



MERCER ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Events

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays
March 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30pm Soup Supper
7pm Bible Study

PNWUMC Training Day

March 7

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 8



New Member Class

March 8, 15, 22, 29
10:00-10:50am

Palm Sunday

March 29

Passing It On

March 2015

From Pastor John



This Easter Sunday we will continue our tradition of receiving new members into our church. The day will be a joyous declaration of the love and hope Christ brings to us in His resurrection as well as a celebration of welcoming those who have decided to make a commitment to MIUMC. For these new members it will be another step on their spiritual journey, one that is a witness to the joy and amazing grace of God in the world.

The Bible tells us to meet regularly with a group of Christians who love, serve, and encourage one another. As we connect with one another we will find purpose and direction by putting our faith and love in action. As Paul says in Romans 12:4-5,

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

In preparation for making a commitment to membership at MIUMC, we are offering four classes on Sunday mornings beginning March 8 from 10am to 10:50am. Our time together will be an opportunity for prospective members to become acquainted with each other and with church members who will be praying for them. Each session will include a short video, *What Does It Mean to Be United Methodist?* followed by discussion and a time for questions.

During these informal classes we will discover (or rediscover) what it means to be called as a witness for Christ in the world, a light and leaven in society, and a reconciler in a culture of conflict. We will discuss the basic traditions and tenets, values and beliefs, of the United Methodist Church, as well as the denomination's history and the history of MIUMC. Each member will learn what it means to identify with the suffering of the world and to radiate and exemplify the hope Christ brings to us. We will also explore how to become connected to current mission opportunities both within the church and in the greater community.

So it is that on Easter Sunday we will celebrate and rejoice with those who seek to grow in God's love and formally join all who are part of the body of Christ as it is expressed at MIUMC.

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

Sanny Bold

Dave Hullin

Carla Corkern

Jim Maners (at-large)

Newsletter Information

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

Submit items and ideas to miumc@hotmail.com.

Summary of Administrative Council Minutes February 18, 2015

Members present: Bill Blakney, Sanny Bold, Pastor John Chae, Chick Hodge, Linda Hodge, Dave Hullin, Judith Hullin, Jim Maners

Budget: The 2015 budget was approved pending information re Metro's monthly use fee for the Park & Ride and a confirmation of MIUMC user fees.

Mary's Place mothers and children will be here the week of March 17-24.

Finance: A third check signer is needed as well as counters for the Sunday offering.

Pastor's Report

Thanks to all those who filled in during the pastor's vacation.

New member classes will begin March 8 and run for 4 weeks.

New members to be received on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday service to be held April 3 at 7pm.

Trustee's Report

Building use form has been updated.

Twenty-six of the 50 days per year allowed for user groups have been reserved for 2015.



Sundays, March 8, 15, 22, 29—10:00-10:50am

If you have been worshipping with us and would like to learn more about our church, or if you are interested in becoming a member, we invite you to attend our new member class. Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership but is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to whether you want to enter into membership. New members will be received on Easter Sunday, April 5. Please let Pastor John or the church office know that you will be attending the classes.

Lenten Bible Study Continues

It's not too late to join the Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study. 6:30pm supper; 7pm Bible study.

The schedule is:

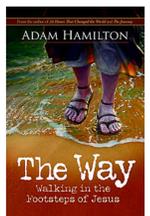
Session 2-Mar. 4-*The Healing Ministry*-Jim Maners, facilitator

Session 3-Mar. 11-*Proclaiming the Kingdom*-David Hullin, facilitator

Session 4-Mar. 18-*Calming the Sea*-Dottie Hughes, facilitator

Session 5-Mar. 25-*Sinners, Outcasts and the Poor*-Carla Corkern, facilitator

Session 6-April 1-*The Final Week*-Diana Blakney, facilitator



In Memoriam
David K. Brown
July 4, 1920—February 21, 2015