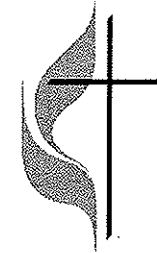


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Can you sing?

Have you ever looked at and listened to the choir and been so moved you just wanted to stand up and sing with? Well your opportunity has come!! Even if you think you can't or have ever been told so, please consider this. We have a sign-up sheet available for new musicians to participate! Whether you play the bagpipes or yodel, we have a place for you in music, please give us a try. Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays with the Bell Choir beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy the music we make together.

We are also forming a **Youth Choir**, age 7 and up, that will meet after church so parents can enjoy a cup o'jo or tea while we rehearse. Sign up outside the Narthex, or call Jeremy at 206-819-6972, or email jdmatheis@hotmail.com.

Taskforce off and Running

The Taskforce on Ending Homelessness met on April 17th to discuss potential projects to present to members of SPCUMC, the View Ridge community, and other interested congregations at a Community Forum to be held late May or early June. Taskforce members include Chair Pam Gates, Phyllis Ferguson, Paul & Sheri Vahey, David Burt, Sainsbury Strack, Jeff Rico, Roland Grober, Jerry Zimmerman, Pat Simpson, and Bill Eagen. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you'd like to attend or have project ideas, please contact Pam at 206-349-1946, speak with any member of the Taskforce, or email VR.End.Homelessness@qwestoffice.net

Native American Ministries Sunday (which nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for UM Native Americans) was observed on April 27th. It's not too late to make a donation. You may issue a check to SPCUMC; indicate in memo section Native American Min.

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

- Sunday** 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service
- Children's Choir and Sunday School
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall
5:00-7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Haller Lake
- 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
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- Friday** 6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room
7:00 to 9:30 p.m. - Youth Friday Night Hangout
- Saturday** 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 1st**
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
6:30 p.m. - Homeless Task Force, Fireside Room



Friday, May 2nd & Saturday, May 3rd Shop until you drop at our Sand Point CUMC Rummage Sale!

- Tuesday, May 6th**
Rummage Sale Pickup
7:00 p.m. - Trustees, Fireside Room
- Wednesday, May 7th**
8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall
- Thursday, May 8th**
Noon - Harmony Circle, Fireside Room
- Saturday, May 10th**
3:00 p.m. - Keith Callow Memorial Service
- Tuesday, May 13th**
7:30 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room
- Thursday, May 15th**
9:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room

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General Conference

What's it all about?

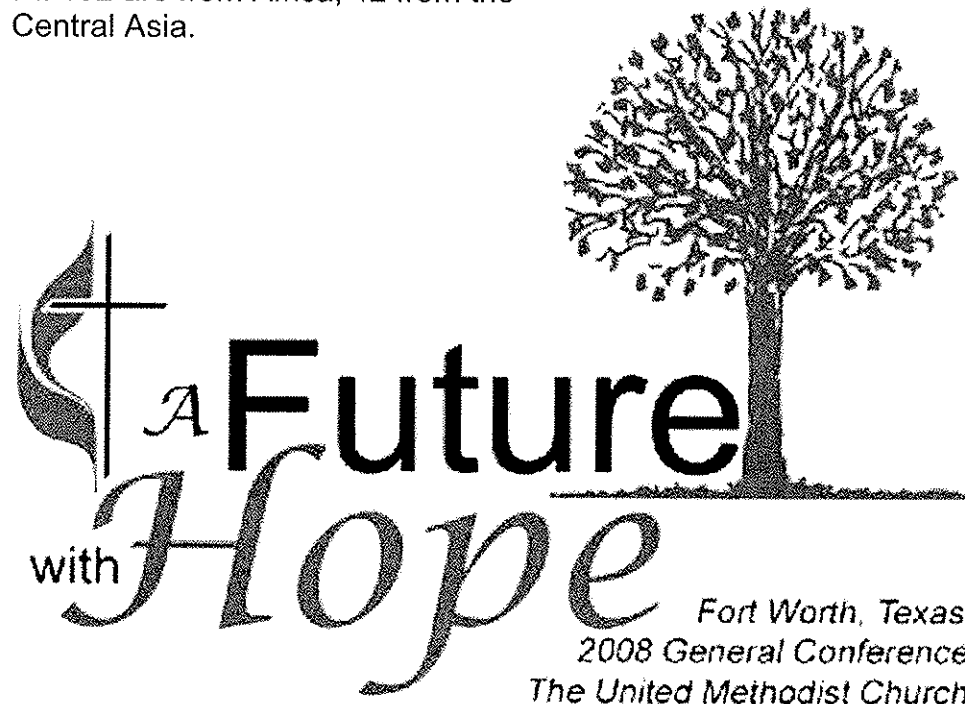
The United Methodist Church's top policy-making body is currently meeting in Fort Worth, Texas to set direction for our denomination for the next four years. General Conference is the only body that officially speaks for our 11.5-million member church (13 million including baptized children who have not become members). During the ten-day session (April 23-May 2) 992 delegates will revise the *Book of Discipline*, which regulates the way local churches, annual conferences and general agencies are organized. The *Discipline* sets policies regarding church membership, ordination, administration, property and judicial procedures.

Delegates will also revise *The Book of Resolutions*, a volume declaring the church's stance on a variety of national and global social justice issues. In addition, the assembly approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years and elects members of the Judicial Council and the University Senate.

Delegates reflect the global reach of our church: 192 are from Africa, 42 from the Philippines, and 42 from Europe, Russia and Central Asia. United States delegates total 704.

Our Pacific Northwest Annual Conference has a voting delegation of 3 lay and 3 clergy members, plus reserve delegates, youth and young adult observers, and staff. Seattle District Superintendent Elaine Stanovsky and former DS Craig Parrish are both clergy delegates. Mary Simpson-Stanton (Pastor Pat's daughter) is a lay reserve delegate.

Interested? For the inside scoop check our delegation's blog at Check our website <http://www.pnwumc.org/generalconference/blog/>. Official news feeds can be found via www.sandpointumc.org.



A note of thanks...

My deepest and warmest thanks to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter such a musical enjoyment. It is my honest prayer and hope that everyone in the congregation will see that we do this because of who we are and what we believe, not for personal glory or satisfaction. We also hope to encourage more participation from the church community in any musical aspect imaginable.

My special thanks to Bev and Jerrie who poured their hearts into the bells and all the extra singers who helped out with the Cantata and Easter. Last but not least, thanks and congratulations to the Chancel Choir for a marvelous job conquering the music and allowing ourselves to truly minister through Christ's Passion. Also, last but in no way the least, Lora Lee Brown; I understand how much time, preparation and commitment go into such a busy time of year and I never could've brought the choir to this level without your help. Thank you one and all for each part you add to the music ministry here at Sand Point!

Jeremy Matheis

Trustees Proposal

Six families or individuals will be needed to maintain six plats on the east side of the church property. The garden area above the rockery has been marked by stakes into six 45 to 50 ft plats about 15 ft deep. Our gardening effort has been costly and this plan has been proposed by Trustee Chair Sebastian Passantino. Trash cans and a yard waste dumpster will be provided. Contact Jerry Sheller via the church office or home at 206-524-5304.

Church of Mary Magdalene Luncheon

The Church of Mary Magdalene and Mary's Place are having a fund raising luncheon on Tuesday, May 13th from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church in downtown Seattle. Lori Matsukawa will emcee and Ken Alhadeff will be the guest speaker. We would like to take a car load of women from Sand Point to this event. Please call the church office (206-523-3040) by May 5th if you can attend.