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Labor Day Worship Sunday, September 7th

This year, on Labor Day Sunday, you are invited to reflect on how God is using you in your work environment, your neighborhood, or at church. Please bring to worship a symbol of your labor of love in the world, the tools of your trade. What best represents who you are in the world, and how God has called you to be in ministry in a unique way. You will be invited to place your tool, symbol, or picture on the altar for a blessing.

Homecoming Sunday September 13th



Join us for worship and an All Church Potluck as we celebrate Homecoming Sunday, the start of a new year of Sunday School, dedication of our teachers, and Back to School Blessing. Following worship we will gather for a potluck, and then intergenerational games, with prizes for our children. It is the perfect time to invite your friends to join you for worship.

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations October 17th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join a group of folks from Sand Point who will attend this seminar with Bishop Schnase who wrote this book on how a congregation can employ practical applications in their church. We will carpool from the church to drive to Auburn UMC. Talk to Pastor Cathy for more info.

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

- Wednesday, September 2nd**
8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall
7:00 p.m. - Trustees, Fireside Room
- Monday, September 7th - Church Offices Closed**
7-8:30 p.m. - Couples Night Out, Perry Hall & Fireside Rm
- Tuesday, September 8th**
7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room
- Wednesday, September 9th**
3:30 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set-up in Fireside Room
4:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
- Thursday, September 10th**
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
Noon - Harmony Circle Luncheon, Fireside Room
- Sunday, September 13th - Homecoming Sunday!**
All Church Potluck after Worship
- Monday, September 14th**
7:30 p.m. - SPRC, Fireside Room
- Tuesday, September 15th**
10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room

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| Deadlines (noon) | Mail Date: |
| Friday, September 11th | Wednesday, September 16th |
| Friday, September 25th | Wednesday, September 30th |

Fall Office Hours Began September 1st

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., and
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Missions Activities:

Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry is Saturday, September 26th, the 17th annual food drive for struggling local families throughout King County. Sand Point UMC has sent volunteers over the past years to the Safeway on the corner of 75th and 35th in Wedgwood. The drive begins at 9:00 am and goes until 6:00 pm, and volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts. Please prayerfully consider joining other Mission Team volunteers for a few hours to help with this project -- simply handing out flyers at the market doors to ask for donations of foods listed on the flyer. The food gets deposited into barrels right outside the doors. It's easy and fun and very well received by shoppers. Many of our neighbors are facing the crisis of their lives with budgets strained to the breaking point, unable to provide food for their families.

Welcome Baskets for Sand Point Housing are always needed for the new residents of Sand Point Housing as they move from homelessness into homes of their own. Sand Point Church has pledged to gather the items for six of these baskets and we will be collecting the items the last two Sundays in September. Please plan to pick a tag or two listing items that are needed at church on September 13th. Thanks!

Melodies of Compassion for September - Epilepsy Foundation Northwest. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder that causes people to have recurrent seizures (a brief disruption of electrical activity in the brain). It is the most common neurological disorder in children and the third in adults after Alzheimer's and stroke. It is equal in prevalence to cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined. Approximately 3 million Americans are affected by epilepsy, and approximately 200,000 new cases are diagnosed in the United States each year. One in 10 people will have a seizure at some point in their lives. Epilepsy Foundation Northwest, formerly Epilepsy Foundation Oregon and Epilepsy Foundation Washington, is the principal advocate for the epilepsy community in Oregon and Washington. In addition, EFNW supports people with epilepsy in Alaska and Montana.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER/ BRUNCH GROUPS

New dinner/brunch groups are forming for the 2009/10 "fellowship season!" Please start thinking about joining a group to get to know our church family better. All ages are welcome. Groups consist of about ten people and meet about every other month for potlucks in our homes or for no-host restaurant meals. Each group determines its dates, times, and places to meet. Dinner/brunches will start in October. Deadline to sign up is September 16. Please email or call Sue Haas to reserve your space in a group. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Perry Hall.

Men's and Women's Bible Study

The Men's and Women's Bible Study resumes for Fall. We will use a short-term 8-week Disciple Bible Study: "Invitation to the Old Testament". Men's Bible Study gathers from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Dates for these classes will be September 10, 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17. Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Dates for these classes will be: September 15 & 22, October 6 & 13, November 3, 10 & 17, December 1 & 8. Classes are facilitated by Pastor Cathy. All are invited! We have a great time exploring the Bible, our faith, and sharing each other's lives.

Congratulations

We welcome Jackson Joseph Davis born on August 29, 2009. Proud parents are Corina (Cicero) & Lincoln Davis. Proud Grandparents are Terry & Teri Cicero.

A Note of Thanks

A big thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food and prayer shawl during my recent hip revision. What a blessing you all are!

- Ann McDonald

Many thanks to our Office Volunteers

We welcome our office manager, Jan Kreidler back from vacation this week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who spent countless hours answering church phones and offering a welcoming presence to visitors to the office. Many thanks go to: Jacque Taylor, Judy Keller, Stephanie Bales, Jerrie Fliflet, Ron & Susan Vigil, Kristen Bales, Midge Halberg, Diane Fathi, Bill Eagen, Kessia Goldbloom, Gladys Ruthrauff, and Glenn & Jan Vanlaningham. We couldn't have done it without you!



The Sandpoint Choirs Need YOU!

We are looking for dedicated singers and/or bell-ringers. There is no formal audition process; however you need to be able to answer 'YES' to the following questions:

- *Have you sung in a choir before?...no matter how long ago.*
- *Do you know your vocal range - Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass?...(If not, Jeremy can help you figure it out.)*
- *Do you read music, even a little? Can you follow direction?*

If so, please talk to our Director of Music, Jeremy Matheis, after worship. The choir sings September through June and sings major works during the seasons of Christmas and Easter. You are welcome to participate on a quarterly basis, as you are able or for the entire year. The Chancel Choir rehearses every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 pm starting Sept. 9th. The Bell Choir rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning on Sept. 23rd. Come be a part of these fun, worshipful and dynamic ministries.