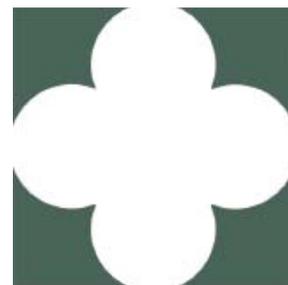


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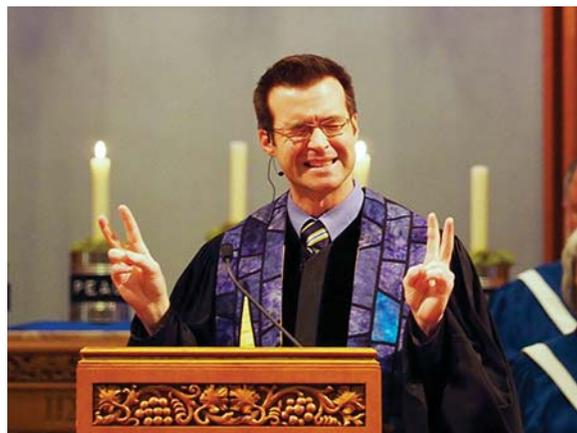
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CELEBRATING the Rev. Dr. Ned Allyn Parker



Having successfully defended his dissertation, *Preaching to Belong: The Practice of Narrative Preaching as an Indicator of Authenticity in the Postmodern Church*, Pastor Ned Allyn Parker will be awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree from Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry in graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 12.

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We will celebrate with Ned in advance of his graduation with a reception following worship on Sunday, June 5. We are also collecting gifts to help offset the costs of graduation. Checks can be made out to Seattle First Baptist Church with "Ned" in the note line.

Please join us on June 5 for a celebration of Ned's hard work; the important step this represents in his own ministry; and the contribution his study will make for ministry itself. Blessings, Ned!

Sabbatical Plans

by Pastor Tim Phillips and the Personnel Commission

Per the church's policy concerning sabbaticals, after completing seven years of employment at Seattle First Baptist I requested and was granted a sabbatical leave from June 1 through August 31, 2016. The general guidelines for a pastoral sabbatical include two plans: one plan for rest, renewal, and study on the part of the pastor; and a plan for covering pastoral duties on the part of the church.

Tim's Sabbatical Plan

The primary purpose of this time away is to complete the written work for my Doctor of Ministry program. This will include attending the Washington Island Forum in June. That conference, "The Church on the Edge" led by Presbyterian pastor Carol Howard Merritt, will focus on emerging worshipping communities within denominations.

For most of the time, Patrick and I will be located at Camp Burton on Vashon Island. Please do not phone or send work-related emails to me during this sabbatical period. Please contact Pastor Ned Allyn Parker or Darren Hochstedler, our church administrator, if you need to reach me.

We do plan to be back in Seattle for short periods from time to time and I do plan to be in worship on June 5 for the celebration of Ned's D.Min. graduation. Otherwise, I will not be in the office or in worship during this time.

At the end of the sabbatical, I have asked the Adult Learning Commission for some program time to present the outcome of my work. The weekend of January 13-15, 2017 I have been asked to be the presenter for the Meekhoff Lectures at Newport Presbyterian Church where I will be speaking about this work as well.

Sabbatical Plan for the Church

Regarding administrative tasks, Ned will be the pastor on site during the week. Ned will work with Darren as administrative issues arise and with Bob Sittig when Darren is on vacation July 5-25. Outside calls (calls from outside the congregation) that need to be passed along to a pastor will go to Ned. He can pass them on to David or Patricia or an appropriate person as he sees fit. Ned will also work with Jim Segaar on the July, August, and September Spire.

Ned will be the pastoral liaison for Outreach, Membership & Engagement, and Personnel Commissions. Those commissions should keep Ned in the loop while Tim is away and should not expect that Ned will be able to attend all meetings. Ned will also lead staff meetings. Ned or Darren will use their judgment about whether to contact Tim if any personnel or facility situation rises to the level of an emergency.

For Pastoral Care, Ned, Patricia Hunter, and David Kile will check in with each other about pastoral concerns. Since Ned is more likely to be on site, he may coordinate those calls and forward them to Patricia, David, or other members of the congregation at his discretion. Ned will contact Tim if any member or friend of the congregation dies or is seriously injured or ill during this time. If the family asks for Tim to participate in a memorial during this time, he will do so. However, one of the other members of the pastoral team will be responsible for planning the service.

Regarding preaching and worship, Ned will be the final proof-reader of the Sunday bulletin and make decisions about what announcements should be highlighted. Ned and Patricia will be the primary preachers and worship planners during this time and they have already agreed to a preaching schedule. Guest preachers have also been identified during this time and funds from the Personnel budget will cover the cost of honoraria. Tim and Ned will work on a preliminary preaching and worship plan for September and October before Tim leaves in June.

Proud to Represent Seattle First Baptist at Pride

Last year, for the first time, we elected to forego the opportunity to march in the Seattle Pride Parade. Instead, we decided to try making our presence known in a different way. Wearing t-shirts with a rainbow quatrefoil, many of you wove in and out of the crowd along the parade route. Because folks from SFBC weren't marching in the parade, itself, those who attended were able to be present in new and intentional ways. For many, this meant more opportunity for interpersonal interactions.

Because there has been overwhelmingly positive feedback about this experience, the t-shirts will be available again this year for those of you who plan to attend the parade on June 26.

Our presence at Pride, as well as our membership in the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, isn't just

a statement about our identity. Our presence is a ministry to those who are still looking for a place to call home, and a testimony to those who have formed their own conception about what it means to be "Baptist."

If you plan to attend the parade, please email Pastor Ned with your t-shirt size [ned@seattlefirstbaptist.org] by noon on Wednesday, June 1.

We will begin the day, as we always have, with a blessing of those attending the parade. Please join us for the beginning of our regular worship hour at 11 a.m. Once our ambassadors have headed down to the parade route, we will continue worship and hear a sermon from our "guest" preacher, Jim Ginn.



Peach Jack Retires from the Staff

We are grateful for Peach Jack's years of service as Director of Congregational Engagement and we will celebrate her ministry with us in worship on May 15 and with a special reception in her honor following worship. As Peach wrote in the April *Spire*, her "passion is to continue this work engaging others for the sake of personal spiritual growth." That passion is leading her to new opportunities for ministry and we look forward to new partnerships with her. Please join us as we offer Peach our blessings and prayers on this journey.

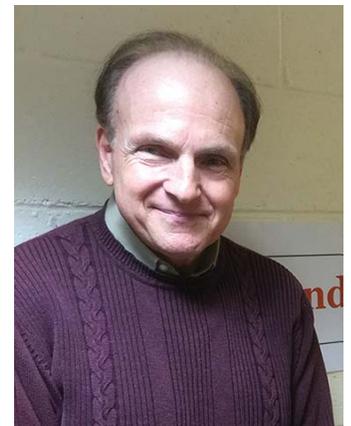
Administrator's Corner

by Darren Hochstedler

Over the last weeks you should have received your first quarter giving statement. Please take time to look it over and let me know of any mistakes. Also with your annual statement was information about our new electronic giving program. This program greatly simplifies tracking and reporting of gifts and can accept either checking account information or credit card. Our goal is to give you multiple secure options for your giving.

If you would like to sign up, please visit the SFBC website. No matter what method you use to share your gifts with the church, know that they are appreciated and are used to continue the many important ministries of Seattle First Baptist.

On another note, our long time bookkeeper, Steve Haugen has retired. Seattle First Baptist was his first job out of college and he has spent his entire career with us (over 45 years). His years of service and wisdom have served us well during those years and we are grateful. Our new bookkeeper, Samuel, is fully trained and we look forward to a long relationship with him.



Steve Haugen

What's Your Hymn Story?

by Vicky Thomas



Music Sunday this year will be all about hymns. There will be big, gorgeous arrangements with instruments, simple songs sung from the heart, new lyrics with old tunes, and new tunes with old lyrics. No matter how they are presented, hymns have the power to get right to the spiritual point. They are crucial to expression of our faith.

And, in many of our lives, they have been crucial to the formation of our faith. On Music Sunday, along with singing hymns, we hope to hear your stories about hymns. Do you hear a hymn in your head when you remember a key life event? Do you rely on a hymn when times are tough? Is a hymn the soundtrack of the mental movie you have of a parent's passing or a child's wedding? What is your favorite hymn and how did it become your favorite?

Please help shape our Music Sunday worship. If you are willing to share your hymn story, please e-mail me by May 15. You don't have to write anything; I will do a simple interview on the phone. Then, on Music Sunday, a few of these stories will be shared during worship. Other stories will be incorporated into litanies, greetings, and program notes. As with the Homecoming quilt, we hope to have many people represented in our hymn tapestry.

And, most important, reserve Sunday, June 12 in your calendar for a morning of wonderful hymn singing at Seattle First Baptist. Invite a friend!

Senior Retreat: *The Power of Prayer*

by Pastor David Kile

The next Senior Adult retreat will explore prayer from a variety of perspectives. It takes place July 13-15 at Rainbow Lodge. Cost is \$175 per person – the cost is the same for single or double rooms. Please register by calling the church office at 206-325-6051.

Three sessions on prayer are planned:

- Session I – Dr Stephen Smith will lead a discussion of the book *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer, an Approach to Life in Fullness* by David Steindel-Rast. It explores new possibilities to the practice of prayer.
- Session II – *The Power of Prayer* will be led by Moszell Pennington from Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She is a lay person in the congregation and a leader of many prayer retreats at Mt. Zion. She comes highly recommended by Pastor Patricia Hunter.
- Session III – Pastor David Kile will lead a session exploring Anne Lamott's book *Help Thanks Wow – The Three Essential Prayers*. Lamott writes about using simple prayers to help us get through the good, the bad, and the ordinary sessions of daily life.

Additional activities will include artistic endeavors, exercise such as Zumba, and of course food and fellowship.

Plan to arrive no earlier than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Departure is Friday, July 15 at 11 a.m.

I Am Only One...

by Jim Segaar

What can one person do in the face of an issue as complex and enormous as climate change? When faced with something so daunting, where does one even begin? It is easy to feel confused and powerless.

Two thousand years ago, one might just as well have asked, "What can one person do in the face of the Roman Empire?" If Mary or Jesus or Paul had given into a sense of powerlessness, which would have seemed perfectly reasonable at the time, we would not have a Christian faith and tradition today. But they didn't despair. As Bill Malcomson wrote recently, they found strength in weakness.

I remain hopeful about climate change, or more precisely about improving and preserving our environment, and much of that hope stems from the belief that I can have an impact. Every day each of us makes countless choices that impact our environment. In some cases we directly generate carbon dioxide and other pollutants when we consume resources, such as driving a car that burns gasoline or diesel. In other cases we indirectly generate carbon dioxide when we purchase products or services.

Consumption is a significant contributor to climate change, and we Americans consume more than any other group of people on Earth. Recent studies found that an average American consumes 25 times more than the average person in India, and up to 35 times more than someone in China. That gives us both the opportunity and the responsibility to make changes in our behavior for the sake of our planet and our future.

So where to begin? Almost anywhere. Driving. Laundry. Use of "disposables." Over the coming weeks we will publish ideas and hints for reducing our consumption and generation of carbon dioxide and other pollutants on our website, on Facebook, and in our weekly emails. We are also soliciting ideas – if you have one please send it to me at [jim@seattlefirstbaptist.org].

On Earth Sunday our Sanctuary Choir sang the words of Edward Everett Hale, an American author and Unitarian clergyman in the 19th and early 20th Centuries: "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything; but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

It is time for us to practice what we sing. The future of our planet depends on it.



Photo of Earth rising over the Moon courtesy of NASA

Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth

Join us the weekend of May 20 – 22 to meet Rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman, who are known as prophetic voices working to move public opinion toward more inclusive and compassionate ways of being in America. Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue and Seattle First Baptist are co-sponsoring the weekend. See the May Calendar for the times of specific events.

Registration is required. SFBC members attend free of charge. To register contact Elizabeth at Bet Alef at 206-527-9399 or [elizabeth@betalef.org].

Waskow and Berman relentlessly speak truth to power. Among many issues such as peacemaking among Abrahamic communities, combatting unjust and destructive concentrations of political and economic power, Rabbi Waskow especially - and the Shalom Center he leads - has made it his top priority to address the Global Climate Crisis. Rabbi Waskow writes, protests, blogs and teaches around the country about what he calls not Global Warming but Global Scorching. He draws on Jewish and other faith-based sacred scriptures to teach about shaping a sustainable global community, denouncing corporate greed, and working with those most vulnerable and most hurt by the unfolding of our climate crisis.

Four hundred rabbis last year signed a Rabbinic Letter on the Climate Crisis co-authored by Waskow. "By overburning carbon dioxide and methane into our planet's air," the rabbis declared, "we have disturbed the sacred balance in which we breathe in what the trees breathe out, and the trees breathe in what we breathe out. The upshot: global scorching, climate crisis."

Join us for an inspiring weekend of spirituality-in-action to discover together uplifting and hopeful solutions to an issue that touches all of us - sourced from the sacred texts of our spiritual traditions.

This Changes Everything

by Joan Bowers

Experience yourself being on the front lines of fending off environmental disaster. Learn from the courageous members of vulnerable communities around the world who are saying NO to Shell arctic oil drilling, NO to the tar sand excavation in northern Alberta, NO to the wetland destruction in India. They are making a difference for quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities. This experience is yours when you view the film, *This Changes Everything*.

The film will be shown Sunday, June 12 at 1:15 p.m. in the Parlor and will be followed by an opportunity to discuss the film with two notable community members who will serve as facilitators.

This film is the next step in creating awareness and promoting action begun by the Interfaith Climate Action group, led by Keith Ervin and members of Seattle First Baptist and Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue. This effort began in January with a highly informative 4-part series on Climate Chaos. These well-attended sessions were followed by two action-oriented sessions in April and the planting of our shared garden with Bet Alef Meditative Community.

Naomi Klein, well-known world climate crisis activist and author, wrote the book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism Versus the Climate*, published in September 2014. In 2015 she and her husband, Avi Lewis, as director, produced the film. Klein narrates the film giving viewers the context for the climate changes that are occurring, the human suffering that results, and the way human behaviors contribute to those changes and suffering. You can see a trailer for the movie at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpuSt4_U]

Join members of SFBC, Bet Alef and our greater community to see what people all over the world are doing about climate chaos that we are all facing. Witness courage, be informed and gain hope. Invite your friends and join us on Sunday June 12 at 1:15 p.m.

Brighten Your Day With Diverse Harmony

by Bob Sittig

If you're ever feeling a bit down, which seems to be easier in the present political environment, I recommend that you take yourself to the choir room at SFBC on a Tuesday night at 6:30pm. You will be treated to the enthusiasm of fifty to sixty youthful members of Diverse Harmony in rehearsal. This experience is guaranteed to brighten your day and restore your hope for the future. These rehearsals happen at our church each Tuesday evening during the school year. Diverse Harmony was the first gay/straight youth chorus to be established in the USA. The group, now in their fourteenth year, has been rehearsing at our facility for over ten years.

The mission of Diverse Harmony is "To create a safe, affirming environment where each person is accepted for who they are." While music plays an important part in the life of Diverse Harmony, the protection and encouragement



for young people, some of whom do not find this in any other place in their lives, is the paramount goal of the organization. There have been instances where the connection to Diverse Harmony has literally saved the lives of members who fell into the depths of depression. We are fortunate that the Artistic Director Brayton Bollenbacher not only has a degree in Music and Vocal Performance, but earned a Master's Degree in Social Work as well. This combination of skills fits perfectly with the needs of the Diverse Harmony youth.

This coming July the group has been invited to participate in the GALA Choruses 2016 Festival in Denver, Colorado. This event occurs every four years and is a gathering of LGBTQ groups, both youth and adult, from all over the country and some from overseas as well. Diverse Harmony participated in the 2012 Festival and was acclaimed as the best

youth chorus. This year sixty youth and eight chaperones will travel to Denver to represent Seattle's youth chorus at the festival. The cost for this trip will exceed \$20,000. Fortunately we were able to get a good discounted group fare from Alaska Airlines and GALA Choruses subsidizes part of the travel costs. We still find ourselves over \$10,000 short of meeting all the expenses associated with this trip.

On Sunday, May 22, the youth of Diverse Harmony will be participating in our worship service which will be followed by a light lunch fundraiser in Fellowship Hall. The group will perform some additional numbers and those attending will hear first-hand from chorus members how Diverse Harmony has changed their lives. We are hoping that you will attend this event to enjoy lunch and entertainment and support the needs of this group for the upcoming Denver trip and their other activities throughout the year. All are welcome, but we have to know you plan to come. If you will join us, please email me at bob@seattlefirstbaptist.org or call Judie in the office and let her know of your intentions.

As the current board President and on behalf of the entire Diverse Harmony organization, I wish to thank the staff and congregation of Seattle First Baptist Church for all of the support you have shown over the past decade. We would not be the vibrant group we are today were it not for that support and encouragement. Based on the attached photo, I'm confident in saying that the youth of Diverse Harmony are thankful also. I hope you can meet these wonderful young people in May. I know it will brighten your day.

Families. Celebrating. Freedom.

The Architecture of Family and the art of self-discovery is the theme of a program being offered at All Pilgrims Christian Church during May. The program tells a transformative story of coming out, rebuilding family, and celebrating life together. The evening includes documentary-style film alternating with live choral music featuring the voices of reSound, a Northwest Chamber Ensemble, and cellist Dave Beck.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. on May 6, 7, 13 and 14. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at [architectureoffamily.bpt.me]. All Pilgrims is located at 500 E. Broadway E. in Seattle. More information about the program is available at [www.ArchitectureofFamily.com].

Project Access Turns 10

by Sallie Neillie, Executive Director

Project Access Northwest is celebrating its 10th anniversary all year! Seattle First Baptist is our second office location. We moved here in July of 2009 - when we outgrew our initial space at King County Medical Society. We initially used only needed two rooms on the floor above the childcare in the south building. We have grown to use the whole floor and currently have 24 staff! This growth in space supports our growth in programs. We have extended our program into three counties, created innovative new programs with community health care partners and helped more than 1,550 volunteer providers annually provide much-needed specialty care to patients in need.

Project Access Northwest has three programs that help low income uninsured and Medicaid patients who live in King, Kitsap and Snohomish Counties.

- Our first and largest program, Care Coordination, connects low income patients with specialty physicians and dentists who provide care either as charity care or at the Medicaid reimbursement rates. In 2015, we helped over 6700 patients.

- Our second program is Premium Assistance. For those people don't qualify for Medicaid and meet other eligibility requirements but live on 250% Federal Poverty Level or below, we have a program that pays the remaining health care premiums when purchasing individual Silver insurance plans on the Health Benefits Exchange. In 2016, we are helping over 200 people in this program.
- Our third program works with Swedish Medical Center Emergency Departments to link low income Emergency Department users with primary care doctors who can provide more comprehensive care and wrap-around services to the patient and the patient's family. We contact 100's of people each month in this program.

Our mission – and our commitment – is to our community's most vulnerable patients who need health care and dental services, and to the physicians, dentists and other licensed clinicians who provide medical and dental care specialty services that people need to be able to work, support their families and fully live life!

Seattle First Baptist Church is a good home for us. We are very mission driven – and care deeply about the community we serve. Our diverse staff live in the neighborhood or use public transportation to get to work. We work with the medical neighbors on Capitol Hill including Swedish Cherry Hill and Swedish First Hill, Pacific Medical Centers, Virginia Mason, Group Health, Harborview and Polyclinic as well as the other health care systems in our service area. Thanks for welcoming us as part of your community.

A Poem for Old Games

Monopoly, Chutes and Ladders, Life, Jenga and Chess
Checkers, Scrabble or Uno were the games you liked best
You played them and laughed with family and friends
Never guessing that someday the fun would just end
What should you do with those great games galore
Donate them to church so they can be played with some more!

If you have board games you no longer play, then the youth at Seattle First Baptist could use them! We are looking for games that would be appropriate for a variety of ages (e.g. – simple games for toddlers, and games appropriate for junior and high school-aged youth). Please consider the following as you look at your old game collection...

1. Games should be in good repair with all the required pieces.
2. Card games should contain ALL the cards.
3. Games should be appropriate for the youth of the church (not adult themed/oriented).
4. Battery operated games should meet the above requirements AND should be checked to ensure the battery terminals are not corroded and are in working order (Operation, Simon, Bop It for example).

Other items that would be acceptable:

5. Puzzles with all the pieces.
6. Puzzle style games - such as Rubik's Cubes (any style with stickers intact in original places), puzzle balls (Perplexus), Barrel of Monkeys (with all the monkeys).
7. Un-used puzzle books/crosswords etc. - These should be in new condition. We don't care how long you've had them, just please only donate puzzle books that have not been used or solved.

See Susan Blythe-Goodman or Patrick Green if you have some games/puzzles that you feel would be a good fit for the youth of our church. Your CF&YA Commission thanks you!

Three Years of Holy Rolling

The month of May marks the third anniversary of the monthly Burrito Roll, when volunteers from Seattle First Baptist and Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue gather to prepare burritos that are handed out free to anyone in need of food. In honor of the occasion the Holy Rollers are planning to produce 1,000 burritos – double their normal amount.

Extra volunteers will be needed to accomplish this goal. Preparations will begin on Thursday, May 19 and continue on Friday, May 20. Burritos will be rolled and distributed beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21.

Please contact the burrito team at [burritoroll1@gmail.com] if you have questions or would like to sign up to help. And thank you to all who make this ministry of compassion possible.



Adult Learning in May

Sessions meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

May 1 and 8 – *Choosing our Future Together*

Join our pastors and representatives of our Personnel Commission for a discussion. The Personnel Commission is now at the very early stages of developing the framework for the selection of an additional pastor. They would like input from the congregation on some important issues:

- the importance of diversity on the pastoral team
- constitution of the search committee
- preferred skills and talents in a new pastor
- goals and needs of SFBC that should be addressed by a new pastor
- the areas of pastoral service that should be given priority by the entire pastoral staff

May 15 – *Faith Journey*

One of the most popular events of Adult Learning is the opportunity to hear one another's stories about life and faith. We hear one of those stories by one of our new members, Lynn Gaertner-Johnston today and then more later in June and July.

May 22 – *Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth with Rabbis Waskow and Berman*

Part of the special earth-centered weekend co-sponsored by SFBC and Bet Alef with focus on "The Issue of Global Warming Through Christian Scriptures."

May 29 - *Memorial Day - Veterans for Peace*

Mike Dedrick, a Vietnam veteran and a member of local chapter of Veterans for Peace will speak. Veterans for Peace is a global organization of Military Veterans and allies whose collective efforts are to build a culture of peace by using their experiences and lifting their voices. Through their stories they inform the public of the true causes of war and the enormous costs of wars, with an obligation to heal the wounds of wars. The network is comprised of over 140 chapters worldwide whose work includes: educating the public, advocating for a dismantling of the war economy, providing services that assist veterans and victims of war, and most significantly, working to end all wars.

Wednesday Dinner Programs in May

The May schedule for programs following Wednesday Dinners is still in development. Please watch your Sunday bulletins and check our website for details. The upcoming scheduled Wednesday programs are:

May 4 - Holocaust Remembrance. In advance of Holocaust Remembrance Day, May 5, we will have a brief service of reflection and prayer to re-commit ourselves to "never forget."

May 11 - Introduction to Circles of Trust. Peach Jack will introduce curriculum based in Nature metaphor, from the *Courage and Renewal* program started by Parker J. Palmer. Several members of the SFBC community have been meeting as a Circle of Trust for about a year. They will share about the experience and demonstrate how the circle functions. Time for discussion in small groups will be included. According to: [www.couragerenewal.org]: "The Circle of Trust® approach is distinguished by principles and practices intended to create a process of shared exploration—in retreats, programs and other settings—where people can find safe space to nurture personal and professional integrity and the courage to act on it. In the hands of a knowledgeable and skilled facilitator, this approach has the power to transform individuals, families, workplaces and communities. " A Circle of Trust is based on Parker Palmer's idea that the soul is a shy creature and needs a supportive environment to come out. The current Circle meets weekly to read poems and reflect. With the aid of metaphor, the readings help members to develop a mindfulness practice, both in the group."

Programs for May 18 and 25 are still being determined as of the publication of the May Spire.

Seattle Jazz Vespers Presents: The Leah Natale Quintet

Sunday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Sophistication and beauty of the Golden Era of Jazz, is the combination of the smooth vocals of Leah Natale, the deep rich sound of the acoustic bass, the warm and engaging lines of the jazz guitar, and the sound of woodwinds. Leah Natale (vocals), George Stone (guitar), Chris Busa (winds), Jeff Busch (drums/percussion), and Cary Black (bass).

May Spire Calendar

Sunday, May 1

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Conversation About Our Future Pastoral Team - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship and Communion - Pastor Ned Allyn Parker to preach on *Carrying the Mantel of Brokenness*, John 5.1-9
- 12:30 p.m. Young Adult Lunch - Youth Room - contact Pastor Ned Allyn Parker for information
- 12:30 p.m. Senior Adult Lunch - a program about *Grief and Loss* with Peach Jack. Please contact the office for reservations.
- 1 p.m. Action for Love - (see the April *Spire* for details.)
- 6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers presents the Leah Natale Quintet

Wednesday, May 4

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Program - Holocaust Remembrance
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 6

- 2 p.m. Memorial Service for Jane Foster - at Japanese Baptist Church

Sunday May 8 **Mothers' Day**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Conversation About Our Future Pastoral Team - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship - with speakers Bruce Chittick, Meri Bauer, and Pastor Tim Phillips
- 12:30 p.m. Social Justice Ministries - Peacemakers

Wednesday, May 11

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Program - Introduction to Circles of Trust with Peach Jack
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 15 **Pentecost**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Lynn Gaertner-Johnston shares her Faith Journey - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship - Pastor Tim Phillips to preach of Acts 2 and John 3.1-6
Following Worship - Reception honoring Peach Jack on her retirement as Director of Congregational Engagement at SFBC
- 1 p.m. Memorial service for Susan Irwin - Hintz Chapel
- 3 p.m. Faith Action Network's Seattle Summit. Conversation will focus on FAN's new effort to establish work groups around specific issues, such as economic justice, criminal justice, the environment, and health care. Please register for this event at:
[<http://fanwa.org/events-2/regional-spring-summits>]

Wednesday, May 18

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Program - TBA
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19

- 7 p.m. Diaconate meets in the Parlor

Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22

Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth - A weekend with Rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman. Co-sponsored by Bet Alef and SFBC. Registration is required. SFBC members attend at no charge. Contact Elizabeth at Bet Alef at 206-527-9399 or [elizabeth@betalef.org].

Friday, May 20

- 1 p.m. Prep for the Burrito Roll - main kitchen
- 7:30 p.m. Bet Alef Meditative Shabbat Service with Rabbis Arthur Waskow, Phyllis Berman and Olivier Benhaim - Sanctuary.
Part of Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth weekend.

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Saturday, May 21

- 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service with Rabbis Arthur Waskow and Phyllis Berman - Sanctuary. Part of Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth weekend.
- 1:30 p.m. Burrito Roll - Fridell
- 1:30 p.m. Workshop. Part of Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth weekend.
- 7 p.m. Diverse Harmony's small ensemble, Spectrum, performs at SFBC. Tickets and information available at [<http://diverseharmony.org>]

Sunday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Rabbi Arthur Waskow - Parlor. Part of Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth weekend.
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship. Diverse Harmony will sing during worship. Rabbi Arthur Waskow will preach - Sanctuary
- 1 p.m. Benefit for Diverse Harmony - Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Workshop. Part of Sacred Sources to Heal the Earth weekend.

Wednesday, May 25

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Program - TBA
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 29

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - *Veterans for Peace*, featuring Mike Dedrick, a Vietnam veteran and member of Veterans For Peace Chapter 92 - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship - Pastor Tim Phillips preaches on Luke 7.1-10. This is Pastor Tim's last sermon before he goes on sabbatical.
- 2 p.m. Memorial service for Joyce Ostergren. Reception to follow.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day
Office Closed

Online Extras

We recently celebrated Earth Sunday in a variety ways, and we continue to search for ways that each of us can do something about Climate Change. See the following on our website:

- Photos from Earth Sunday: [<http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/recent-happenings.html>]
- A blog from Keith Ervin of Interfaith Climate Action:
[<http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/our-blog>]
- Look for ways to do something about Climate Change on our homepage:
[<http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org>]

