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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

### **Mission Centered Ministry Workshop Wed., May 11, Blaine Memorial UMC, Seattle**

Led by Rev. Doug Anderson (Exec. Dir. of Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development), this inter-active workshop is geared at helping churches to be on purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ. There will be two sessions: Part 1 (*1 to 5 p.m.*) will focus on the importance of developing spiritual leaders, which will help your church stay focused on the mission. Part 2 (*7 to 8:30 p.m.*) will help you build confidence and competency in sharing your faith in Jesus Christ with those who are outside the church. Registration is \$15 person/\$75 congregation. Contact Pastor Cathy if you are interested in attending.

### **An Altar in the World**

**5 week Book Study—May 23-June 20th  
Monday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

It is always a good time to tend to one's spiritual practice. In *An Altar in the World*, Barbara Brown Taylor (renowned preacher, speaker, and writer) examines everyday practices of walking, working, nature, to reveal small windows into heaven and feeling God's presence. Each chapter takes simple customs, like encountering people, getting lost and daily chores, and provides an alternate view to these mundane tasks. Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see. Interested? Talk to Pastor Cathy to reserve your book.

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## Reflections from Pastor Cathy ...

Since hearing about the death of Osama Bin Laden, I have been wrestling with a series of deeply mixed and complex emotions. His death comes on the heels of our Easter celebration announcing that Love triumphs over evil. My first thoughts were, "Finally." A sense of relief? Remembering the senseless tragedy and grief of 9/11 almost ten years ago; praying for healing for those who suffered and continue to grieve; saddened that we are a country still at war, and praying for deep peace to come across the face of the earth, as well as for all who serve in our military.

Responses of Christians are all over the place. One would wonder if we read the same Bible. I think much of it comes down to how individual Christians view justice and mercy.

As for Bin Laden, I'm definitely feeling conflicting emotions. He wasted his life pursuing destruction and murder. And yet, I find it disturbing that there is so much glorifying of his death. Unless we break cycles of violence with love, not much will change for the better.

I will continue to wrestle and reflect on a response to evil and violence in its complexity- as human beings, as Americans, but ultimately as one who professes to follow the way of Jesus. I offer words from Brian McLaren, a preacher and author.

*Joyfully celebrating the killing of a killer who celebrated killing carries an irony that I hope will not be lost on us. It saddens me that the best response we have to true brokenness always seems to be death. Perhaps the death of Osama Bin Laden has made this world more safe. I do not believe, however, that his death has made this world more beautiful. How can our response counter rather than reinforce the cycles of violence that spin around us. May God help us bring healing to the ugliness of violence in whatever small way we can.*

Let us pray this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer: **A prayer for our enemies:** *"O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

## Calendar of Events:

### Wednesday (May 4)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thursday (May 5)

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

### Friday (May 6)

AA—6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (May 7)

Rummage Sale set-up—9:00 a.m., Perry Hall  
Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

### Sunday (May 8)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

### Monday (May 9)

SANDPOINTER (*newsletter*) deadline, 12:00 noon  
Children's Bell Choir—4:45 p.m., Choir Room  
Staff Parish Relations Comm.—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Tuesday (May 10)

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

### Wednesday (May 11)

Staff meeting—4:45 p.m., pastor's office  
Chancel Choir—7:30, Sanctuary

### Thursday (May 12)

Harmony Circle—12:00 noon, Fireside Room  
Rummage Sale Preview—6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Perry Hall

### Friday (May 13)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

### Saturday (May 14)

Rummage Sale—9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Perry Hall  
Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

## Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month —Tent City Dinner



## Rummage Sale!

Preview — Thurs., May 12 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)  
May 13 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)  
May 14 (9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Set-up will begin on Saturday, May 7th (9 a.m.) and will continue through the week of May 9th. Donated items may be brought to the church until May 9th. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, price, cashier and generally be available to assist shoppers during the sale. Contact Ngaire Taylor at [Ngaire@aol.com](mailto:Ngaire@aol.com) or (206)522-6683 \*\*\*Note: Items we cannot take: computers, printers, fax machines, exercise equipment, and adult clothing.\*\*\*

## May Melodies of Compassion Recipient:

The Museum of Flight, located in South Seattle, educates thousands of visitors (both young and old) on the important role that aviation and space has played in shaping our world. Its emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math helps students meet the objectives of the state's curriculum while making it fun for students to learn. The Museum holds one of the largest and most comprehensive air and space collections in the United States, containing millions of rare photographs, a world-class library, tens of thousands of artifacts and over 150 rare aircraft and space vehicles. And soon it's new Space Gallery will house a space shuttle trainer, the only one of its kind in the world. The Museum of Flight inspires us to dare to Dream, Discover, and Soar.

## Thank you for Supporting Melodies!

The offerings for Melodies for December were \$250 (*\$125 each to Mary's Place and Seattle's Union Gospel Mission*); \$1,503 for January for Jama Letu; \$372 in February for Compass Housing Authority; and \$174.50 for Canine Companions.

## SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Monday, May 9—12:00 noon  
Monday, May 23—12:00 noon



**Birthdays!** Please note that soon **Membership, Fellowship & Outreach** will be publishing in the SANDPOINTER names and dates (no years) of birthdays each month. *If you do not want your information published, please contact the church office.*

## A Note of Thanks ....

*Thank you to my wonderful church family for your prayers, cards, calls, dinners and visits during my recovery from hip surgery. It has meant so much to both Blair and me to feel your support.*

*- Jan Paul*

## Easter Lily Donations

Thank you to our generous donors  
for altar Easter lilies:



- Dave & Kristi Blackman**—in memory of their parents
- Verle Bleese**—in honor of Diane Fathi  
and in memory of his parents, Kermit & Gladys Bleese
- Fritz & Susie Bowman**—in memory of their fathers
- Liz Banse & Brian Clark**—in memory of Marianne Banse
- Terry & Terri Cicero**—memory of Robert Cope, Terri's father
- Vivian Cornwall**—in memory of Burt Cornwall, a good choir tenor
- Connie Hoffman**—in memory of her parents, Noyd & Dorothy Chappel
- Marie Horsley**
- Ralph & Tiero Jenkins**—in memory of Robert Jenkins
- Duane & Barbara LaViolette**—in memory of loved ones
- Jeremy Matheis & Jeff Ricco**—in memory of Rick Matheis and Christopher Ricco
- Jeff & Marsha Nemitz**—in memory of Margaret & Chuck Rehm and Elmer & Lorraine Nemitz
- Jan & Blair Paul**—in memory of Patricia Savage
- JW Roundhill**—in memory of loved ones
- Tony & Pam Russo**—in memory of Ray Redman & Betty Scrim



### Nate's Notes

**Christ is Risen!** This Easter was a fantastic celebration at Sand Point CUMC. It started early with a wonderful pancake breakfast in Lehmann Hall. Our kitchen crew of Blair Paul, Karl

Flaccus, Jerry Sheller, and Burdette Anderson served a great meal. There was even an apple cut into the shape of a swan from Sheri Vahey. Thanks also to our clean-up and set-up volunteers—Rob Synovec and the Whitney family.

Following the breakfast was an incredible service with beautiful music. The forty-one children present got to see Jesus (played by a paperclip) disappear from the tomb. All the while several children played and celebrated Easter in the nursery with Kessia and Sarah.

Right after the service all of the children and families scoured the Sunday school rooms for all the hidden Easter eggs. It was a great, wonderful celebration that will continue this Easter season. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Church Hike: May 15th

After church on May 15th there will be an all church hike to a local park. See Nate for more details and to sign up.

#### Go Karts: May 21st

All youth (5th grade and up) are invited to a fun day of Go Karts, Laser Tag and other games. Friends welcome!

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

All Students and friends (4th grade and under) are invited to this year's Vacation Bible Camp: "Shake it Up". Registration materials are now available from the church office.

#### Budget Information (as of April 30, 2011)

##### Pledge Income:

Annual Budget	\$205,800
Received to date	\$ 66,937
Remaining balance	\$138,863

##### Contribution Income:

Annual Budget	\$ 23,500
Received to Date	\$ 6,117
Remaining Balance	\$ 17,383



Photo by Ron Vigil

### Jeremy's Musical Notes

#### Choir & Program Notes

I would like to give a very big THANK YOU to all the singers and ringers of Sand Point's Chancel and Bell Choirs. Holy Week was a very busy time as usual, and both choirs not only came through but sounded magnificent all the while. When you see these folks at church, consider giving them a "thank you" for the time and effort they put forth to enhance worship at Sand Point. They now enjoy a well deserved week off.

I was especially thrilled with the results of all the hard work put in by the Bell Choir on their Easter anthem. BRAVO! The Chancel Choir also took worshippers on a journey, singing the African-American spirituals with great soul and passion. Easter Sunday was filled with beautiful brass and singing by all! ALLELUIA!

#### Thank You!

A hearty thank you to Cliff Solomon and Bev Sheller who helped enhance the spirit of worship during the Good Friday Tenebrae service. Their dramatic readings, coupled with the choral responses, set the tone and made worship a very moving experience. Thanks also go out to Pam Gates and Cliff for their help in setting the visual stage for the Good Friday service.

Also, thanks to Bill and Ana Eagan as well as Ron and Susan Vigil for their help in preparing the Sanctuary and Chancel for Easter worship. Your help is more appreciated than you'll ever know.

Finally, special thanks to Jeff Ricco for everything he did to help me and the church prepare for Holy Week services. From climbing the ladder wrapped in black or white cloth to having flowers in all pockets and even helping to create the path of candles, I'm so glad we can share these passions together and aid in creating such a meaningful worship space for everyone.