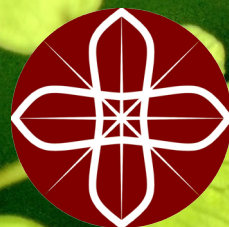


Spring Guide 2019



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Dear SPC Family,

Welcome to Spring! Time to clean, open up the windows, throw open the doors, and let the fresh air in. I love this time of the year, as the days get longer, the birds start singing, and the flowers start to grow. Spring in all its forms is a time of fresh beginnings.

In the life of our church family, spring is a great time for fresh beginnings, too. Isaiah 43 reminds us, *"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"* What is happening around us in nature is what happens in our spirits as God grows us, shapes us, and molds us as his own. How is God growing you in this season of your life? I'd challenge you to take some time and peruse this Spring Guide. It is filled with fertile soil to tend to your spirit. Whether it is worship, serving your church family, mission outreach or other fellowship and learning opportunities, there is a place for you.

Have a great week,

A handwritten signature of Dr. Jeff Lincicome.

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Lent 2019 | March 6 - April 21

The People of the Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24,25). These words of Jesus define our lives as Christians. We are people of the cross; saved, redeemed and called to identify our lives with this symbol of pain, sacrifice, and love. This Lent, we will follow the characters of the Easter story who had personal experience with the Cross. Simon who carried it, the Mary's who watched their son and Lord be placed upon it, the two thieves who bore it alongside him, the Romans who placed him there--These men and women would forever have this symbol imprinted on their lives. What were they thinking? What did the cross mean to them? What might we learn from their example and experience? Join us as we learn more of what it means to be the people of the cross God invites us to be.



Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, March 6, 7pm

Please worship with us during SPC's Ash Wednesday service. This is a service marking the beginning of Lent, the 40-day season of fasting, reflection, and penance culminating in Holy Week, and the Easter Sunday commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection. Childcare will be available for infants through 5-years-old.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 14, 9am and 10:45am

This morning of worship will be a time for the celebration of Jesus as he triumphantly enters into Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna In the Highest!!" Children will lead a joyful processional with palm branches. It is also a time to recognize the irony of the day as the shouts of "Hosanna!" turned to shouts of "Crucify Him!" and later in the week lead to Jesus' suffering. JAM City will be available for children ages infant through 5th grade.



Maundy Thursday Stations of the Cross Service | Thursday, April 18, 7pm

The Stations of the Cross is an age-old spiritual practice that allows participants to walk through the journey of Jesus on the way to the cross and to connect their own story to the story of Jesus' death. Join us to pray, ponder, hear God's Word, walk through Jesus final day, and then join together at the Lord's Table. During Holy Week, the Stations will be available with a participant guide if you'd like to come, pray, and prepare for Easter.



Good Friday Tennebrae Service | Friday, April 19, 7pm

This service of worship is intended to recall and evoke the mood on the day of Jesus' crucifixion. Tennebrae means "darkness" and is the theme of this service as we hear the story of Jesus' journey into darkness and his death on the cross. Childcare available for infants through Pre-K.

Easter | Sunday, April 21, 8am, 9:30am and 11am

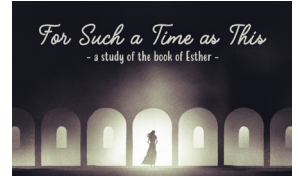
Joyously we gather and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, hearing the good news that even death has died! Easter morning is the pinnacle of our faith and we join in one voice with sisters and brothers around the world in exclaiming CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! Please invite your friends and family to join SPC in celebration on this great gettin' up morning. Childcare for infants through Pre-K will be available at the 9:30 and 11am services; older children are invited to join their families in worship.



Spring Sermon Series | April 28 - June 9

For Such A Time As This: A Study Of The Book Of Esther

Esther is an odd book in the Bible. Not once is God even mentioned in the entire book. And yet, God is hidden on every page as an unlikely hero emerges in the young Israelite made the Queen of Persia. Esther reminds us that in uncertain times and with our backs against the wall, God provides a way and even uses us for his good purpose. "Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this," Esther's Uncle tells her. As people today who also live in rather ambiguous times, what may God be saying to us in our time? What might God want to do in and through us for his good? Come join us in this exciting study.



adults

adult@spconline.org

Seniors' Luncheon | Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, May 14

All seniors from our community are invited to join us for a FREE luncheon the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30am-1pm in Sanctuary Hall. Together, we enjoy a home-cooked meal, fellowship, and a short program or Bible Study. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us. If you need a ride, just let us know! For more information or to receive our monthly newsletter in the mail, email care@spconline.org.



Women's Supper Club | March 15 and May 10

The women of SPC are warmly invited to join together for the blessing of good food and fellowship. Several times each year we gather for a potluck in members' homes to connect in a relaxed atmosphere. Sign up online for the March Supper Club at bit.ly/supperclubmarch, or the May Supper Club at bit.ly/supperclubmay.



Women's Spring Bible Study | Morning and Evening Options Available

Our spring study, *The Quest*, by Beth Moore, is a six-week journey toward intimacy with the One who knows us best. The Bible does not shy away from questions, either from God's people to Him, or from God to us. Join us as we dig into the Word to respond to the questions of God and bring our questions before Him. Morning and evening options are available: Tuesday mornings, March 26-May 7, or Thursday evenings, March 28-May 9. Cost is \$20. Register online at bit.ly/springbiblestudy2019. Email women@spconline.org with questions.



Discover Membership Class | Saturday, March 23, 9-11am, room 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 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.



Women's Book Discussion | Thursday, June 6, 7pm, room C-201

Join us for book club style fellowship, food, and lively discussion. We are going to be reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom. No RSVP necessary. Please email women@spconline.org with any questions.

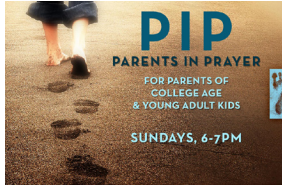


Men's Book Study | Saturdays, through June 8, 8:30am, Bldg. A (upper level)

All SPC men are invited to join this group which meets every Saturday of the month. Currently, we are studying *Uncommon Life Daily Challenge* by Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker. For more information contact adult@spconline.org.



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



PIP-Parents in Prayer: Support Group for Parents of College/Young Adult Kids **Sundays, 6-7pm, Quiet Room in Sanctuary Hall**

As our kids transition to college and young adulthood, our role as parents changes - yet our kids still need us. It's a tricky time for them and for us; in order to support their growth, development and independence. To be a stable force in their lives, we need support as well! SPC Care Ministries offers a weekly group for parents to come together, pray for their kids, share needs, encourage one another, laugh and cry together. To RSVP and any questions, please email louise_dippenaar@yahoo.com or kelly@spconline.org.



Support Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs **Wednesday, 6-7pm, room C-201**

SPC offers a group for parents of special needs kiddos, in order to provide a safe place for parents to share their experience, share resources and information, and through connections and encouragement, know they are not alone. Questions? Contact louise_dippenaar@yahoo.com or kelly@spconline.org.



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

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 offers one-to-one Christian caregiving providing hope and healing to those facing varied life transitions. Need help or want to learn more? Contact stephenministry@spconline.org or 425.868.5186 x138.

SHARE

Share is a group of SPC volunteers who provide support such as home-cooked meals, running errands or transportation for those in need. Interested in becoming a SHARE volunteer? E-mail 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 also offer quarterly blood pressure checks and several support groups for caregivers and others. For more information email: parishnurses@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.

Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank

The Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank is committed to providing quality food, clothing and other items each week to hundreds of families in our community, and SPC has the opportunity to be a part of this effort. Each Sunday, food can be dropped off in Sanctuary Hall and we will deliver the items to the food bank.



Issaquah Meals | April 18, May 16, June 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.



English as a Second Language | Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30-11am, Bldg. A

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. The program continues through May 24. Please e-mail mission@spconline.org.



World Vision

Global 6k For Water | May 4, 9am at Marymoor Park

On May 4, thousands of participants from around the city will walk or run 6K to bring life-changing clean water to communities in need. Each participant's registration provides life-changing clean water for one person, so when you participate in the Global 6K for Water you take that 6K distance away from people in need. Register at teamworldvision.org/seattle6k.

Seattle Rock 'n' Roll Marathon/Half Marathon | June 9

We invite you to be a part of Team World Vision while we train for the Seattle Rock 'n Roll Marathon/Half Marathon and ask our friends and family to support us on behalf of World Vision, the largest nongovernmental provider of clean water in the world! All levels of fitness are welcome. We gather for training runs every Saturday at 8am at the Lake Sammamish State Park Boat Launch (4455 E Lk Samm Pkwy SE, Issaquah). This is a fun, community building, missional activity that will change lives around the world. Go to teamworldvision.org/seattle to register as a runner/walker or to donate.



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 the 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.

JAM City on Sundays

JAMCity is a place to experience God's love and learn more about Jesus. Children ages infant - Pre-K can be dropped off in their classrooms for the entire worship service. Children in elementary school (Kindergarten - 5th grade) will attend worship with their parents for a short time and then be dismissed to their classes. Through play, discussion, crafts, games and prayer, children learn what it means to follow Jesus. JAMCity is offered at both worship services. Check-in computers can be found in Sanctuary Hall. On Easter Sunday, elementary-age children will remain in the Sanctuary with their parents for the entire worship service.





WANTED: People With A Heart For Kids

We invite you to be part of our children's ministry team this summer! It is a meaningful and rewarding way to invest into the lives of our SPC kids. We will meet with you for an initial interview and help you find the right position on the team. Orientation and training are provided; just let us know you're interested by emailing childrens@spconline.org!



Glory Days Preschool

Registration for the 2019-20 School Year

Glory Days Preschool is open to children ages 2½ through Pre-K (4 & 5-year-olds). For registration forms and more program information, please visit our website, www.glorydayspreschool.org. To arrange for a tour, please contact Huma Taj, Director, at humataj@glorydayspreschool.org or 425-868-5186x128.

Parent/Toddler Class | Tuesdays, April 2-June 11, 9:15-10:30am, room S-107

Are you looking for a social opportunity for yourself and toddler? Parents with children under the age of three are invited to join us. Tuition is \$130 for the first child and \$65 for each sibling (infants are free). You can download registration forms at bit.ly/parenttoddlerspring19, or pick one up at the SPC office.

Summer Camp | June 17-20, 9am-12pm

Glory Days Preschool will host a summer camp for kids ages 3-5 (you do not need to be a regular attendee of Glory Days Preschool to participate). A separate class for 3/4 year olds and 4/5 year olds is offered. Come hear exciting stories from God's Word and learn about amazing men and women in the Bible. Cost is \$115 for the first child and \$100 for each sibling. Children must be restroom independent. Pick up a registration form in the Sanctuary Hall or at www.glorydayspreschool.org. For more information, contact Huma Taj at 425.868.5186 x128 or humataj@glorydayspreschool.org. Registration deadline is May 15.



Egg-cellent Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 20, 10:45am

Bring the whole family and celebrate the Easter Season with us. The egg hunt starts at 10:45am followed by brunch about 11am. Plus, the easter bunny will be there for pictures! Drop off a dozen pre-filled plastic eggs at the Children's Welcome Table by Sunday, April 14. Fill with a small toy, sticker or piece of candy (no nuts please). See you there! For the potluck brunch, bring a dish according to your last name:

A-H | a bread or dessert to feed 18-24

I-R | a main dish to feed 18-24

S-Z | fruit or veggie dish to feed 18-24



Bible Foundations Class | May 5, 12-1pm

The Bible Foundations Class is for kids in grades 2-5. This introductory class will orient them to the Bible they will receive the following Sunday from their SPC church family. Please RSVP to childrens@spconline.org by Wednesday, May 1. A light lunch will be provided. The Bible presentation to kids is on Sunday, May 12 in the 9am worship service. At least one parent is required to attend the class.



Parent Education Class | Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-7:30pm

Join us for a Parent Education Class in the SPC Sanctuary to hear about Kindergarten Readiness from Nancy Young, Issaquah School District Director of Elementary Special Programs - Early Learning. No childcare provided.

ROAR VBS | July 8 - 12, 9am-12pm

ROAR with us at VBS this year on an epic African adventure! Kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Mark your calendar! Registration will begin April 1, for kids entering kindergarten - 5th grade this fall. Preschool children (ages 3-5) may register if their parent is volunteering all week. In addition to hearing about God's love, kids will see it, touch it, sing it, and put it into action during this amazing and fun-filled week. Cost is \$55 for the first child in a family, \$45 for the second, and \$40 for the third (maximum tuition per family is \$140); scholarships are available.



middle school (6th-8th grade)

midhigh@spconline.org

middle
school
Sundays
9-10am
in The Box



Sunday Mornings | Sundays, 9am, through May 19

Donuts and Jesus! Every Sunday we'll bring SPC's sermon series into the world of middle schoolers as we follow Jesus together in The Box. Middle School Sunday Mornings won't meet on March 24, April 14 or 21.

IGNITE - Middle School Youth Group | Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, The Box (Bldg. B)

Join us Tuesday nights for a great night in The Box! 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 won't meet on April 2 or April 9. Last Ignite is May 28.

Campbell Farm Mission Trip | August 4-9

Incoming 7th-9th grade students (and friends) are invited to this annual mission trip to serve our neighbors on the Yakama Indian Reservation. We'll be helping out with farm chores in the mornings and spending the afternoons doing service projects, then hanging out with the local families and cooling off in the swimming pool. In the evenings, we'll meet for large group mixers, a talk, small groups, singing and games. We'll also plan to float a local river and have a neighborhood outreach BBQ where we will be leading games, crafts and face painting. Each student will have the opportunity to get involved in group activities, serve God, serve others, and build lasting relationships with each other and with Jesus Christ! Cost is \$400. Deadline to register is July 1. Register online at bit.ly/campbellfarm2019.



senior high (9th-12th grade)

seniorhigh@spconline.org

Sunday Mornings | Sundays, 10:45am, through May 19

Join us at 10:45am 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 March 24, April 14 or April 21.



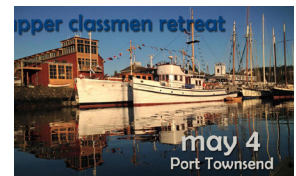
CORE - Senior High Youth Group | Wednesdays, 7-9pm, The Box (Bldg. B)

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 won't meet on March 6, April 3 or April 10. Last Core is May 29.



Upperclassmen Retreat | May 4-5

All Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us for a getaway in Port Townsend! We'll leave from SPC at 7am on Saturday, May 4. Cost for the students is \$90 to cover meals and transportation. We'll stay Saturday night at First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend where we'll do a service project. Then we'll head out to the beach and bunkers and share meals at some great spots in Port Townsend! We'll also look ahead together at what's to come for both juniors and seniors. We'll return on Sunday afternoon at SPC. Register by April 30 at bit.ly/upperclassmenretreat2019.



Graduating Seniors Dinner | June 2, 6-8pm, Sanctuary Hall

Congratulations graduating seniors--you've done it! Before you turn your tassel and begin a new chapter of your lives, join us for an evening to celebrate all the things that God has done in your life. We'll gather for dinner with your families to celebrate you and send you off with prayer and encouragement. RSVP by May 23 to karastender@spconline.org.



all youth (6th-12th grade)

youth@spconline.org

Pallet Parties! | March 26 (Instead of Ignite) and March 27 (Instead of Core)

Instead of meeting in the Box for Ignite and Core, we'll meet at the Food Bank, 179 1st Ave SE, Issaquah, at 7pm where we will package bulk food into family sized portions that will be distributed to families. No RSVP needed. Pick up and drop off are at the IFCB.



Mall Invasion | Friday, March 10

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us for this annual event at Redmond Town Center. We'll meet at SPC at 5pm for a pizza dinner and carpool to the mall where leaders will be dressed incognito and students race to spot them as well as participate in a photo scavenger hunt. Parents can plan to pick up students at 8pm at SPC. Cost is \$10 to include your meal. Register online at bit.ly/mallinvasion2019. For more information, contact youth@spconline.org.





Critically acclaimed singer/songwriter Andrew Peterson is returning to SPC!

Peterson is a multi-faceted musician who has been quietly changing lives in four-minute increments in the city of Nashville, where music is an industry. Cost is \$18. Tickets are available at andrewpetersonsammpres.brownpapertickets.com.



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