



MERCER ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Events Calendar

November 2

All Saints Sunday
Stewardship
Campaign Begins

November 9

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

November 23

Pledge Sunday
Annual Meeting-7pm

November 25

Sons of Norway
Potluck and Program
6pm

November 26

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Evergreen Covenant
Church-7pm

November 27

Thanksgiving

November 30

First Sunday in
Advent

Passing It On

November 2014

From Pastor John



I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places that you may know that I the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. -- Isaiah 45:3

God's concern for his children is for their maturity, not just for them to be in comfortable situations. That's why God sometimes leads us through difficult times. God is trying to shape us into His stars. He wants us to shine in the darkness of this world. The highest mountains have the deepest valleys. If the sun shines all the time, the ground would become a desert. We need the rain to nourish the soil. A very tall tree can withstand any strong winds, if its roots have grown deep into the soil. A bird cannot complain about its heavy wings, since they are there to enable it to soar to the heavens. Sometimes we want to fly, but complain about the weight of our wings. Sometimes we do not realize that our heavy burden is really a blessing

As we approach November, the month of Thanksgiving, please remember that God's eternal presence and healing touch is for each one of us. The mystery of life is that God can take the thorns in our lives and change them into amazing resources to touch other people's deeply wounded hearts. Turning scars into stars is like dusty ground that changes into fruitful soil that produces crops to support life. This is the real reason for thanksgiving. As we remember many of God's blessings in our life journey, let us continue to share God's many blessings with thankful hearts. I hope this month of Thanksgiving is especially wonderful and joyous for you.

Peace and grace,
Pastor John

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 December issue is November 24.

Meet Kelle Brown, Mary's Place Pastor



Sunday, November 9, we welcome guest preacher Kelle Brown, the new pastor at Mary's Place, who, with the Mary's Place choir, will bring us her message in story and song. Kelle has her MDiv from Seattle University and is currently completing her Doctorate of Ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is a woman of many talents including her gifts of storytelling and imaginative artwork as well as a musical talent that brings joy to all. But more than that, her passion is advocacy for the homeless and marginalized in our society, and her words on Sunday morning promise to stir our hearts and minds.

Stewardship

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. —Matt. 6:21

The next year ahead of us is 2015. Our church stewardship campaign goes from November 2 to November 23, Pledge Sunday. As the date approaches, let us pray and consider how we can serve our Lord and the church with our time, talents, and treasure. All of us have the privilege of serving God in these areas.

Each Sunday this month a church member will speak to us about stewardship based on the book, *A Disciple's Path* by James A. Harnish. On November 2, Linda Hodge will speak about *The Priority of Presence: Corporate Worship and Small-Group Community*. Then on Nov. 9, Diana Blakney will be talking about *The Way of Service: Spiritual Gifts and Gifts-based Service*. On Nov. 16, David Hullin will present on *The Way of Witness: Invitational Evangelism*. On November 23, Carla Neames will speak on two topics: *Discipleship in the Way of Grace* and *Money Matters: Financial Generosity*.

November 23 is Pledge Sunday when you will bring your pledge card to the service. Let us continue to build up our church as a channel of God's grace and mercy, and let God's blessings flow to others. We appreciate your effort, **generous support** and the faithfulness of those in the past and present who have served God and are still serving in this church. Let us pray and continue to commit our lives to making disciples of Christ and transformers of the world. We give thanks to God and to all of you for all your supporting hands and prayers. *Pastor John*

Summary of Administrative Council Minutes—Oct. 22, 2014

Council members present: Bill Blakney, Chick Hodge, Linda Hodge, Jim Maners, Pastor John Chae, Dave Hullin by teleconference, and Bill Parker (proxy to Chick Hodge.)

Significant Items Discussed

- Impact of Senate Bill 6405 regarding restrictions to churches renting to non-profit groups. In accordance with the new law, Dave Hullin will prepare a prioritized schedule for groups currently using our facility.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between MIUMC and First Church, Christ Scientist of Mercer Island has been approved and signed. As of November 1, the Christian Science Church will be holding its worship services on a non-interference basis at MIUMC on Sunday morning (8am-10:30am) and Wednesday evenings (7:30-8:45pm).