

Parish Paragraphs

JANUARY

2017

3G Team Session

Sunday, Jan. 15, Noon-2pm

Try something new in the new year!

After worship on Sunday, January 15th, the 3G Teams will gather to get a glimpse and a head start on our Lent/Easter Worship themes. If you are interested in helping shape the life and ministry of the church in the coming months, please consider experimenting with one of these teams: Glorify/Worship (Tami Wioland), Grow/Discipleship (Lori Winne), Glow/Mission (Donna Serviss), and Together/Care (Pastor Jon). Talk to any of these people if you are interested.



Christmas VBS

We had about 40 kids experience the Christmas Story this year at our 2nd annual Christmas VBS. The kids learned about “The Gift” (Jesus, of course), and how Christmas is all about who God has given us.

Six Point Place churches joined together for this great event.

A big “THANK YOU!” to all the volunteers from all the churches who helped make this a great experience!



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WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



January 1st: The 8th Day of Christmas (New Year's Day)

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Praise, Reverence, Awe: "Resolutions and Resolve"

January 8th: Epiphany

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship

January 15th: When God Says "Go"

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Celebrate Worship

Genesis 12, 21—"Abraham"

12pm: 3G Team Session following worhsip

January 22rd: When God Says "Go"

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Exodus 4—"Moses and Aaron"

January 29th: When God Says "Go"

9am: Breakfast followed by Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Exodus 34—"God"

When God Says “Go”

A New Sermon Series Beginning January 15th

The great stories of the Scriptures usually begin with the same command: “Go!”

This year, our 100th as a congregation, we will be following what happens when God says “Go”—both in the Bible and in the lifetime of Point Place UCC.

Can you think of times God has said “Go” and the church has responded in faith? Talk to Pastor Jon or any member of the Leadership Team because we want to hear those stories!



Growth Groups in January

Sermon GG:

Every Wednesday, noon

Monday Night:

Jan. 2 and 9

Something Brewing: Jan. 6



Pastor's **NOTES**

100 years!

That's something to celebrate. 2017 marks 100 years of ministry for the church now known as Point Place UCC. And we want to celebrate!

But not just celebrate. We want to follow Jesus into a new century.

When Lauren and I were in Hawaii, we spent some time in Lahaina on the island of Maui. One of the coolest things in Lahaina is nearly a whole city block that is shaded by an enormous banyan tree. There was an art show taking place under its shade as we walked around. We learned that the tree was planted in honor of the 50th anniversary of the first Protestant mission on Maui. Think about that. This anniversary celebration not only honored the past, but still provides shade and beauty for the community almost 150 years later!



That's why our 100th Anniversary theme is "Go with God." We want to celebrate the ways God has moved among us and through us in the past 100 years. At the same time, we want our celebration to propel us into the future. We are hoping to find ways of having our anniversary year not only revel in the good things past, but bring blessing to our neighbors for years to come.

Keep in touch for more ways we plan to do that. And if you have any ideas, by all means let someone know!

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GO with
GOD
Point Place UCC

I look forward to a year of glorifying, growing, and glowing with you—bolstered by a century of ministry and sent into new ministry horizons. All with one common thread: God with us.

Grateful to be your pastor

Pastor Jon



Something Brewing

Friday, January 6th—8pm

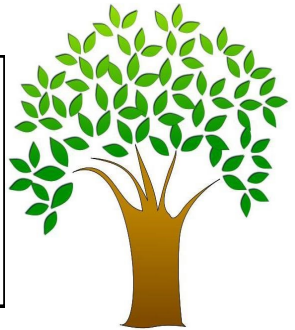
Black Cloister Brewing Co.

Monroe & Erie

We'll talk about the New Year:
to resolve or not to resolve?

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

We will pass out bags on New Year's Day
and collect on Sunday, January 8th. Let's
bring soups and spices for the cold winter
months



100th Anniversary

The main events for our anniversary
celebration will be the weekend of May
5-7. If you have any ideas for this anni-
versary year, talk to anyone on the
Leadership Team or Trustees.

Feed My Sheep



Free Dinner

Come help with prep on Monday and serve on Tuesday. We can always use help serving, cleaning up, and just sharing a meal with our guests. We are also looking for a couple people to help set up tables on Tuesday before 4pm.

Monday, Jan. 9, 2017

Meal at Riverpoint
2862 131st Street

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017

Shepherd's Pie
Bread & Butter
Peaches & Pears
Dessert

Coffee, Juice, Water

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017

Fish
Macaroni & Cheese
Vegetable
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water



The Giving Tree

The Monday night Growth Group is still sponsoring the **Giving Tree** but we're trying something new. Instead of asking for different items each month we'll be emphasizing our **Manna Bag Mission project** all year. We need travel size personal items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste and also, tooth brushes, combs, socks, water bottles, gloves, small bags of snack food or granola bars. When the bags are complete they will be on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall. We're asking everyone to take one or two at a time and give them away to someone in need.



Thank you to Ruby Usher, who spearheaded the effort to purchase new candleholders for Christmas Eve. The Elizabethans used the penny fund to support this upgrade. They were a treat during Silent Night!

For Your Prayers and Information

The Leadership Team and Trustees are currently working on two searches: a weekly nursery attendance and a secretary. Please keep these in your prayers, that God would lead us in wise directions.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 12th

After Worship, we will celebrate God's work among us in 2016 and look ahead to the coming year.

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*To care for one another
as God cares for us.*

