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Sand Point Community United Methodist Church
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***God Goes Back to School
God Loves your Mind as Well as Your Heart***

Whether you're a kindergartener or a graduate student, a parent or a teacher, an administrator or a crossing guard – if you are part of educating children, youth or adults, let us offer you a blessing at the beginning of this school year. Join us in worship on **September 16th** to be blessed for **Back to School**. *This is a great day to invite visitors who are involved in education! We will have invitation postcards available for you on Sunday, September 9, and in the church office.*

" Abraham's Descendants from Jerusalem to Bagdad"

As a follow up to our series on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the October Enrichment Hours (11:15 am, Fireside Room) will explore historical and contemporary issues regarding the Middle East. The following books are recommended for background material: "Abraham, A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths" by Bruce Feiler; "Where God was Born" by Bruce Feiler; "Islam" by Karen Armstrong; "Islam in the World" by Malise Ruthver; "Islam Observed" by Clifford Geertz. The next issue of the *Sandpointer* will list specific subjects and speakers.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS

Get to know our church family through social dinner groups in each other's homes or at restaurants! Meet new people and reconnect with old friends by joining a Fellowship Dinner Group this church season! Dinner groups are open to all and include 8-10 people who meet every month or so (starting in October). Each group sets their own day/evening and time to meet (for dinner, brunch, etc.). New groups will be formed at the end of September. Please notify Sue Haas (206-522-0693/sdbph@aol.com), Jerrie Fliflet (523-8251/jwfliflet@aol.com) or Ngaire Taylor (522-6683/ngaire@aol.com) to join in the fun!

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
- Children's Choir (*beginning September 16th*)
- 11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall

Tuesday

- 7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall
- 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir, Choir Room (*beginning September 26th*)
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday

- 6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room

Saturday

- 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 6th

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

Saturday/Sunday, September 8th/9th

- Family Retreat

Tuesday, September 11th

- 8:00 a.m. - Morning Celebration, Fireside Room
- 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 12th

- 10: a.m. - informational meeting on hosting Seattle's Tent City

Thursday, September 13th

- 12:00 Noon—Harmony Circle, Fireside Room

Friday, September 14th

- Noon - Sandpointer Deadline

Saturday/Sunday, September 15th/16th

- Youth Retreat

Monday, September 17th

- 6:00 p.m. - AGO Potluck, Perry Hall

Tuesday, September 18th

- 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room
- 9:30 a.m. - meeting on 10 yr. Plan to End Homelessness

Wednesday, September 19th

- 9:30 a.m. - Probus, Choir Room

Thursday, September 20th

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

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Notes from Our New Music Ministry Director

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jeremy Matheis and I am the new Music Ministry Director here at Sand Point. My calling in church music could be traced back to when I was a child but officially started 5 years ago at Palos Park Presbyterian in Chicago.

After being born and raised in Lynden, Washington (up near Bellingham) I went on to study music at Trinity Christian College in Chicago and then returned to the Northwest and Seattle to obtain my Masters at the UW. I grew up in the Christian Reformed Church and have worked at Our Savior's Lutheran in Burien, Lake City Christian Church and most recently at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish.

So what brings me to Sand Point Community United Methodist Church? I truly believe that God's hand was working in this plan far before I even met Allen Leslie, the former Music Director. It was through Allen that I was able to meet some of the people in the church and realize just how wonderful this community is. Throughout the interview process it has become clear to me that this is a place where the Spirit is a movin'!

Things might be changing and feeling a little different but this is definitely a positive and good direction to be headed as a fellowship of believers. It is in this change that I hope to work closely with the youth and children so that they would have the full opportunity to use their God-given gifts and talents in praise and worship. My goal is to have a music and worship program that is all inclusive utilizing many different groups, ensembles, styles and approaches.

With that being said, I want to extend the invitation to anyone who is even remotely interested in participating. Have you ever sung in any kind of a group? Ever played an instrument? Can you read music? Do you ever have the desire or wish to be able to do any of the previous? If you answered yes to any of those questions or even have the slightest bit of curiosity, please consider this. The adult choir will begin practicing on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 7:30pm. Singing in the choir requires no previous choral or even musical experience but rather a desire to be a part of a group that helps to aid in worship. We are also planning to start children's choir on Sunday, Sept, 16 with the bell choir commencing on Sept. 26.

There are going to be a lot of new and exciting opportunities here at Sand Point for people of all ages and ability to get involved in worship and music. Please feel free to catch me before or after the Sunday morning service so we can talk about ways to get involved. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated as we all go through this transition together.

- Jeremy Matheis

Missions Team

On September 22, our church will again be manning the Safeway store in Wedgwood for the 15th Annual Mayors' Day of Concern for the Hungry. Volunteers are needed to donate about 2 hours of time in intervals throughout the day to encourage folks who are grocery shopping to buy one or two extra items that they then place in a barrel outside the store. Food items collected will be distributed throughout 24 King County cities to benefit the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County and participating food banks. Sign up during Fellowship Hour in Perry Hall!

Our Commitment to Ending Homelessness

We promised to educate ourselves about homelessness in Seattle, and September brings two opportunities. If you want to attend, please call the church so we can share rides and/or sit together.

On September 12 (10 a.m. to noon) a group from Sand Point will attend a workshop at St. Mark's Cathedral urging congregations to host Seattle's Tent City. We will bring back what we learn for discussion in the church.

Tuesday, September 18 brings an educational event on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in King County. Hours are 9:30 to 3:30, at Grace Lutheran Church (22975 24th Ave S, Des Moines). Even if you can only make the morning session, come to hear Joe Martin, the fine keynote speaker.

SAND POINT COMMUNITY HOUSING

Sand Point Church is part of the Interfaith Committee that maintains the Resource Room at Sand Point Community Housing. It is a source of household goods for new residents there who are in transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Sand Point Church is responsible for the Resource Room the first three Wednesday evenings in Sept. from 6-8 pm. There will be a member of our Missions Team at the Resource Room on these evenings and we would welcome help from other members of our congregation. Donations of gently used household goods, including dishes, silverware, pots and pans, towels and linens, are always needed. If you would be able to help in this way, you can leave items in our church office or arrange to take them directly to Sand Point by calling Kira Zylstra, Sand Point Housing Liaison, at 517-5499. If you would like more information, call Jan Paul at 526-1231. Thanks!

Important Youth and Family Dates

September 8-9: Fall Family Retreat —Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and nature as we kick off our Fall Sunday School season. We will be going to Lazy F Camp & Retreat Center in Ellensburg, WA.

September 15-16: Fall Youth Retreat, Camp Indianola, open to Jr. & Sr. High students

September 16: Sunday School begins!

September 28, 7-9:30pm: Friday Night Hang Out Time (Youth Group)

Images of Hope: The Keiskamma Altarpiece

The people of Hamburg, South Africa worked together to express the impact of AIDS on their village by creating a beautiful, multi-layered altarpiece. It is now at St. Mark's Cathedral as part of a world tour. We have two visits scheduled for September. Peter Geel will lead a group on Thursday, Sept. 13, leaving Sand Point at 2 p.m. for a 2:30 viewing. Pat Simpson will lead a group on Sunday, Sept. 16, leaving our church at 12:15 for a 12:45 viewing. Please join us!

Friday Night Youth Hang Out Time is Back!

Hi there church family! As some of you already know we are going to be continuing our Friday night hang out times for the youth. This is a time for our youth to hang out in the game room, watch movies, play games in the church, playing "E" (for everyone) rated video games, and of course - food. Towards the end of the school year it started becoming a hit. If you would like to volunteer to come hang out with youth on a Friday night please let me know. Also let me know any Fridays that definitely don't work for you. This schedule will be similar to the Sunday School Volunteer schedule, so that you will only be helping out every so often. Please contact Shannel Hanft if you would like to help. Thanks so much! I can't wait to see all of you this September, I have missed the church family.
Shannel Hanft, 253-312-5713, sassy51731@aol.com

Harmony Circle

Our first meeting this fall will be Thursday, Sept. 13th, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Bring a sandwich and come join us. Questions? Call Ann McDonald at 526-9061.