



MERCER ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Events Calendar

October 13-15

Gathering of the
Orders
Yakima, WA

October 19

Rev. David Parker,
Central United
Protestant Church
Richland, WA
Guest speaker



November 9

Rev. Kelle Brown
Chaplain, Mary's Place
Guest speaker

November 2-23

Stewardship
Campaign
Pledge Sunday
November 23

Passing It On

October 2014

From Pastor John



There is a Korean folk legend about two brothers living in a small farming town who worked together to cultivate their land. In the fall, they would harvest the grain and divide the crop equally. One day the elder brother began to worry about the younger brother, who was going to be married soon. "My brother needs extra money," he thought.

So one dark night, after the moon had set, he secretly moved his share of the crop into his brother's storehouse. That same night, the younger brother was thinking of the elder brother. "He has a wife and many children," thought the younger brother. "He needs the crop more than I do." So after the moon had set, he secretly moved his share of the grain into the elder brother's storehouse.

A few days later, the elder brother went into his storehouse and what was this? It looked like all his grain was still there! As he scratched his head in confusion he said, "I will have to move it to my brother's storehouse tonight."

The young brother, too, was amazed and bewildered to discover that he still had a crop in his storehouse and planned to move it to the elder brother's place that night. By this time of the year, there was a full moon, and the night was bright from its glow. As the elder brother walked across the field, bearing his crop to give to his younger brother, he saw a shadowy figure appear in the distance. And as the younger brother walked toward the elder brother's house he saw a shadowy figure. As they walked closer, they recognized each other and realized what the other brother was doing. The moonlight illuminated the two brothers as they hugged there in the middle of the field.

The Talmud tells a story similar to this one, but in the Korean legend the place where the brothers meet in the moonlight is a good place to build a temple--a gathering place where people who are able to help can lend a hand to those who need that help. In our church we show our compassion for each other in many ways, and I really appreciate what our church family is doing. Examples of that care and concern are many:

During the last three months we provided mosquito nets for Africa by donating to the Imagine No Malaria project. Three times this year we supported Mary's Place by hosting a shelter in our building with the help of many volunteers. Just last month we invited the Emergency Feeding program staff members to worship with us and to share a Pass It On meal. We have installed a simultaneous translation system so that those from other countries can fully understand the sermon.

All of the programs and events that we have supported have helped God's work spread through the community. As I send you the pastor's message this month, I want you all to know how much your support and dedication is appreciated for the work of our ministry.

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.

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Newsletter Information

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

Submit items and ideas to miumc@hotmail.com.

Deadline for November issue is October 24.

Living by Faith Or by Actions

In September, Glenn Turner, Executive Director of the Emergency Feeding Program, spoke to us about the ever-challenging need to provide nutritious food for those in our community who struggle for their basic necessities. MIUMC has been an continuing active supporter of the EFP. At the *Pass It On* meal held after Sunday's service, gifts totaling \$608 were given to this program.

Looking back over his year at the EFP, Mr. Turner has experienced many acts of kindness in serving the more than 116,000 individuals in 2013 who accessed the program. Commitment to be the *keepers of the least, the lost and the left out* in our community remains high, and Mr. Turner affirmed that he is humbled by the ongoing sincerity of giving at MIUMC.

Pass It On Meal



Glenn Turner,
Exec Director EFP



Cosmo Neames & Carla
Corkern in the kitchen



Enjoying the
Pass It On Meal



Rose of Sharon

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

—Song of Solomon 2:1

Recently one of our members, gardening expert, Darolyn Quayle, became acquainted with our three Rose of Sharon shrubs located in the front area.

Interested in the origins of this stunning plant, she searched for information and found a wealth of material.

Most likely the name came from where it grew in early Bible times—the Plain of Sharon, the coastal plain between the mountains of central Palestine and the Mediterranean Sea. By the 18th century the shrub was common in English gardens. Common today in many gardens worldwide, the Rose of Sharon (*hibiscus syriacus*) is the national flower of South Korea, first mentioned in an article produced there 1,400 years ago.

A truly lovely flower when in bloom, besides its beauty the leaves can be brewed into an herbal tea and the flowers can be eaten. We won't be doing that at MIUMC, but come next summer we can enjoy a truly exquisite example of God's creation.

Simultaneous Translator Equipment now being enthusiastically used and appreciated by our Korean friends at the Sunday service.