



SANDPOINTER

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A Wonderful Luncheon

Sixty-one women gathered to enjoy our Women's Spring Luncheon, 'Memory Keepers'. A variety of great show and tell family histories by members and guests were shared. The "show" gave us many ways to put our stories together. Mary Worthington gave an interesting presentation, with hand outs showing her way of documenting a life review. Special thanks to Virginia Williams also, who made a beautiful afgan and two beautiful baby blankets. We collected \$928.00!

Thank you to our wonderful organizers, volunteers, and show and tell ladies, all who made this a very special event: Berta Cohen, Don Covey, Diane DiLuck, Phyllis Ferguson, Jerrie Fliflet, Alysa Haas, Sue Haas, Dawn Jarvis, Jan Kreidler, Joanne Marr, Sebastian Passantino, Heidi Pray, Marilyn Pray, Mark Pray, Gladys Ruthrauff, Claire Sandell, Jim Schimanski, Carol Scott, Ngairé Taylor, Kathy Warnaca, Kris Weller, Virginia Williams, and Mary Worthington our presenter.

Church Yard Clean-up Party

All are invited to attend the Church Yard Cleanup Party to be held on Saturday, June 2nd, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Doughnuts and beverages to be furnished. Bring your own tools! (If you cannot stay for the whole time, please come for whatever time you have available.)

Calendar

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday

10:00 a.m. — Morning Worship Service
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
7:30 p.m.— Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday

6:00 p.m. — AA, Fireside Room

Saturday

7:30 p.m. — Alanon, Fireside Room

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 25th Church Offices Closed

Saturday, May 26th

Youth Convo, Spokane, WA

Sunday, May 27th

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Monday, May 28th Memorial Day

Church offices Closed

Friday, June 1st

Noon Deadline for June Summer Issue of *Sandpointer*

Saturday, June 2nd

9:00 a.m.—Congo Team Meeting, Perry Hall

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Church Yard Party!

Sunday, June 3rd Peace with Justice Sunday

Tuesday, June 5th

7:00 p.m.—Trustees, Fireside Room

Wednesday, June 6th

8:30 a.m.—Probus, Perry Hall

Sunday, June 10th

Children's Choir Sings during 10:00 a.m. worship service

7:00 p.m.— Laura Bohn's Recital

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Dear Sandpoint Community,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position as the music director for Sandpoint Community United Methodist Church effective June 17th of this year. This decision was reached as a direct

result of being offered an administrative internship in my school district for the up-coming 2007-2008 school year and receiving a grant from the state that will fully fund this endeavor. I am working on becoming certified by the state in administration at SPU and this opportunity will allow me to complete this goal by the end of the upcoming school year.

This internship will require an enormous time commitment in addition to my regular work hours and I know that my performance at the church would suffer if I tried to continue as your director. Considering the forward momentum the church is currently experiencing under Pat's leadership, Sand Point deserves a director of music who can be equally devoted to continued quality in the music program.

I have enjoyed the last eight years tremendously, and feel connected to this community. We have made many friends here and consider Sand Point our church community.

I know that for myself this is simply a sabbatical, and that I will in the future, again take up my music ministry (somewhere), but after twenty-one years of music ministry I am looking forward to some time for reflection. Through much prayer and with the help of my family I know that this is the best decision for my personal and professional growth.

*All the best,
Allen*

Summer Office Schedules

The church office will be closed on Friday, May 25th. Summer office hours begin June 1st and are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.

The first Sandpointer summer monthly issue deadline is Friday, June 1st, and is mailed Wednesday, June 6th.

Self, Other and the Spirit of Love

Please join Laura Bohn and friends on Sunday, June 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for an evening of contemplative and impassioned vocal music exploring the delicate balance between Self and Other. Songs, arias and duets of Copland, Massenet, Gounod, Rossini, Mozart will illuminate various aspects of the individual's journey of self knowledge through relationship to nature, death, and the beloved.

Any donations received from this event will go directly to fund Jamaa Letu II, a temporary orphanage for boys in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo. Jamaa Letu I ('our family' in Swahili) is an existing orphanage for girls.



Standing Pat

"I've never really understood the Holy Spirit," someone said to me last week. Since we're approaching Pentecost, the church's celebration of the Spirit, perhaps it's time to let you in on something. Trying to pin down the Holy Spirit is like that old Donovan song: we might as well try and catch the wind.

In John the Spirit is given quietly on Easter evening when Jesus breathes on the disciples. In the book of Acts the Spirit comes in the rush of a violent wind, stirring up flames and amazement.

No wonder it's hard to understand. Even today the Spirit shows up in speaking in tongues and contemplative prayer, in high liturgies and loud-shouting preachers, in music, in dance, in sacrament, in silence.

We can't pin it down for dissection, conjure it with a strategic plan, control it with our expectations or cage it inside the church. But nevertheless, the Spirit is here and alive. Maybe you can't catch the wind, but you can feel it. Come for Pentecost – this Sunday, May 27th.

Blessings,

Interfaith Creation Festival

The time has come for people of faith to come together to heal the earth. The Interfaith Creation Festival, held May 31st through June 3rd is a gathering to celebrate the richness of our Sacred Traditions and equip us for action. Speakers include a Prof. of Theology at the Perkins School of Theology, from the Episcopal Divinity School, Rabbinic Fellow for the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, and Founder of 'The Mosque Cares', and President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace. Be inspired. Share stories. Unite our efforts. Call (206) 331-4004 for details.