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Voices from the Past, Vision for the Future

By Pastor Tim Phillips

Here we are, ready to launch our celebration of 150 years together. In the process of preparing, someone gave me a copy of Dr. Rod Romney's sermon on the launch of the church's 125th anniversary in 1994. I found this fascinating because his vision for the future is now one of the voices of the past.

Dr. Romney offers his vision with a nod to Martin Luther's 95 theses nailed to a cathedral door 477 years earlier. And you might be surprised at what his "9.5 theses" includes.

He writes:

1. *I hope the tradition of our Christian faith, the belief in a God whose love for the world resulted in the Divine Word being made flesh in Jesus Christ, will not get lost in our growing respect for all spiritual pathways and religions.*
2. *I hope our future will not mark a declining interest in the Bible but rather will see us taking renewed and deepened interest in intelligent study and use of the Bible.*
3. *I hope we never abandon our position of being an inclusive church, welcoming all people and honoring the diversity in which the human family comes.*
4. *As denominations shift and possibly fade, I hope we will not lose sight of our Baptist distinctives.*
5. *I hope we will continue to be a center for music and the arts, for these are gifts that not only enhance the sacred quality of worship, but which can be offered as gifts to our community.*
6. *We may not regain the nuclear paradigm of the family, which is not really the Biblical paradigm, but we need to regain the structures of a loving community where children can be made to feel they belong.*
7. *I want to see us continue to be a center for learning, making fearless inquiry into new ideas, new theologies, new interpretations.*
8. *I hope we will critically examine church structures and practices and not be afraid from time to time to revise them.*
9. *We are going to have to learn how to move beyond fear and how to work in teams to save the planet.*
- 9.5 *We will need one another even more in the future that we have in the past.*

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When I try to imagine this as a checklist from the past for measuring our present, I can see some direct correlation with who we are now. But I wonder. I wonder what the list leaves off in light of the realities we face today and the concerns we have for tomorrow. I wonder what "critical examining" we need to do. I wonder what "working in teams to save the planet" actually accomplished and what that tells us about our actions in the future.

The vision we have for today will one day be a voice from the past. So I hope, as we celebrate 150 years of life together, we will pay attention to the messages we will be sending on ahead; to our present actions that may generate action in the future; and to the Spirit that promises to accomplish far more than any of us can even ask or imagine.

All our visions for the future will inevitably be the voices from the past. But I suspect the thing that will always be true is Dr. Romney's 9.5: "We will need one another even more in the future than we have in the past." We need each other. And I hope you will take this opportunity to be together and to listen to those voices from the past as, together, we imagine a future of love and justice.

Announcements

Parking Announcements:

For all of our events throughout September, we have attempted to ensure that Parking will be accessible for our members and guests.

For Homecoming Sunday, we are expecting a large crowd with many guests. The Poly Clinic Garage will be open for church parking from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 8, 2018. We are asking ALL congregation members who are physically able to park in the Poly Clinic Garage so we will have plenty of parking for visitors and guests in our adjacent lot. Let's honor our commitment to be a welcoming church in our community by saving the closest parking for those who need it most and those who are visiting on this special Sunday.

The lot on Spring/Boylston/Seneca at the rear entrance of SFBC will be reserved for the Why God's People (Should) Sing workshop on September 14, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and also for the Intergenerational Retreat on September 21, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. If there are any questions, please contact the church office.

Support for Seattle First Baptist Sesquicentennial:

We are excited about the guests joining us for our 150th Anniversary Open House on Sunday, September 8, including Rabbi Olivier BenHaim, local leaders and politicians, and longtime friends and partners. While many of those we invited are going to be with us, some have sent letters of encouragement and support for our celebration. Use this link to read the letters: https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/uploads/2/6/4/3/26431234/150th_anniversary_letters.pdf

Get Back into the Swing of Things this Fall at SFBC:

Wednesday, September 4

Seattle First Baptist Community Dinners at 6 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 8

Adult Learning at 9:30 a.m.

Family Fellowship Hour at 10:15 a.m.

Godly Play during service at 11 a.m.

Remember Our Heritage in the Heritage Room:

Beginning September 8, the Heritage Room will be open for 30 minutes after the service ends on Sundays. We welcome everyone who might be interested in the church's rich legacy and history to come learn more! We would also welcome volunteers to greet visitors and be in the Heritage Room for that half-hour, preferably on a once-a-month-basis. No previous experience necessary! Email Diana James at dejames60@gmail.com for more information.

Back to School and Back to our Regular Programming

By Pastor Anita Peebles

It's that time of year...back to school! And "back to our regularly-scheduled programming" at SFBC! Make sure to look at our website at <https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/next-gen-ministries> in order to find details, forms, and other information.

If you have children, youth, and young adults in your lives, save these dates:

- Wednesday, September 4: SFBC Community Dinner and Blessing of the Backpacks at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, September 8: Homecoming Sunday. Regular programming resumes:
 - 9:30 a.m. Children's Choir in Brawley Room
 - 10:15 a.m. Family Fellowship Hour in Youth Room (3rd floor)
 - 11 a.m. worship with Godly Play for children

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- Saturday, September 21: Intergenerational Retreat at SFBC. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free. All people of all ages welcome. Nursery provided if needed.
- Saturday, October 19: CFYA hosts the Burrito Roll at SFBC. 2-4 p.m. Need max 10 volunteers. See Pastor Anita to sign up.
- Sunday, October 27: Annual Halloween party. SFBC Gymnasium (3rd floor). 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday, November 10: Youth Sunday. 11 a.m. worship.
- Sunday, November 24: Hanging of the Greens. After worship.
- Sunday, December 22: Christmas breakfast and Christmas Pageant in worship.
- Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve service. 7 p.m.

At SFBC, we want to make every effort to keep our children and youth safe. Families, please visit the welcome table or the office to fill out participation forms for your children. These forms include emergency information like phone numbers and medical information, as well as consent forms for photography and social media. Please help us serve your child as best we can by filling out these forms. This information is kept confidentially in Pastor Anita's office.

Other ways to keep your child safe at SFBC:

- We know it's fun to run around the church, and we're glad your child feels at home here, but **please accompany the child in your care at all times**. Children should never be out of sight of a guardian or staff person. **If there is no scheduled programming for children, it is your responsibility to keep track of the child in your care**. If you need to make special arrangements for some reason (for example, meeting your child somewhere other than the Godly Play classroom after worship), please contact Pastor Anita to let her know.
- If your child needs assistance in the restroom, please let Pastor Anita know who is allowed to help them (ex. Parents/guardians, older siblings, nursery staff, etc.) Children should never be alone with an adult in the restroom unless it is a person listed by the guardians. Children who attend Godly Play should be comfortable using the restroom by themselves (with an adult outside the door of the bathroom, if needed).
- There are people of all ages and abilities in our church, and that means we need to respect people's personal space. There are rabbit (fast) and turtle (slow) zone signs in the Fellowship Hall showing where running is appropriate. Please help keep our church family safe by reminding your child that they can help people who move slower by slowing down their steps.
- The children and youth in our congregation are wonderful and we love them...but all congregants need to remember to ask permission (of the child AND from the parent/guardian) before photographing or recording a video of children. Please ask permission of the guardian before posting any photos on social media.
 - Pastor Anita retains media consent forms for the children and youth, and shares information about who has/has not given permission for their child to be photographed with the Communications Manager.
- Be sure to familiarize yourselves with the emergency procedures that are posted in the Godly Play room and the nursery. These procedures include information about meeting locations in the event of an emergency within the church building.
- If you bring a child to a church program, be sure to sign them in and leave your phone number in case you need to be contacted during the program.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about these policies, please contact Pastor Anita ([anita@seattlefirstbaptist.org]; 206-325-6051 x. 106) Let's make this a wonderful, safe and healthy program year!



Blessing of the Backpacks
 Wednesday, September 4
 6:30 PM
 Seattle First Baptist Church
 1111 Harvard Ave

ALL are welcome to participate in this blessing. Whether you carry a backpack or briefcase or first aid kit or bus pass, you are invited to bring your item to be blessed by our caring and quirky congregation. We will sing some songs, read some scripture, reflect on our summer vacations and share our hopes and dreams for this new school year.
 See you there!

(community dinner begins at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall)

A Celebration of Music in September at SFBC

September 8

Join our Celebration Choir, open to all singers!

9:45 - 10:40 a.m. Join us in the sanctuary to sing at the 11 a.m. service

12:55 - 1:10 p.m. Join us in the choir room to sing at the afternoon open house:

We will be singing Rutter's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" and "In this Very Room"

September 14

Why God's People (should) Sing: Saturday, September 14, 2019, 9 a.m. - noon

At Seattle First Baptist Church, choir room, 2nd floor

A look at why and how God's people are challenged, inspired and united by congregational song, a workshop led by Margie Paynton, former Minister of Music at University Baptist Church, Seattle.

This workshop is an invitation to all who love to sing – regardless of age, ability or training, to explore the many aspects of how and why God's people sing – and should sing. Wisdom from contemporary hymn writers and theologians, along with scientific research, will enhance our singing and dialogue. Leave with new understanding, encouragement and renewed enthusiasm to answer God's call to 'sing a new song.' All are welcome!

Free Parking in lot behind church. Contact Margie Paynton with questions at margiepaynton@gmail.com

September 15

Hymnsing Service

At this fun, musically oriented service, we will celebrate FAITHFULNESS through singing hymns together. This service will feature hymns that have been sung in this community and this building for the last 150 years!

The Gift of Music: A Special Concert Celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Linda and Mike Zaugg

Linda and Mike Zaugg are celebrating 50 years of marriage on this Sunday as they invite the community to an organ concert after church. A light lunch will be served between church and the concert. Featuring musical selections from Bach, Buxtehude, Kidwell, duets and more, and the musical talents of:

David Horton: Organist and Pianist

Jim Ginn: Organist and Pianist

Liza Zurlinden: Violinist

Tawnya Popoff: Violist



Linda and Mike Zaugg

Adult Education - September Programs

September 8 – 9:30 a.m. Homecoming Sunday - Coming Home Again and Again

The Parlor – Homecoming Sunday will feature a panel of folks with a long history of membership at Seattle First Baptist Church. They will talk about why they came to the church and why they stayed over so many years.

September 11 – 6:45 p.m. Coming Home Again and Again

The Parlor – Don't miss this First Wednesday Dinner panel of members who grew up in the church as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary. Janet Hasselblad and Karen Carlos will moderate the panel including eight members ranging in age from eight to ninety-something. Find out what they valued from the experience of being a child or youth in our midst, who influenced their lives, and why they are still here.

September 15

Contemplative Practice – Fridell Hall. A meditation leader will host the contemplative gathering.

Bible Study – The Parlor. Pastor Patricia Hunter will lead a study of *Surviving Homecoming* in Matthew 13: 54-58. In this text Jesus went home to Nazareth but did not receive a warm welcome. We will reflect on ways to manage disappointment when going home doesn't live up to our expectations.

September 22

Contemplative Practice – Fridell Hall. A meditation leader will host the contemplative gathering.

Bible Study – The Parlor. Pastor Anita will reflect on themes that surface during the Intergenerational Retreat (September 21).

September 29

Contemplative Practice – Fridell Hall. A meditation leader will host the contemplative gathering.

Bible Study – The Parlor. Pastor Tim will lead a discussion of *Can You Go Home Again?* from the story of the Prodigal Child/Son in Luke 15.

150 BLESSINGS! SFBC's Intergenerational Retreat

Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a day celebrating with all ages. This is your chance to spend time enjoying and learning from others in all generations. You do not need to have children* or grandchildren of your own to attend; we are all family at SFBC!

It's kind of like going to camp for a few hours!

We will learn about being blessed and about blessing one another as well as past and future SFBC generations. In fact, in keeping with the sesquicentennial celebration, you will be part of a 150 blessing experience. Don't miss out! The retreat is free, though donations to defray costs are gratefully accepted. Please register in advance (as early as possible and no later than September 15th) at the Welcome Table or the Church Office. Parking is free that day, and lunch is provided.

* Nursery care provided for those 3 and under if requested when registering



Women's Retreat: "The Thing with Feathers"

Friday – Sunday, October 25-27, 2019 at Rainbow Lodge



Emily Dickinson said:

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.*

For so many of us, hope is hard to come by with all that's happening in our country and in the world. That is EXACTLY why we need a retreat -- a time and place where we can just BE with one another in a beautiful setting -- to rest, to remember who we are, to make and nurture supportive friendships, and to reacquaint ourselves with the place in our souls where hope always resides.

Women of ALL AGES, please join us for the annual Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge October 25-27. This year's theme is "The Thing with Feathers." \$175 shared room; \$200 single room. Some partial scholarships available upon request. Reserve your place by completing a registration form and submitting payment via the website or at the Welcome Table or Church Office.

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Affirming our Children's Future

By Keith Ervin

For many months now, a determined group of Seattle schoolchildren have been leaving their classrooms on Fridays and finding their way to Seattle City Hall. There they stand in front of the hall of power, asking the City Council and mayor to do what is required to eliminate all greenhouse gas emissions in the city. The kids and teens appreciate supporters of all ages when they gather at 1 p.m. every Friday on the Fourth Avenue side of City Hall. They are part of an international movement known as Fridays for Future. The movement was inspired by Greta Thunberg, a Swedish girl who was 15 last year when she stopped attending school in order



to sit on the steps of Parliament holding a sign that read, "School Strike for Climate." Why should she bother going to school, Greta wondered, if she didn't have a future?

Greta Thunberg and Fridays for Future are now calling on adults as well as children to walk out of their schools and workplaces on Friday, September 20, for a Global Climate Strike. In Seattle, a morning of all-ages activities begins at 9 a.m. at Cal Anderson Park, followed by a 1 p.m. march to City Hall. Use this link for details or to RSVP [<https://actionnetwork.org/events/seattle-climate-walkout>].

We at Seattle First Baptist Church have always stood up for the powerless and the persecuted. Our children need our help. *If you do one thing this fall to fight climate change, join the kids on September 20!*

The Ongoing Work of Interfaith Climate Action – First Hill

Our experiment in offsetting personal carbon emissions through buying credits supporting emissions-reductions elsewhere was a remarkable success. Fourteen purchasers offset 565 tons of carbon emissions, providing more than \$2,800 in support for a project that captures methane from a landfill in Dublin, Virginia, and uses the greenhouse gas to generate electricity. SFBC was one of the buyers, offsetting air-travel emissions from the church's three delegates to the Global Baptist Peace Conference in Cali, Colombia. This campaign was led by Linda Zaugg, Donna Ward and myself, in collaboration with Wolf Lichtenstein of Evergreen Carbon.

We will provide more opportunities in the coming year for members and friends of SFBC and Bet Alef Meditative Synagogue to plant trees. Richard Hodgkin proposed this project, which supports the efforts of our allies Plant for the Planet and Earth Corps. We have developed the concept of the "150 Tree Challenge" to celebrate the 150th anniversary year of SFBC. We want to encourage our community to plant 150 trees together for this celebration, and also to work toward individually planting 150 trees in their lifetime.

Please join us to learn more at our regular monthly meeting on September 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Bet Alef Living Room.

Baptist Christians are Working for Peace in Some of the World's Hardest Places

By Katie Cook, excerpted and used with permission

Originally published at Global Baptist News - [<https://baptistnews.com/article/baptist-christians-are-working-for-peace-in-some-of-the-worlds-hardest-places>].

I went to an international conference on peace and peacemaking. It was hardly a walk in the park. The recent Global Baptist Peace Conference in Cali, Colombia, was intense, even excruciating. It was also life-giving.

On the conference's first full day I had breakfast with Eleazar Zihembere, who lived in Rwanda in 1994, when some 800,000 people were slaughtered by their own countrymen in a matter of 100 days. He is now retired as the regional director for American Baptist Churches USA missions in Africa.

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During that summer of terror, "I stopped asking for God to spare my life," Zihembere told me. "I began to pray, 'When they kill me, please let it be quick.'" Even after 25 years, the pain in his voice was still evident...

After breakfast, I walked to the campus of the Unibautista Theological Seminary where we heard from two women from both sides of the brutal, decades-long civil war between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), among other groups. Fabiola Perdomo's husband was kidnapped and killed in 2002, along with several other politicians, by FARC guerrillas.

During the panel discussion, Perdomo sat next to Victoria Sandino, now a representative of the FARC party in the Colombian legislature. (Sandino had arrived, by the way, with two armed guards.)

Sandino apologized profoundly for what the guerillas did to Perdomo's husband and asked for forgiveness. For her part, Perdomo described the agonizingly long process of working through her grief and rage to reach a place of healing. Then she turned to Sandino. "I do forgive you," she said. "I can forgive now." And, she added, she believes she can also forgive her husband's killers.

After that emotional panel discussion, we heard from Colombian pastors and other church leaders whose villages were scenes of atrocities and mass murders. They spoke of the ways they have tried to cope with the loss of so many family members and neighbors.

And all of that was before lunch.

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Every participant [at the conference] is working in their country to create a just and peaceful society. It is exhausting and often discouraging work, so these people of faith came together to share stories and ideas. They came to be reminded they are not alone. They came to give and receive hope.

Throughout the week, we heard hard but inspiring stories from amazing people. **At times the stories were too overwhelming** to comprehend fully and almost unbearable to hear. "There is so much pain in this room," acknowledged Ruth Mooney, who has served as an American Baptist missionary in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Cuba.

Worship not only eased the pain but infused the experience with joy. Multicultural worship included Taize, South American hip hop and rousing African chants, along with prayers and scripture reading in at least 10 languages... What also made the shared experience bearable was the affirmation that Baptist Christians from all over the world have found ways to bring about change in their local and national contexts — and that they are not about to give up.

That creates hope. Not a cheap, shallow hope, but, as Ken Sehested, founding director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, said, the kind "you can only have when your back is against the wall."

The struggle for peace in places of violence around the world will continue. But those of us who gathered for a week in Columbia know that we are all in this work together. We are not alone.

America Baptist Women: A New Face - "Friendship Circle"

by Shirley Wilkinson

American Baptist Women's Ministries are taking on a new look, as Friendship Circle has become the SFBC face of ABW Ministries. The first regular meeting of Friendship Circle for this program year is September 29 at 12:30 p.m. after church in Fridell Lounge. As part of our 150th celebration, Janet Newell will tell us about the leaders in Seattle First Baptist Church Women's organizations. This circle is known for friendship, interesting programs, supporting global servant Sarah Nash in Bolivia and Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer in the Congo, and also various local service projects. Lunch will be served, and all interested people are invited to attend.

Special Duwamish Program, sponsored by ABW Friendship Circle
Wednesday, September 18, 6:45 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to a special program recognizing the Duwamish Tribe as a part of SFBC history. This program, part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, will help us learn more about Duwamish history and culture through the viewing of the DVD, "Princess Angeline," and a discussion by Duwamish Tribal Chairwoman Cecile Hansen. It will also highlight "Real Rent Duwamish," a practical way to support the Duwamish Tribal Services programs by honoring their original residence on our land. Please invite friends to join and learn more about those native to our land.



Katie Cook

“We Are Still Here”

By Joanne Wright and Susan Blythe-Goodman

“This we know; The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know, all things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected” —Chief Si’ahl, Namesake of the City of Seattle

Visit the Duwamish Tribe website and the Duwamish will remind you: “We Are Still Here. We are the People of the Inside”. The Duwamish have been on Seattle and King County land “since time immemorial.” Duwamish stories, such as “North Wind, South Wind”, tell of the last Ice Age, and an Ice Weir breaking over the Duwamish River. (Source: Duwamish Website [<https://www.duwamishtribe.org>]).

The Duwamish have also been an integral part of the history of Seattle. In spite of this, the Duwamish have suffered from exile, legal discrimination, violation of treaty rights, and destruction of their longhouses and habitations. Despite the tribe’s efforts going back 100 years, the Federal government still refuses to recognize the Duwamish people as a tribe and has not fulfilled treaty promises made in 1855 in the Treaty of Point Elliot.

As Seattle First Baptist Church (SFBC) approaches its sesquicentennial, the church has an opportunity to recognize that SFBC occupies land that belongs to the Duwamish. Living Our Values means that we will be present to one another and our neighbors “by creating venues for engagement”. Though we sometimes acknowledge that we are on Duwamish land in our gatherings, how is SFBC meaningfully engaging with the Duwamish tribe?

There are many ways we at SFBC can support the Duwamish tribe:

1. Come to hear Cecile Hansen, Chair of the Duwamish Tribe, speak to us after the Community Dinner on September 18. (Sponsored by American Baptist Women).
2. Visit or attend special events at the Longhouse.
3. Consider paying the Duwamish Tribe through the “Real Rent” campaign (<https://www.realrentduwamish.org>) if you live on traditional Duwamish land.
4. Write letters of support for Federal Recognition of the tribe.
5. Participate in environmental events with the Duwamish tribe and their partners.
6. Offer to volunteer for the Tribe during special events.

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches Annual Meeting

Free the Captives – Luke 4:18

October 11-12, 2019

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave. Seattle, WA 98122

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director, American Baptist Historical Society

Schedule, registration, meals, and hotel information can all be found at [<http://www.ea-abc.org/annual-meeting.html>]. Churches may send up to 5 delegates. All are welcome to register and attend!

This annual gathering will host an array of workshops on youth, mass incarceration, human trafficking, empire and resistance, and will showcase stories of captivity from three local churches: Japanese Baptist Church, Mount Zion Baptist Church, and Washington Kachin Baptist Church. We will host table conversations on defining and sharing experiences of captivity and worship together with choirs from local congregations (including Mount Zion Baptist Church). Fellowship, friendship, and much more! [<http://www.ea-abc.org>].



September 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday, September 1

11 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Office Closed

Wednesday, September 4

6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Blessing of the Backpacks with Pastor Anita Peebles

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 8 - Homecoming Sunday

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning – Parlor “Coming Home Again & Again”

9:45 a.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal

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

11 a.m. Worship and Godly Play for children

12 p.m. Heritage Room open

12:30 p.m. Congregational Photo

1 p.m. 150th Anniversary and Open House

Wednesday, September 11

6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Adult Learning panel “Coming Home Again & Again”

6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 14

9 a.m. Why God’s People (should) Sing (Hymnsing Workshop)

Sunday, September 15

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning – Parlor and Fridell

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

11 a.m. Worship – Hymnsing Sunday - and Godly Play for children

12 p.m. Heritage Room open

1 p.m. Musical Celebration for the Zaugg’s 50th Anniversary

Wednesday, September 18

6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. ABW sponsored Duwamish Information Program and Film

6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 20

11 a.m. Burrito Roll Prep - Main Kitchen

Saturday, September 21

10 a.m. SFBC Intergenerational Retreat

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

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning - Parlor

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

11 a.m. Worship and Godly Play for children

12 p.m. Heritage Room open

Wednesday, September 25

6 p.m. Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Youth Group Meeting - Youth Lounge

7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 29 - Companis Sunday

9:30 a.m. Adult Learning

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

11 a.m. Worship and Godly Play for children

12 p.m. Heritage Room open

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Seattle Jazz Vespers 2019-2020 Season

Seattle Jazz Vespers, now in our 18th season, is a secular concert of professional jazz music, for those who love jazz, with an inspirational message.

These concerts are an opportunity for jazz lovers throughout the city to hear Seattle's best groups in a concert setting.

Seattle Jazz Vespers is free and open to the public on the first Sunday night of each month (October through June) at 6:00 p.m. No tickets or reservations are needed. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Free parking, family friendly, refreshments after the conclusion of the concert. Come early for best seating.

The artists will perform one set and during their break a "free-will" offering will be taken to support the musicians, followed by a short non-sectarian inspirational message. The performers' second set will conclude the two-hour vespers concert.

October 6

Eugenie Jones Quartet

Vocalist, mainstream jazz and originals

November 3

Chava Mirel Quartet

Vocalist, Soulful Jazz Grooves and Jewish Music

December 1

Sheila Blackwell Quartet

Vocalist, Jazz, Gospel and Soul

January 5

Jay Thomas' Organic Quartet

Funky Jazz with organ

February 9 (week after Super Bowl)

Clave Gringa Quintet

Broad spectrum of Cuban music from Cha Cha to afro-Cuban classics and original songs

March 1

Randy Oxford Band

Blues! A must see!

April 5

Sidney Hauser Smacktalk

Two raucous saxophones, original compositions, variety of genres.

May 3

Ranger and the re-Arrangers

Gypsy Jazz
with vocals and
percussion

June 7

Rob Hart Trio

An exciting blend
of traditional Jazz,
fusion, funk and
Latin



Online Extras

If you missed our special anniversary edition Spire a few weeks back, it's available for download from our website. The website is the best way to see images, videos, and find other content from Sunday mornings and events. Also make sure to look for us on Facebook!

Online: <https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SeattleFirstBaptist>

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

We are working on ensuring a dynamic calendar with relevant up to date information, so please be patient as we continue making changes to improve our online experience!