



MERCER ISLAND  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

## Events Calendar

### September 3

Admin Council  
7:00pm

### September 7

★Rally Sunday★

Special guest speaker  
Glenn Turner  
Emergency Feeding  
Program

Pass It On Meal  
after the church  
service  
Proceeds to EFP

### September 9-16

Mary's Place at  
MIUMC

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## *We Remember*

*Capt. (Ret)  
LeRoy (Skip)  
Melberg*

*September 14, 1934-  
August 3, 2014*

# Passing It On

September 2014

## From Pastor John



On August 9, I had a new experience as a father and as the pastor for my daughter Esther's wedding ceremony. It was not easy to quickly change between the two unique parts. Gaining a son-in-law is a very happy experience, and I remembered the same very meaningful moment in my own life when Esther and Mike exchanged their vows. *In the name of God, I take you to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow.* For those of you who are married, I hope you remember this moment in your wedding ceremony and continue to renew your vows to each other.

Here is a part of the message for my daughter's wedding: "One thing I ask both of you, Esther and Mike, as you grow closer through marriage, is to help other's gifts shine. In order to reveal all of the gifts you each have, encourage one another to be genuine and remove the excess things that hinder the growth of all your gifts. After the ceremony today, remember not to be overwhelmed by your roles of trying to be the perfect husband, wife, and maybe father, and mother in the future. Sometimes these overwhelming roles can diminish the brightness of your gifts. It is important to remember always what brought you together as a couple: the love and happiness that you feel whenever you are with each other.

"Don't think that if you could change the other person, you would have the perfect spouse and then be happy. Like diamonds, we polish each other's rough edges in marriage and become more pure and brilliant. Help each other learn what it takes to make a marriage work, endure the tough times together, and let your love and faith see you through. In your marriage don't forget the important word *LOVE*. God bless you."

Please pray for God's blessing on the many new couples who are beginning to start a new life journey.



## 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 usually published the first working day of the month.

Submit items and ideas to [miumc@hotmail.com](mailto:miumc@hotmail.com).

Deadline for October issue is September 26.



## Tennis, Anyone?

### Atlantic Street Center Tennis Camp-2014

It's been 12 years since MIUMC began its strong, long-standing relationship with the ASC summer tennis camp. Chick Hodge, the Duchaine family, Dick Dudley, and Becky Maruhashi, to name a few in our church family, have been significantly involved in bringing tennis to the ethnically diverse children served by the ASC. Held at the Rainier Beach playfield each summer for 5 half days, volunteers from MIUMC and support staff have watched up to 40 children, most of whom have never hit a tennis ball, grow in learning the game.

It's not just about getting the ball over the net, though. Tied to the program are the inspirational messages brought to the children each day by volunteers. And at the end of the week, each child is presented with their photo (provided by Darolyn Quayle) and a certificate of achievement. Chick affirms that the rewards of this volunteer program are great for both students and teachers—another example of *Doing the Word*.



Chick Hodge

## Ikebana Chapter Now Meeting at MIUMC



A nonprofit cultural group is now holding monthly meetings at our church—the Ikebana Seattle Chapter 19, part of Ikebana International, a worldwide organization dedicated to promotion of mutual understanding and friendship between Japan and other countries through ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arrangement). Former MIUMC member, Loretta Green, a Master Gardener, was past president of the chapter in the 1970's. See the plaque in her memory in our front garden.

## Mary's Place Here in September

A perfect opportunity to be *Doers of the Word* will be September 9-23 when we again extend hospitality to the women and children of Mary's Place. Recently, we housed and fed 5 mothers and 9 children for two weeks, June 24 through July 8. Now in September you can participate in this worthwhile program by providing food, organizing or helping with activities, or spending the night. See Judith Hullin for more information.



Linda Hodge  
and gardeners

## Administrative Council Meeting Notes—Sept. 3, 2014

Present: Bill Blakney, John Chae, Chick and Linda Hodge, Dave and Judith Hullin, Jim Maners

Summary of items discussed:

- Senate Bill 6405 regarding consistency in how nonprofit tax exempt property may be used without jeopardizing property tax exemption status
- Parsonage projects being planned; Metro parking lot clean-up
- Member list being reviewed to provide an accurate count
- A simultaneous translation device will be used to translate sermons into Korean
- Motion approved to start a monthly Seniors Group on Wednesdays
- Discussion of designating memorial funds for large projects, e.g., paving the two parking lots. Further research needed.