



# the Spire

The Monthly Newsletter of Seattle First Baptist Church



## From the Pastor's Desk

In my sermon on Easter Sunday, I invited you to “practice resurrection” in this Easter season. This phrase comes to me from one of my favorite poems by one of my favorite poets, “Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front” by Wendell Berry. In this poem, Berry says “every day do something that won’t compute.” This is his way of challenging the status quo of, among other things, capitalism, in our world. The things that won’t compute, according to Berry are: “love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Take all that you have and be poor. Love someone who does not deserve it...ask the questions that have no answers...plant sequoias...laugh. Be joyful though you have considered all the facts.”

These activities do not “compute” in mainstream thought because they are based in something other than profit and operate apart from the logic of “more is better.” These activities operate via values of love,

curiosity, hope, commitment and joy. If these are the values that characterize practicing resurrection, then I think SFBC is well on our way. We’re not perfect, no, but we are chipping away, little by little, at the narrative of power, profit and domination that governs so much of our lives in the USA.

I see us practicing resurrection in part by the reflections that were shared throughout Lent on our theme of “Simple Joys of Grace.” I referred to some of the sharings in my Easter sermon as well, and I continue to think of them each day. I am curious how you are practicing resurrection, how you are living with love at the center of your life, or how you are allowing curiosity to guide you as you learn and grow (and yes, we can learn and grow at any age!)

We have had a busy spring in the church. The new Council of Ministries is in full swing and establishing the committees that are needed to do the work of the

church. Life goes on around us, as we celebrate births and remember those who have died in our church family. The Interim Pastor Search Team continues their good and challenging work of finding the right person to be part of a team with myself and Pastor Patricia as we lead in this time of transition. Pastor Patricia and I continue weekly Prayer and Bible Study meetings, as well as ministries of preaching, pastoral care, staff care and organization management. In all of these activities, the thread that I see is that we have the opportunity to live as resurrection people in each of these areas of our church life: how we rejoice together and mourn together; how we plan for the future and honor our past; how we do the work of justice that is ours to do.

As I think of signs of resurrection all around us, I also think of our upcoming baptism day on June 12. Baptism is historically and theologically related to resurrection, particularly immersion baptism. Not only do Baptist churches practice immersion baptism as one of our few ordinances (that is, “things we do because Jesus did them in the gospels and told us to do likewise,”) but we practice immersion because it is symbolic of Jesus’ death, time out of sight in the tomb, and resurrection. When someone is immersed, they dip underneath the water and for a moment (just a moment!) they are out of sight. When they rise to the surface, they are metaphorically spiritually renewed and part of God’s family in a new way.

In this season of practicing resurrection, as each of us does things that “do not

compute” as we live with love and justice and joy as our guide, I encourage you to remember your baptism. Or, to imagine what your baptism may be like, whenever you are ready to participate in this ritual. And if you are considering baptism as a way of publicly proclaiming your commitment to follow the Way of Jesus alongside this community, please reach out to myself and Pastor Patricia. We will be overjoyed to accompany you on this journey.

Wherever you are, whoever you are, whatever your life has been about until now, it is never too late to practice resurrection. Know that I am so glad that you are choosing to do so with the community of Seattle First Baptist Church.

Peace,

*Rev. Anita Peebles*

## Learning Together

### Bible Study in May

**May 5:** NO Bible Study this day

**May 12:** How did the Bible come to be? (Early writings, canon, translation, etc.)

**May 19:** Studying the Bible visually (development of Biblical study through art)

**May 26:** What does the Bible MEAN to us? (How do people use the Bible? What does the Bible say about itself? What does it mean to different communities?)

# SENIORS TAKE NOTE

Block off July 13-15 on your calendars now! We are returning to Rainbow Lodge for our retreat this year (God willing and the COVID states don't rise). Lots more information will be in the June *Spire*. Registration will begin June 1. The theme this year is "Sages and Scaredy Cats."

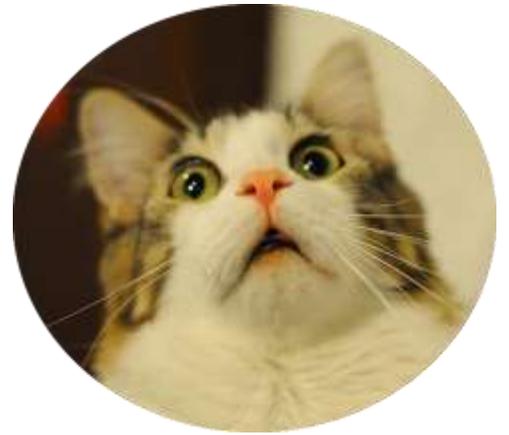
How do you know if you are a "senior?" If the word "senior" is starting to scare you, or if you're happy to get the reduced senior rate at a restaurant, you are likely close or already there. If you are creeping up on Medicare or retirement age, or if you have recently passed these milestones, this is for you. And for those of you who have long been a member of this demographic, we welcome you back. There are three "generations" of seniors, and this retreat will be relevant to all three, so save the dates!

*~ Cherry Johnson, Retreat Coordinator*

P.S. If you haven't already gotten your second booster, now would be a good time.



## Sages & Scaredy Cats



## Worshiping Together

### BEYONCÉ MASS

FRIDAY, MAY 6 AT 7:00 PM  
SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE

Beyoncé Mass at St. Mark's  
*In-person, 7 PM, May 6, 2022*

This worship service uses the music and life of Beyoncé as a tool to cultivate an empowering conversation about Black women—their lives, bodies, and voices—and create an experience of story, scripture, and song that calls for the liberation of all people. The mass is free, and all are welcome, but registration is required.

Register to attend mass at Brown Paper Tickets:  
[https://www.brownpapertickets.com/  
event/5395087](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5395087)

# Growing Together

## Christian Youth Camps at Camp Burton

- ◆ GRADE SCHOOL CAMP July 31-August 5th, 2022 \$250
- ◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP July 31-August 5th, 2022 \$250
- ◆ [Teens Redeemed Adventure Camp - Grades 9 To 12](#) July 24-30, 2022 \$325

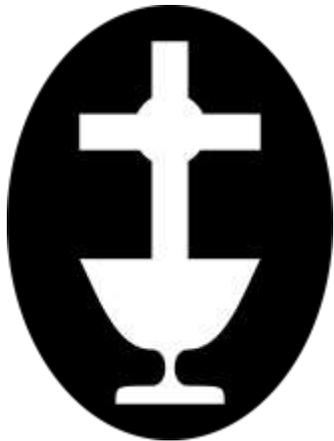
SFBC has some scholarship money available for SFBC kids who would like to go to camp. Contact Pastor Anita for more information. And if you'd like to donate to a scholarship for an SFBC kid to attend camp, feel free to give in your preferred way but mark the memo "to kids' camp scholarships" or "for Camp Burton scholarships."



## Nursery Needs

Part of being a welcoming and inclusive faith community is providing a nursery staffed by responsible and caring adults. We are currently looking for a Nursery Caregiver Coordinator and will be looking for additional nursery helpers soon. Please see [the job description on the church website](#) if you are interested. Thank you for helping support young children and their parents and guardians.

## Baptisms



Join Pastor Patricia and Pastor Anita for these conversations if you are interested in baptism! A special baptism service will be held on Sunday, June 12. This class is a set of 2 conversations: **May 18** and **May 25**, both from 6-7pm. If these times do not work for you, please contact the pastors and they will make accommodations.

**Wednesday, May 18 and 25, 6-7pm on Zoom**

*~ Please RSVP to Pastor Anita and Pastor Patricia before attending ~*

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87075770058>

Meeting ID: 870 7577 0058

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,87075770058#

## Graduation Sunday

Do you know anyone who is graduating this year, from kindergarten through PhD? We want to celebrate you! Please contact Pastor Anita to let her know we will recognize your accomplishment in church! Information to send to Pastor Anita: photo of the graduate, name, pro-

nouns, institution, degree and future plans (if applicable). We will celebrate our graduates on June 12 during worship.

## Godly Play and Grownups Activities

Godly Play continues on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Godly Play room. Parents and Guardians of kids in Godly Play are welcome to spend time in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor while Godly Play is going on.

## A New Baby in Our Church Family!

We celebrate of the birth of Atlas Teh-Kwang Heizenrader, born March 30 to Jennifer Chin and Alex Heizenrader. Welcome, Atlas!

## Our Lives Together

### SFBC Member Publishes Memoir

SFBC member Jim Segaar recently self-published a new book of photo essays titled “Cancer, COVID, and Chaos.” The book was inspired by and written during the last two years. The author was diagnosed with a type of kidney cancer just as the COVID pandemic began, and the essays explore topics such as Mortality, Broken Beauty, Isolation, Liminal Time, and Resilience.

Jim will be at Seattle First Baptist on Sunday, May 1. Books will be on sale during Coffee Hour at a discounted price of \$25. Jim will be happy to sign purchased books, as well as any copies you have already purchased. A reading and discussion will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

A follow-on discussion will take place via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. Jim and his husband Jim Ginn will be happy to answer questions about their shared experience, with readings from the book selected based on the discussion. Zoom info for this follow-up on Wednesday May 4 is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82794963101>

Meeting ID: 827 9496 3101

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“Cancer, COVID, and Chaos” is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and directly from the author. A Kindle edition is available, but the paperback edition is highly recommended due to the lower quality of photos rendered by Kindle.

# Evergreen Region Night at the Ballpark!

On August 27th, 2022 at 7:10pm you are invited to join the Evergreen family in the stands of T-Mobile Park to watch the Seattle Mariners play the Cleveland Guardians. This is the night Ichiro Suzuki is being inducted into the Mariners Hall of Fame, and the first 20,000 fans will get an Ichiro T-Shirt. Guaranteed to be a night to remember, as we celebrate a man who is a baseball legend in two countries! Let's get a big Evergreen crowd going to celebrate the return of Baseball, and an Evergreen tradition. Tickets are only \$18.00 for main level seats and are going to go quickly! Pastor Anita has reserved 10 tickets for SFBC, so please [contact her](#) to sign up to join this fun event!



## Organist/Pianist Search

Since October, Margie Paynton has very graciously agreed to serve as our church pianist and organist during both Sunday services and choir rehearsals on an interim basis as we look to fill the position with a permanent hire. We thank Margie for her ministry and generosity of spirit, and we will be forever grateful as this is now the second interim period that Margie has filled at Seattle First Baptist. We have been so blessed.

We enter prime hiring season after Easter, and we have already received some applicants for our open position as organist/pianist. We are confident we will have a qualified and diverse group of candidates to interview later this spring, and we hope to have a permanent hire in the months ahead. In the meantime, we welcome Dori Baunsgard, who will be playing for the choir as they prepare for their June 5th concert. Dori is a talented musician and is well-known around Seattle as an active pianist and conductor with organizations such as Northwest Girlchoir and Columbia Choirs.

We are grateful for the hard work of our organ search team: Brian Lew, Darla O'Brian, Margie Paynton, Marsha Ulmer, and Pastor Anita Peebles. We thank them for their service and trust we are in good hands.

*~ Ben Luedcke, Minister of Music*

# Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm the SFBC choir will give a concert titled "I Believe in Love," with themes of reconciliation, hope, and an end to violence across the globe. Please support this ministry by marking your calendar and showing up! There will be a light lunch served immediately after worship, and the concert will begin at 1pm with guest speakers, vocalists, percussion, and a complement of strings.



Don't miss the Nelda Swiggett Quintet's benefit performance of "The Alaska Suite" on Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. in the Seattle First Baptist Church Sanctuary.

Swiggett's "The Alaska Suite: a story of beauty, loss and hope" depicts how the climate crisis is unfolding in Alaska and leaves audiences inspired to take action. It has been described as "part love song, part sad ballad to Alaska, and part battle cry to reclaim the health of our planet." Tickets are on sale at <https://bit.ly/aksuite>.

All proceeds benefit Green Buildings Now, an SFBC-supported initiative working to remove fossil fuels from buildings in a just way. A partnership with Bethany United Church of Christ and its BI-POC-led campus partners is creating a South Beacon Hill Resilience Hub that will provide emergency refuge for the community.

If you can't attend the concert, please consider making a donation to [greenbuildingsnow.org](https://greenbuildingsnow.org).

## The Alaska Suite a story of beauty, loss and hope

Nelda Swiggett Quintet

*A benefit for Green Buildings Now*  
[greenbuildingsnow.org](https://greenbuildingsnow.org)

Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Seattle First Baptist Church  
1111 Harvard Ave.  
Tickets at <https://bit.ly/aksuite>



# SFBC Volunteer Fair on Sunday, May 15

Volunteers are needed for to serve on church committees and task forces. To help connect interested members with committee and task force openings, the Council of Ministries is holding a Volunteer Fair in Fellowship Hall during coffee hours on Sunday, May 15. Members will be able to get their questions answered and sign up for committees.

Committees and task forces that need to recruit members are:

Facilities (Buildings and Grounds) Committee (Chair: Rod Shutt) - Working with Darren Hochstedler, the Facilities Committee oversees needed maintenance and repairs to church buildings and grounds.

Next Generation Programming Committee (Chair: Geoff McGhee) - Working with Pastor Anita Peebles, the Next Generation Programming Committee plans and implements programs for youth and families; and provides logistical support for the nursery program, the Godly play program, the Youth Group program, and Young Adult events.

Congregational Care Committee (Chair: open) - The Congregational Care Committee reaches out to homebound or hospitalized members of our church community and to regular attendees who have not attended worship recently. The Committee sends cards to celebrate and mourn with members of the church community and maintains the list of prayer requests.

Worship, Arts, and Hospitality (Chair: open) - Working with Pastor Anita Peebles, Pastor Patricia Hunter, and Ben Luedcke, the Worship, Arts, and Hospitality Committee supports worship planning, including decorating the sanctuary; plans for hospitality on Sunday mornings (both online and in person); and helps to recruit volunteers for Sunday morning worship (e.g., ushers).

Anti-Racism Task Force (Chairs: Karen Carlos and Eric Watness) - Working with Rev. Douglas Avilesbernal, the Anti-Racism Task Force advances the work of Seattle First Baptist in becoming an anti-racism church.

Facilities Long Range Planning Task Force (Chair: Brian Ross) - The Facilities Long Range Planning Task Force guides the work of addressing future facility needs.

If you are not able to attend the Volunteer Fair but have questions or want to sign up, please contact Dick Miller, Council of Ministries Vice President, at [milomiller882@msn.com](mailto:milomiller882@msn.com).

Additionally, Beth Reis, chair of the Outreach Committee, is looking for volunteers for a project. If interested, please contact Beth.

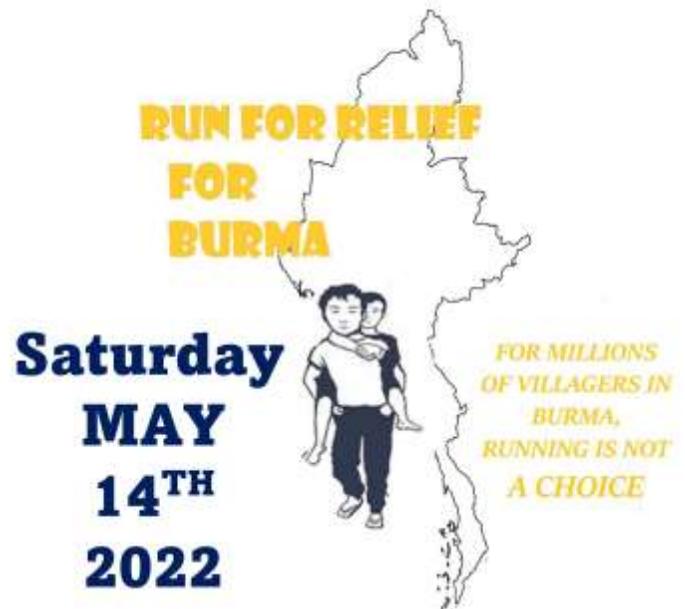
# Run for Relief for Burma

May 14, 2022, 9:30 am

On May 14th there will be a *Run for Relief for Burma*. This is a regular event which raises money for humanitarian aid for the people of Burma. Right now with Burma suffering under a military coup for over a year, the needs are great.

Last year the funds generated from this event purchased oxygen concentrators for a hospital in Yangon when Burma's Army was confiscating all oxygen supplies. They also helped fund Earth Missions in their Physicians Assistant training program and helped fund the Jungle School of Medicine Karen State.

Download the registration form at <https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Run-for-Relief-Burma-Registration-Form.pdf>



Location:  
Chambers Creek Regional Park  
6320 Grandview Dr W, University Place, WA 98467

Day of Race – Program  
Registration @ 8:30 am  
5K Run/Walk starts @ 9:30 am  
Guest Speaker/ Presentation @ 11:30 am

For more information contact: Tina Po - Tina.po2001@gmail.com

**Joyful! Noise**  
PRESENTS

**Been too down Long...**

*Songs Of Comfort, Remembrance & A Way Forward*

May 8, 2022, 3 p.m.  
Seattle First Baptist Church  
1111 Harvard Ave.

May 9, 2022, 7:30 p.m.  
Plymouth Church Seattle  
1217 6th Ave.

Adults, \$25; Seniors & Youth, \$20;  
Groups of 10+, \$12/each; Under 12 Free

Tickets available at the door      Info at JoyfulNoiseSeattle.org

## Joyful! Noise in Concert

Join Joyful! Noise and its SFBC members Belle Chenault, Phil Mortenson, Gail and Walt Foster, Wendy Cohen, Darla O'Brian, Nancy Roberts Brown, Patrick Green and Darren Hochstedler for our concert "Been Down Too Long - Songs of Comfort, Remembrance and a Way Forward." Hear songs by Stephen Sondheim, Marvin Hamlisch, and Carly Simon, and favorites like "Shenandoah" and "He Ain't Heavy." It's a great way to celebrate Mother's Day, or just to celebrate. We can't wait to see you there!

**Sunday, 5/8, 3 pm, SFBC and Monday, 5/9, 7:30 pm, Plymouth Church**  
<https://www.joyfulnoiseseattle.org/concerts/>

# Concert Spotlight

## Sidney Hauser and Marina Albero

May 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.



Seattle Jazz Vespers is proud to present the **Sidney Hauser and Marina Albero** on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 6 p.m.**

**Marina Albero:** Pianist, composer, and educator Marina Albero is a captivating performer born in Barcelona, Spain and based in Seattle since 2015. Albero's piano playing is an absolute celebration of life, her spirited performances are intelligent, uplifting, and delightfully engrossing.

Albero deftly draws on a lifetime of music tradition, from her native Barcelona in classical and early music as well as flamenco, to Cuba and Son Cubano, to American jazz. Her celebrated triple album "A life soundtrack" contains an all improvised volume called "Agua" of solo and duos with Hans Teuber as well as originals and jazz standards. Albero is a multi-award winning artist and has become a favorite of Seattle's audiences and critics.

**Sidney Hauser:** Sidney Hauser is a member of the next generation of Northwest Jazz musicians. She graduated from South Whidbey High School and the University of Washington, where she received a BA in Painting and a minor in Music Performance. Sidney has studied with saxophonist Neil Welch, Mark Taylor, and Michael Brockman, and has played alongside musicians such as Joshua Redman, Maria Schneider, Christian McBride, and more recently Tia Fuller. In addition to her position as second alto with the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra, Sidney has also played with the Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra and the Jazz Police among other ensembles, including leading her own fusion group, SmackTalk. She has been twice nominated through Earshot for the emerging artist award, and continues to write music for her own personal projects.

Together Marina and Sidney will be playing a series of original compositions and arrangements that highlight a variety of influences and genres. From ballads in six, to funk and dark rock they combine their musical backgrounds into one to create something truly unique.



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