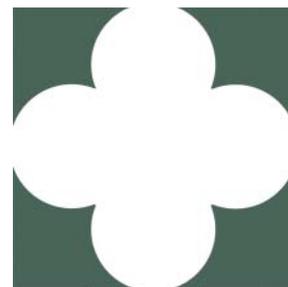


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This fall I am grateful for the gift of falling leaves.

A Season of Gratitude

By Jim Segaar

It's that time of year again when we are reminded to be thankful, grateful. Thanksgiving Day is just weeks away, and at SFBC our Stewardship theme this month is Gratitude. Pledge Sunday, aka Gratitude Sunday, is on November 18.

This time of year I'm often tempted to just take a pass on the whole holiday season, and with good reason. My mother died just days before Thanksgiving in 2004. I still miss her, and the holiday triggers that longing. My father became gravely ill the following Thanksgiving, dying two months later. And this fall my family is dealing with the first death in the next generation – my brother Dave passed away in October. Perhaps life would be more bearable if I just fast-forward to February this year.

One thing stops me from trying to do that. Gratitude, and a firm belief that we humans are designed to be grateful not because of what life brings us, not even in spite of what life brings us, but in the midst of life itself. At our best, we are a grateful species. And gratitude is also at the heart of our community life together.

Poets express this the best. Psalm 40, a psalm of David, begins this way:

*I waited patiently for YHWH; God inclined to me and heard my cry.
YHWH drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
YHWH put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.*

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This psalm of gratitude springs from a miry bog, not a palace.

In the United States, Thanksgiving Day comes from a similar heritage. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the National Day of Thanksgiving in 1863, in the midst of the Civil War. The move came from the tireless efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale, a 74-year-old magazine editor who lobbied several presidents for a national day of thanksgiving. The proclamation, written by Secretary of State William Seward, includes these words:

*The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies...
In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity...*

So this year I am doing my best to follow the example of Dr. Patricia Hunter, who so eloquently reminds us to always give thanks, even if it's just for waking up one more day. Because I am deeply grateful. For family, as challenging as that experience can be. For fall, and the turning of seasons. For our Seattle First Baptist community. And for life itself.

During worship in this season we will hear from various members of our community on the theme of Gratitude. And on Sunday, November 18 we can demonstrate gratitude in action when we make our pledges for the coming year. While doing research for this article I encountered the work of a motivational speaker named Denis Waitley. I find that his words provide great comfort and motivation this season:

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.

May it ever be so.

Voting Our Values

By Pastor Tim Phillips

As we look toward this election season, I have been thinking about the dual citizenship we hold as we follow the way of Jesus. We are citizens of a national entity with an ultimate allegiance to the reign of God. Sometimes that puts us at odds with our government and, in these days, at odds even with others who identify as followers of Jesus. It's at times like these that I think it helpful to re-center ourselves in those values we have claimed. In the spring of last year, we affirmed these values:



Seattle First Baptist Church: Living Our Values

Faithful to our Baptist heritage, we strive for a world where people are welcomed regardless of, and with respect for, their religious beliefs; where the separation of church and state is vigorously defended; where freedom is a fundamental right that values the dignity of all persons without regard to their race, country of birth, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, or disabilities; and where compassion is the measure of our actions.

- **We will go deeper in faith** as we do justice, love mercy, work for peace and walk humbly with God.
- **We will be present** to one another and our neighbors in our personal relationships and by creating venues for engagement where we can learn about viewpoints different from our own.
- **We will respect all religions** by learning about the beliefs, values and struggles of our neighbors and by demonstrating support for them.
- **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.
- **We will actively work to recognize and change our own biases** and to fight racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, ageism and other systemic prejudices.
- **We will protect our environment** and support preservation programs that are based on scientific data designed to improve our resources, enhance biodiversity, and reverse human-caused climate change.

We affirm these commitments as we continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

In our long history and in the current days, we have been involved in actions related to each of these. We have not always agreed on the strategies to live them out. But they can – and do - inform our lives and our actions. Ultimately, they are an expression of what we say in our Mission Statement: “We will know no ... loyalties above those which we owe to God.”

Adult Learning in November

November 4 – Women in Baptist History

Lottie Moon. Nannie Helen Burroughs. Addie Davis. Helen Barrett Montgomery. Ella Baker. Martha Stearns Marshall. Nancy Sehested. Molly T. Marshall. How many of these names do you know? Maybe a few, but perhaps not enough! These women impacted Baptist life (and the world) as missionaries, as preachers, as deacons, as activists, as artists. Come learn about these amazing women and other heroes of the Baptist movement in Adult Learning on November 4 at 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Anita Peebles.

November 11 – Veterans' Day/Armistice Day

Recognizing Veterans' Day on November 11, Adult Learning at 9:30 will host a program titled: "Veteran's Day versus Armistice Day: A Chaplain weighs in on the significance of November 11." The program will be led by the Rev. Dr. Kelly Wadsworth, a Seattle-based writer and preacher as well as a Presbyterian minister and an Iraq war veteran. She has worked in diverse ministry contexts including Mt. Baker Park Presbyterian Church, Transforming Age, and the Seattle VA hospital. She received her M.Div from Princeton Theological Seminary and her PhD in Psychology from Saybrook University with her dissertation, "Profoundly changed: The homecoming of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan." Pastor Kelly also serves the West Seattle Contemplative Church.

November 18 and 25 – Resilience

Richard Conlin will lead two sessions titled *Resilience From the Inside Out* during Adult Learning at 9:30 a.m. Resilience is defined as: an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.

Resilience is a statement of faith in yourself and your community. It was initially a term to describe ways a community can be better prepared for emergencies. Now our understanding has broadened to link it to the way in which communities work all the time. It is precisely the characteristics that equip individuals and communities to respond most effectively to short-term emergencies that also build strong communities over the long term. Building resilient communities means empowering community members to engage with each other.

In this two-session class we will explore these connections: what resilience means and how it applies to families and individuals, to faith communities, and to this church as part of the First Hill community. We'll look at how to build personal resilience, and how to work together to create the ties between people to connect us to each other. We'll be practical and imaginative – looking at how we can think about resilience starting from the church as part of the First Hill neighborhood - and exploring how we can take the strengths and capabilities that we each have and use them to create change.

Richard Conlin served four terms on the Seattle City Council and was Council President for two terms. He is now a consultant on sustainability, food policy, and local government, and adjunct faculty at the UW Department of Urban Design and Planning. He is currently co-chair of the Regional Food Policy Council.

Youth Sunday is November 11

By Pastor Anita Peebles



It is common to hear people say "the youth are our future." And yes, that's true! Those who are children and youth now will grow and grow until they are the ones who vote, run for office, and make major decision. But in the church, the youth are not only our future, they are our PRESENT. Not "present" like a gift that we have to wrap up and coddle and protect...but "present" because they are here NOW and their talent and energy is a gift to us.

The youth are our future...and our present...and our past, as we remember what it was like to be twelve or fifteen or eighteen. This November 11, I hope you will join the youth as they lead in worship for our 2018 Youth Sunday. Ben and Julia de la Cruz will be sharing about their experiences with leading as youth in their schools, their community and this church. Come support the Next Generation as they share of their gifts and reveal to us God's word and work in the present.

Music Task Force Makes a Recommendation

By Pastor Tim Phillips

The Music Ministry Task Force began in August of 2018 when I asked Margaret Norton-Arnold to organize and facilitate the work of the group. Margaret developed a "process description" for the task force, facilitated meetings, developed notes and products from the group's deliberations, and maintained communication with members throughout the process.

The Music Ministry Task Force met three times in September-October. At its first meeting, members heard a presentation from Dennis Coleman on various staffing models in place at other churches similar to SFBC. It was during this first discussion that the group determined a change in staffing structure was warranted. The potential move to a music minister position was discussed in-depth at the second meeting, while the third meeting was devoted to the review and editing of a rough draft recommendation to the Diaconate. A "final working draft" was developed out of this meeting, which members approved via email.

Invitations were sent to 18 individuals for participation in the task force. These included members of the pastoral team, music staff members, members of the Diaconate's executive committee and members of the music commission. Not all these people were able to participate, but there were 13 who did.

At the October 18 Diaconate meeting, the Task Force presented the following recommendation:

As a result of our work together, we recommend that music staffing be changed so that a Minister of Music assumes a central and primary role at the church. This individual will have a strong background in choral conducting and will create and implement a broad diversity of opportunities for our congregation to be engaged in the music of SFBC. This minister of music will manage a team of music staff members, including a part-time organist/accompanist and a children/family musical leader.

The Diaconate agreed in principle to this recommendation, but wanted to make sure that all budgetary and personnel matters related to the proposed Minister of Music position are sufficiently addressed. As a result, the Stewardship, Music, and Personnel Commissions will continue to work on these details, and the Diaconate will review those findings before the new position is officially approved.

On a broader scale the Task Force concluded its report:

It should be further noted that our conversations as a group sparked a number of broader ideas about the music program as a whole. These could not be fully considered within the limited scope and timeframe of the task force. As the church moves forward, and especially if there is a desire to engage in a strategic planning effort, we encourage the inclusion of the music program as a key component of that strategic work.

Both the specifics of this recommendation and the broader conversations about the music program will continue in the days ahead. Your comments and questions are encouraged. We are grateful to all those who participated in the process so far and to Margaret Norton-Arnold for her wise leadership and counsel.

Calling All Nominees

By Mike Zaugg

In the Fall of each year the Nominations team works to fill the positions on all of the commissions of the church. This is your chance to serve our church, have fun working with others and find your niche in the scheme of things. We have a spot for you, whether it is on Music, Outreach, Stewardship, Membership, Church Home Operations, Christian Education, Personnel, Children and Youth Ministries or Worship.

Please call, text or email Mike Zaugg if you have questions or an interest in serving next year, 2019. Mike's contact information is available in the online Membership Directory or from the Church Office.

Wednesday Dinner Programs Return

By Pastor Tim Phillips

While we have been enjoying the informal conversations around the tables on Wednesday evenings, three opportunities are coming up for Wednesdays in November and December. Please note that crafts for kids, Youth Group meetings, and Choir rehearsals all continue on Wednesdays. Here's what's coming:

November 7 (6:45 p.m. in the Parlor): Grateful – a conversation with Tim Phillip about Diana Butler Bass' new book on gratitude in keeping with our stewardship series. Tim has an extra copy of Grateful for anyone who would like a copy.

November 14 (6:45 p.m. in the Parlor): Immigration - a presentation by Advocates for Immigrants in Detention NW. This non-profit group advocates for immigrants and is dedicated to serving detained immigrants at the NW Detention Center. They provide assistance to help improve detention conditions, visitation to help end isolation, advocate for immigrants and their families with legislators, and work to increase awareness of the NWDC. The AIDNW Welcome Center is located directly outside the Detention Center. Please come to learn more. SFBC's American Baptist Women's Ministries/Friendship Circle is sponsoring this program.

November 21 is our annual Thanksgiving Eve Dinner. There is not a program that follows dinner but join us for this family celebration of thanks.

While there is not a program currently planned following dinner for November 28, please join us again on December

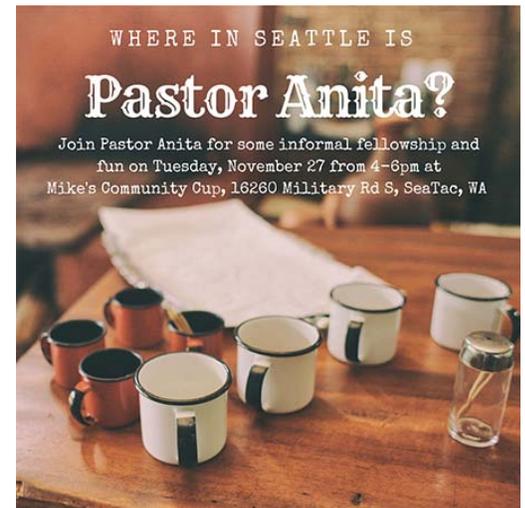
5 for "The Waiting Room," an Advent Evening of Prayer at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a program offered by SFBC in cooperation with the Ignatian Spirituality Center featuring music, reflection, and messages by Tim Phillips and Carla Orlando (whose grandfather, C.J. Erickson, was chair of the building committee that built our sanctuary in 1912). This is a good opportunity to center yourselves in this busy season.

ABWM Sponsors Two Programs in November

By Carole Cornell and Shirley Wilkinson

The program following the Wednesday night dinner, November 14, is planned to be a presentation by AIDNW, Tacoma. This non-profit group, Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest, is dedicated to serving detained immigrants at the NW Detention Center. They provide assistance to help improve detention conditions, visitation to help end isolation, advocate for immigrants and their families with legislators, and work to increase awareness of the NWDC. The AIDNW Welcome Center is located directly outside the Detention Center. Please come to learn more. ABWM/Friendship Circle is sponsoring this program.

Calling all bakers! (and I do mean all!) The ABW Ministries' sponsored Bake Sale will be Sunday, November 18 after worship. Come and help support our missionaries by baking and/or buying pies, cookies, and breads. So tasty!! This is our big chance to help our missionaries obtain needed supplies.



An Advent Preview: Already ... not yet

By Pastor Tim Phillips

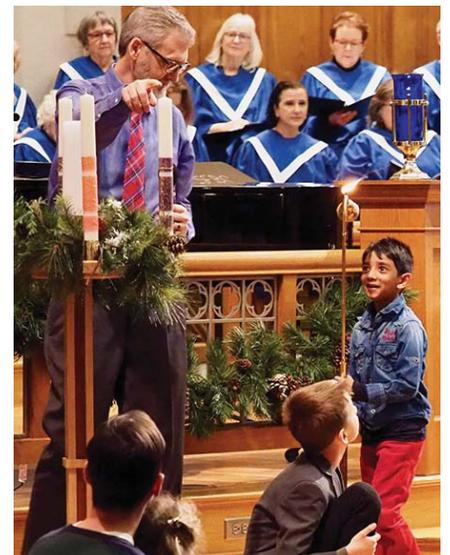
Advent begins on Sunday, December 2, with a theme drawn from the work of social gospel pastor, teacher, and activist, Walter Rauschenbush, who wrote that: "The kingdom of God is always but coming." It helps as a way to describe Advent as this call to center ourselves in a promise that already happened, is happening, and will happen. To prepare us each Sunday, Pastor Anita Peebles and Choral Director Ben Luedcke have written a canticle:

*Within and among, arriving yet coming forth.
We look to the manger, hoping for answers anew.
The One we waited for
Promise as new life born
The incarnate flesh reveals:
Creator, Teacher, Friend.*

In addition, Jim Segaar offers a daily meditation for the season that will be available in printed form and online.

On December 2, 9, and 16, Pastors Anita, Patricia, and Tim will lead Adult Learning conversations on The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth and in worship:

- December 2, Advent I: "Being awake," Jeremiah 33.14-16 & Luke 21.25-36
- December 9, Advent II: "Being prepared," Malachi 3.1-4 & Luke 3.1-6
- December 16, Advent III: "Being confused," Zephaniah 3.14-20 & Luke 3.7-18
- December 23, Advent IV: "Being blessed," Luke 1.39-56 (Magnificat) and the Christmas Breakfast (9:30 a.m.) and the Do-It-Yourself Christmas Pageant in worship at 11 a.m.



Please also plan to join us for "The Waiting Room," an Advent Evening of Prayer on Wednesday, December 5, co-sponsored with the Ignatian Spirituality Center. Then on Saturday, December 15, (7 p.m.) and Sunday, December 16, (1 p.m.) our Sanctuary Choir offers Daniel Pinkham's glorious Christmas Cantata.

Through music, scripture, reflection, and story, help us remember, re-connect, and re-imagine the promise that is already and not yet.

Join Us for a Bengali Gala



Special Guest: Dr Nadira will share inspirations and joys from her 5 years as SMC physician in Chondipur.

For Suraiya Ataur Medical Clinic Chondipur Village, Bangladesh
Saturday November 17th 6:00—9:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.)

SFBC is a cosponsor for this annual fundraising dinner featuring live music and Bengali & Bollywood dancing. Authentic South Asian dinner will be catered by Tikka Masala. All Proceeds support Suraiya Ataur Medical Clinic in Chondipur Village, Bangladesh — the Ancestral Village of Jamal, Kamal, Naz, & Aysu Rahman.

Tickets: \$30 advance at Brown Paper Tickets. \$35 at the door. Children under 12 half price / Parking \$5 in lot by church. Dinner and door prize promptly at 6:00 pm. Must be present to win.

Administrator's Corner

By Darren Hochstedler

Plans are underway for a major renovation of the main bathrooms at SFBC. Starting in January, we plan to begin with the Women's Fellowship Hall bathroom. The plans are complete and finishes have been selected. Please see the design boards that are located in the office building hallway directly behind the copy room entrance. Your input is welcome. Questions can be directed to Darren@seattlefirstbaptist.org and I am happy to walk you through the plans.

Joyful! Noise presents: "Songs for a Winter's Night"

Warm your soul and cuddle up with our Joyful! Noise winter concert this December. The theme is "Songs for a Winter's Night" and we'll be singing old favorite holiday treasures like "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," and a mashup of "I Love You"/"What a Wonderful World" as well as fabulous new ones: Ola Gjeilo's "Days of Beauty," Eric Whitacre's "Glow" and "Let it Go" from the movie Frozen. Our own Ken Klettke arranged a version of "Songs for a Winter's Night" as sung by Sarah McLachlan. As always the audience gets to join in on our annual winter concert sing-along.

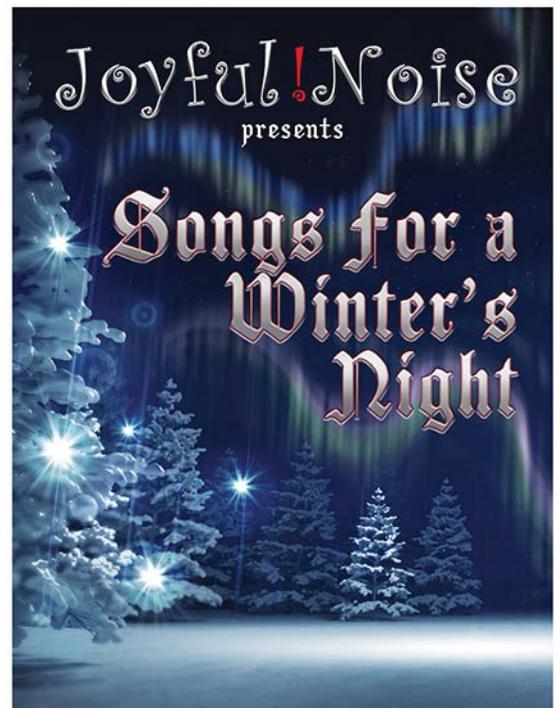
Joyful! Noise's 40-voice choir includes SFBC community members Belle Chenault, John Chenault, Carla Granat, Patrick Green, Phil Mortenson, Darla O'Brian, Nancy Roberts-Brown, Brian Ross, Steven Smith and Kimberly Thiesen.

Celebrate the holiday spirit with us we perform your favorite tunes old and new.

Concerts are in SFBC's sanctuary on Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m. and Monday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. Parking on the street and in the lot just west of SFBC is free on Sunday.

Eastsiders can enjoy the concert twice by attending our performance at Mercer Island Congregational Church on Sunday, December 2 at 3 p.m. Obviously, Seattleites are also welcome to attend this concert as well.

Tickets are available from Joyful! Noise members, Brown Paper Tickets or at the door. For more information: <http://www.joyfulnoiseseattle.org>



Bet Alef presents Kaballah!

Starting November 6, Bet Alef is presenting a six-month course on Jewish Mysticism with Rabbi Olivier BenHaim. Learn the history of Jewish Mysticism; Discover Kabbalah's core principles; Encounter Rabbi Isaac Luria's teachings; Experience being a Jewish Mystic: interpret Torah, study the Zohar or Sefer Yetzirah; practice Kabbalistic meditation.

For all dates and to register, visit www.betalef. Members-\$200, non-members-\$270. Everyone is welcome!

Come Walk the Labyrinth

Second Sunday of each month through April 4 at 5:30 p.m. – enter through the lower Seneca doors

*Show me your ways, O God;
teach me your paths. —Psalm 25:4*

Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual practice that quiets the mind and invites deep listening to the soul. The circular shape of the labyrinth evokes a sense of wholeness, balance and unity. Labyrinths have endured the test of time across centuries, continents and traditions. In the Christian tradition labyrinths date back to the great medieval cathedrals of Europe, including the most famous labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France that pilgrims still walk today.

Unlike mazes, labyrinths have no false turns or dead ends. The single path leading to the center and back again calms and promotes clarity. Perhaps the most important attitude to have when walking is to let go of expectations and simply *experience your experience*. One suggestion is to follow the 3 R's: release thoughts and expectations as you enter, receive the gift/insight you most need and return to your life to integrate the gifts of the labyrinth.

Meister Eckhart, a 14th century mystic, stated *God is at home, it is we who have gone out for a walk*. The labyrinth shows us the path to follow back home – back to ourselves, to God, to one another and to all of creation.



What's ABWM Been Up To?

By Shirley Wilkinson

Women of the American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) have been active in various ways. Our annual Bake Sale in November brought in \$480, all of which went to help support our denomination's missionaries via White Cross. Friendship Circle voted this fall to start making monthly contributions to Sarah Nash of Olympia who is preparing to be a new global servant in Bolivia. Copies of the journals of a few missionaries are posted on the ABWM board near Fellowship Hall as they become available.

Locally, we were able to donate \$380 to Mary's Place via the Penny Project. We worked with the youth on their all-church sock drive and were able to take 3 boxes and 3 grocery bags of socks to Operation Nightwatch. Our two circles also contributed to various local ministries. In March we hosted Blanket Sunday in which the congregation contributed 73 blankets that were then distributed to Mary's Place, Union Gospel Mission, World Relief, and Peter's Place.

At present we have two circles with a total membership of 34. Friendship Circle meets monthly on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. and Mt. Carmel Circle meets quarterly at homes at noon. Both are a time of inspiration, fellowship, and ministry. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Chair of Friendship Circle is Carole Cornell and chair of Mt. Carmel is Jean Mattson.

Our board consists of Shirley Wilkinson – president, Martha Hopley – treasurer, Catherine Fales – secretary, and Janet Newell – chair of White Cross

Jovino Santos Neto Quinteto Returns to Seattle Jazz Vespers

Sunday November 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Jovino Santos Neto - Piano, Flute, melodica; Ben Thomas – Vibraphone; Chuck Deardorf – Bass; Mark Ivester – Drums; Jeff Busch - Percussion

Three-time Latin Grammy nominee Jovino Santos Neto, a master pianist, composer and arranger, is among the top Brazilian musicians working today. Currently based in Seattle, Washington, he has throughout his career been closely affiliated with the Brazilian master Hermeto Pascoal. He was an integral part of Pascoal's group from 1977 to 1992, where he fine-tuned his artistry, performing around the world and co-producing several legendary records.

Jovino's personal style is a creative blend of energetic grooves, deep harmonies, telepathic improvisation, lyrical melodies and

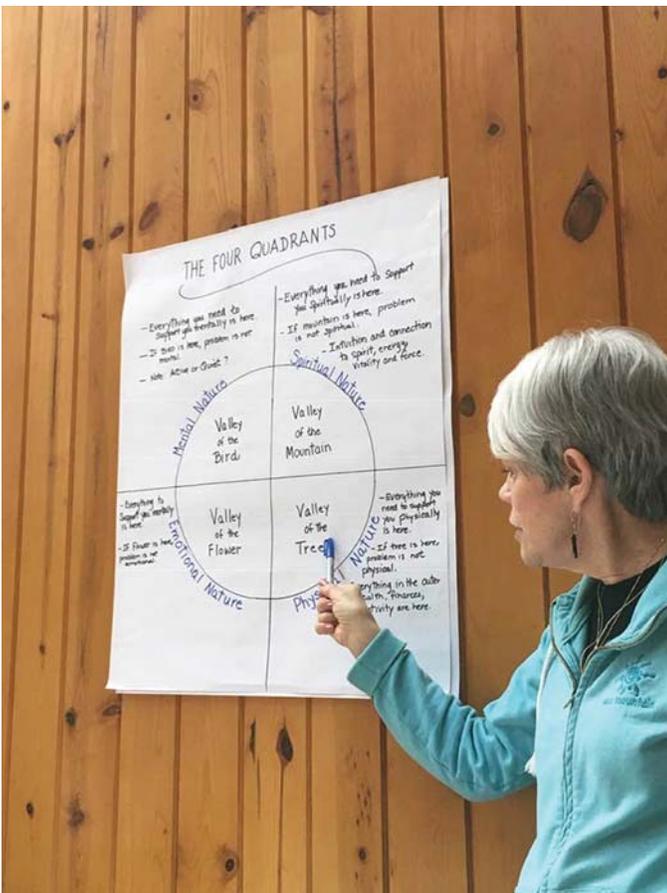


great ensemble playing, always inspired and informed by the colorful richness of Brazilian music. His compositions include samba, choro, baião, xote, forró, marcha and many more styles, rooted in centuries-old musical tradition while pointing to new and adventurous harmonic languages.

Currently, Jovino leads his Seattle-based Quinteto and teaches piano and composition at Cornish College of the Arts. He can also be heard around the world as a piano soloist, working with symphony orchestras, jazz big bands, chamber music groups, and in collaboration with musicians such as his mentor Hermeto Pascoal, Bill Frisell, Paquito d’Rivera, Aírto Moreira, Claudio Roditi, David Sanchez, Joe Locke, Marco Granados and many more.

A Time Apart

More than 30 of our sisters gathered at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend last weekend for the annual SFBC Women’s Retreat. This year’s retreat offered a wide choice of activities and time to be alone or together. Thanks to Harriet Platts, the current president of our congregation, for these photos.



November Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Nov. 4 All Souls Sunday**
Daylight Savings Time ends - set clocks back 1 hour
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor - Baptist History: Pastor Anita Peebles will talk about the amazing women and other heroes of the Baptist movement.
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship and Communion with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Mark 12.28-34. We also commemorate those in our community who have died during the past year.
6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers Welcomes Back - Jovino Santos Neto Quinteto - sanctuary
- Wednesday, Nov. 7
6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Y'all Come Music Time - Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, Nov. 11 Youth Sunday, Veterans Day**
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor - Veteran's Day versus Armistice Day: A Chaplain weighs in on the significance of November 11. The program will be led by the Rev. Dr. Kelly Wadsworth, a Seattle-based writer and preacher as well as a Presbyterian minister and an Iraq war veteran.
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship lead by the Children, Families, and Young Adults Commission
4 p.m. Walk the Labyrinth - Fellowship Hall - enter through lower Seneca doors
- Wednesday, Nov. 14
6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
6:45 p.m. Program - Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest, a non-profit dedicated to serving detained immigrants at the NW Detention Center
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, Nov. 15
7 p.m. Diaconate - Parlor
- Saturday, Nov. 17
6 p.m. Bengali Gala for Suraiya Aatur Medical Clinic Chondipur Village, Bangladesh. Co-sponsored by SFBC. More information on the Bengali Gala page.
- Sunday, Nov. 18 Gratitude (Pledge) Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor - Resilience from the Inside Out with Richard Conlin
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching
Following Worship - ABWM Bake Sale - Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, Nov. 21
6 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed**
- Friday, Nov. 23 Office Closed
- Sunday, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor - Resilience from the Inside Out with Richard Conlin
10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Breakfast in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching
Following Worship - Hanging of the Greens
- Tuesday, Nov. 27
4 - 6 p.m. Where in Seattle is Pastor Anita? Mike's Community Cup, 16260 Military Rd S, SeaTac, WA 98188
- Wednesday, Nov. 28
6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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Happy Halloween!

Our children and families shared some great costumes with us on Sunday, October 28 during worship and at the Family Halloween Party.



Online Extras

If you've missed coming to church for a Sunday or two, you can always see what's been happening on our Recent Happenings page:

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

