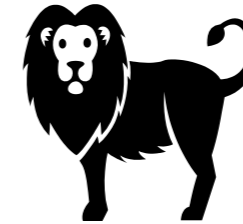


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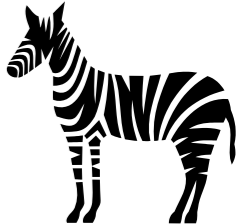
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All Church  
Potluck Dinner  
And  
Congo Trip  
Presentation



Sunday, September  
23rd  
5:00 p.m., Perry Hall

Please call or email the church office at 206-523-3040 or  
spcommunity@qwest.net to indicate how many from your  
household plan to attend. Please Bring:  
A-E Desserts, F-L Main Dish, M-Z Salads

## "Abraham's Descendants from Jerusalem to Bagdad"

October 7th at 11:15 in the Fireside Room we begin a five part series exploring the historical and contemporary issues regarding the Middle East. The first two sessions will be lead by Rev. Jack Olive, United Methodist Pastor and Interim Associate Dean for Ecumenical Relations at Seattle University. His interests in the Holy Land range from archeology, to an organization to aide Palestinian Children called "Kids for Hope", to the diminishing Christian presence in Jerusalem.

October 21, Dr. Eugene Webb, U.W. Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion, will return, and his topic will be "Sunnis and Shiites: The Sources of their Conflict". Rabbi Anson Laytner will speak on October 28 and will give "A Jewish Perspective on the Israeli Palestinian Conflict". November 4 Amin Odeh will give "A Palestinian Perspective on the Israeli Palestinian Conflict."

October 7th is World Communion Day--What an appropriate time for us to revisit the people of Israel, Palestine, and Iraq, because our lives are directly linked to theirs. Plan now to attend every session of this thought provoking, relevant series.

## Calendar

### Regular Weekly Events

**Sunday** 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
- Children's Choir  
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall

**Tuesday** 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room  
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  
7:00-9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout Time

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

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, September 20th**  
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

**Sunday, September 23rd**  
5:00 p.m. - All Church Potluck, Congo Presentation, Perry Hall

**Monday, September 24th**  
7:00 p.m. - Finance, Fireside Room

**Tuesday, September 25th**  
7:00 p.m. - Church Council, Fireside Room

**Wednesday, September 26th**  
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Tent City prep in Perry Hall

**Thursday, September 27th**  
7:00 p.m. - Men's Group, Fireside Room

**Friday, September 28th**  
Noon - Sandpointer Deadline  
7:00-9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout Time

**Tuesday, October 2nd**  
10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room  
7:00 p.m. - Trustees, Fireside Room

**Wednesday, October 3rd**  
8:30 a.m. - Probus, Choir Room

**Thursday, October 4th**  
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

**Saturday, October 6th**  
8:30-1:00 - All Church Planning Retreat, Perry Hall

**Sunday, October 7th - World Communion Sunday**  
11:15 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room  
4:30 p.m. - Youth Group in Perry Hall & Fireside Room

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## All Church Retreat *Envisioning the Personality of Sand Point Church*

The morning of Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 1:00, Sand Point Church will host an all church retreat, in our church, the focus of which is “*Envisioning the Personality of Sand Point Church.*” We are asking everyone to attend, member or not, alike. If you care about Sand Point, we want you there. As we kick off the 2007-2008 church year our effort is focused upon making the church more relevant to each of our lives: to make what we do well better, to identify what we’re not doing that we should be doing, and to make it easier to participate at all levels of our church family. Please set the time aside; more enticements to come! Everyone is encouraged to attend.



### GETTING TO KNOW OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

We’ll be taking dinner to Seattle’s Tent City again on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon cooks will be needed at our church, and a team to serve the meal at 5:30 p.m. This is a good chance to see the camp and meet some of the residents. Sheri Vahey is organizing the effort, funded by last year’s Christmas Eve offering. Call or e-mail the church office if you want to help, and we’ll put you in touch, 206-523-3040 or [spcommunity@qwest.net](mailto:spcommunity@qwest.net)

### Missions Team

Our coins for Melodies of Compassion for the month of July "Nothing But Nets", along with coins brought by our Vacation Bible School children, and individual checks from members of the congregation amounted to \$850.00! Deaconess Children's Services in Everett will receive a check for \$139.40 for August Melodies. September is designated for UMCOR. Please remember to bring your pocket change each Sunday to make “Melodies”! Thanks to everyone! Also remember Campbell product labels will be collected for Red Bird Mission: please clip and save the UPC (barcode) and Campbell symbol only (if it's easier, save the entire label); General Mills "Box tops for Education" is still a part of the collection, so remember those too! Bring labels and box tops to church and put them in the container provided for Missions' collections.

### *Pictures of Summer*

Here is a collection of summer pictures starting above and working clock-wise. A neighbor visits our table at the Wedgwood Outdoor Cinema, July 14th; Vacation Bible School kids celebrate; Kristen & Justin Bales, along with Paul Vahey and Bruce Taylor joined the band for our rained-out Church in the Park service July 29th. We had a wonderful summer at Sand Point UMC!

### *Standing Pat*



Though I’m reluctant to wear socks yet, September is halfway done. On the first day of school I enjoyed serving coffee at the edge of our parking lot by View Ridge Elementary. Kids with new shoes, parents laden with school supplies – everyone was walking through the gate to a new beginning.

New things start at church, too. On September 16<sup>th</sup> we offered special prayers of blessing for our students and all who help them learn at school. We blessed our Sunday School teachers, and the many volunteers who support them.

A new Fall theme for Sunday worship services was launched that day as well. “Practicing the Faith” sermons will look at down-to-earth Christian practices that uncover God’s presence in our daily lives. The series will run through November.

September’s practices are *Honoring the Body*, *Keeping Sabbath*, *Household Economics*, and *Saying Yes and No*. The first Sunday in October we’ll look at *Hospitality*. If you know someone who could use a practical introduction to Christian life, “Practicing the Faith” would be an accessible place to start. We’ll have a flyer for the whole season at church.

This series is based on resources I have found very helpful in my own life. The practices draw from centuries of Christian experience, yet the water from that well tastes surprisingly fresh. I hope you’ll find it good for your thirsty 21<sup>st</sup> century souls.

Blessings,

### **Last Call for Fellowship Dinner Groups**

Fellowship Dinner Groups for 2007-08 will be formed by the end of September. If you want to be a part of one of these wonderful groups, please notify Sue Haas, Jerrie Fliflet or Ngaire Taylor.

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### **FINANCE REPORT**

As of August 31

Year to date income: \$202,712

Year to date expenses: \$194,611

Variance \$ 8,101

A detailed report is available by request from the church office.