare and serve one meal a month at Tent City 3, the Church Council agreed to fund this project for one year. The first dinner will be Sunday, July 27, and you can participate by joining others to shop, prepare the food, deliver to TC3 and/or serve.

Advocacy: Interested in phoning, emailing, or letter writing to elected officials on topics related to homelessness. This is a quick and easy way to have a big impact and you can do it from your home.

Sand Point Housing: We have been involved many years and many ways with SPH and as it moves into Phase II adding additional housing units, we want to continue our support. We'll pick 1 or 2 projects that we can get solidly involved with for the long term, such as serving lunch (provided through the school district) 1 day a week in the summer.

Housing Development In order to end homelessness, we need to create about 4,500 new housing units. How is low-income housing developed? How have other congregations participated in these properties? Join us as we investigate possibilities for a long-range solution.

New Ideas: Rev. Rick Reynolds of Operation Nightwatch has offered to take 8 people on a tour of downtown Seattle to see how the homeless live on the streets on July 31st. Please call Jan if you wish to go. This committee will also look into how other congregations offer shelter and sanctuary to the homeless in an on-going basis.

Questions? Please ask any Task Force Member. Pastor Pat will also set aside time during the July 20th service for us to talk.

HYMN SINGING SUMMER

One of Christianity's most powerful means of grace is congregational singing. The theology we remember best often comes through the hymns we sing. They provide moments of healing, conversion, and intimacy with God. Singing helps us worship with our whole selves – body, soul, mind and heart.

We are celebrating this summer with services centered on Christian hymns. July 6th we began with Charles Wesley. July 13th we will sing the old-time gospel hymns of Fanny Crosby. July 20th we hope to have folk hymns outdoors. July 27th we'll join Vacation Bible School and sing their songs.

August 3rd will be "Favorites Day." I will be away at camp, so members will speak about their favorite hymns. Do you have one? Where did you learn it? Does it recall an important place or experience? Are its biblical images or religious ideas important to you? Does the music make you dance – or cry?

One member has already volunteered to speak about a hymn sung at her father's memorial service. Please contact me before the last week of July if you would like to share. The pastor shouldn't be the only one who gets to pick her favorites!

Summer blessings,

Vacation Bible School

There is a posterboard in Perry Hall with supplies that we still need for VBS. If you are interested in helping in that way please grab an item and bring it back by July 20 and put it in the Upper Room (where the rummage sale things went). To all **VBS volunteers: there will be a meeting July 20** following the church service in the Fireside Room. If you can attend, it will be a great opportunity to get to know what is going on during VBS and will make things run a lot smoother for you and the kids. See you there!

A P-47 Thunderbolt Fighter Bomber (identical to the one flown by Ralph Jenkins during the invasion of Normandy & painted with nose art featuring "Tallahassee Lasse" (AKA Tiero Jenkins) is now on display at Paul Allen's Flying Heritage Collection at Paine Field, Everett. Open 10 to 5 daily till Labor Day.