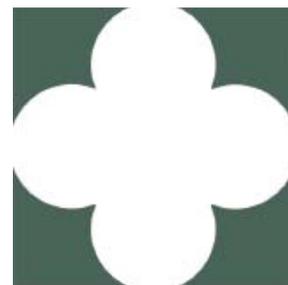


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For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table

Our Place at the Table

By Jim Segaar

Maya Angelou is famous for saying, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." To a great extent I've learned that the same logic applies to how I spend my money. I don't remember how I've spent most of my money over the years, but I know that giving money away has made me feel better than any purchase I've ever made.

I'm not talking about some warm, nebulous feeling of doing good. Giving has had very concrete positive impacts on my life. Since college I've been tithing - donating 10 percent of my income - every year, and doing so has helped me deal with life in our seriously broken world. Two things stand out for me.

First, donating money helps me break through the script of "not enough." Our culture insists that we live in a world of scarcity, and that we don't have enough money, enough clothes, enough things. We need more, more, more! That's what our economy is built on. But by giving money away, I affirm to myself that I do have enough. I have more than enough. And I've learned that this is true regardless of the amount of money I actually make. I grew up quite poor, and decided actually to started tithing when I was unemployed - 10 percent of nothing was really easy to live without. Over the years I've worked for less than minimum wage, and I've worked for a large salary and stock options and special savings plans. Through it all I've had enough, and I knew I had enough because I gave money away.

Second, giving rescues me from despair. For years I worked downtown, and now I walk all over Capitol and First Hills on most days. Every day I see people in horrific

need. Some ask for money. Some sleep in doorways. Some lie passed out on the ground. It often feels like more than I can handle. I don't know how to fix problems like this, but I also know that agencies to which I give money are focused on helping those in need. I know that I am doing something, even if it is indirect, to help, and that is enough to keep me from just giving up hope.

This year our Stewardship theme is "For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table." One way to interpret that is to affirm that everyone is welcome to come to our table, to share in what we have, to satisfy their hunger. But it also means that each of us has a place to help prepare the table, maybe even build it, maintain it, and provision it. The table is not only a place to consume. It is a place to serve.

When Jesus told the parable of the widow who gave all that she had to the temple treasury even though it was only two small coins – less than a penny – he didn't explain her motivation. We don't know if she felt coerced to give, or was just doing it out of habit. I choose to believe that she gave because she wanted to, even needed to, because she understood that we thrive when we give to others, that no amount of shopping can fulfill our need to be generous.

Every day I am thankful for Seattle First Baptist, and my place at the table here. This church is a place where I receive so much, but it is also a place where I can give and serve. That gives me hope, and I will never forget it.

American Baptists are Us

2017 Portland American Baptist Mission Summit

By Pastor Tim Phillips

There are two things I know about our life together in the American Baptist Churches (ABC). First, it's not easy. We are often overshadowed by public statements and the condemning, exclusionary theology of other kinds of Baptists. Even in our history as progressives in the ABC, we have often been dismissed and been made to feel like "outsiders." Second, the prospect of a denominational gathering can sound as exciting as a date with the dentist to have several teeth removed. So it might be surprising that I am making this pitch for our participation in the American Baptist national biennial in Portland, Oregon, June 30 – July 2, 2017. There are a number of reasons this makes sense. It's close for one thing and Portland is a great place to visit. For another, the Rev. Dr. Marcia Patton, our Evergreen Executive Minister, is asking our choir members to join others from Evergreen in a mighty multi-racial, multi-ethnic choir. If ever we wanted the chance to demonstrate that Black Lives Matter, this is a great opportunity to do so.

I have come, however, to think of this gathering as a time to live up to our legacy. If you were here for the memorial service remembering Justice Charles Z. Smith on September 25, you heard the inspiring testimony to a life serving justice for all people. Justice Smith was not only Washington's first African-American Supreme Court Justice, he was an integral part of our life together and served as president of our congregation in 1968. He was also the first African-American lay person elected president of the ABC and served from 1976-1977. He was at the center of integrating our denominational life – a legacy that continues to this day. Charles was the 2005 recipient of the American Baptist Dahlberg Peace Award for his work on behalf of justice and peace. Fellow awardees include Martin Luther King, Jr., Jimmy Carter, Marian Wright Edelman, and John Lewis.

In addition to Charles Smith, Seattle First Baptist has provided three other national presidents to the ABC. Corwin Shank, another lay person and a lawyer, was president of our denomination in 1923 at a time when fundamentalists were attempting to take control. Shank stood his ground and helped to steer the denomination away from the fundamentalist agenda. He was also a trustee at the University of Chicago and helped to widen that institution's leadership beyond American Baptists. Ruth Swanberg Rholf was elected president of the ABC in 1971. She was a peace

activist who used that position to advocate an end to military operations in Vietnam. The Rev. Dr. Walt Pulliam was also president of the ABC and used his role as an advocate for lesbian and gay inclusion in our denominational life.

And, if it's true that "money talks," Seattle First Baptist remains one of the strongest mission-giving churches in the ABC. Of the 5,200 congregations in our denomination, we are fifteenth among the top mission-giving churches, helping to provide ongoing support for our combined effort to build a more just and peaceful world.



Charles Z. Smith commissioned this window in our Hintz Chapel when he was president of ABC.

Having provided four national presidents, hundreds of local and regional leaders, and a history of mission support, I am not willing to let anyone call into question our "place at the table." I am not willing to let anyone else define who we are or what it means for us to be American Baptists. And I am certainly not willing to walk away from the incredible legacy of Charles Z. Smith, Corwin Shank, Ruth Swanberg Rholfs, and Walt Pulliam.

So, I encourage you to continue this legacy by participating in the 2017 ABC National Mission Summit in Portland. I am always surprised when people imagine themselves as social justice prophets everywhere except in their denominational life. We have a proud history of serving our American Baptist life together with a wider vision and a commitment to greater mission. We not only have every right to be there, we have the responsibility to continue the legacy of those who have gone before us.

As a people who have given the world this great vision of religious freedom, soul liberty, and such varied expressions of "church" that it is hard to even recognize one another sometimes, how could our gatherings not at least be interesting? Of course, they can sometimes be disappointing – or worse. We are human after all. But, in my experience, this gathering of raucous, diverse, sometimes crazy but never-the-same American Baptists, is a long way from a visit to the dentist. Our gatherings are often as inspiring as they are challenging ... and sometimes even fun. Please consider joining us in Portland next year. Charles and Corwin and Ruth and Walt will surely be there with us.

Inclusion and Love in a World of Confusion

The annual meeting of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is just around the corner: Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 at Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle. The theme this year is "Inclusion and Love in a World of Confusion."

A special worship service is planned for Friday at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Rev. Susan Sparks will be the speaker. She is billed as a "Preacher / Lawyer / Standup Comedian" and speaks at events across the country. According to singer Naomi Judd, "Laughter, like music, is a universal language. And Susan Sparks speaks this language like no other."

A complete schedule, registration, and more information are available on the Evergreen website at [<http://www.evergreen-abc.org/annual.html>].

Administrator's Corner

By Darren Hochstedler

When I think of the signs of a healthy church, one thing that immediately comes to mind is the support that we provide our most senior members. Removing barriers to church service attendance is one of our highest priorities.

One need that has been identified is transportation for seniors who reside at Hilltop House, Exeter House and Fred Lind. Luckily Hilltop House owns a van and they are happy to let us use it. Brian Lew has graciously agreed to serve as the primary driver however there are Sundays that Brian will not be available. We are hoping to create a team of 5-6 folks who can serve as relief drivers driving once a month or less.

The route involves picking up the van at 10:15 a.m. and returning people to their residences 15 minutes following worship. I feel confident that we can secure enough volunteers to make this a strong, reliable ministry. Training will be provided. No special license is required. If you can help, please contact me at the church office or at [darren@seattlefirstbaptist.org].

Companis Invites You...

By Gary Davis

In gratitude for the sustaining love and support the SFBC congregation provides to Companis to carry out our mission and work in the community, the Companis Board of Directors and staff invite you to worship and an all-congregation luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 23! Companis Sunday is our annual program to say "Thank You!" for making it possible to share the compassion of the SFBC community far beyond the church walls to our neighbors in need of vital services, encouragement, and advocacy.

On Companis Sunday, you'll hear messages of transformational service from Companis Workers, and an update on the work 65 placements have carried out with dozens of agencies in the past year alone.

A special part of the free luncheon, to immediately follow services at Noon, will be the presentation of the 2016 Janet G. Newell Award for Community Service to Renna Pierce, whose vision and leadership helped turn the idea of Companis into reality in 1994, as then-SFBC president. What a delight to honor Renna!

No RSVP is required for the luncheon. Please join in this day of celebration!



Renna Pierce speaking to the congregation earlier this year.

Learning from our Past during Advent

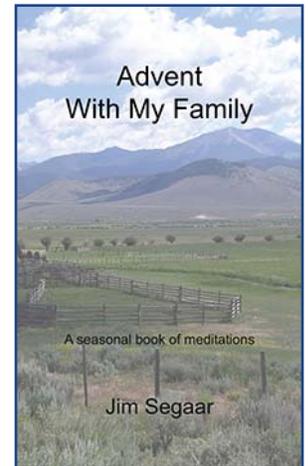
By Jim Segaar

Is there any time of year when we collectively think about the past more than during the holidays? Depending on our individual experiences, the days between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day seem replete with opportunities to pleasantly reminisce about or, conversely, attempt to forget holidays past. In either case, history seems to take on extra power during a season that our culture insists is characterized by warm, fuzzy events and familial bliss.

The past is indeed powerful, and easily misunderstood. Popular platitudes tell us that those who forget history are doomed to repeat it. And yet, often we seem to be held captive to a version of events that may have never actually happened, or at least not the way we remember them. Sometimes we end up becoming trapped in our own version of the past instead of learning from it.

This year during Advent we will have many opportunities to explore our pasts. Our theme for the season is *Learning from our past without living in it*, and in addition to the usual plethora of dinners and concerts and worship services, we have two special opportunities to explore our memories of days gone by.

First, this year we are sharing a seasonal book of meditations during Advent. I recently published *Advent With My Family*, a collection of 29 essays that were inspired by my memories of experiences with my family, from growing up in rural Montana and Washington State to interacting as adults who live all over the United States and Canada. The book is designed to be read one essay at a time, each day during Advent, and each one begins with a Bible text taken from readings assigned to Advent in the lectionary. Our hope is that many of us will read the book this season, and share our thoughts relating to it with each other. The book is available for sale in either paperback or eBook format on Amazon.com. The cost is \$5.99 for either edition. Just search for the book title or my name when visiting Amazon. A limited number of copies of the book will also be available from the church office in November. This book will be the topic of two Adult Learning sessions during Advent, on Sundays November 27 and December 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. The classes will include readings from the book and discussions about the topics it covers.



A second opportunity to explore the past and its impact on our present is coming thanks to the trip to Israel that Pastor Tim is leading with Rabbi Olivier in November. Several members of Seattle First Baptist will be on the trip, and they will share thoughts about their experiences during Advent in a variety of ways. It may seem that the Middle East is a “poster child” for living in the past instead of learning from it, but perhaps we will be surprised by what members of our community experience there.

Advent is sometimes characterized as a journey toward Christmas, that magical day when we declare that God is with us. This year at Seattle First Baptist we hope to make it another type of journey, one to a deeper understanding of ourselves and our world and ways in which we can be the hands and feet of Christ for each other. Please join us on the way.

Adult Learning in October

Evolutionary Spirituality and Revolutionary Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Parlor

Pastor Tim Phillips leads a conversation the first three weeks of October (2, 9, 16) briefly re-introducing the evolutionary theology focus of his doctoral work and inviting conversation about its implications for worship. As theologian and pastor Robin Meyers says: “Of all the reasons given for the decline of the church in our time, the number one reason is often left unsaid: no one really expects anything important to happen.” What if worship is about creating the space in our own lives and in the lives of our community for something revolutionary to happen?

You are encouraged to join this conversation as it continues with the Living the Questions video series, *Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith*, October 23 and 30. Facilitated by Steve Smith and Atit Marmer, this series “celebrates the communion of science and faith and explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality.”

Wednesday Nights: Let Us Make You Dinner

By Pastor Tim Phillips and the Staff

At Seattle First Baptist Church, we have long understood the importance of eating together. Our Wednesday Dinners are a kind of Communion. And, starting with dinner on Wednesday, October 5, we will be focusing that time on the kind of fellowship that is an everyday experience of Communion rather than planning a regular schedule of programs.

As opportunities arise for a special program, we will provide advance information so that you can plan accordingly. However, unless otherwise noted, we are urging you to let us make dinner so that you can meet old friends and make new ones. This also means that there will now be another opening for small interest groups or meetings to occur

without running up against a scheduled program.

Please join us. It's a great meal for \$7 and a wonderful time to be connected with others. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free – as always – to speak to any member of the staff.

Creativity Connections Presents a Storytelling Slam

By Nancy Roberts-Brown

Storytelling is an ancient art, described by the Seattle Storytellers Guild as “celebrating the wisdom, humor, and diversity of the human experience, and capturing and healing the human heart.” On Sunday, October 9, immediately following the worship service, twelve SFBC members and friends will practice this ancient art, sharing stories on the theme “what home means to me.” We will follow “The Moth” storytelling format, with each storyteller sharing a first person accounts, from memory, of an actual event in their life. Each story shared will be approximately five minutes in length. We very much hope you will come and share this event. Simply hearing heartfelt stories of home told by twelve SFBC friends is, in and of itself, more than enough to make this worth your while. But, we have even more to entice you:

- SFBC’s celebrated storyteller Pastor Ned will host the event – and may even tell a story of his own;
- A light lunch will be served so you won’t have to run over to QFC to get a sandwich to tide you over until you get home;
- We arranged with the Seattle Seahawks to have no game on the 9th, so all you football fans can listen to the stories with both ears;
- The stories will be timed so you can pretty well count on having all of the post-2:00 PM afternoon to do whatever else you’d like to do.

We are suggesting a donation of \$5 per person (\$10 max per family) to cover the costs of the food. This is less than you’d pay for your QFC sandwich and the food will be really good. In the event that this donation is beyond your means, please plan to attend anyway. We want to share this time with as many folks as possible.



Thanksgiving in Israel: November 17 – 27, 2016



There is still room for you to join the other members and friends of Seattle First Baptist and Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue to spend Thanksgiving on a trip featuring the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Masada, the Dome of the Rock ... and Bethlehem just as the Advent season begins. In addition to the sites, Rabbi Olivier and Pastor Tim will lead reflections along the way. And there will be opportunities for ecological study and conversation with those doing Jewish/Arab education for justice and peace.

For more information contact Jana at jana@net-time.com. If you cannot join us on the ground, we invite you to travel with us in spirit through the work of Bruce Feiler’s *Walking the Bible: A Journey by land through the Five Books of Moses* (recommended by Rabbi Olivier); Lynn Austin’s *Pilgrimage: My Journey to a Deeper Faith in the Land where Jesus Walked* (recommended by SFBCer Catherine Fales); and Karen Armstrong’s *Jerusalem: One City, Three Faiths* (recommended by Pastor Tim).

Photo: Rabbi Olivier Ben Haim talks to some of the people going to Israel about Israeli soccer.

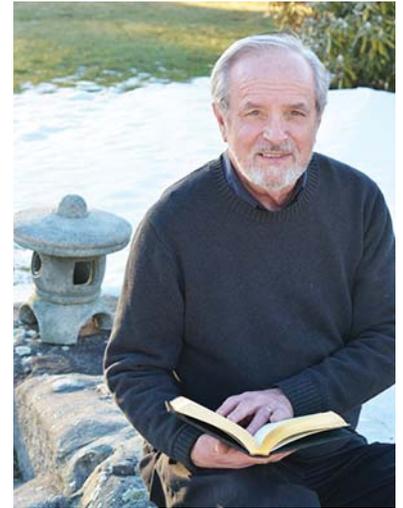
David Delgado Honored by *Real Change*

If you were able to attend the *Real Change* benefit breakfast - that included our own Aaron Burkhalter who is the editor of the paper – you heard our friend David Delgado do a shout out to Seattle First Baptist Church for supporting his work to advocate for folks who are homeless. David is an organizer and advocate who was honored with *Real Change*’s 2016 Change Agent Award. His work, he writes, is “using my power and privileges to help the members of The Jungle [homeless encampment] access the tools they need to get their message out ... so the unhoused people I work with can have a better platform of their own.” His work for empowering people is an inspiration to all of us here at SFBC. Congratulations, David!

Thomas Moore to Speak at SFBC

Author Thomas Moore will speak on the topic of *Aging With Soul* at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 24 at Seattle First Baptist Church. Admission to the event is free. Parking in the lot adjacent to the church is not free for the event. The evening is co-sponsored with Elliott Bay Book Company and Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and is made possible through a grant from the Romney Legacy Fund.

Thomas Moore published his classic *Care of the Soul* in 1992 and has since written twenty books on spirituality, sexuality, myth, religion and depth psychology. His books have been translated into thirty languages. He has taught religious studies and psychology and has been a psychotherapist for over 30 years. He often speaks at C. G. Jung societies and has done special work consulting at major medical centers with the idea of bringing soul to medicine. He was a close friend and collaborator with James Hillman and published an anthology of Hillman's work with extensive introductions and commentaries. He writes fiction and music and has a special relationship with Ireland, the home of his ancestors.



Author Thomas Moore

World Mission Offering 2016 in November: Gratitude is Giving

While we usually collect the special American Baptist World Mission Offering in October to coincide with World Communion Sunday, we are moving that collection this year to November as we consider all the gifts we have been given and the opportunity to express our gratitude in giving. The World Mission Offering supports work around the world for education, healthcare, economic development, justice efforts, and refugee resettlement. In our gratitude for the gifts of this Earth, let us not forget the needs of those with whom we share this world.

Would You Like to Be an Usher?

Ushers are a VITAL part of our hospitality both to members and visitors. Ushering is an opportunity to serve God by serving God's people, and is a great way to actively and faithfully participate in the functioning of Seattle First Baptist Church.

The role of the usher is often underestimated in its importance. Good ushers are "people-persons" who help people coming into the church feel welcome and appreciated. In doing so, ushers contribute greatly to making everyone's church experience a positive one.

We have an ambitious goal of adding 8 new ushers to our usher teams. This will allow ushers to serve less often and allow us to be abundantly staffed for all positions. People of all ages are welcome and encouraged to serve. This includes teenagers and even younger children who serve with a parent. Ushers are trusted members of the community who accept people's offerings, welcome them to Holy Communion and watch over the service to assist with any need a worshipper may have.

Our pastors and the current ushers invite you and ask you to prayerfully consider if this is a ministry you could serve. Please contact one of our Lead Ushers on Sunday morning. They will gladly give you more information.

SFBC Hosts Regional Conference

By Darren Hochstedler



WEAVING
OUR *strengths*

On Saturday, October 22, churches of all sorts will stream into our doors for the *Weaving Our Strengths* Conference. We are honored to host this day-long event of fellowship, inspiration, and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good. Our partner, the Church Council of Greater Seattle produces the conference annually. It is their flagship event of the year, stuffed full of ways to deepen churches' ability to serve: 13 workshops, a resource fair, a celebration of faith justice -makers, and places to share resources, stories, and planning. The conference takes place from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 22.

As a host, we have the opportunity to attend at no costs. Call the office to request your enrollment. We also would like to extend a hand of welcome to the 225 guests from 65 congregations and 16 faith traditions who will attend. Let's show them our SFBC spirit! Volunteers to be wayfinding guides, kitchen hosts, or parking lot welcomers are sought. And, volunteers get to attend for free! Let the office know if you are interested.

This year's workshop themes include: Racial Justice – through Scripture & in Congregations; Conflict & Reconciliation in Colombia; Church in the Neighborhood; Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery; Interfaith Dialogue & Approach to Scripture; Storytelling for Community Action; Immigrant and Refugee Accompaniment; "Habits of the Heart" for Healthy Conversations; Mental Illness and The Church; and Creative Worship.

"I was greeted with so much love I had a bit of an emotional moment when I first walked in the church," said one of last year's participants, "I was so grateful to be with a group of people who care so deeply for their fellow humanity." This is a transformative day of learning, sharing, and fellowship. We are honored to be part of its continued gifts to the region!

More information at [<http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS>].

Call the church office at 206.325.6051 to volunteer or attend. No charge parking is available in the lot adjacent to SFBC. Questions? Contact Darren at 206.325.6051 or [darren@seattlefirstbaptist.org].

Friendship Circle Meets Our Church Administrator

By Imogene Williams

Friendship Circle commenced its fall season on September 13. Everyone shared summer experiences! Ingrid visited her daughter in Texas. Martha visited Philadelphia. Catherine's account of a trip to the Puyallup Fair was alarming, and then hilarious!

We are reminded to collect items for Mary's Place for homeless women and children; they will send someone to talk to us and receive the items, in November.

Our speaker for the evening was Darren Hochstedler, our church administrator. He grew up in the Mennonite faith in a small town in Indiana. The Mennonite faith has adult baptism and is very similar to the Baptist faith. He joined the Army and was baptized in the Pacific Ocean in Hawaii! He was accompanist for a choir and there was extensive touring and concerts. In recent years he was office administrator at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church. Presently he is music director at Edmonds Lutheran Church.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Fridell Lounge. We will prepare bandages at 4:30 p.m.

A Busy Time for ABW

By Shirley Wilkinson

Fall is a busy time for American Baptist Women's Ministries. October 15 is our North Puget Sound Area Fall Rally, held this year at the Des Moines Baptist Church. The speaker is Home Missionary Lydia Flora Barlow speaking on her work with prison inmates. The cost is \$10 if you register by October 5 and lunch is included. Please call me or Carole Cornell for a registration form. Fellowship, inspiration, and food – a great day.

In November we will hold our annual Bake Sale on November 20 after church. Shop and support our missionaries at the same time. Are you a baker? We could use your help!

We have a couple women able to make pillowcase dresses for girls in Haiti and the Congo. Do you have cotton fabric you have stored and would like to put to this use?

Are you a knitter or crocheter and would like to make baby items for local babies in need? Let me or Nancy Cleland know!

October 11 – Friendship Circle meets at 5:30 p.m. for supper in Fridell Lounge at church.

October 17 – Mt. Carmel Circle meets at 12 noon at the home of Myrna Eaton at Covenant Shores

Seattle Jazz Vespers Kicks Off their 15th Season a Week Late

By Kellie Whitlock

On Sunday, October 9, at 6 p.m. SJV presents the Scott Lindenmuth Group.

Scott Lindenmuth is a guitarist with few boundaries. He has been described as "One of the Pacific Northwest's greatest instrumentalists" and a "Genre-crossing virtuoso." Performing with his contemporary instrumental trio, the Scott Lindenmuth Group, will play jazz standards and solo as a classical guitarist, Lindenmuth is expanding his reputation as a cutting edge composer, creative and intuitive improviser, and master technician. A master of many styles Lindenmuth is one of the few guitarists in the world today that can easily transition from jazz to electric blues, classical to rock, funk, and fusion displaying fluid technique and virtuosic ability in all genres. Scott Lindenmuth - Guitar, Robert Puff - Sax, Andy Roben - Keyboards and Chris Monroe - Drums.

October Calendar of Events

- Sunday, Oct. 2** **World Communion Sunday**
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Pastor Tim Phillips on *Revolutionary Worship - Belonging and Believing* - Parlor
 - 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
 - 11 a.m. Worship and Communion - Pastor Tim Phillips will preach with special guest Mona Han, director of the Coalition for Refugees from Burma
Following Worship - Music Class - Choir Room
 - Evening Bet Alef Rosh Hashanah celebration
- Wednesday, Oct. 5
- 6 p.m. Community Dinner
 - 6:45 p.m. Program to be announced - Parlor
 - 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, Oct. 7 - Saturday, Oct. 8
- Evergreen Annual Meeting - Japanese Baptist Church
- Friday at 7 p.m. Worship at Japanese Baptist Church featuring Rev. Susan Sparks - Preacher / Lawyer / Standup Comedian. This worship service is open to the public.
- Saturday, Oct. 8
- 8:30 a.m. Faith and Climate Action Conference at University Christian Church. Co-Sponsored by Interfaith Climate Action Group of Seattle First Baptist and Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue.
- Sunday, Oct. 9** **Evergreen Sunday**
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Pastor Tim Phillips with *Revolutionary Worship - Beyond the Battlegrounds* - Parlor
 - 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
 - 11 a.m. Worship with Theologian in Residence Patricia Hunter preaching
Following Worship - Music Class - Choir Room
Following Worship - *Storytelling Slam* - sponsored by Creativity Connections - Parlor
 - 6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers Presents The Scott Lindenmuth Group
- Sanctuary (Note date change: SJV is on the 2nd Sunday this month only)
Note: No Labyrinth today
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 Yom Kippur - Bet Alef
- Wednesday, Oct. 12 Note: Bet Alef Yom Kippur activities taking place at the church all day and through dinner. Parking may be an issue. Please plan accordingly.
- 6 p.m. Community Dinner - in Fridell Lounge this week
 - 6:45 p.m. Program - tbd
 - 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, Oct. 14
- 1 p.m. Prep for the Burrito Roll - main kitchen
- Saturday, Oct. 15
- 1:30 p.m. Burrito Roll - Fridell

Sunday, Oct. 16**Pledge Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Pastor Tim Phillips with *Revolutionary Worship - Changing the World* - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Luke 18.1-8
Following Worship - All Church Lunch - Fellowship Hall
Following Worship - Music Class - Choir Room
- 2 p.m. Memorial Service for Bruce Hayes - Sanctuary

Wednesday, Oct. 19

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Program - Parlor
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 20

- 7 p.m. Diaconate meets in the Parlor

Saturday, Oct. 22

- 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Weaving Our Strengths* conference of fellowship, inspiration and skill-building to strengthen local churches' efforts for the common good. At Seattle First Baptist Church. Sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle. There is a charge for attending, but SFBC members and friends can attend free by registering with the church office since we are the host church. Volunteers are also needed. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to SFBC for this event. Contact the SFBC office if you wish to attend and/or volunteer. More information at [<http://thechurchcouncil.ejoinme.org/WOS>].

Sunday, Oct. 23**Companis Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - *Painting the Stars* video series (part of Living the Questions curriculum) - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship featuring members of Companis
Following Worship - Companis luncheon honoring Renna Pierce, this year's recipient of the Janet G. Newell Award for Community Service - Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP required.
Following Worship - Music Class - Choir Room

Monday, Oct. 24

- 7 p.m. An Evening with author Thomas Moore. He will speak about "Aging With Soul." Free Admission. Co-sponsored with Elliott Bay Book Company and Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Note: parking is not free for this event.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

- 6 p.m. Community Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Program - Parlor
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 - Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge**Sunday, Oct. 30****Reformation Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - *Painting the Stars* video series (part of Living the Questions curriculum) - Parlor
- 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Lounge, 3rd Floor
- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Ned Allyn Parker preaching on Luke 18.9-14
Following Worship - Family Halloween lunch - Gym

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*Patrick Green made sure that not only do we have a place for everyone at the table,
the children have a place UNDER the table.*

Online Extras

Our Stewardship Theme this year is For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table. Visit our website for special photos of the "table" we are gathering around during worship. We are also publishing blogs about stewardship during this important time in our life together as a church.

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