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Bible Sunday

In the United Methodist Church there has been a tradition to offer our young people their very own Bible. This year we will revive that tradition by giving Bibles to children who are 3rd grade and older on October 11th. This will happen during Worship. Everyone is invited to bring a special bible to church that day that was given to you by your childhood church or someone special. If you would like your bible to be part of the altar display, please bring it the Sunday before.

“For My Friends”

Organ Recital, Lora Lee Brown

Sunday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m.

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We celebrate the improvements on our marvelous instrument that make it so much more flexible and ‘user friendly.’

Lora Lee is past Dean of the Seattle Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and has been organist at Sand Point CUMC for the past 5 years. There will be a free will offering benefiting the missions of the church, as well as the church’s music program. Come and enjoy!

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

Thursday, September 17th
9:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
Saturday, September 19th
Youth Lock In
Sunday, September 20th
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Tuesday, September 22nd
10:00 a.m. - Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room
7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room
Wednesday, September 23rd
9:30 a.m. - Probus, Fireside Room
Saturday, September 26th
5:00 p.m. - 10 Great Dates, Fireside Room & Perry Hall
Thursday, October 1st
9:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study
Sunday, October 4th
11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room
Monday, October 5th
5:30 p.m. - Monday Night Football at Nate’s

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Deadlines (noon)	Mail Date:
Friday, September 25th	Wednesday, September 30th
Friday, October 9th	Wednesday, October 14th

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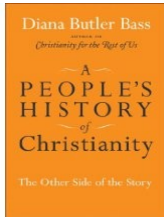
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Book Study Offered
Monday nights in Oct/Nov
A People's History of Christianity
by Diana Butler Bass

If you have been looking for a relevant, contemporary book on the condensed history of our faith, as well as exploring some of Christianity's ancient practices, this may be the book study for you. While Bass takes a chronological approach toward history, her emphasis lies on how Christians have lived their faith (caring for the sick, writing music, embracing spiritual practice), as opposed to doctrinal correctness. *"Bass acquaints readers with 2000 years of Christian voices whose faith called for social justice and radical love."*

The book study will be held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. during October & November beginning Oct. 5th. Books can be ordered at Amazon.com, or found in most bookstores. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board, or talk with Pastor Cathy.

World Communion Sunday
October 4th



The first Sunday of October is always set aside as World Communion, when we remember that we are in communion with all Christians across the world. One of six special United Methodist Offerings is received at that time. Funds collected will provide scholarships for students whose future endeavors will directly impact four critical areas of focus: 1) Ministry with the Poor; 2) Global Health; 3) Leadership Development; and 4) Congregational Development and Revitalization.

During worship, we will be using a variety of languages in our scripture reading/prayers/music. If you speak a second language, please talk with Sue Haas or Marilyn Pray, our worship coordinators to see how your gifts may be used in worship.

Enrichment Hour

The Enrichment Hours after church will begin again in October. Our social concerns series will focus on issues of justice -- Immigration, Health Care Reform, and the Domestic Partnership Law. You won't want to miss these hot topics at 11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Request for all Kitchen Users

To avoid health hazards: when the kitchen, if you plan to leave perishable foods behind, please date the food and identify your group! Church staff recently tossed out a hamburger with no expiration date, a package of sausage (expiration date 4/27/09) and more. If you are donating foods for service projects, please label foods and contact those in charge of the projects. Thank you.

Youth Sunday & Lock-In

Our joint youth group with Haller Lake & Wallingford UMC's will be leading worship on Sunday, September 20th. They will have a lock-in overnight at our church the night before at Sand Point. Please join us in worship to experience what our young people have to offer us, and as we support them in their growing faith.

Blessing of the Animals
October 11th



In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, a 12th century monk, a tradition of "Blessing of the Animals" began in the Catholic church. When Francis spoke, everyone listened, including the animals. He told animals that Jesus loved them too. There is a story of a wolf who came into the town each evening, frightening the people or eating them. Francis went to speak to "Brother Wolf" and found the wolf was hungry. He explained that hunger was not reason enough to terrorize people or their pets or eat them. The wolf became gentle, the people fed him and he gave the children in the town rides on his back.

Francis also brought us the Christmas crèche (manger scene). He built a small outdoor stable and put people in the stable to portray Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the angels. Then he added the animals, cows, donkeys, sheep. When asked, Francis said, *"Surely the animals praised the new Messiah just as the shepherds and angels did."*

And so in honor of this blessed saint you are invited to bring your friendly and well-behaved animals to church for a blessing following worship – outside on the south lawn, and give thanks for their presence in our lives. Those who wish may bring a picture instead.

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 is 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.