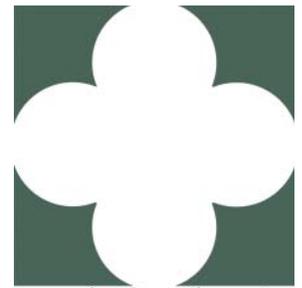


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Marching For Our Lives

Many members of the Seattle First Baptist community participated in the *March For Our Lives* in Seattle on March 24. In worship the next day we affirmed that “thoughts and prayers” are not enough, and neither is marching. In that spirit, we offer this “To Do” list from Sara Tollefson:

- Ban the purchase and sale of “assault” or semi-automatic rifles;
- Ban the sale of any accessories designed to increase a gun’s rate of fire;
- Call on members of Congress and corporations to stop accepting donations from the NRA;
- Ensure safety in our school system without the use of firearms (no arming teachers ever);
- Raise the age to possess a firearm from 18 to 21 in the state of Washington;
- Implement universal background checks;
- Eliminate private gun sale loopholes;
- Allow funding for thorough gun research;
- [and] Support and fund prevention, intervention, and community re-entry programs that reduce community gun violence.



Resource Packet for Discussing School Shootings with our Next Generation

By Pastor Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko

The creation of this resource packet was inspired after our youth group began discussing and processing the tragic Parkland attack. For our youth, active shooter drills are a “normal” part of their education at school.

Born in a post-Columbine world, our next generation is becoming/already conversant in this “new normal” but still open to and desiring guidance from the adults around them. However, for us who grew-up pre-Columbine, we may struggle in talking with and offering assurance to our next generation.

The resources were gathered from SFBC’s Parish Nurse (Sue Ross, RN) and the Bright Horizons Child Care Center operating out of SFBC’s building. They include tips for age appropriate responses in interacting with children under the age of 3 through the High School years. To have this packet emailed to you as a PDF please contact Pastor Jennifer jennifer@seattlefirstbaptist.org

Pastor Anita Update News

From the Personnel Commission

Among the many reasons why the Search Committee chose Anita Peebles and the congregation called her was her tremendous commitment to peace and social justice. Pastor Anita will be arriving in Seattle the end of June, but will not be joining us until July 8. She’ll be attending the Baptist Peace Fellowship conference the first week of July where she will be taking an active role in the conference’s deliberations. Her first Sunday at Seattle First Baptist Church will be July 8. In the meantime, she’ll be staying in touch with us through *Spire* articles and videos.

Thankfully, Pastor Jennifer will continue her leadership as interim Associate Pastor for Children, Families, and Young Adults until July 1. Pastor Jennifer’s last Sunday participating in the worship service will be June 10. She’ll spend the remainder of June wrapping up projects and preparing for Anita’s arrival in early July. We are also blessed that Dr. Patricia L. Hunter continues to serve Seattle First Baptist Church as our Theologian in Residence.

If you have any questions or thoughts about this transition period, please share them with the Personnel Commission co-chairs, Cynthia Per Lee and Dick Miller, or any of the members of the Personnel Commission.

Greetings from Pastor Anita Peebles

Dearest good folk at Seattle First Baptist Church,

Words cannot adequately express how humbled, excited and grateful I feel to be called as your Associate Pastor. In one conversation with a mentor pastor, I told her, “I’ve been waiting my whole life for this position.” In another conversation, I told a friend, “This church is exactly where I want to be.” In my five-ish months of knowing SFBC through your social media platforms, your search committee and my couple of visits, it has become clear that you already have an amazing ministry going on in this church. The programs you conduct within the congregation (opportunities for adult education,

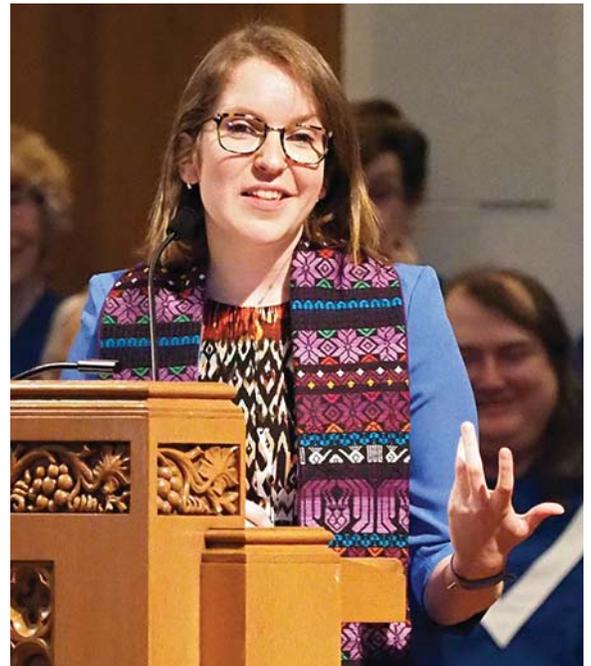
Godly Play with children, exploring social justice with the youth) and the partnerships with Companis, Diverse Harmony, Bet Alef and many more show the commitment of this church to participating in the life and wellbeing of each other and of the wider Seattle community. Diversity clearly has made SFBC a strong, loving and welcoming community to many, and I look forward to extending that hospitality to all God's people throughout my ministry.

Learning about all of these programs has been inspiring as I dream of how I will fit into SFBC as a minister and leader. I am eager to be in relationship with the Children, Family and Young Adult commission, the younger humans and the older humans affiliated with them, and participate in Godly Play, Sunday school and share children's sermons. I am excited to help create more space for intergenerational activities. Does a community "TED-talk" night sound good to you? Or perhaps a whole group art activity is more your style? Or maybe you would like a first-grader to teach an adult education series? Would you sign up for a congregational talent share? I invite you to dream with me as to how this church can support our youngest members and their families as we all journey together, following Jesus on the Way of Love and the Path of Justice.

I look forward to my ministry with you, which will begin July 1. Prior to that, here's what I will be up to: On April 15, I will be ordained by Glendale Baptist Church in Nashville, TN and then will graduate from Vanderbilt Divinity School on May 11. After all the pomp and circumstance, I will conclude my ministry doing congregational care with West End United Methodist Church on May 21 and take a much-needed break. I plan to move to Seattle in mid-June and have high hopes for adopting an animal friend shortly thereafter. I anticipate representing SFBC at the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America~Bautistas por la Paz conference during the first week of July in Keuka, NY. If any of you would like to join me at Summer Conference, you are invited to do so! Following that gathering of Baptist peacemakers from all walks of life, I will join you in Seattle and get to know all of you in person. I know there are still several months between now and when I see you again, but I hope to make at least one visit in that time to explore housing options. I also respectfully request that you save some smoked salmon from your famed 4th of July barbecue!

Dear people of God, know that I am eager to join you in the ministry of SFBC. I lovingly anticipate the advent of our life together!

With a grateful heart, Anita Peebles



Pastor Anita Peebles speaking at SFBC

What Does a Community Uprising Look Like?

By Pastor Tim Phillips



Creativity for Peace

On Easter, I talked about the difference between the way Christians in the West and Christians in the East understand Easter. In the West, Christ rises triumphant but alone. In the East, Christ rises and takes all humanity with him in triumphant liberation. For them, resurrection is anastasis, literally up/rising. There are a lot of reasons why this understanding seems compelling as we seek to follow the way of Jesus in this particular moment in history. And the Lectionary (the assigned readings for each Sunday) steers us toward the stories in Acts that describe the uprising of those early followers of Jesus. During the rest of April, we will be wondering together about what a community uprising looks like, using these stories from Acts.

April 8, A Community Uprising of Economic Justice: Acts 4.32-35. Beyond generosity, what would it look like for a community to commit itself to economic justice?

April 15, A Community Uprising of Healing: Acts 3.1-10. Both in the ministry of Jesus and in the life of that early community following him, healing was not only a matter of caring for those who were sick but was an act of liberation. What does that look like today?

April 22, Earth Day, A Community Uprising of Peace. The risen Jesus kept showing up and saying: "Peace be with you." On this Sunday, with the help of young women from Creativity for Peace, we will wonder together about what caring for the Earth and her people looks like. We will honor the work of the Interfaith Climate Change group and also hear from Israeli and Palestinian young women "transforming anger and prejudice to mutual respect." Since 2003, this program uses dialogue and art to work for the compassion and healing necessary for reconciliation. The program has included 271 young women and developed 60 Young Leaders who are actively engaged in this work as public speakers, meeting organizers, program advisors, and camp counselors. On the Friday before, April 20, two of these young women will be included in the Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue Shabbat service. Those same young women will lead Adult Learning at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 22, and will help to lead worship at 11. These women come to us through Romney Legacy funding.

April 29, A Community Uprising of Welcome: Acts 8.26-40. The baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch is one of those watershed moments in the early community of Jesus. What does that kind of welcome look like now?

Immigrant and Refugee Outreach

By Jim Singletary

"We will welcome the stranger, including immigrants and refugees, as our Scriptures instruct. We will explore how to support their causes and advocate for justice, remembering that many of us are the children of immigrants and refugees." —SFBC Affirmation of Values

Following an October visit and presentation by Michael Ramos of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, a group of SFBCers began meeting to discuss the ways we can support the Council's leadership on sanctuary efforts in the Seattle area. This group calls itself the Immigrant & Refugee Outreach Working Group, a name that (we hope) implies a broadening of purpose beyond simply providing safe haven for those under threat of deportation. The aim of these meetings has been to consider the wide array of options available to us as a church community in contributing to this effort. Here are a few ideas that are being considered, some of which may require program initiatives, but others are tasks that could be taken on by interested and motivated individuals.

- Aid in fundraising efforts for the Church Council's Legal Defense Fund, which provides quality representation for immigrants and refugees within the faith community.
- Accompany people navigating the immigration system and other bureaucracies to provide personal support and serve as witness to the legitimacy of their treatment. This is an excellent opportunity for connection if you have weekday availability. (A training session will be offered on April 18.)
- Use our social media platforms to get the word out about immigrant and refugee outreach efforts.
- Provide area host congregations (those that actually provide sanctuary space) with financial or logistical support.
- Identify individuals who might be able to provide short-term hospitality (up to two months) for those who experience challenges to securing stable housing (particular asylum seekers awaiting work permits).
- Explore ways of joining or involving other Evergreen Churches in common efforts at immigrant and refugee outreach.
- Provide help to family members left behind following a deportation, often minors.

Do any of these ideas pique your curiosity? Would you be interested in joining the IROWG or perhaps adding your name to our contact list to find out about other ways you can help out, such as contacting local representatives regarding policy considerations. Or perhaps you have other ideas or personal connections that could be useful for our efforts. If so, or if you have more questions, I'd love to hear from you. Feel free to contact me: president@seattlefirstbaptist.org (or corner me during coffee hour). And please be on the lookout for more information later this spring/summer.

The Gift of Life

By Janet Hasselblad

April is "Donate Life" month. If you haven't already, please consider being an organ, tissue and blood donor. I know a number of people at SFBC have donated their kidney's to family or friends. One of those people is my mother Phyllis.

Way back in 1976, I was a junior at Garfield High School. During the fall semester I started gaining weight and feeling really tired and I didn't know why. So I put myself on a carrot diet instead of the lovely *Tator Tots* served in the school

cafeteria, took naps in the nurse's office and even crawled up stairs to get to class. By February of '77, a few months shy of my 17th birthday, my kidneys completely failed and I had to join my older brother Rick on hemodialysis. Rick and I have a hereditary disease called "Alport's Syndrome." I went to the Northwest Kidney Center after school three days a week, dialyzing five hours at a time.

I was a fairly typical teenager, I wanted to go the school football and basketball games, Garfield was #1 in both at that time, I wanted to continue going to and working at Cascade Meadows Baptist camp in the summers, I wanted to be an exchange student. But all of those things became impossible. That is, until I received my first kidney transplant from mom in 1980. I was 20 and a junior at Western Washington University, where I had a kidney machine in my dorm room after a small battle with the Dean. I won. I remember Rod Romney visiting us at Swedish hospital the day of our surgery, and less than 24 hours later, I was "peeing like a stallion" as my doctor told me. I had newfound freedom as I'd received the "gift of life."



Janet Hasselblad speaking at Seattle First Baptist

Because of the transplant, I was able to travel freely, visiting a camp friend from London was one highlight. I finished college, becoming a Recreational Therapist, which was a perfect blend of my love for camping and serving people like myself who need support in order to recreate fully. The transplant didn't last long, but long enough for me to have a taste of the freedom I'd been missing.

In 1986, after having been back on the machine for another 4 years, I received a call that another kidney, a "perfect match," was available for me. It was in Nashville and had to be flown in on a direct flight, which wasn't until the next day. Twenty-four hours after that call I was once again in the operating room. Eventually, the kidney started working and was a great success. I was healthy, working full time, and living life to the fullest. Fast forward to 2007, and now, at the age of 47, I was once again on the transplant waiting list. This time for a liver and a kidney. Due to a multitude of blood transfusions I'd received in the early '80's, I'd contracted Hepatitis C, and it had finally caught up with me. In 2009 I received my third "second chance at life" and a life-saving transplant. It was a rough ride for a few years, but I made it! The transplant was a success.

In this spring season, and the month when I celebrate my actual birthday, I am so grateful for new beginnings. I'm blessed to be the "medical miracle" my doctors see me as. Without medical science, brilliant doctors and nurses, my family and friends who support me unconditionally, and my church family who has been with me

throughout this incredible ride, I wouldn't be living this rich, full, beautiful life. Thank you SFBC for your prayers, hugs, thoughts, shoulders and conversations. I'm very glad to call you "family."

Living lighter on the land: An Adult Education Series

By Keith Ervin

For the past month, several Seattle First Baptist members have been participating in Taming Bigfoot, a friendly competition to track and reduce our carbon emissions. We're tracking the volume of water that comes into our homes, the electricity we use, the garbage we dump, the gas our cars burn, the meat we eat, and much more.

We've begun to see how much carbon goes into producing a serving of steak or salmon, a gallon of gas, a daily newspaper and -- heaven forbid! -- a transcontinental flight.

We're going through this exercise because we know that if our children are to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change, worldwide carbon emissions have to drop by 80 to 100 percent over the next three decades. That's a big challenge, and we need to get started now.

Interfaith Climate Action - First Hill is organizing a Sunday morning adult-education series in which we look at our personal responsibility for the climate crisis and ways we can do better in



Joan Bowers, Keith Ervin, and Elizabeth Heath (Bet Alef) while Taming Bigfoot

our homes and our personal lives. On April 8, 15 and 29, we will offer these programs:

- Members of First Baptist and Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue will share what they have learned by participating in Taming Bigfoot.
- Dr. Beth Wheat, farmer/owner of Whidbey Island's SkyRoot Farm and an award-winning University of Washington lecturer in the College of Environment, will explain sustainable agriculture as a climate solution.
- Steve Lough, founder of the Seattle Electric Vehicle Association, will discuss the environmental benefits of electric cars, and challenge us to make the leap from gasoline to electricity.

Details of the three programs are being finalized, so stay tuned for details. Then let's explore our personal responsibility for the climate crisis, and learn some exciting ways we can become part of the solution.

Explore: The Spiritual Practice of Belonging

Sundays, April 15, 22, 29, at 12:30 p.m.

The Membership and Engagement Commission invite all those who are interested in exploring our life together at Seattle First Baptist to a series following worship beginning April 15. Over a light lunch, we invite you to hear the stories of this congregation and to tell your own. Meet others who are thinking of making this commitment – not simply to an institution but to the spiritual practice of belonging.

There is a conversation guide provided to help us explore, engage, and to think together about what it means to belong. Join us for one or all of these sessions. For more information, call the office, visit the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall, or speak with Brent Marble or Joan Benner. We look forward to meeting you.



Thank You from Earth Ministries

By Jessie Dye, Senior Campaign Strategist

Seattle First Baptist was one of the early Earth Ministry Greening Congregations. Almost 20 years ago SFBC committed to making their facility, their programs, their liturgy and their community outreach more sustainable and honoring of God's Creation and Earth's ecosystems. Their sensible policy against single-use dishes arose from that commitment, and SFBC has been a generous partner to Earth Ministry and an environmental leader among faith communities ever since that time. They are heroes among us! Thank you SFBC.

Seattle Jazz Vespers Needs You!

By Janet Whitlock



Seattle Jazz Vespers, a free monthly concert series in our sanctuary at 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month, October through June, was founded by one of our former pastors, Stephen Jones, modelled after a similar program at his previous church near Detroit, Michigan. Now in its sixteenth season, it has been going strong over the years due to the tireless efforts of its co-chairs, Shirley Cline and Janet Whitlock, and a committee of volunteers who have helped with everything from publicity to ushering to bringing refreshments.

But we are in need of some new members! Whether you are a lifelong jazz enthusiast or merely looking for a fun way to be of service to SFBC, please join us at an informational meeting on Sunday, April 22 at 12:30 p.m. in the Peacemakers' Room, to hear our plans for our next season and see how you fit in! Feel free to bring a sack lunch if you wish.

Speaking of Dying Turns Three

By Trudy James

Everyone at Seattle First Baptist is invited to the third Anniversary Celebration of the film, *Speaking of Dying*, on Saturday, April 14, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Social Hall.

We will have tasty snacks and drinks, many end-of-life resource displays, piano music by Kent Stephenson, a bountiful raffle, and a showing of the film with opportunity to meet individuals featured in the movie. A short program will be hosted by emcee, Rev. Debra Jarvis, including a presentation by Dr. Jim deMaine.

Sponsorship by Seattle First Baptist helped bring this film into being. In its three-year history, the film has been shown in churches, libraries, residences, and senior centers throughout the Puget Sound and in many states, helping individuals and families begin important conversations. Please come and celebrate the success you helped create!

Seattle First Baptist was the first church to invite me into their pulpit to speak about death and dying. This church

and its members have encouraged me every step of the way, both with the film and with the Heartwork four-session workshops that inspired the Speaking of Dying movie. I am forever grateful for your support.

Please come and help us celebrate. Be inspired and informed about positive endings for yourself and your loved ones. For more information, visit [www.speakingofdying.com].

Our Thrift Shop Needs Your Help

By Rod Shutt

The Trinity Thrift Shop, presently located at 8th & Cherry, has been a joint venture of Trinity Parish and Seattle First Baptist for over 30 years. Originally, most of our business was sales, and we donated the proceeds to organizations helping people in our neighborhood, along with the outreach ministries of Trinity and SFBC. Among the organizations we have helped over the years are Northwest Harvest; First Place, the school for homeless children; the Refugee Resettlement Office of the Diocese of Olympia; and the Mental Health Chaplaincy. Once an organization reached the point where our contributions were insignificant compared to their budget (including the first two listed), we found others to support.



Now our business is overwhelmingly vouchers, which Trinity and SFBC give out to anyone who requests one. Vouchers allow people to select what they need from the shop at no cost to them. Due to the demand, vouchers have monetary limits and a person may only receive one every two months. We also provide underwear and socks from a clothing fund, established thanks to a generous donation from a woman who appreciated our work. And if someone comes to us in need of a coat, that person gets a coat, with or without a voucher.

We rely on donations for our merchandise. We appreciate donations of clothing and household items in good condition. Donations may be left at the shop when we are open, and at the Seattle First Baptist church office when it is are open, or on Sundays.

The shop is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is staffed by volunteers. On Tuesdays, a volunteer crew sorts and prices donations to put out for sale.

We can always use additional volunteers. If you can commit to a couple of hours once a week or once a month, we would like to speak with you. We are also considering opening on Saturdays for cash only transactions to attract more of our neighbors and generate some revenue. Would you be interested? Please contact Rod Shutt, C.J. Hendrickson, Thea Johnson, or Betty Reid for more information.

Meet Diverse Harmony's New Artistic Director

Fundraiser and Luncheon, Sunday, May 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, May 6 for Diverse Harmony's annual Fundraiser and Luncheon. It will be held again in Fellowship Hall at Seattle First Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m. It will be an opportunity to meet Eric Lane Barnes, who recently became DH's new Artistic Director. Diverse Harmony will also sing during our worship service that day.

At the luncheon, both the larger choir, Diverse Harmony, and the a-capella ensemble, Spectrum, will be performing under the direction of Eric. If you have seen Eric conducting with The Seattle Men's and Seattle Women's Choruses, you know that he is a very creative musician and artistic director. It will be very exciting to see the DH youth under his direction.

DH needs to plan for the luncheon, so please reserve your place at the table by contacting Diverse Harmony at info@diverseharmony.org.

ABWM News

By Carole Cornell, Shirley Wilkinson, and Imogene Williams

Friendship Circle welcomes Karen Hundrieser, Companis Worker at Elizabeth Gregory Home for our program, Tuesday evening, April 10. Karen will speak to us about Elizabeth Gregory Home, a women's day shelter in the University District, and her work there. Please join us for an informative and fun evening.

Friendship Circle held their regular meeting on March 13, beginning with a splendid meal. Imogene brought the entree, Wendy brought steamed asparagus, and Ingrid brought home made apple pie! Martha Hopley reported on our missionary Sarah Nash; she has not commenced missionary work as yet but is tutoring Spanish. A student group is collecting funds to help the persecuted Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, we voted to contribute \$92 towards this effort.

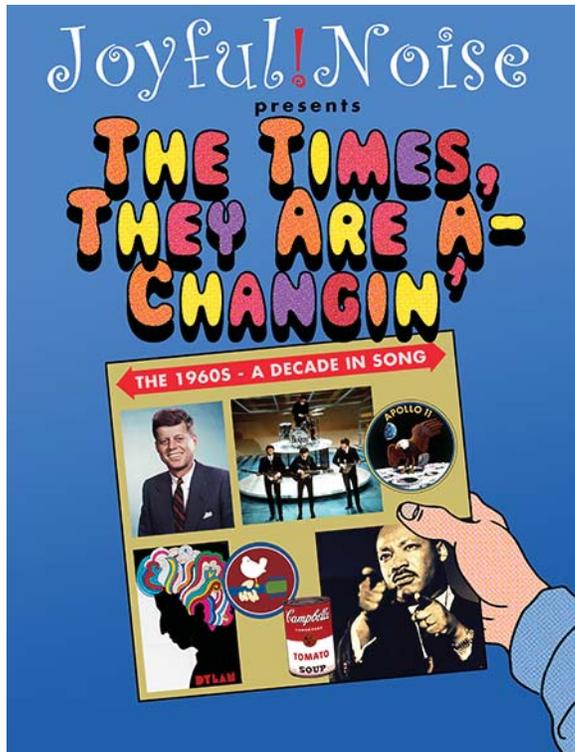
Our president Carole Cornell led our lesson from the American Baptist Women material on The Blessed Community in terms of Leadership, Relationship, and Culture. Shirley Wilkinson provided applications for the ABW Regional meeting in Yakima, in April.

Donna Waite will sew bandages into ten foot lengths ready for us to roll at our April 10 meeting, please come and help roll bandages for Congo!

Don't forget to put your coins (or currency) in the Penny Project jars after church in Fellowship Hall. They will be sent to Mary's Place and are one way we can help the homeless served by them and lessen the weight in our purses and pockets at the same time. Also, we continue to cut, sew, and roll bandages for our missionaries in the Congo. If you have used sheets you no longer want, bring them to church and put them in the Fridell Lounge kitchen on the counter by the refrigerator. Thank you for your help!

Joyful! Noise presents: *The Times They Are A-Changin'*

By Melissa Thirloway



It's time for another fun and fabulous Joyful! Noise concert. This spring our concert theme is "The Times They Are a-Changin'" and it's all about music from the 1960's. Come celebrate the decade's evocative songs with wonderful arrangements of "We Shall Overcome," "Turn, Turn, Turn," "Stop In The Name of Love," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," and "I Heard It Through The Grapevine." And many more.

Joyful! Noise's 40-voice choir and three-piece band includes SFBC community members Wendy Cohen, John Chenault, Belle Chenault, Phil Mortenson, Nancy Roberts-Brown, Brian Ross, Kimberly Thiesen, and Patrick Green.

Come celebrate with us the epoch that produced the Kennedy Camelot, the Civil Rights Movement, the British Invasion, the Space Program, the Vietnam War, the Summer of Love, Woodstock and the complete transformation of American Folk Music.

The concerts are in SFBC's sanctuary on Sunday, April 29 at 3 p.m. (and also at Mercer Island Congregational Church on Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m.).

Tickets are available from Joyful! Noise members, Brown Paper Tickets or at the door.

For more information: <http://www.joyfulnoiseseattle.org>

Join Michael Stern and Friends for a Concert

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 7 p.m.

Seattle Chapter Fellowship of Reconciliation presents a family friendly concert by Michael Stern and friends with special guests Eriko Kirsch & Jeffrey Powel. It features songs of compassion, humor, justice and peace.

The concert is Saturday, April 28, 7 p.m., at Seattle Mennonite Church, 3120 NE 125th St, Seattle, WA 98125 Suggested \$15 donation, nobody turned away for lack of funds.

Information about Michael Stern & his music is available at: <http://www.mikesongs.net>.

Concert Information is available at wwfor@wwfor.org



You're Invited to an Anti-Racism Gathering

By Joanne Wright

The Church Council of Greater Seattle is holding quarterly Anti-Racism Networking Gatherings for faith leaders in the Greater Seattle area. The next gathering is on Saturday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Columbia City Church of Hope (3818 S Angeline St, Seattle, WA 98118).

This gathering is open to clergy and laypersons who want to pursue anti-racism work with their faith community. The Church Council has expressed support for congregations who wish to make racial justice a way of life, and provides this opportunity to share ideas and resources, to offer support, and to encourage collaborative relationships among anti-racist faith communities in Seattle.

I attended the first gathering in December, 2017. I plan to attend all these gatherings but will be out of town on April 14. If you are able to attend, please let me know so we can plan an informal get-together to share information and experiences. (Contact information is available from the church office).

Please RSVP to Halley Ballast, Organizing Intern, at: [hballast@thechurchcouncil.org]. Childcare may be available upon request.

MAPS Open House

The Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS) will be holding their quarterly Open House on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. The public is invited, and the subject will be Combating Islamophobia. The address is 17550 NE 67th Court, Redmond, WA 98052. Registration is requested at: <http://MAPS.GD/OPENHOUSE>, MAPS Website is: <http://www.mapsredmond.org>

Our Own Sarah Burkhart to Perform at Seattle Jazz Vespers

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Dave Desrochers and the Seattle Jazz Quartet

Every Wednesday, local jazz musician, Dave Desrochers of the Seattle Jazz Quartet host a jazz jam called Paragon Hang. It's a comfortable atmosphere where some of Seattle's finest musicians, mix, mingle, and hone their craft.

Taking a cue from the Paragon, Seattle Jazz Vespers has invited Dave and the Seattle Jazz Quartet to premiere at our May concert. This event promises excellent entertainment for those of us who love live performances in a concert setting.

Joining Dave Desrochers on sax and flute are Jeremy Bacon on piano, Paul Gabrielson on bass, and Zeppy Zittle on drums. As a special treat, also joining the quartet are two outstanding jazz vocalists, Joanne Klein and Sarah Burkhart.

And... you'll never know what other well-known artists may show up to perform.

April Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 7

7:30 p.m. Gorilla and the Bird - an evening with author Zack McDermott. Sponsored by the Romney Endowment and Companis. See the March Spire for more details.

Theme for April: What does a "community uprising" look like?

Sunday, April 8

Eastertide - A community uprising for economic justice

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Be the Change the World Needs - Taming Bigfoot - Parlor

10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor

11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Acts 4.32-35

4 p.m. Labyrinth - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 11

6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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Sunday, April 15 **Easter III - A community uprising for healing**
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Be the Change the World Needs - Personal Investments in a Livable Future - Parlor
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Acts 3. 1-10

Wednesday, April 18
6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 19
7 p.m. Diaconate - Parlor

Sunday, April 22 **Earth Day - A community uprising for peace**
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Creativity for Peace - young Palestinian and Israeli women working toward greater peace in their two countries - sponsored by the Romney Fund - Parlor
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips and representatives of Creativity for Peace

Wednesday, April 25
6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 29 **Easter V - A community uprising for welcome**
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Be the Change the World Needs - Supporting Sustainable Agriculture - Parlor
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Acts 8.26-40

Online Extras

Did you miss one of our great worship services during Holy Week? We have material from recent worship services on our website for several weeks after the service. Check out these pages:

Most recent Sunday service: <http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/last-sunday.html>

Other recent services: <http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/recent-services.html>

We also publish special services, such as Good Friday: <http://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/good-friday.html>

