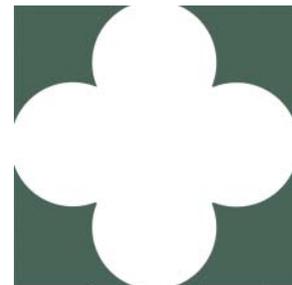


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Eat Outside with us!

4th of July BBQ

Thursday, July 4th,
11 a.m.

SFBC Parking Lot



Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 18th
After Worship

Harvard Ave



Get Out and About This Summer!

By Pastor Anita Peebles

Well, I've been here a year--can you believe it?! And I am so excited for another Seattle summer. Y'all weren't joking last year when you told me how beautiful it was, even if we did have some wildfire smoke hanging around the Sound. The mild weather, the just-warm-enough evenings, the lack of mosquitoes (which my grandpa always tells me they like me because I'm sweet), and most of all the low humidity make the PNW just about the best place to be. I've got a laundry list of places to go and visit and hike and kayak and camp and I can't wait to start!

But enough about how I'm feeling about summer. I wonder what YOU are up to! I sure hope that we will keep seeing y'all in church, even on those sunny days, but if you choose to worship in the great out-of-doors, please keep SFBC near to your heart. As a church family, we have lots of opportunities to be together, enjoy the weather, and give back to our community. Maybe you will volunteer at the July 4th BBQ in the parking lot, sponsored by the Outreach Commission. Serving up delicious food surrounded by dear friends and neighbors is a wonderful way to start off summer right. If you aren't available to volunteer on that day, we hope you'll mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18 when we will have the All-Church Picnic after worship. All of you are also invited to meet me and/or Pastor Tim at Pastors in the Park, held at Green Lake (meeting by the children's area near Peet's Coffee on Green Lake Drive East) every Thursday in July and August (except 7/4 and 7/18).

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Grab a cup of coffee or bring your own so we can have casual fellowship outside. You may also want to keep an eye out for neighborhood events like those hosted by the First Hill Improvement Association, right near SFBC! Check out the FHIA's website at www.firsthill.org. And no matter what you're doing and where you're going, if you are going on a vacation or having a stay-cation, make sure to take your Flat Jesus along with you! Remember to take a photo and email it to Pastor Anita and it will be included on our church social media this summer. Friends, remember that you are loved and held by this community wherever you may find yourself this season.

This Summer, Join SFBC Outside for our Summer Outdoor Feasts!

Annual 4th of July Parking Lot BBQ: Thursday, July 4th, 11 a.m.

Join us for the Grand Annual SFBC July 4th Big Bash and Community Barbecue! Come one, come all to our parking lot between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bring family and friends! Enjoy free food, hamburgers and hot dogs and salad and cobbler! Groove with our D.J.! We are welcoming friends and neighbors and veterans and anyone who is hungry. Let's celebrate summer and the freedoms we have and the freedoms we are striving for. Most of all, let's celebrate the love among us! Would you like to volunteer for this grand event? Contact ruthfossett@yahoo.com or paulvroby@gmail.com.

Annual All Church Picnic: Sunday, August 18th, after service

Each year we choose a Sunday to shut down Harvard Avenue after our Worship Service and gather together to play, share food, and socialize. Our children love to get jumping in the Bouncy House, and we will have many other kid-friendly activities to keep friends of all ages occupied. For adults there will be music, food, beverages, and a chance to catch up with familiar friends and make new ones. Save the date and do your best sun dance! We'll begin after services and run until the food runs out!

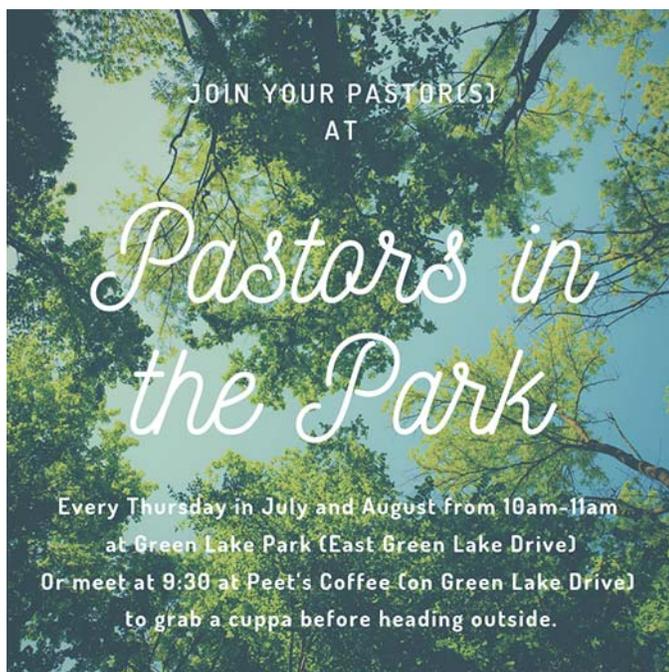
Summer Rhythms for SFBC

Our community rhythms change quite a bit during the summer here at SFBC. Make sure you keep up to date not only on what **is** happening, but also those things that are on hiatus.

Pastor[s] in the Park: Thursdays in July & August, 10 a.m.

Throughout July & August, meet up with Pastors Tim & Anita on Thursday mornings in July & August* at 10 a.m. for a chat and an amble through the lovely Green Lake Park. If you wish to grab a morning beverage, please make sure to do so beforehand and gather promptly at 10 a.m. by the playground.

Please note that we will **not meet on July 4th or 18th.*



Young Adult Prophetic Imagination Bible Study: Sundays at 1 p.m. at Optimism Brewing

- July 7th – Micah
- August 4th – Jonah, Obadiah, Joel
- July 14th – Nahum, Habbakuk, Zephaniah
- August 11th – Prophets of Today
- July 28th – Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

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Baptism Classes

Are you interested in being baptized? We will be holding baptism classes in August for those who are interested in being baptized at Homecoming in September. Please email Pastor Tim Phillips at tim@seattlefirstbaptist.org to discuss your intentions!

On Hiatus:

July – August:

- Weekly Wednesday Night Community Dinners are not meeting throughout the summer. Please join us on September 4th when we start back up again
- Godly Play is taking a break as our families adventure through summer vacation. Busy boxes are available during services, and children are always welcome to sit near Pastor Anita during services.
- Sunday Morning breakfasts and Children's Choir are on break through the end of summer.

August:

- Adult Learning will be on hiatus and will re-launch after our 150th Anniversary Open House on September 8th.
- Choir will take a break – with the exception of the Choir retreat August 24-25th.

Welcome Home! Celebrate Seattle First Baptist Church's 150th Anniversary with us!

150th Anniversary Working Groups Collaborative Meet-Up

Tuesday, July 9th, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We invite all who are involved in anniversary working group projects as well as Diaconate members are encouraged to come together to share 'official,' updates/status reports of individual projects, and to learn how we can weave our efforts in order to compliment and co-create the anniversary celebration together.

If you are not involved in a project yet but know you would like to help in some way, you are invited to join us! Pizza will be provided.

PLEASE RSVP to Judy in the front office by Friday, July 5th.



Welcome Home! 150th Anniversary Homecoming

Our 150th Anniversary begins with our Open House on September 8th. Make sure to save the date to be with us as we kick off the celebration and remembering of all the ways in which Seattle First Baptist Church has created "Home" for members of our community.

CFYA Update for Summer

By Pastor Anita Peebles

Summer is finally here in Seattle! To honor the time families often have their own activities and vacations planned, as well as to give our amazing, dedicated children and youth workers an opportunity to relax and regroup, Children, Families and Young Adults (CFYA) activities will be on hiatus for the summer (for the most part). Wednesday night dinner is on a break until September, so that means regular Wednesday-night youth group is not meeting. Since there is no children's music or Family Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday mornings, all ages are welcome to attend the remaining Adult Learning Sessions at 9:30. There will be "Busy Boxes" available in the Parlor for young folks who need to make

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use of them. If children or youth want to play in the gym on Sunday mornings, they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. During Sunday worship, there is no Godly Play until after Homecoming Sunday, though there will continue to be a Time with Children. As always, the nursery will be available for 3s and under and children are invited to remain in the sanctuary during worship. There will be arts and crafts supplies in the Wiggle Room during worship in case families wish to worship there together. However, there will be no scheduled adult supervision in the Wiggle Room during worship, so please accompany your child.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 18 and the All-Church Picnic after worship! There will be fun games and face painting and art for all ages. Don't miss this!

If you have questions about any of this information or want to host or organize a gathering for CFYA folks, please contact Pastor Anita. Have a great summer!

Want to Get Away?

Senior Retreat: Shall We Gather?
July 10-12th at Rainbow Lodge

We are almost completely **SOLD OUT** for our retreat at Rainbow Lodge. Contact us ASAP if you wish to join us for a time of warm fellowship, great food, unbeatable scenery, laugh-aloud fun, inspiration and **REST**, please register no later than July 5th via the Church Office or Welcome Table. Limited Partial Scholarships are available.

Choir Retreat: August 24-25th

Saturday, September 21st: One-Day Intergenerational Retreat (a day of fun for all ages) at SFBC

October 25-27th: Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge

Sharing Our Faith Journeys in July

Would you like the chance to learn more about individuals in our community—about their backgrounds, beliefs, doubts, values, and spiritual practices? Here is your opportunity.

Adult Ed features a treasured part of our annual programming, when members of our community share their faith and life journeys. These sessions are special opportunities to learn about one another and gain insights and inspiration from our shared stories.

Plan to join us on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor to learn from and about these community members—along with one guest presenter—as they share their lives with us:

July

- 7th – Arthur Thomas
- 14th – David Bloom
- 21st – Susan Blythe-Goodman
- 28th – Martha Hopler

Although programs run from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., please feel free to join us even if you have to arrive late or depart early. There is a collection of children's books near the fireplace, and children are welcome to hang out there during programs. Please contact Cherry Johnson and Martha Hopler, series coordinators, if you have any questions or comments about the summer faith journey series. *We will be on hiatus in August!*

Summer Music Updates

For any questions regarding Summer Choir, or the Choir retreat in August, email Ben Luedcke at ben@seattlefirstbaptist.org

Summer Choir: Sundays in July

Through the end of July, take advantage of the opportunity to sing in our Summer Choir. Come along at 10 a.m. and rehearse with us before we enjoy your lovely voices in Service. For anyone who has had any questions about our choir or who's been longing to sing in a choir again, this is a great entry point for you to get a sense for us! Email Ben Luedcke at ben@seattlefirstbaptist.org with any questions.

Choir Retreat: August 24-25th at Bastyr University in Kenmore

Our annual Choir Retreat is open to our current choir members as well as those people who wish to join for the



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coming year. It is a time to connect with friends both new and familiar, get a first look at much of the music for the year, recharge your batteries, and have a wonderful time together. This year choir retreat is at Bastyr University in Kenmore, on the shores of Lake Washington. Costs are covered by the church. The retreat includes one overnight stay and meals; however you do have the option to drive in each day if you wish. If you are interested in attending the choir retreat please contact Brent Marble to register.

Music & Notation Classes: Sunday, July 7th & 21st and August 4th & 11th

Belle Chenault – our children and youth music director – will be offering free music and notation classes on four Sundays this summer after service. The classes are open to anyone and are geared towards those who do not read music and want to improve their music reading abilities. The classes will meet at 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Global Baptist Peace Conference

By Pastor Anita Peebles

Three members of our SFBC family will be attending the Global Baptist Peace Conference this summer: Doug Beasley and Janet Hasselblad have already left for an adventure exploring Colombia prior to the conference, and Pastor Anita will join them on July 15th in Cali, Colombia. Other members of our Evergreen Association family who will be attending are our Executive Minister Rev. Doug Avilesbernal, Rev. Gail Hill from First Baptist Chico, CA; Rev. Brian Henderson from First Baptist Denver, and several others. Unibautista, the Baptist Seminary in Cali, will be the host for the conference, which is sponsored by the American Baptist Churches USA, the Alliance of Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America~Bautistas por la Paz, as well as Unibautista and several other international organizations. The Global Baptist Peace Conference has been held about every five years since 1988 when it was started in Sweden, and is related to several other global peace gatherings. Each global conference has inspired, equipped and empowered peacemakers all over the world to continue their work for justice, equity and reconciliation. Interfaith activists, grassroots organizers, Baptist clergy of all flavors and people who seek collaboration with God in living a kin-dom of peace on this planet will attend.

The theme of the GBPC this year is Peace in our land: toward a world without violence. The GBPC website says: "The 2019 gathering will take place in Cali, Colombia, principally to recognize, honor, and learn from the extraordinary accomplishments of the Colombian Peace Accord. Conference attendees will be able to learn from the successes and setbacks of this peace process, particularly for application in similar low-intensity conflict zones, and will have the opportunity to meet some of the main actors in the peace process." The attendees of this Global conference will be sharing about our experiences after we return, sometime in the early autumn. Please reach out to Pastor Anita with any questions about the Global conference or to see how you can get connected with other people working for justice.

Note: The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is collaborating with other sponsoring organizations to organize the Global conference in lieu of the annual summer gathering. Much like Evergreen Association meetings, there will be times for regional caucusing during the Global conference.

Interfaith Climate Action - First Hill

How can we help move local governments beyond comforting words to actions that will actually reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Those questions reflect the recently adopted priorities of Interfaith Climate Action - First Hill, and they will be at the forefront of our coming work.

The children and youth in our community are inspiring. Some are planting trees and talking to citizen groups as part of Plant for the Planet. Others are standing in front of Seattle City Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. every Friday as part of the international Fridays for Future movement. Yet others are in court trying to establish their constitutional right to a stable climate. (CBS's 60 Minutes profiled the plaintiffs last Sunday. You can see the segment at the 15:40 mark here: [<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/high-velocity-this-is-no-ordinary-lawsuit-paul-mccartney>].

A movement continues to build to move the Seattle and King County governments toward bold action to reduce carbon emissions. All nine Seattle City Council members last Friday signed a letter of support for a Green New Deal for the city. This vision, which needs to be followed up by legislation and funding, is here: [<https://seattlegnd.org/full-text-of-the-letter>]. Thanks to Richard Hodgkin for the photograph above from the news conference in City Hall. Several ICA-FH members are also active in People for Climate Action - Seattle, which supports the Green New Deal and emphasizes the need to follow a comprehensive plan with measurable targets: [<https://peopleforclimateaction.org>].



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*If you're thinking about offsetting some or all of your own carbon emissions through **Interfaith Climate Action - First Hill** and our partner **Evergreen Carbon**, many of your questions can be answered by our Carbon Offsets Fact Sheet. We'll accept checks through July 15th.*

Honoring Our Community



We Celebrate with...

Joy & Eldon Ernst celebrate 60 years of marriage on July 12th, 2019. May God grant you many more anniversaries to come!

We Remember...

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families, may God bless and keep them in his tender, loving care.



Barbara Holtum Edquist passed away on June 12th, 2019 in Olympia, Washington.

She was 85 years old. She grew up in Everett, spent the majority of her life in Seattle and moved to Olympia in 2016. She proudly graduated from Linfield College in Oregon in 1956 and worked as a medical financial technician for many years.

She is survived by her husband Charles to whom she was married for 59 years, her sister Lois Ward, and her extended family. She was a faithful 50+ year member of the Seattle First Baptist Church and an active member of the Choir! She enjoyed traveling and was particularly fond of traveling to Europe and around the Pacific Northwest with the Church Choir as well as traveling with her extended family. A celebration of life will be held in the early fall in Olympia.

You are welcome to send condolence cards to:

Chuck Edquist
4532 Intelco Loop SE, Apt. 283
Lacey, WA 98503

We will all miss Barbara and her beautiful smile and spirit. May the Lord comfort Chuck, Lois and the family.

Clyde Sorensen passed away on Sunday, June 16th, 2019.

He is survived by his daughter, Marcly Curtis who resides in Federal Way, Washington and his son, Al Sorensen, who lives in Tacoma, Washington.



Clyde was living in University Place, WA, where his family moved him a couple of years ago

to be closer to them. He was 97 years old. Clyde was a long-time member of SFBC and loved his church dearly. In addition he helped to install our current organ from its original home at First United Methodist in Tacoma. He loved music and our Aeolian-Skinner organ in particular.

Condolence cards can be sent to:

Marcly Curtis
32628 7th Ave. SW
Federal Way, WA 98023
and
Al Sorensen
P.O. Box 97035
Tacoma, WA 98497.

Clyde will be dearly missed by all who knew him, he was such a big, loving spirit!

Seattle Jazz Vespers presents — Jake Bergevin Quartet Sunday, July 7th at 6 p.m.

Jake Bergevin - trumpet, vocals, flugelhorn; Tim Carey - bass; John Sanders - piano; Milo Petersen - drums

Seattle area favorite, Jake Bergevin, is known for his soulful song stylings and passionate trumpet playing. Often heard fronting his small but power-packed Javatown Swing Orchestra, Jake is known for his easy charm and commitment to swinging the Great American Songbook. Performance highlights include 17 years as guest artist at the Ellensburg "Jazz in the Valley" Festival and recently as a guest vocalist spot with the Tacoma Symphony.

July-August Events Calendar

Thursday, July 4 Independence Day

11 a.m. July 4th BBQ in the Parking Lot
Office Closed

Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor

10 a.m. Summer Choir - come rehearse in the Sanctuary and then sing in the service

11 a.m. Worship and Communion with David Bloom preaching

12:30 p.m. Music & Notation Class – Choir Room

1 p.m. Prophetic Imagination Young Adult Bible Study (at Optimism Brewing) with Pastor Anita Peebles (Micah)

6 p.m. Seattle Jazz Vespers - Jake Bergevin Quartet

Wednesday-Friday, July 10 - 12

“Shall We Gather” Senior Adult Retreat at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Thursday, July 11

10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor

10 a.m. Summer Choir - come rehearse in the Sanctuary and then sing in the service

11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Luke 10.25-37 (The Good Samaritan)

1 p.m. Prophetic Imagination Young Adult Bible Study (at Optimism Brewing) with Pastor Anita Peebles (Nahum, Habbakuk, Zephaniah)

Monday-Saturday, July 15 - 20

Baptist Peace Fellowship conference in Cali, Colombia

Friday, July 19

11 a.m. Burrito Roll Prep - Main Kitchen

Saturday, July 20

1:45 p.m. Burrito Roll - Fridell Meeting Room

Sunday, July 21

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor

10 a.m. Summer Choir - come rehearse in the Sanctuary and then sing in the service

11 a.m. Worship. Text: Luke 10.38-42 (Mary and Martha).

12:30 p.m. Music & Notation Class – Choir Room

Thursday, July 25

10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

Sunday, July 28

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor

10 a.m. Summer Choir - come rehearse in the Sanctuary and then sing in the service

11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Luke 11.1-13

1 p.m. Prophetic Imagination Young Adult Bible Study (at Optimism Brewing) with Pastor Anita Peebles (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

Adult Learning, Family Fellowship, and Summer Choir are on Summer Break in August

Thursday, August 1

10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

Sunday, August 4

11 a.m. Worship and Communion with Pastor Anita Peebles preaching on Luke 12.13-21

12:30 p.m. Music & Notation Class – Choir Room

1 p.m. Prophetic Imagination Young Adult Bible Study (at Optimism Brewing) with Pastor Anita Peebles (Jonah, Obadiah, Joel)

Thursday, August 8

10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

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July-August Events Calendar (continued)

Sunday, August 11

- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Tim Phillips preaching on Luke 12.32-40
- 12:30 p.m. Music & Notation Class – Choir Room
- 1 p.m. Prophetic Imagination Young Adult Bible Study (at Optimism Brewing)
with Pastor Anita Peebles (Prophets of Today)

Thursday, August 15

- 10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

Friday, August 16

- 11 a.m. Burrito Roll Prep - Main Kitchen

Saturday, August 17

- 1:45 p.m. Burrito Roll - Fridell Meeting Room

Sunday, August 18

- 11 a.m. Worship with Pastor Anita Peebles preaching on Luke 12.49-56
- 12 p.m. All Church Picnic

Thursday, August 22

- 10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

Saturday-Sunday, August 24 - 25

Choir Retreat at Bastyr University, Kenmore

Sunday, August 25

- 11 a.m. Worship. Text: Luke 13.10-17

Thursday, August 29

- 10 a.m. Pastor[s] in the Park at Green Lake Park (meet at the Playground)

Online Extras

We've been slowly making some changes to our website to freshen up our look and get ready for our 150th Anniversary! You'll notice some new ways of showcasing images and a new format for "Last Sunday" that allows you to focus on one Sunday at a time. The sermons and anthems and images are all still there: <https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/last-sunday>

Please feel free to email any questions about the website to editor@seattlefirstbaptist.org.

You also will find the most up-to-date calendar and event information on our website throughout the month, so make sure you bookmark our calendar!