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**Cathlynn Law, Pastor**

### **Church of Mary Magdalene Choir to Sing at Sand Point CUMC**

We will host the women from Church of Mary Magdalene on Sunday, February 20th. Their choir will participate in the Worship Service and all will be guests at a potluck brunch after church. We will want to sit with them at the round tables and hear their stories.

If your last name begins a letter between A & L, please bring scones, muffins, rolls, or fruit ready to serve. M-Z bring a baked breakfast casserole—egg, potato, vegetable or quiche.

### **Enrichment Hour**

**February 27, 2011, 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room**

Our guest speaker will be Ehab Shehata—an Egyptian-American married to Jan Paul's niece, Jaime. They have two children, ages 11 and 14. He works as a baker in Lynnwood. He immigrated to the US in the mid-90's and became a US citizen about 10 years ago. Shortly thereafter he sponsored his parents who have lived with them since. His uncle lives in Germany and two sisters still are in Egypt. Currently, he is working on getting a visa (which involves a five year sponsorship of her housing and support) for one of the sisters to come to America. The family is Coptic Christian. They are proud of their heritage and extremely concerned about the welfare of his sisters in the homeland during this time of extreme conflict.

Come and hear about this ever-changing situation in Egypt.

## Berta's Blessings ...

The full moon was framed by palm trees, the sunset was orange, yellow, and red, against a turquoise sky. I knew I wasn't in Seattle anymore. In fact, Tom and I were taking our annual January sun break in Southern California.

And yet I was having a decidedly Seattle experience, reading a book entitled, "In My Nature, A Birder's Year at The Montlake Fill". Author, Constance Sidles, was opening my eyes and ears to a place about three blocks from our house in Seattle. The juxtaposition was astonishing.

It wasn't just the book that kept drawing me home, it was also the emails. Friends wrote about what was happening at church, the SANDPOINTER arrived on my computer screen, and one message brought the bad news of a friend's fast growing brain tumor. The prayer circle reached me with news that Richard Ferguson, Curtis Bales, and Roland Pray had health crises.

All this made me wonder whether I would ever want to be completely away and/or is it even possible in this time when our computer goes with us wherever we are. I decided my connections back home are integral to a full life even when the news is bad—maybe especially when there are friends who need prayers.

God has been going with me on vacation for a lot longer than lap top computers have been around. I feel God's presence in the brown hills, the magnificent sunsets, and the hummingbirds here in the desert, and the ones Ms. Sidles is describing at the Montlake Fill. I need to feel every moment of sunlight for this one month, pray every prayer request, and know what is going on in Seattle.

God is the bridge of love that connects it together. And maybe when I get home, I'll pick up a book about the Southwest and be transported back to the sunset through the palm trees.

Berta Cohen

### Soup Nights

6 p.m. — 4th Wednesday of the month, Perry Hall  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Want to help? Talk to Pastor Cathy or Nate Goldbloom.

## Calendar of Events:

### Wednesday (Feb. 9)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (Feb. 10)

Harmony Circle—12:00 noon, Fireside Room

### Friday (Feb. 11)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (Feb. 12)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (Feb. 13)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Video Game Day—12:30 p.m., Youth Room

### Monday (Feb. 14)

SANDPOINTER (*newsletter*) deadline, 12:00 noon

NO Children's Bell Choir today

### Tuesday (Feb. 15)

AA—7:30 p.m., Lehmann Hall (*aka Boys & Girls Club*)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Wednesday (Feb. 16)

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (Feb. 17)

Women's Bible Study—10:00 a.m., Fireside Room

### Friday (Feb. 18)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (Feb. 19)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner

### Sunday (Feb. 20)

Guest Choir from Church of Mary Magdalene with  
all-church potluck following service.

## SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Monday, February 14, 2011—12:00 noon

Monday, February 28, 2011—12:00 noon

## Staff / Parish Relations Committee

Do you know what it takes to keep your church up and running? It's easy to forget the many people working behind the scenes at Sand Point Community UMC. In this issue of the SANDPOINT-ER, we shine the spotlight onto the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

*“The Staff / Parish Relations Committee is the administrative unit in a local church where staff and congregational interests come together to focus on the mission of the church.”* SPRC has both leadership and management functions in the congregation.

- Leadership — role of “keeping an eye on the big picture.”
- Management — tending to daily activities so that details are taken care of and strategies are implemented.
- SPRC has primary responsibility to work with staff so that the mission of the church is realized.
- SPRC works with individuals and groups, including the pastor, all ordained leaders appointed by the bishop, lay staff (full time & part time), the congregation (individually and corporately), candidates for licenses & ordained ministry, community outside walls of church building, the district superintendent and the UM conference staff and general church staff.

*(Information from the UM Guidelines 2009-2012)*

Current members of our SPRC are: Paul Vahey (Chair), Carol Blainey, Bill Eagen, Bob Houk, Judy Keller, Jan Paul and Jerry Zimmerman.

**February Melodies of Compassion** will be donated to Compass Housing Alliance, which provides a wide range of services and housing options for homeless and low-income individuals and families in the Puget Sound region. This organization was founded in 1920 in Seattle, and their focus areas fall into the following categories: services, shelter, and transitional housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; permanent low-income housing for individuals or families who do not make a living wage or are formerly homeless; and development of affordable housing units for low-income tenants.



## Please pray for:

Roland Pray—health issues

## Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Stan and Sherry Isenhath— recent birth of twin grandchildren!

## Note of Thanks to ...

Arnold Tibbets and family for the new microwave in the Fireside Room kitchen.

## Note of Thanks from ...

*I am appreciative of all your thoughts and prayers and cards following my mother's passing. It is a joy to serve such a loving congregation. I will be holding you in my prayers as I journey to New Zealand and look forward to returning with renewed spirit.*

*Blessings to all, Pastor Cathy*

## Enrichment Hour Series:

### “Embracing An Adult Faith”

Sundays: March 6--April 3, 11:30 a.m. Fireside Room

This is an exciting, 5-session, adult-formation resource for those seeking richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology: *Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith? How do we live in community?*”

The sessions will be facilitated by Pastor Cathy and Tony Russo and will last 1 to 1-1/2 hours. The course material (*Embracing An Adult Faith*) is available through Cokesbury for \$12.95. Check with the church office as books may be made available for purchase at the church.

After viewing the video of bestselling author and theologian Marcus Borg stimulating thoughtful and heartfelt conversation, there will be a discussion among a small group of participants delving more deeply into each session's theme. *Note: if interested in a Mon. evening class, contact Pastor Cathy or Tony.*



## Notes from Nate

**Quote of the Week:** As we re-enacted the story of Jesus healing the paralytic man (by carrying one kid on a mattress to Jesus to be healed), all of the kids shouted: *“I want to be paralyzed next!”*

**Video Game Day: Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

Come join the fun after church down in the youth room. We will have multiple game systems, tournaments, prizes, snacks, and lots of fun! All ages and skills invited!

**Movie Night: Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., “Cool Runnings”**

Come and enjoy this great winter movie about a Jamaican bobsled team going for Olympic Gold. Friends are welcome. We will have popcorn for the “bobsled time”!

**Family Game Night: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Join other families as we fellowship with one another in preparation for Lent. We will have great food, games, and lots of kid friendly activities. Friends are welcome!

**PUMP IT UP!!! March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Are you ready to bounce off the walls? We are going to Pump It Up this March. Everyone is invited: siblings, friends, parents! This is a great chance to get together to just have fun with one another. The cost will be \$7 per child. See Nate to sign up and reserve spaces and fill out the permission slip.

**Lenten Children Sermons: March 13, 20, 27<sup>th</sup>**

This Lent we will be meeting a package delivery person who is trying to find out who he is to deliver a cross too. The short dramas will be done during the children’s sermons and we will need **all ages** to help. Please contact Nate if you are interested.

**SUMYT Youth Retreat: March 18th-20th**

On March 18-20th we will be headed to the beach at Camp Indianola for a great retreat led by other youth! We will have a guest speaker, Rev. DJ Del Rosario, who will utilize our theme and cell phones to address questions teens have about God. There will be games, music, great food, small groups, and even a dance. Friends are welcome!



## Jeremy’s Musical Notes Learning and Growing in Faith Through Music

Calling singers and actors of **all** ages; announcing the first inter-generational musical. Grab your fishing pole and a friend and meet me down “by the old holler log!”

Sand Point Community United Methodist Church will be putting together a musical entitled, *Down by the Creek Bank*. This musical takes listeners into God’s creation through the imaginative essence of a child’s heart. Using scriptural principles, the music and text will serve as a firm foundation for youth and adults alike.

Please email, call or speak directly with Jeremy Matheis if you are interested in being a part of this fun, musical and joyous production. Jeremy’s contact info.: [jdmatheis@hotmail.com](mailto:jdmatheis@hotmail.com) or 206-819-6972.