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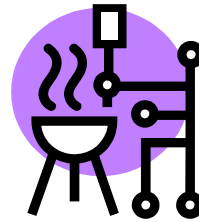
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### Year End All Church BBQ

**Sunday, June 5th**

**12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.**

**Home of Kelly and Judy Foss**

3945 NE Surber Dr., Seattle, Washington

Please bring cut fruit to help create a salad. To RSVP or for more information contact Nate Goldbloom (425-270-7429 or sandpointyouth@gmail.com) or Judy Foss (206-522-0774).



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May 31, 2011

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**Cathlynn Law, Pastor**

### Farewell and Best Wishes to Nate Goldbloom

Nate has accepted a position as Youth Director at Faith UMC. His last Sunday at Sand Point Comm. UMC will be June 5th. We thank Nate for his dedication and hard work during the three years that he has been with us and wish him well for his new position and ministry.



Nate's last official event with SPCUMC will be the Year End All Church BBQ. We hope you will attend to wish him well!

## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

Last week I invited parents of children and youth to gather with me to have a conversation about the future of youth and children's ministries in our church, AND to ask the question, where is God leading us as a church. Nine parents were able to gather for an in-depth conversation about their spiritual hopes and dreams for their children at Sand Point UMC. This conversation (thanks Bruce for recording), will help inform the Staff Parish Relations Committee as they do their work of writing up and posting the job description(s) this summer to support the youth and children's ministry in our church.

One of the consistent comments from the group was a deep appreciation for the intergenerational relationships that are formed in this church. Some children don't have their grandparents close by, and parents are thankful that so many people know their child, and can call them by name. Several parents also liked the fact that this church wasn't so big that they would get lost among all the people. This kind of feedback is helpful when we think about our identity as a church.

We wouldn't have had as many parents come for the evening if not for Sylvia Abbott's willingness to provide childcare. Many thanks to Sylvia and to Audrey Mullin & Charlie Taylor who also helped with childcare.

If you have any thoughts about the process of hiring, please talk to one of the members of SPRC: Paul Vahey, Carol Blainey, Bob Houk, Judy Keller, Jerry Zimmerman, Jan Paul, or Bill Eagen.

## Ascension & Pentecost Sundays

This Sunday (June 5th) we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, followed by Holy Communion.

On June 12th, everyone is invited to wear "fire colors" (red, yellow, orange), in honor of Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church. Literally, it's the birthday of the church. Come witness the church all ablaze and join in the celebration.

## Calendar of Events:

### Wednesday (June 1)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Friday (June 3)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (June 4)

Parents' Night Out—5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (June 5)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

All Church Picnic—12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., home of

Kelly and Judy Foss

### Monday (June 6)

Book Study—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Tuesday (June 7)

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

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

### Wednesday (June 8)

Choir party —home of Ron & Susan Vigil

### Friday (June 10)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (June 11)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (June 12)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

### Monday (June 13)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline—12:00 noon

Book Study—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month—Tent City Dinner

**It's graduation time!**

If close members of your family are graduating from high school or college, please be sure to contact the church office. We would like to recognize their accomplishments.

**SANDPOINTER deadlines:**

Monday, June 13—12:00 noon

Monday, July 4th—12:00 noon

Monday, August 15—12:00 noon

Monday, August 29—12:00 noon

*Please note: the newsletter is published monthly during June, July and August and bi-weekly from September through May.*

**Possible Summer Book Study**

Marcus Borg's newest book has just been released. It is entitled **Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words have lost their Meaning and Power, and how they can be Restored.**

Borg attempts to redeem the language of Christianity by going back to the original biblical and historic meaning, restoring its power to illuminate us and transform our world. If you are interested in exploring this book this summer, talk to Pastor Cathy so we can set a suitable time for everyone. Hopefully we will begin the last week of June.

## Nate's Notes



**Quote of the week:** All the youth who went to the Family Fun Center exclaimed “*Did you see that tire explode?*” when a tire burst with water after being struck by one unnamed driver.

### Thank you to Sand Point UMC

I would like to thank the entire congregation for all the grace, love, and support that you have shown me and the ministry here the last three years. Sand Point will always hold a special place in my heart and prayers. “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Num 6:24-26)



### Vacation Bible Camp: July 11-15th

All Students and friends (entering Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to this year's Vacation Bible Camp—“Shake it Up”. Registration materials are available in the office and online.

**Wish List for VBC:** Outdoor cafe like patio furniture (metal, wire backed chairs, small table with umbrella), red and white checkered table cloths, aprons, metal kitchen cart, red and yellow plastic food baskets, fake plastic food, Italian sodas, industrial size canned goods (empty perfect!), chef outfits, cafe style decorations (art, etc.). All Items will be labeled with your name and returned after the week.

### Volunteer with Sunday School

When it comes to faith children are some of the best teachers! They see things fresh and ask questions that challenge us to articulate and live our faith. Jesus pointed this out to us saying: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and **become like little children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3-4) Take the opportunity this Summer and Fall to step up and grow in your faith through worship with the children. Vacation Bible School (July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday School are great ways to do this. See Nate or Pastor Cathy to help out.



## Grand Total for Rummage Sale:

\$5,752.17!

*Photo by Ron Vigil*

## Tent City Meal Preparations

*Photo by Susan Vigil*



## Sand Point & Tent City 3 Meals--3 Years!

If you have ever chopped an onion, stirred a pot, sliced bread, washed a dish, made dessert, grocery shopped, premade a dish, served food, or donated money for the SPCUMC Tent City 3 meals...then you have so graciously contributed to feeding about 3,600 homeless people! June 26, 2011 will be our nearly 36<sup>th</sup> meal served to TC3 over the last three years!

By providing a meal once a month, the residents at TC3 have one less meal to worry about while they focus on obtaining a solid roof over their heads. June's Melodies of Compassion will support this wonderful service. And because of Sand Point's ongoing support, we continue serving a meal on the fourth Sunday of each month. If you ever have any questions or are interested in helping in one way or another, please contact Jeff Ricco at 206-459-0313 or [jeffrey.ricco@bms.com](mailto:jeffrey.ricco@bms.com)).

### Summer Office Hours

Beginning June 1st, summer office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. Regular office hours will resume on September 1st.