



Fall Guide 2018



Dear Friend of SPC,

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” As followers of Jesus Christ and participants in the community of faith, we have both the privilege and the responsibility to use our lives for good, bringing faith, hope and love to those placed in our path. As we serve others and help them experience the fullness of life, we become more full of life, too.

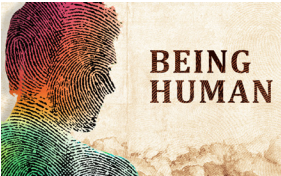
In this fall guide, you will find plenty of ways to join in serving others at SPC. Don’t worry—you don’t have to do it alone! Our staff, session and leaders are here to show you the way and root you on. Whether it is leading kids or youth, serving the church family on Sunday mornings through our variety of worship ministries, helping our ESL program continue to grow and reach out to our community, or the myriad of other programs and events, there is a place for you to dig in. The key is to find a place to serve, find a place to learn (like worship and a Bible study), and find a place to connect with others (through a small group or ministry). When we do, not only are we starting to answer the urgent question, “What are we doing for others?,” but we grow in our understanding of God’s love for us and we literally grow in our humanity, too. What could be better?

We have a great fall to look forward to! I’m excited for the journey with you,


Jeff Lincicome
Senior Pastor

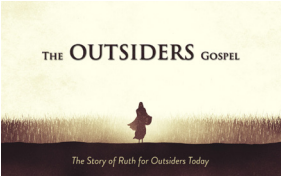
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Being Human
Sundays, September 9–30

We have such a myopic view of what it means to be human. Biological, societal, being at the top of the food chain—these are ways humanity is often categorized and discussed. And yet to be really human, to be the kind of beings we were created by God to be, is much, much more. In this short series we will take a look at our SPC Vision Statement (to be a Christ Centered, Mission Minded Family) and ponder how, by seeking to live it out, we become more fully human and engage the world around us to be a more human place as well. Join us!



The OUTSIDERS Gospel: The Story of Ruth for Outsiders Today
Sundays, October 7–November 25

One of the common themes in Scripture is God’s willingness to make outsiders insiders and to transform the least likely people into the most important pieces of his plan. The story of Ruth in the Old Testament is the story of the ultimate outsider; a foreign born refugee with little earthly power who not only saves her family but becomes an ancestor of Jesus Christ himself. Ruth’s story as well as the story of her mother-in-law Naomi, is the account of two strong and bold women who refuse to let their outsider status define their future reality. If you have ever felt like an outsider, or if you looking for a calm and assuring voice for the outsiders in our world today, this study is for you. Join us!



Thanksgiving Eve Service | Wednesday, November 21, 6:30pm

Join us for an All-Community Thanksgiving Service held this year at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Rarely do we have a chance to join fellow Christians in our community to worship God together—but Thanksgiving is a perfect time! At this service (good for all ages), we get to show our unity in Jesus Christ as well as begin our Thanksgiving celebrations in the proper way—in gratitude to God together as brothers and sisters in Christ. The service is one hour long, followed by light refreshments. If you are interested in being part of the service through music, please contact Kurt Dyrhsen at kurtdyrhsen@spconline.org for details.



Join the SPC Choir | Starting Wednesday, September 26, 7:15pm

Just what the doctor ordered! The news is out and the studies have proven that singing together is beneficial for your physical, mental, and spiritual health! If you are high school age or older, come and reap the benefits of better health and join the SPC choir. For more info, email: choir@spconline.org or call 425.868.5186 x102.

Men’s Book Study | Saturdays, starts September 8, 8:30am, Bldg. A (upper level)

All SPC men are invited to join this group which meets every Saturday of the month. This fall, the group will study *The One Year Uncommon Life Daily Challenge* by Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker. For more information, contact adult@spconline.org.

Senior’s Luncheon | September 11, October 9, November 13

All seniors from our church and community are invited to join us for a free luncheon the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30am-1pm. We gather in the Sanctuary Hall to enjoy a home cooked meal, fellowship, and a short program or Bible Study. For more information email: care@spconline.org.

Marriage Enrichment Group (MEG)
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, beginning September 18, 7–8:30pm, Sanctuary Quiet Room

Have you been looking to add new dimension to your marriage? Looking for motivation and a fun group of committed couples to share personal experiences and snacks with? You’ve found us! MEG reviews a chapter of a book related to marriage selected by the group. MEG recognizes that we all have difficult situations and seasons in our marriages. Through sharing, listening and grace, couples discover similar struggles and newfound spirit to overcome challenging times through the examples of the couples whom we have encountered. We invite you to attend as we all are – imperfect but continuously striving for a better version of ourselves. This fall, MEG will be reading *The Lost Art of Listening* by Michael P. Nichols. Members are in charge of locating their own copy. Please contact Lief Thompson foliage@hotmail.com for more information.

ABIDE Women’s Events

Women’s Fall Bible Study | Morning and Evening Options Available

Join us as we go deeper into the book of Ruth, using a study by Kelly Minter entitled *Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy*. Ruth’s journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy come alive in this seven week study. Both morning and evening options are available: Tuesday mornings, September 11–October 23, 9:30–11am, or Thursday evenings, September 13–October 25, 7-8:30pm. Cost is \$15. Register online at bit.ly/FallStudy2018.

Women’s Fall Hike | Saturday, September 29, 10am–1pm

Come join us for a fun hike and time to fellowship along the beautiful trails of Twin Falls. View the spectacular waterfalls, where we will stop and enjoy a lunch together. The trail is 3.5 miles round trip with a 500 foot elevation gain. It is a great trail for walking. Meet at the parking lot trailhead (Discover Pass required), wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather, as we will hike and picnic rain or shine. We are looking forward to having you come and abide in God’s creation with us. Register online at bit.ly/FallHike2018.

Women’s Supper Club | October 19, March 15, May 10, August 16

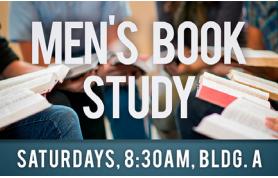
Supper Club is an informal gathering. We’ll meet several times this year in members’ homes to connect in a relaxed conversational setting. Any woman eager for the blessing of good food and fellowship is invited and we would love to have you! For more information, and to get your name placed on the distribution list for times and details, please contact adult@spconline.org.

Women’s Book Discussion | Thursday, November 29, 7-8:30pm, C-201

Join us for fellowship and lively discussion as we enjoy and learn from *A Voice in the Wind* (Mark of the Lion, Book 1) by Francine Rivers. This fictionalized story of the first century church follows the story of Hadassah, a young Jewish Christian girl taken captive after the fall of Jerusalem to her life as a slave in a Roman household, and her struggle to live her faith in the Roman culture. Her journey will encourage and inspire you in your own faith experience. Grab a copy from the library or your favorite bookstore and join the discussion! No RSVP necessary.

Women’s Retreat | Save the Date! January 11–12, 2019

Our women’s overnight retreat is Friday late afternoon through Saturday afternoon at Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Come join us as we share in God’s call to us to rejoice, reconnect and renew our spirits through Him. A guest speaker will lead us through the program, which also includes small groups, good food and fellowship, and plenty of activity choices during breaks.





Discover Membership Class | Saturday, October 6, 9–11am, C-201

If you are a part of the SPC community and would like to express your commitment through membership, or simply want to know more about our church family, please join us at our next Discover Membership Class. The class is a casual format where you'll be able to meet the pastors, explore your faith, and discuss the meaning of the church. You'll also have an opportunity to meet members of the congregation as well as people who are in the same situation as you - wanting to learn more or ready to take the step of membership. To register; email adult@spconline.org or call 425.553.1389. Childcare is available for infants through 5-years-old with 48-hour advance notice; RSVP to childcare@spconline.org.

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Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And, the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22

Caring for One Another at SPC

Though our culture tries to deny it, we are made for community; we are not meant to live in isolation! God calls us to walk with one another through all of life's seasons. We seek to be a family of faith where the love and grace of God are obviously at work, as we listen, grieve, laugh, and love one another. If you are going through a difficult time and need encouragement, resources, prayer and/or the presence of a caring person, we want to help! See below for specific care ministries available.



Deacon Ministry

Deacon Ministry is a team of compassionate church leaders providing care and support for the church and community through prayer, encouragement, phone calls, and resources (transportation, meals, church and community information.) Contact: deacons@spconline.org.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry provides confidential, one-to-one Christian care, meeting with you on a weekly basis to listen, support, encourage, and pray for the duration of your crisis due to a recent life transition, divorce, relocation, job loss, hospitalization, or other loss. Contact: stephenministry@spconline.org or 425.868.5186 x138.

SHARE

SHARE is a group of SPC volunteers who take turns in providing support such as home-cooked meals, transportation, or running errands for those in need. If interested in becoming a SHARE volunteer, email share@spconline.org.



SPC Parish Nurses

A team of compassionate parish nurses who are available for our church family by providing care and support whenever it is needed. They will also be offering quarterly blood pressure checks and several support groups for caregivers and others. For more information email: parishnurse@spconline.org or call 425.868.5186.

Praying for one another at SPC

Upcoming surgery? Going through a difficult season in your marriage or with your child? Health concern? Job at risk or in a challenging place? These are all reasons to reach out to a Pastor, or request prayerful support. Nothing is too small, that God can't use your family of faith in meaningful ways to bless you and the community through difficulty. We are meant to journey together! **To ask for prayer or share a concern, or if you're unsure where to turn, contact Kelly Hostetler, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care & Families, at kelly@spconline.org or 425.553.1402.**



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English as a Second Language

Mondays/Thursdays, 9:30–11am, Building A, Beginning September 17

Two years ago, SPC took a step forward in mission to serve our community by offering English Language classes here on campus. If you are interested in being a regular/substitute teacher, we are always welcoming new team members to this exciting ministry of relationship and care. Please email mission@spconline.org.

Mission Fair | Sunday, September 30

Do you know the many ways that you can participate in missions work here at SPC? Ever tried to find a way to serve or connect and have not known where to start? On Sunday, September 30 after our morning worship services we'll host a community missions fair. Organizations from around the area with whom SPC has ongoing relationships will be present. You will find both information as well as opportunities to say YES to serving in your community. We hope you join us.



Issaquah Meals | November 15 and December 20

SPC has partnered with the Issaquah Meals Program at the Issaquah Community Hall to serve a meal on the third Thursday of each month from 5–6:30pm for approximately 40 people. The menu and entrée are provided, and the group purchases the items to supplement the main dish. If you are interested in serving a meal please contact mission@spconline.org.



World Vision

Child Sponsorship

SPC began its partnership with the people of Mahlalini, Swaziland in 2009 and to date, we are supporting over 250 children. Sponsorship allows for a deep bonding experience as your child grows up, offering the security of financial support until s/he turns 18. Sponsorship folders are on the letter writing table on the first Sunday of each month.

Letter Writing | First Sunday of each month

The first Sunday of each month, SPC offers community letter writing events. Just stay after church for a few minutes on these Sundays. All the supplies are available for you to write a letter to your sponsored child, and we will do the mailing for you!

Knitting for Mission | 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1–3pm, Quiet Room

All are welcome to join this knitting group. Together, we knit items that are donated to World Vision, who distributes them to people in need around the world. Patterns are provided. Please bring your own supplies. email mission@spconline.org for more information.



children

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JAMCity (Jesus and Me!) | Sunday Mornings starting September 9

On Sundays, we love to see your kids at JAMCity! There is a place for every child from infant –5th grade. Kids participate in games, crafts, prayer, teaching and discussion as they grow in relationship with God and others. We teach kids to "Love God, Love Others, Serve Both." They develop relationships with other kids and with other adults who show them what it means to serve the Lord. JAMCity is offered at both services. Parents should check-in all children at the kiosks in Sanctuary Hall. Elementary kids will join their parents in the worship service for about twenty minutes before being dismissed to their classes. Children ages infant–pre-kindergarten can be dropped off at their classroom at the beginning of worship service. For more information, email childrens@spconline.org.



Dinner and Curriculum Night for JAMCity Volunteers

September 5, 6–7:30pm, room C-201

Let's get ready for a great year of ministry to our SPC kids. If you are teaching or assisting in any of our JAMCity classrooms (infant - 5th grade) this year, we want you to join us for an important evening of preparation. This time together will connect you to important resources, valuable information and the other people on our ministry team. A light dinner will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nurturing Faith in the Lives of our Kids

Teaching children what it means to "follow Jesus" involves an investment of time, energy and spiritual gifts. Would you like to be the person who comes alongside a group of kids and disciples them over the next year? We have a few key openings on our teaching team in JAMCity. If you feel called to this important role, email Laura at childrens@spconline.org for a Ministry Application.



Glory Days Preschool Fall Parent/Toddler Class

Tuesdays, September 18–November 20, 9:15–10:30am, room S-107

Are you looking for a social opportunity for yourself and your toddler? Parents with children under the age of 2 ½ are invited to join us. Tuition is \$130 for the first child and \$65 for each sibling (infants are free). Registration forms are at the SPC office or download one at bit.ly/ParTodFall18.





MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) | Bi-monthly, Fridays, September 21–May 17
Join us for MOPS during the 2018/19 School Year. Our group welcomes moms with newborns to Kindergartners. We connect moms with other moms in our community to laugh, cry and embrace the journey of motherhood together. It is a place to be more honest, feel more equipped and to find our identity by journeying alongside each other - because better moms make a better world. Join us for prayer, food, guest speakers, crafts, and fellowship. Register early to reserve your child’s spot in our childcare rooms. Register at spconline.org/childrens and click on the MOPS link. Cost is \$175 for the entire year. We meet two Fridays per month from 9:30-11:30am.

MOPS Childcare: Paid Positions Available

MOPS is also looking for childcare workers who are able to work during the meetings, one or two times per month. Volunteer and paid positions available. Contact childrens@spconline.org for more information.

GROW(Great Relationships on Wednesdays!) | September 26–November 14
At GROW, children dive a little deeper into their knowledge of the Bible, worship, God’s love, communion, stewardship and mission. Depending upon their grade, the focus is different each year and allows kids to grow in their faith formation while having fun, making friends and learning from other adult role models. It’s only eight weeks so the commitment is easy for every family, while the benefit to our kids is immeasurable. Kids will eat dinner, have Bible study, recreation time and worship. Parents are asked to volunteer for at least one hour each week. Register online at bit.ly/SPCGrow2018. GROW is from 5:30–7pm every Wednesday (except October 31). Register by September 12 for the early bird price of \$60.



Spiritual Foundations for Kids...in Conversation with their Parents
Four Spiritual Foundation classes will be provided during the 2018/19 School Year for 2nd–5th graders and their parents. These classes are introductory in nature and are designed to start a conversation between students and parents that can be continued in the following weeks and months at home. Mark your calendars now for each class: Communion Class on September 30, Sex Ed Class on October 21, Baptism Class on January 27, 2019 and Bible Foundations Class on April 28, 2019. Registration is open now for the first two classes this fall. You may choose which classes to attend (one, two, three or all four), depending upon your child’s readiness for each topic. See below for more info.



Communion Class| Sunday, September 30, 12–1pm, room C-201

All 2nd through 5th grade students and parents are invited to join Pastor Kelly Hostetler and Laura Van Klaveren, Children’s Director, for a time of learning and fellowship. Discover together the importance of this sacrament in the life of worship. A light lunch will be served. For questions and to sign up, email childrens@spconline.org or call 425.868.5186 x125.



Sex Ed Class | Sunday, October 21, 12–1pm, room C-201

All 2nd through 5th grade students and parents are invited. In elementary school, our students will hear from the health room about how our bodies work from a scientific and functional perspective. What they won’t hear is how our bodies are built by a grand Designer, with purpose, wisdom and love. This class will help them understand that the design of our body is no accident; that the coming changes are part of God’s plan for girls and boys as they grow. We are pleased to have two doctors from own church, Chris and Becca Dale, who can talk about that design, with authenticity and wonder. It’s a wonderful chance for your kids to hear this information with clarity and a spiritual emphasis, ask questions and hear answers, and experience being in the same room with mom (girls) and dad (boys) while the conversation takes place. A light lunch will be served. For questions and to sign up, email childrens@spconline.org or call 425-868-5186 x125.



Fall Festival | Sunday, October 28, 5–7pm

It’s Harvest Time! Join us at SPC as we welcome the cooler weather and celebrate fall! Gather with family and friends, enter our chili cook-off, bring the kids in their costumes and be ready for some fun! Use the Sign-up Genius at bit.ly/SPCFallFest2018 to let us know you’re decorating your car at the Trunk or Treat and/or to bring a batch of chili for our Chili Cook-off! Everyone is welcome!



Family Advent Wreath-Making Party | Sunday, December 2, 12–1pm

Mark your calendars now for our 3rd annual Family Advent Wreath Making Party! This tradition will help your family capture and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Please join us as we begin the Advent season by making our very own family advent wreaths. We’ll assemble our wreaths, have a small bite to eat, sing Christmas carols and receive instructions/resources for leading family Advent devotions at home. Registration opens the beginning of November.

middle school (6th-8th grade) midhigh@spconline.org

Sunday Mornings | Sundays, September 9–May 19, 9am

Donuts and Jesus! Every Sunday from 9–10am we’ll bring SPC’s sermon series into the world of middle schoolers as we follow Jesus together in the Box. Middle School Sundays won’t meet on October 7 (Fall Retreat) or November 25.



Ignite | Tuesdays, starting September 18, 7–8:30pm, the Box (Bldg. B)

Kick off for our Middle School (6th–8th grade) Tuesday Evening Youth Group - IGNITE! - is September 18. There will be plenty of laughter as well as a chance to talk about life, faith and how it all fits together. Students will meet in small groups with our amazing leaders to wrap up the evening! IGNITE will not meet on November 20.



senior high (9th-12th grade) seniorhigh@spconline.org

Sunday Mornings | Sundays, September 9–May 19, 10:45am

Join us at 10:45 in Sanctuary Hall at the bistro tables for donuts and great conversation. After the sermon, we’ll connect about the morning message in The Box with some great questions. Senior High Sunday Mornings won’t meet on October 7 (Fall Retreat) or November 25.



Core | Wednesdays starting September 19, 7–9pm, the Box (Bldg. B)

Join our Senior High Youth Group! Life was meant to be lived in community. Every Wednesday join us as we learn to do life together and take a break from the pressures that surround you. You’ll connect with adult leaders in small groups and get a taste of the life God designed us for. CORE will not meet November 20.



all youth (6th - 12th grade) youth@spconline.org

Fall Retreat | October 5–7

We all need a break from the stress and busyness of life from time to time. This fall is a chance to experience life together as we get away to a new camp nestled in the forest right on Puget Sound at Camp Indianola! Plan ahead as we have moved the retreat up to October 5–7 for better weather and more daylight to enjoy. We will worship together, enjoy small groups and simply relax. Choose paddle boards, kayaks or the giant swing with a 60 foot cable drop! Cost is \$199 and a \$50 deposit holds your spot. If you register before September 14, a \$20 discount will be applied! Scholarships are available if needed. All 6th–12th grade students are invited! Register online at bit.ly/YouthFallRetreat2018.



FALL KICK OFF

Please join us for an all-church celebration to kick off the new program year at SPC. There will be food trucks for you to purchase your own lunch, bouncy houses for the kids, music, and great fellowship. Come and celebrate all that God is doing in our **Christ-Centered, Mission Minded Family!**

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday, 9am–3pm, starting Sept 4

If you have any emergency or need immediate spiritual support outside of office hours, please call the Main Office at 425.868.5186 and follow the instructions to leave a message for a pastor or care support team member to return your call.

Fall Worship Services

Beginning Sunday, September 9, Sunday worship service times at SPC will return to 9 and 10:45am.



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