



MERCER ISLAND
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

June Events

June 8



Pentecost

Pass It On
Potluck

June 15

Father's Day

June 19-22

PNW Annual
Conference

June 21

1st Day of Summer

June 24-July 1

Mary's Place at
MIUMC

Passing It On

June 2014

From Pastor John



We're entering the season of Pentecost now. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ—His breath to the new church. It fills the whole earth to begin a New Heaven and the New Earth. The Holy Spirit showered on the Apostles and the believers gathered in Jerusalem, and the Holy Spirit's coming became the New Birth of the Church. He empowered the people there, and gave them new joy and a radiant hope.

His breath empowers us, too, with spiritual energy to transform us, and our social and cultural structures, personally, socially and politically. The Holy Spirit is not just an historical event of the past, but today also, the Holy Spirit encourages us to witness the Gospel to the whole world. He removes our unknown fears and anxieties and makes us a light in the darkness. The Holy Spirit sets us free to move towards the life that God wants us to live. The Holy Spirit continues to come into our hearts to give us the power to be freed from our own boundaries and confines. The Holy Spirit empowers us to open our hearts that we might receive His recreating power to love all people, and the world, in order that it can be transformed.

So in this season of Pentecost, with the Holy Spirit, we can speak the truth, and act confidently to do what the Spirit leads us to do and be. Now let us celebrate the birthday of the church, and may it be the center place where the source of God's power, the Holy Spirit is—that strong wind that is blowing to change the whole world to change the old stagnant air and bring the climate of God into our lives.

As we enter this Pentecost Season, let us remember that the early Christians prayed earnestly for the Holy Spirit to come, and the Holy Spirit did come. May we also pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit to come into our lives.

TRUSTEES NEWS

Projects for June, July and August include:

- Trim hedges and berry vines in the Park and Ride lot.
- Install two motion-activated lights on the south parking lot walkway.
- Install replacement motion-activated light at Fellowship Hall south door.
- Replace carpet at Fellowship Hall entrance.
- Review bids to install floor insulation in the parsonage.

Rethink Church



Open Hearts

Our hearts are full of love for our local communities and our world. Our service reflects that love.



Open Minds

We all think in different ways. But when we work together to serve others we share a common goal.



Open Doors

Our doors swing wide, not just to let others in but so that we can all get out to serve our community.

MIUMC Leadership Administrative Council

Chairpersons

Bill Blakney and Chick Hodge

Pastor - John Chae
Secretary - Judith Hullin
Diana Blakney
Linda Hodge
Bill Parker
Sanny Bold
Dave Hullin
Jim Maners
Caleb Neames
Carla Neames
Sue Ogilvie

Newsletter Information

Passing It On is published the first working day of the month.

Submit items and ideas to miumc@hotmail.com.

Deadline for the July issue is June 25.

Spotlight on...



MIUMC has been a continuing presence in the Atlantic Street Center, a nonprofit organization in the Seattle area that serves individuals at every stage of life from toddlers to grandparents. All of its services are educational in nature with the goal of helping participants gain the skills they need to flourish in the present while helping them develop the capabilities and strengths they need to succeed in the future.

Chick Hodge, MIUMC member, has been a committed volunteer with ASC for many years, formerly serving on the board of directors and as a co-founder of the Center's Tennis Camp, a one-week program held each August. Others from our church who are strong supporters include, John Strasburger, Darolyn Quayle, Rick and Vicki Duchaine, and Dick and Becky Dudley.



Ryan Fang

Ryan Fang, our church pianist, is currently a junior at the University of Washington, studying biochemistry with a minor in music. As a music student, at the end of every quarter he performs in a recital on campus. But that's not all: Ryan also long-track speed skates in his spare time and plays the popular video game, League of Legends, on a UW team, placing in the top 0.66% in last season's ladder among 4.5 million players. This summer he will be applying to the UW Medical School, and begin medical studies in fall 2015 with the goal of becoming a pediatrician.

We Serve in the Community



Dave Hullin and Sue Ogilvie, enjoy a break while serving at the Lodge's annual pancake breakfast last month.

Judith Hullin (on right) extends warm hospitality to all those who attended the breakfast. Funds from the breakfast were donated to Oso disaster relief.



Financial Report—January-April 2014

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$ 29,848	\$ 29,333
Rents & Other Income	<u>11,762</u>	<u>12,167</u>
Total Income	41,610	41,500
Church Expenses	47,913	46,280
Cash Decrease (Loss)	<u>\$(6,303)</u>	<u>\$(4,780)</u>

Thank you for your continuing financial support during the summer months.

Congratulations, Chandler Neames

*MIUMC celebrates the graduation of Chandler Neames
from Raisbeck Aviation High School.*



Chandler Neames has attended MIUMC for the last ten years and has not only been an outstanding student, but as a “child of the church” has been an active participant in both church and community activities. She has also been active in Aviation High School, being involved in Science Olympiad and in recruiting other young women to pursue an education at AHS. This fall she goes on to the next chapter in her life and will join the freshman class at Louisiana Tech University, pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering.

Chandler has been very active in our Parent’s Night Out event—first as a participant and later as a helper for cooking and watching younger children. In 7th grade, Chandler organized a Pass It On meal with her Girl Scout Troop to raise funds for Treehouse to mentor a child in foster care who wanted to go to college. She raised over \$1000 from our church members for that project. Then in 11th grade she worked again with her troop to organize an underwear drive for the women of Mary’s Place. Again, many MIUMC members supported her in that effort.

Chandler was baptized two years ago on Easter Sunday after completing confirmation with Pastor John who answered her questions about Christianity and helped her understand the steps to accepting Jesus as her savior. In addition, she was greatly influenced by her Sunday School teachers Karen Gray, Sanny Bold, and Aleta Toy (former member).

When she decided to apply to Aviation High School, Chandler asked Chick Hodge to write a letter of recommendation. That letter plus Chick’s continuing interest and conversations with her about her desire to pursue engineering as a career in general and aviation in particular were a significant factor in admittance to AHS and to ongoing success in her academic work.

Chandler has also enjoyed her connections with our new Korean friends who attend MIUMC and who appreciate the drawings she makes every Sunday. Chandler’s parents, Caleb and Carla Neames, affirm that Chandler has been blessed and nurtured by many members of the congregation, only a few mentioned in this article. Now we will watch with pride as this young woman will join her parents and both grandfathers in a long legacy at Louisiana Tech. Not only is it *Go Bulldogs!* We can now say, *Go Chandler!*

