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Cathlynn Law, Pastor

Homecoming Sunday!

September 18, 2011

The Chancel Choir returns to help lead our worship on September 11th. The next Sunday (*September 18th*) we will have a potluck lunch following Worship to celebrate our community and welcome (hopefully) new staff members who have joined our ministry team. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Bring the following: if your last name begins with: A-G—desserts; H-P—salads; R-Z—main dishes. We also will have intergenerational games.

New Organist/Accompanist Selected

After reviewing many qualified applicants for the position of Organist/Accompanist for our church, the interview committee made its recommendation to the Staff Parish Relations Committee. SPR has offered the position to Yvonne Hoar, and she has accepted. She will begin October 1st. Yvonne is no stranger to the Sand Point Community, as she served as Organist for our church during Rev. Stan DePano's tenure in the early 2000's.

Thank you to those who served on the interview team: Bill Eagen, Joyce Hoffer, Judy Keller, Blair Paul, Jeremy Matheis (Music Director) and Pastor Cathy Law.

SPR Committee: Paul Vahey (Chair), Jan Paul, Carol Blainey, Bob Houk, Jerry Zimmerman, Bill Eagen, Judy Keller

Reflections from Pastor Cathy

On the last Sunday in August, we experienced a mini baby boom in worship. Bill Eagen captured the moment in the nursery with his camera - three babies, three toddlers, and four school-aged children. This was on a summer Sunday with the school year yet to begin. It wasn't even Christmas or Easter and we still are in the process of hiring our Director of Children & Family Ministries.

Although attendance has been low this summer, this past spring we have experienced many repeat visitors. People are finding us and sticking around. Some of them have children. The beginning of the school year is a time when people check out churches, so I anticipate seeing a few more visitors in worship. What does that mean for us? I am going to offer three easy ways to offer hospitality to our new folks.

1. **Wear your name tag!** Everyone who has been in the church 10 or more years might know who you are, but it will take newer people some time to figure out who everybody is.

2. **Introduce yourself & make sure no one stands alone during coffee hour.** If you notice someone new in worship, invite them to come to coffee hour. If you see someone you don't know by themselves at coffee hour, engage them in a conversation and introduce them to someone else.

3. **Volunteer to help out in the nursery.** We have a safety policy that says we need at least two adults for every group of children in our church. We have someone in charge (Sarah Ritchey); we just need one more person each Sunday to help out. The nursery is now on the main floor next to Perry Hall in the Library, so you don't need to go downstairs. And now, there's a speaker in there, so you can still listen to what is happening in worship.

Welcoming the stranger is rooted in ancient practices of hospitality. Faithfulness to God was measured by the hospitality one offered. When a traveler came to town, there was a tradition of someone waiting by the well, to offer a cup of cold water and hospitality to the visitor for the night. The root of "*well*" is linked to our understanding of wellness or well-being. Come finds its roots in an Old English word "*comer*": one who arrives. In the earliest understanding, "welcome" offered an invitation to come and be well. It is an invitation to be received into the goodness of this new place.

We often undervalue the power of being a genuinely and deeply welcoming community. Jesus said, "*Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*" Let us continue to be diligent in our welcome and our hospitality.

Calendar of Events:

Wednesday (Sept. 7)

Membership, Fellowship, Outreach—6:00 p.m., Fireside
Chancel Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Sept. 8)

Women's Luncheon—12:00 noon, Fireside Room

Friday (Sept. 9)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Sept. 10)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Sunday (Sept. 11)

Worship—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour—immediately following worship, Perry

Monday (Sept. 12)

SANDPOINTER (newsletter) deadline—12:00 noon

Staff Parish Relations Comm.—7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Tuesday (Sept. 13)

Trustees—6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

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

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday (Sept. 14)

Bell Choir—6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Chancel Choir—7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday (Sept. 15)

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

Friday (Sept. 16)

AA—6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Saturday (Sept. 17)

Alanon—7:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Looking Ahead:

Fourth Sunday of Month—Tent City Dinner

Homecoming Sunday—Sunday, September 18

SANDPOINTER deadlines:

Monday, September 12—12:00 noon

Monday, September 26—12:00 noon

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

September Melodies of Compassion

Penny Harvest is a year-round series of service-learning activities that help students apply classroom learning to real-world problems. For over 16 years, Penny Harvest has worked hand-in-hand with schools in Seattle and King County, rallying students to make a difference in their neighborhoods. From now until Thanksgiving, students join with their parents, neighbors and businesses to collect spare change. In January, student leaders form Philanthropy Roundtables and allocate the money raised to make grants and fund student-led service projects. Last year almost \$79,000 was raised and 100% of the funds collected go to these projects. By supporting Penny Harvest, we support students in learning they have the ability to make the world a better place by introducing them to the power of philanthropy and service.

SEATTLE CROP Walk at GREEN LAKE

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Register and start at Green Lake UMC. From Green Lake UMC the route will head down the street to the path around Green Lake. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.; the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. CROP WALKS are sponsored by Church World Services and benefit children and families worldwide—including here in the US. A portion of funds raised will stay here in Seattle to fight hunger through NW Harvest, North Helpline Food Bank, West Seattle Food Bank and White Center Food Bank. Let's put together a group from Sand Point! Call the church office if you are interested in participating.

All Women Are Gathering for Lunch

Thursday, September 8, at 12:00 Noon

All United Methodist Women are invited to attend a "welcome back from summer" luncheon. Bring *a sandwich and a highlight of your summer to share with your friends*. Beverages, veggies, and dessert will be provided. Join your church sisters for this joyous occasion. (All women of the church are members of United Methodist Women of SPCUM.)

Organ Recital

Lora Lee Brown will present "Variations on a Theme" at Kent United Methodist Church on **Sunday, September 18, 2:00 p.m.** Kent UMC is located at 11010 SE 248th St., Kent, WA.

Sign-up for a Dinner/Brunch Fellowship Group

Join a dinner/brunch group for 2011-12! All ages are welcome. It's a great way to get to know each other. Groups of about ten people meet about every other month for either potlucks in our homes or for no-host restaurant meals. Each group determines dates, times, and places to meet. Dinner/brunches will start in October. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 25. Please email or call Sue Haas ASAP at sdbph@aol.com or 206-522-0693 to reserve your space in a group. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Perry Hall during coffee hour.

Budget Information

(as of August, 2011)

Pledge Income:

Annual Budget	\$205,800
Received to date	\$127,297
Remaining balance	\$ 78,503

Contribution Income:

Annual Budget	\$ 23,500
Received to Date	\$ 10,206
Remaining Balance	\$ 13,294

Media Team working to enhance website Our

Media Team is working to update SPCUMC’s website. Photos play an important role in promoting a church by “bringing the church to life” for our web visitors and are essential for creating effective promotion materials. Soon we will be placing more photographs of the congregation on the website.

At the same time, we want to ensure that we respect the privacy preferences of our members. You may indicate your preference (see below) by contacting the church office at 206-523-3040 or spcommunity@qwestoffice.net.

Adult members:

- You may use photos of me with my name.
- You may use photos of me but NOT with my name.
- Please do not use any photos of me.

Minor Children of Adult Members:

- You may use photos with my child’s name.
- You may use photos but NOT with my child’s name.
- Please do not use photos of my child.

Bible Studies Resume this Fall

Men’s Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study will be continuing our study on Troublesome Bible Passages on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. , starting September 20th. All are welcome!

Women’s Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study will pick up the study on the Gospel of John on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10 a.m., starting September 15th. All are welcome!



Church Office Hours

On Sept. 1, regular office hours resumed as follows: Monday through Thursday—8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Fridays—8:30 to 12:00 noon only.