

# THE SPIRE SPRING 2024



## THE NEWSLETTER OF SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH VOLUME 88, NO. 3

Dear church family,

On Thursday, April 11, I had the honor and joy of hosting theologian and activist Jim Wallis for a conversation sponsored by Elliott Bay Book Company. The topic was his new book, *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*. You may know of Jim Wallis as one of the founders of Sojourners Magazine, a popular progressive Christian magazine. You may know of Jim Wallis as one of the former faith advisors during the Obama Administration. Or you may know of Jim Wallis as one of the faith leaders the religious right enjoys demonizing and calling a “false prophet” (spoiler alert: he is in good company on that list, along with some voices I’m sure you’d recognize from our list of Romney Lecturers and sermon references! )

I have to admit I was intimidated when sitting down with him in conversation. I’ve followed Sojourners for years, and followed some of the other faith leaders Jim is associated with as well. But before the conversation, we bonded about being raised in Michigan, our connection with Michigan State University (go Spartans!) ...and the fear and anxiety we both feel about the 2024 election.

In a way, Jim’s new book didn’t say much that was new to me. Central to the book are six scriptures taken from the Hebrew Bible and the Christian Testament, and he interprets them for the project of reaching across difference and engaging each other to create real, reliable neighbors in this time of polarization and political stress. Throughout the book, Jim reinforces the need for antiracism work, for white people to take responsibility for the harm we and our ancestors have perpetrated, and for us all to reform the systems that separate us from one another on account of false value assigned to us by skin color. The “false white gospel” for which the book is titled is about just that:

the deadly white Christian nationalism that is spreading more and more (and we’ve not seen the end of it yet, I fear) that thrives off of the lie that peoples’ value is based on race and that white people don’t have work to do.

Though those concepts aren’t new to me, I was grateful for the assignment to read Jim’s book and have a conversation with him. What I find interesting and inspiring about Jim’s book is that he means it to be a conversation starter—even with folks who buy into the lie the religious right is perpetuating! He truly wants to engage folks in conversation! He wants people whose values agree with the religious right to think twice about the book they claim is so dear to them—the Bible—and actually read and engage with the words of Jesus and the prophets! He wants people inside (and outside!) the Christian faith to be biblically literate so they can say “Hey, wait a minute, that’s not what the parable of the Good Samaritan means...” and call out those who unquestioningly cling to misguided and misused surface explication of scripture.

This call to conversation is not only for “them.” It is for “us” too. Because we forget that even in the liberal city that is Seattle, and even in progressive churches like ours, there are important conversations to be had about difference, about bigotry, about the systems in which we live and move. And in the election year 2024, the same year that Octavia Butler’s prophetic apocalyptic novel begins, we must draw nearer to each other and resist the forces that would divide us. We must lean into conversation, always centering our relationship of loving care for one another. We must be honest about the values that are at the center of our lives—at the center of our worship, our relationships, our work, our activism, our love, our vote—so that we can see clearly what is just and unjust.

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Dear ones, you are wise. You are kind. You care for one another in beautiful ways. Let us keep drawing near to one another, showing the powers and principalities that they cannot divide us who are bonded in love and following the Way of Jesus together.

I love you and I love being your pastor.

—Rev. Anita

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## NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you care about the youngest worshippers among us? Do you want to make sure they have safe, clean, educational and compassionate environments to worship? Do you have one or two Sundays a month you could dedicate to make sure this church is welcoming to families with young children? If so, we need you!

If you worry you're not qualified, please don't! If you are committed to treating children with compassion and keeping them safe, you have what we need!

Help is needed in these areas:

- Wiggle Room help: The Wiggle Room is a great space for those young ones (and not so young ones!) who find sitting quietly in a pew for an hour challenging. It is an important space for kids and their grown-ups, and neurodivergent friends, to be able to witness the service in a sound-proof space where they can move their bodies. We need someone to help keep it organized and well-stocked—if this could be you a couple Sundays a month, reach out and tell us!
- Nursery (ages 0-preK): A nursery space is important for adults with babies and toddlers to have a safe and age-appropriate environment to spend time while they are at church. While we might not have babies in the nursery every week, we'd like to begin offering nursery again during Sunday worship. If you would be willing to sign up for one Sunday a month to watch the nursery (and if no one comes in, you can come to worship), please let us know!
- Godly Play: We'd love to start offering this again either before or after church services. If you are interested in being a Godly Play leader, the church can help you get training.

To volunteer in any of these ways, contact Pastor Anita.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SENIOR RETREAT



Who: All those who consider themselves seniors

What: Pastor Anita will lead a retreat with the theme “Clouds and Presence,” considering the clouds of loved ones that surround us, the clouds of witnesses whose names we call each year on All Saints’ Day, and contemplating the presence we want to share with the world.

When: Tuesday, July 9—Thursday, July 11

Where: Beautiful Rainbow Lodge retreat center in North Bend, nestled in the Cascade Mountains  
<https://www.rainbowlodge.org/>

How: all you need to do right now is save the date on your calendar! We anticipate costs to be \$300 or less, with some scholarship availability. More information on how to sign up for the retreat will come soon. Feel free to contact Pastor Anita with any preliminary questions.

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## American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

### PNW AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, June 28—Sunday, June 30  
Camp Bethel, Hoquiam, WA

Theme: Bridging Cultural Barriers with Love  
Bible Study Leader: Georgia McDade  
Mission Speakers: Sarah & Luis Matos

Registration form available here: <https://www.seattlefirstbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-Conference-Information-Registration-Form.pdf>

If you have any questions, please email Nadine Glass, President of the PNW ABW, at [edandnadine@msn.com](mailto:edandnadine@msn.com).



SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST  
SANCTUARY CHOIR PRESENTS



# Can We See the Other?

**A FREE CONCERT TO BENEFIT  
WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN**

providing fresh meals all around  
the globe in times of crises

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024**

**1:00PM**

**SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **SFBC CHOIR CONCERT “CAN WE SEE THE OTHER?” SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AT 1PM**

The SFBC choir will give a concert titled “Can We See the Other?” with themes of reconciliation, hope, and an end to violence across the globe. Please come and support this ministry! War and violence hurts the vulnerable most, including all civilians and especially children: proceeds will benefit World Central Kitchen, a non-profit with a world-wide reach providing food to those in times of crises. There will be a light lunch served immediately after worship, and the concert will begin at 1:00pm with guest vocalists, bass, and percussion.

## **SUMMER CHOIR**

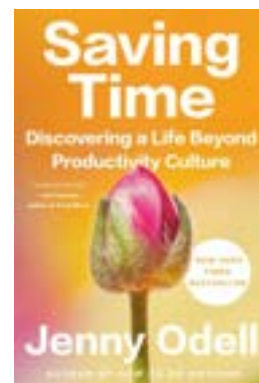
Beginning Sunday June 9th, everyone is welcome to join the choir in the sanctuary at 10am to learn the service music for the day. There are no regular Wednesday rehearsals during the summer months, so this is a great time to join! Summer Choir runs through the end of July.

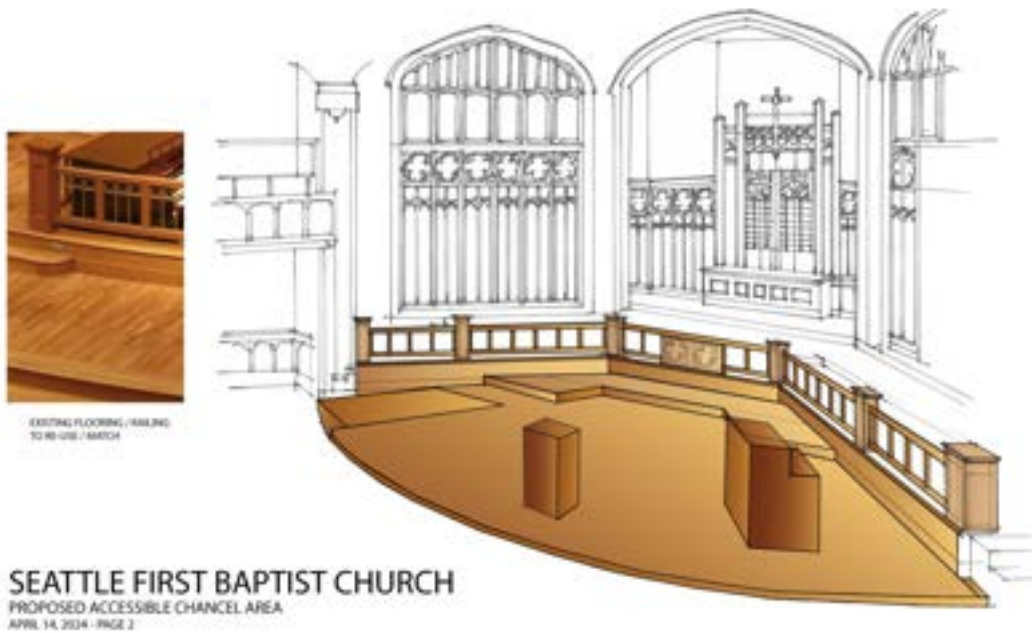
## **CONGREGATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION**

On May 6th, the Interfaith Climate Action Group is sponsoring another congregational book discussion—this time on the book *Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock* by Jenny Odell. Review: “This dazzling, subversive, and deeply hopeful book offers us different ways to experience time—inspired by pre-industrial cultures, ecological cues, and geological timescales—that can bring within reach a more humane, responsive way of living.” All are welcome.

**Monday, May 6, 7-8:30pm on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474603114>





SEATTLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
 PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE CHANCEL AREA  
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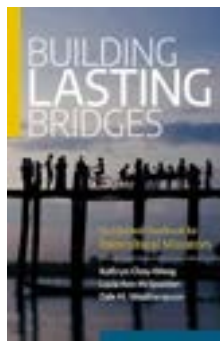
## SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER A NEW CHANCEL RENOVATION PROJECT SUNDAY, MAY 5 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

For many years, the congregation has discussed various ways to make our sanctuary more accessible to people of all ability levels to allow full participation in our worship and musical leadership. As part of a comprehensive accessibility project which includes a new assisted listening system, enhanced lighting and a renewed search for a better parking solution, a group consisting of our administrator, pastors, musicians and Bob Sittig met to craft a solution. Their preliminary ideas have been presented to many in the congregation and are endorsed by the finance committee and the Council of Ministries.

On May 5, directly after the service, we will hold an informational meeting and advisory vote to approve of this project. Technically, we do not need a congregational vote because we are not exceeding our budget or borrowing funds from external sources, but we would like to get a sense of approval from the congregation.

Plans, drawings, and the financial plan to pay for the renovation that will be presented at the meeting will be available in the narthex on Sunday or by contacting [darren@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:darren@seattlefirstbaptist.org). Please attend and see what's next for SFBC!

## BUILDING LASTING BRIDGES GROUP RETURNS STARTING MAY 7



Last fall, a group of us came together to study the first half of the book *Building Lasting Bridges* and reflect on the questions it raises about living in a United States that is more multicultural than ever before. The group experience was designed to be a beginning point for creating community, trust, shared vocabulary, and shared experiences to develop cultural humility and build lasting bridges and a Beloved Community.

We will reconvene this group starting May 7th. From then until July 28th, we will meet online the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 6 to 7:30pm. (*Note: our last meeting will be in person.*) Join us to learn tools to deepen your skills in interacting respectfully, especially in multicultural settings. Newcomers welcome!

If you're curious and would like to know more and/or sign-up, follow this link:

<https://www.judsonpress.com/Content/Site189/FileSamples/1304-Sample.pdf> to the table of contents and/or talk with course facilitators, Sandra Jones (425) 241-3729 or Martha Hopler (206) 817-4913. Sandra and/or Martha will also be available after church at the Welcome desk in Fellowship Hall on April 28 and May 5. The group will end after the second class, but if there is interest, there will be another series starting with the first half of the book in the fall. We look forward to your joining us!

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 6-7:30pm  
May 7th – July 28th**

**Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290563542>**

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## ENJOYING A PLACE AT THE TABLE

For many years, volunteers at our church organized special community gatherings called “A Place at the Table” dinners, where small groups of SFBCers would gather in a host’s home and share in a potluck meal. These events have always been popular and a wonderful way to get to know each other better in a small setting.

The dinners have been on pause until we could find a new volunteer to coordinate them, but in honor of Earth Month last month, the Interfaith Climate Action stepped up to organize a round of gatherings.

The Place at the Table meals included not just dinners, but lunches, too, and showcased vegetarian and vegan

foods, which have significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions.



Not surprisingly, hosts and guests alike enjoyed their time together. Menus included scrumptious vegetarian tacos, guacamole, tandoori tofu with rice, butternut squash, deviled eggs, and spinach and artichoke dip.



If you are interested in volunteering to coordinate sign-ups for a Fall round of the Place at the Table gatherings, please let us know.

Email [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org) for more information or with any questions you have. It's a great way to help foster community and strengthen our ties to one another—and enjoy some delicious meals, too. Thank you to Lynn and the rest of the Interfaith Climate Action group for organizing the event, and to Cherry, Mike & Linda, David & Pat, Sandra, Sarah & Erin, Keith & Cindy, and Donna for signing up to host!



## GET TO KNOW YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council of Ministries is SFBC's elected body that represents members and friends of the congregation in policy and decision-making matters. These three Councilmembers at large were elected earlier this year; those continuing on the Council from last year were introduced in Spire features in 2023. Please share questions, concerns, and insights about church governance with these individuals; they are here to represent your interests! If you're interested in serving on the Council in the future, please let them know.



**Janet Hasselblad** (*she/her*) is retired from a career as a Recreational Therapist, most recently as the manager of Kent Parks Adaptive Recreation program. Born and raised an American Baptist—and a P.K. (preacher's kid)—she has been part of SFBC since 1969. She has been active in many aspects of

the life of the church, most recently Small Group Ministries and Creativity Connections. Janet and her husband Doug live in southwest Seattle and enjoy traveling. She is a quilter and a writer and loves the outdoors. She is passionate about Outsider Art, Disability Rights/Accessibility, and equality in healthcare.

Born and raised in Southern California to Mexican immigrants, member at large **Julio Gutierrez** (*he/him*) has lived in four other states: Texas, Georgia, Florida, and now Washington. An avid traveler (and Alaska Airlines pilot), he's visited all 45 of the other states—and (so far) thirty other countries. He and his partner of 13 years, John Davidson, have two cats. Along with two siblings, Julio delights in his two nieces and a nephew; he is most fulfilled when they seek his advice in making school-related decisions. Food is Julio's love language (except shellfish, to which he's allergic); he also enjoys the outdoors, running, hiking, black coffee, and green tea. His favorite book is *Abba's Child* by Brennan Manning, and his favorite movie *Call Me by Your Name*.



An only child born into a loving family in Jefferson City, Missouri, **Mary Keith** (*she/her*) took an early interest in community service. At ten, she was baptized into membership in First Christian Church, where she became “curious about all things church.” It was here that



she developed her lifelong passion for helping children of differing abilities; hospitality; and meaningful, enduring music. Mary and husband David met and married while attending William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. After graduating, they moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where they earned advanced degrees and began their careers: hers in teaching special-needs children, and his in church music; they're now retired. Mary says, “I'm grateful for the memories of the past, the opportunities of today, and the challenges of tomorrow.”

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## WOMEN'S GROUP



A new Women's Group (which is for women of all ages, trans women, and those who identify as gender-queer or non-binary) has formed. Bring your sack lunch and join us in Peacemaker's Room (at the end of the hallway that leads up the ramp and out of Fellowship Hall) every fourth Sunday at 12:30pm for fun, fellowship, and a chance to make or nurture supportive connections.

**4th Sundays of the Month: May 26th & June 23rd  
12:30pm in the Peacemaker's Room  
Bring your sack lunch**

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## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SUPPORT SPRING OUTREACH CAMPAIGN NOW!

Three times a year SFBC donates goods to organizations which serve our most marginalized neighbors. When we talk about following the way of Jesus, this is it! There are several ways to get involved with the Spring campaign, which culminates on June 8th. We invite you to participate in as many ways as work for you!

- 1) You can make periodic or regular donations to the **Fellowship Fund** via automatic withdrawal, website donation or cash/check. This fund supports Outreach activities.
- 2) **You can shop** online from the comfort of your own home for items on each organization's wish

list. More detailed information below. Watch the articles in the *This Week* email for featured suggestions. And—You have 2 more opportunities to purchase needed items during coffee hour: May 12th and June 2nd. Info on what to buy for each organization is below.

- 3) You can **bake cookies** (3 or more dozen brownies or cookies—no nuts) or join with others for the **Intergenerational Baking Group on May 4th**. All baked goods are then donated to our partner organizations along with the other donated items in June. Watch the *This Week* email for more details.
- 4) **Save the date!** We need as many youth and adults as possible for a many-hands-make-light-work **Work Party on Saturday, June 8th** when we will sort and pack all donated items. We hope you will join us. (We also need 4 drivers to deliver the donated goods)

**If you are willing to participate as a work party volunteer, a cookie baker or a driver, please email [outreach@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:outreach@seattlefirstbaptist.org) or sign up at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour.** Jesus says thank you!

## WHAT TO BUY FOR EACH ORGANIZATION

**Important Note:** You can have your purchases sent directly to SFBC but please put the name of the organization in the address—e.g., SFBC Outreach/Youth Care or SFBC Outreach/Open Arms & Aurora Commons. You can also have them delivered to your own address and bring them to the Welcome Table on a Sunday or drop them by the office between 9am and 3pm Tuesday through Friday. Be sure to mark the outside of the box or bag with the name(s) of the organization(s) you shopped for.

Also, please note that any used clothing donated needs to be in very good and clean condition—absolutely no used underwear or socks.



1) **Aurora Commons** serves unhoused adults who live or work along the Aurora strip. They have a

“living room and kitchen” where people can hang out, read, cook meals, use a computer, do laundry and be part of a thriving community of support.

What does Aurora Commons need? Their wish list consists mostly of outdoor-living needs, men’s clothing, first aid and personal hygiene supplies and gift cards to places where unhoused people can sit and have a meal as well as use a restroom. Here is a link to their Amazon wish list page. If you do not do computer shopping, consider purchasing (in varied sizes) men’s underwear, sweats or t-shirts, men’s or women’s deodorant, backpacks, blankets, tarps or tents, or \$25 gift cards to Taco Bell or Kroger (Fred Meyer/QFC). [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/J1CQI0MNS83S?ref=wl\\_fv\\_lc](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/J1CQI0MNS83S?ref=wl_fv_lc)



2) **Open Arms Perinatal** Services provides to our underserved neighbors, free of charge, culturally appropriate doula services, and all manner of pre- and post-natal care for those giving birth, their babies and families through the first year of the baby’s life.

What does Open Arms need? All things baby, as you can imagine—sling carriers, foldable playards, nursing pillows, bottles, breast pumps, baby blankets, baby towels/washcloths, swaddles and onesies. Here’s a link to their Amazon wish list should you desire to purchase online: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D1KWK LZ T Q L Y 4 ?ref=wl\\_share#:~:text=Remember,-Open%20Arms%20Baby%20Boutique%20Wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/D1KWK LZ T Q L Y 4 ?ref=wl_share#:~:text=Remember,-Open%20Arms%20Baby%20Boutique%20Wishlist)



3) **Operation Nightwatch** works every single night to connect our unhoused neighbors with shelter beds, and when none are available, with other services to maximize their safety and comfort.

What does Operation Nightwatch need? Emergency blankets and regular twin-size blankets, chewy granola bars, bottled water, small-size personal hygiene supplies, plain white t-shirts, underwear and socks—always socks (the most needed item for those living on the streets). Here is the link to their Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GR4DPB5L3HIO?ref=wl\\_fv\\_le](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GR4DPB5L3HIO?ref=wl_fv_le)



**4) Youth Care** serves unhoused youth, empowering them in their journey from homeless youth to thriving adulthood via meals, healthcare, shelter, transitional housing, and individualized paths to reaching personal goals.

What does Youth Care need? Their wish list consists primarily of \$25-\$50 gift cards needed to help youth be independent and do normal “kid” things. You can purchase the requested gift cards on Amazon using the link below. If not using online shopping, consider buying gift cards to places like AMC theaters, McDonald’s, Subway, Kohl’s, Nordstrom Rack, Olive Garden, Shell Gas Stations, Fandango or Barnes & Noble. <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZLNKQ0G9EP8R#:~:text=Remember-,Gift%20Card%20Drive,-Looking%20for%20someone%27s>

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### **BAILEY-BOUSHAY HOUSE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Share your gifts and talents...make a difference!

Do you have a gift for the ministry of presence? Have you been told you are a good listener, that you are a friend that can be relied on to keep their word? Do you enjoy a fun activity with people of differing abilities? If so, Bailey-Boushay House, a facility for outpatient clients and residential care program residents is looking for you to become a volunteer!

Those who remember Bailey-Boushay House’s three decade history in Madison Park, know it was created as an AIDS facility. Over the years, we have embraced other populations to serve including individuals with ALS, Huntington’s Disease, MS, Muscular Dystrophy as well as those coming to the end of their life on

earth. We are looking for those who understand that the littlest task makes the biggest difference—a walk, a cup of coffee, presence during a difficult day, companionship during a meal. Volunteers are accepted continually.

Please go to [www.baileyboushay.org/volunteer](http://www.baileyboushay.org/volunteer) to find more information or contact Stephanie Pietras at [Stephanie.pietras@virginiamason.org](mailto:Stephanie.pietras@virginiamason.org) (206) 720-2260. You can make a difference simply with your presence.

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### **INTERGENERATIONAL BAKING GROUP SATURDAY, MAY 4, 10AM-1PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN**

The Intergenerational Baking Group will be baking about 30 dozen cookies for the next Outreach Event. For those of you who have not attended before, we will mix up, bake, and package cookies to be distributed to the homeless. There are jobs for those who want to sit and work, and more active jobs, so all are welcome. It was a fun event last time with laughter and samples!

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### **FREE YOGA CLASSES IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**Submitted by Erin McGlenn**

Anyone interested in free yoga classes, you have options! Cathedral Yoga is offered every **Monday, 6:30pm at Saint Mark’s Cathedral**. This is a donation based gentle practice for all abilities. Saint Mark’s Cathedral is located at 1245 10th Ave. E. in Capitol Hill. Classes are 1 hour. This yoga class is only in person. Mats are available to borrow on a first come first served basis. <https://saintmarks.org/worship/yoga/>

Every **Saturday, 9am at First United Methodist Church**, 180 Denny Way near Seattle Center. Class is 1 hour and is a gentle yoga class for all abilities including chair yoga. A few mats are available to borrow on a first come first served basis. Contact [PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org](mailto:PaxChristiYoga@firstchurchseattle.org) to get on the mailing list for updates. This class is in person and on Zoom. Class begins with prayers and ends with Bible verses.

At **Gasworks Park starting May 23**, yoga in the park is free and open to all ages. Every Thursday at 6:30pm. Bring your mat and enjoy yoga hosted by different studio sponsors all summer. Yerbana is Seattle’s premier yoga exercise event. This class is in person only.



## VEGAN TANDOORI TOFU RECIPE FROM A PLACE AT THE TABLE DINNERS

Submitted by Erin McGlenn



Prep Time: 2 hours

Cook Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 4

Source: [rabbitandwolves.com](http://rabbitandwolves.com)

Directions:

After you press and cube the tofu, make the marinade. Whisk together the vegan yogurt, lemon juice, garlic, ginger, garam masala, turmeric, paprika, salt and cayenne. If your yogurt is pretty thin, then you don't need to add water. If your yogurt is thick, add a splash of water to thin out slightly so it is easy to stir the tofu into the marinade.

Now add the cubes of tofu to the marinade. Marinate for at least 2 hours, up to 8 hours.

When ready to make the tofu, preheat the oven to 400 degrees (F).

Then place a baking rack (like a cookie cooling rack) on a baking sheet. Place all the tofu on the rack over the baking sheet, making sure each piece of tofu is well coated in the marinade.

Bake the tofu for 25-30 minutes or until nice and brown and crispy. Then turn the oven to broil on low and broil for 3-5 minutes or until it has a nice char.

While the tofu is baking, make the couscous. Bring the water to a boil, then add the couscous and reduce heat to low, cover and cook according to package directions. Once the couscous is done, add the olive oil, lemon juice, mint, parsley and a few pinches of salt and pepper. Stir, then taste and adjust seasonings.

Once the tofu and couscous are done, serve with roasted butternut or acorn squash.

Note: If you marinate the tofu for just 2 hours, you can leave it on the counter. If you marinate for longer, putting it in the fridge is recommended.



Keith Ervin protesting at opening day of the Seattle-Alaska cruise season on April 6. Interfaith Climate Action and many other social justice groups endorsed the event to call out the harms caused by cruise ships.



**SEATTLE JAZZ VESPERS  
PRESENTS  
JACQUELINE TABOR  
QUARTET  
MAY 5, 2024 at 6pm**

One of our all-time returning favorites at Seattle Jazz Vespers is our friend Jacqueline Tabor, also known as the "Seattle Chanteuse."



Jacqueline is an accomplished jazz, blues, and swing vocalist who enchants audiences with her powerful tones, style, and dynamic stage presence.

This 4-time Earshot Jazz Vocalist of the Year and Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association Award Winner con-

tinues expanding her talents to entertain every audience. Tabor's unique bluesy style and charismatic personality have made her one of the most beloved jazz vocalists and storytellers in the Pacific Northwest. Some call it the "Tabor Sound," which is drenched in the natural rhythm of everyday life. She brings herself to every performance that encapsulates an authentic feeling of humanity. Tabor combines excitement and professionalism to everything music with a unique ensemble of Seattle's most talented jazz musicians or local artists when on tour to create a community-centered experience.

Through the struggle of the pandemic, Jacqueline found a new and strong voice that now appears in the form of poetry, original compositions, percussion, and swing dance. She collaborated with the multifaceted, award-winning, and outstanding musician Marina Albero during this time. This dynamic duo created a production called *Don't Explain: A Musical Conversation Between Billie Holiday and Nina Simone* which was a part of the 2022 Earshot Jazz Festival and was awarded Concert of the Year by Earshot Jazz and the Seattle Community. This friendship transcended Tabor from singer to musician and created an outlet for the pain and triumphs of this dark period of history.

In February 2020, Tabor performed a powerful tribute to Billie Holiday with multiple standing ovations and accolades and was nominated for Concert of the Year by Earshot Jazz. Since 2019 Jacqueline has been a guest artist for the prestigious Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra (SRJO). This beautiful partnership will continue for years to come.

Jacqueline Tabor is in the middle of a creative thunderstorm, —empowered, strong, and full of love; this is a moment you do not want to miss. She always leaves an audience with a memorable and spiritual moment, yearning for more.

**SEATTLE JAZZ VESPERS PRESENTS  
DANNY QUINTERO WITH  
THE CRITICAL MASS BIG BAND**

**and the awarding of the  
"Shirley Cline Memorial  
Young Jazz Artist Scholarship"**

**JUNE 2 at 6pm**

Danny Quintero, vocals and Critical Mass Big Band (5 saxophones, 4 trombones, 5 trumpets, piano, bass, guitar, and drums)

A returning Seattle Jazz Vespers artist, Seattle native Danny Quintero has had the opportunity to share the stage with many high profile Seattle musicians

such as: Clarence Acox, Overton Berry, Randy Halberstadt, James Caddell, Bill Ramsay, Bill Anschell, Stephanie Porter, Lance Bullar and many more!

Danny's keen ear for subtle nuances of the Sinatra school of 'Bel Canto' singing-articulation, phrasing, dynamics, and breath control have brought a fresh and likeable, personalized approach to the Great American Song book. He has and continues to, make appearances on Seattle radio stations, at various Seattle Jazz clubs, and more notably Danny performs weekly at the prominent 13 Coins "Night Owl Lounge," one of Seattle's most respected venues. In addition, Danny has performed with the Seattle Repertory Jazz Orchestra in their tribute to "Ol' Blue Eyes, the Music of Frank Sinatra" at Benaroya Hall & the Kirkland Performance Center in addition to the four time winner of the Essentially Ellington Jazz Band competition, the Garfield High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Clarence Acox on a tour in Italy as well as in Seattle, WA.

Danny was nominated for Northwest Vocalist of the Year in 2011 and continues to bring a modern, yet traditional performance to the stage.

"There are many 'so-called' singers that make an attempt to do the music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, etc. Most of these attempts come off with varying degrees of success and as a musician; it sometimes becomes a chore to share their stage. This is NOT the case with Danny Quintero. His sense of phrasing and attention to detail and pitch are impeccable. He studies the music of the greats that have come before him and understands the lineage, beauty and importance of the Great American Songbook. I have watched him grow over the last few years and it is a joy to have him on stage with the band. The young man can flat out sing."  
—Clarence Acox, *Seattle Jazz legend*

During the interlude, Seattle Jazz Vespers will be awarding the "Shirley Cline Memorial Young Jazz Artist Scholarship."



## SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SPRING

All groups are open to new members unless otherwise stated below. Drop in to see if they're a good fit for you! For more information on any of these groups, see the church calendar on our website or email [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org). The schedule below is accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

**Friendship Circle** Women coming together for fellowship, spiritual support and a focus on missions. 2nd Sunday of the month (May 12th & June 9th) from 12:45-2 pm in the Peacemaker's Room and on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88288815847>).

**Gay Men's Group** A time of fellowship and co-support for all who identify as gay men. 3rd Sunday of the month (May 19th & June 16th) 12:30-1:30pm in the Parlour.

**Women's Group (New)** A social & support group for women, trans women and those who identify as gender queer or non-binary. 4th Sunday of the month (May 26th & June 23rd) in Peacemakers Room.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

**Exploring Contemplation** Monthly gathering of all interested in contemplation. Music, meditation. New-comers to meditation welcome. Leader is on screen 15 minutes prior to start time to orient newcomers or answer questions. 2nd Sunday of the month (May 12th & June 9th) 6:30-7:30pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87508105511>).

**Interfaith Climate Action** A group for those who wish to collaborate with others to learn more and do more about the climate emergency. 4th Sunday of each month (May 26th & June 23rd) from 6:30-8pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83474603114>).

### TUESDAYS

**Prayer Group** A brief time for reflection, prayer and sacred community in the middle of the day. Weekly on Tuesdays 12-12:30pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86776242649>).

**Building Lasting Bridges: Part Two** A study and discussion group using the book "Building Lasting Bridges" to reflect on how we can develop cultural humility and build lasting bridges. First and third Tuesdays, (May 7th, May 21st, June 4th & June 18th) 6-7:30pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290563542>).

**Parents of Adult Children Living with Mental Illness** A peer support group for parents impacted by the mental illness of their adult children. 3rd Tuesday of the month (May 21st & June 18th) 7-8:30pm in the home of a member. For more details or to obtain the address for the meeting, email [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org) or call the church office at (206) 325-6051.

**Young Adults Group** A group where SFBC young adults ages 21-40 meet to connect with one another and have fun. 4th Tuesday of each month (May 28th & June 25th) 7-8:30pm, various locations. For more info, email [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org) or monitor the *This Week* Thursday e-newsletter for up-to-date information as dates are flexible.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Optimism Hour** A time for fun and socializing at a nearby bar before choir rehearsal. Choir members, the choir-curious, and anyone else welcome! 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30-6:30pm at Stoup Brewing on the corner of Broadway and Union just east of the church. Please note: May 8th will be the last gathering the group starts up again in September. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available. No food served, but you can bring your own and there is a food truck outside the bar.

### THURSDAYS

**Bible Study** An exploration of the coming Sunday's scripture; provocative discussions; progressive commentary. 12-1pm weekly on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86761779225>).

### SATURDAYS

**Intergenerational Baking Group** Everyone is invited to come together to bake cookies for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. May 4th, 10am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Men's Group** Where SFBC men come together to get better acquainted and support one another. Weekly 10am on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81095038488pwd=RpYdDZ0cERLVFhtcEFPSWMzSlQzUT09>).

**Play Reading Circle** Full-length plays read over two sessions; sign out your copy of the script at the Welcome Table on a Sunday morning or contact [smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org](mailto:smallgroups@seattlefirstbaptist.org) or the church office (206) 325-6051 to have one mailed to you. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month, but this month's meeting will take place on May 11th 3-5pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85424372570>).

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