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Sand Point Community United Methodist Church
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Patricia Simpson, Pastor

Welcome Nathan Goldbloom Director of Youth and Family Ministries

SPRC is pleased to announce the hiring of Nathan Goldbloom as the new Director of Youth & Family Ministries. Nathan comes to us from Mary, Queen of Peace Church where he served as assistant youth minister. Prior to that, he served as a summer youth intern at Faith United Methodist Church for two summers while finishing his college degree in Youth Ministry. Many of you may have already met Nathan during the congregational interview. The selection process was substantial: there were 28 applicants and 18 interviews, plus the congregational interview which included a lesson time with children. We are pleased to have had several strong candidates, and after much prayer and consideration we have made our selection. Please welcome Nate to his new position in our church family.

Fellowship Dinner/Brunch Groups

This fall we'll be forming new dinner/brunch groups which are a great opportunity for fun and fellowship in our homes or at restaurants. All ages are welcome. Please start thinking about joining a group this year starting in October. Please contact Sue Haas (522-0693 or sdbph@aol.com) or Jerrie Fliflet (523-8251 or jwfliflet@aol.com) if you would like to be a part of one of Sand Point's long-standing getting-to-know-each-other programs.

Fall Office Hours Starting September 2nd:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon):

Friday, August 29th Wednesday, September 3rd
Friday, September 12th Wednesday, September 17th

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
Tuesday 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

Monday, September 1st - Church Office Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, September 2nd
7:00 p.m. - Trustees
Wednesday, September 3rd
8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday, September 4th
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
Saturday - Sunday, September 6-7th
Family Retreat (*NO Sunday School*)
Tuesday, September 9th
7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room
Wednesday, September 10th
3:00 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set Up, Fireside Room
Thursday, September 11th
Noon - Harmony Circle Luncheon, Fireside Room
Friday - Sunday, September 12-14th
Youth Group Retreat
Sunday, September 14th
10:00 a.m. - Chancel Choir begin the season
- First day of Sunday School & Children's Choir

Caring For Creation

"Going Green"---You hear that phrase everywhere in Seattle. Caring for Creation is part of our Christian Stewardship and it isn't just a church or local obligation. It has global impacts. In October we will learn more at a "Slow Food" Soup Supper, at the Enrichment Hours, and on three Monday evenings. Worship services, and music will enhance our understanding of why environmental concerns are also Christian concerns. Watch for further details about this important series.

Berta Cohen, Learning and Spiritual Growth Committee

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Congratulations VBS!

During the week of Vacation Bible School, we raised money for a campaign called Nothing But Nets for mosquito nets to go over beds. The nets work in two ways. They help stop mosquitoes from biting during the night and spreading the disease, and the insecticide on the nets kill the mosquitoes when they land on them, stopping the mosquitoes from flying on to find their next victim. To find out more please visit Nothingbutnets.net. The children raised \$120.91 to go to the Nothing But Nets campaign. Way to go VBS attendees!



To Musicians Young & Old

*New members are always welcome!
Please talk to Jeremy Mathies about singing
or playing with one of the choirs.*

Chancel Choir: Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:30 p.m.
(*The first Sunday that Chancel Choir sings is Sept. 14th.*)

Adult Bell Choir: September 24th, 6:45 p.m.

Children's Choir: Sunday, September 14th.

Youth Choir / Bell Choir: Sunday, September 28th,
rehearsing in the Choir Room, immediately following the
worship service. The concept will be to rotate, one week
singing and one week ringing!

TENT CITY 3 MEAL

served by Sand Point on the

4th SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Look for a sign up sheet for each month coming soon!

Remember, we as a church want to and have committed to helping end homelessness. Some may feel serving a meal to TC3 does not end homelessness, but it really does help! Each night that the people of TC3 go without a meal (and for the month of August, there were 4 open nights with no meals scheduled) they either go hungry or eat little and unhealthy. By providing a meal (especially Sunday night to start off the week) we contribute to their health and wellness, which gives them the strength to continue working, or finding a job AND ultimately stepping out of being homeless!

There are many ways to help out with the meal, whether it be shopping for the food, preparing food ahead of time, preparing food the day of the meal (easier since it's Sunday), or serving the meal. You don't have to be a cook to help out! The prep on the day of is often done at the church with a group working on different tasks from chopping, mixing, cooking, etc. And it's a great way to socialize, have fun, and get to know your church family better ... all the while helping to end homelessness!

Address Updates...

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Dear Sand Point members & friends,

I'm planning to start a weekday evening study group this fall, with hopes that it will continue in some form through the school year. Two questions:

-Are you interested? Please let me know soon, along with your preference/limitations on which night of the week.
-What about content? I'm considering two options, and would like to know your interests.

Living the Questions, a series that covers a wide range of Christian topics with discussion-starter DVD segments and brief pre-class prep sheets. Go to www.livingthequestions.com for a look at the topics and a link to sample content.

Disciple Bible Study, a nine month in-depth journey through the whole Bible. This involves a commitment for the whole study, and quite a bit of weekly reading and homework. People say it has changed their lives. Information at www.cokesbury.com.

Whatever we choose for content, there will be opportunity for prayer and building significant relationships within the group. Take a look at the links, and e-mail me with your responses: sppastor@qwestoffice.net, or call 523-3040. In early September we'll do a sample session so you can get a taste of the materials. I'm really looking forward to this!

Dear friends,

As the economic conditions continue to nosedive, we are seeing ever-increasing numbers of families in need of assistance. Forced to make tough choices on which bills to pay in order to eat, they fall behind - some for the first time in their lives. Therefore, we need your help - both financially and in the assessment office. If you enjoy talking with people, if you want to make a difference, and if you can give a couple mornings a month, we would be interested in talking with you. Please continue to help us help others. Call Jo at 206-524-7885 and ask about volunteering. It will change your life!

Blessings,

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