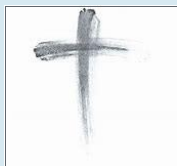


MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 6TH
Ash Wednesday



MARCH 10TH
Daylight Savings



MARCH 17TH
St. Patrick's Day



MARCH 20TH



FROM PASTOR JOHN



The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is March 6th this year. Lent is the season of repentance. In the Old Testament, we read that in times of repentance ashes were placed on one's head. We, as Christians, have adopted this tradition into our worship. The ashes represent both mortality and human weakness. They call forth our rethinking of how we are living. It means that our lives become authentic and pure, as ashes are pure. They are the result of fire, and fire purifies. It symbolizes our liberation from our false selves into our true authentic selves. It means transformation in our lives through the Gospel. The human mind needs nourishing. So during Lent we need to exercise our brains and use the intellectual gifts that God has given us. Learn something new, read a book, attend a class, and do something to keep your mind active. Pray more each day, reading your Bible or other devotional material and action of God's love. This will strengthen your mind and soul. Growing in this way demands time and effort. The days will pass quickly, but stay tuned to God, enrich your body, mind, and soul.

During this 40 days of spiritual journey starting on March 6th, Ash Wednesday, we will have six sessions of Lenten Bible study on Tuesdays. We will start each meeting at 9:30 am. The book we will be studying is "Simon Peter; Flawed but Faithful Disciple" written by Adam Hamilton. As we celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 21st, the end of Lent, let us rejoice in the Lord's Resurrection.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor John

AROUND THE CHURCH

Help Us Build a Tiny Home

A Pass It On Meal is planned for Sunday, March 17th, to raise money for our congregation to build a Tiny House for the homeless.

You can support this effort by promoting the program to family and friends who may be interested in such a project. Suggest they donate, encourage them to get involved as volunteers, or even suggest they help furnish the homes for the new owners with new or gently used items as linens, blankets, pillows, towels, or food staples.



Building will take place in the MIUMC parking lot, and there will be a skilled carpenter on site to manage the project.

Building dates will be announced soon.



When the house is completed it will be picked up by LIHI and delivered to one of their Tiny House village sites in Seattle.



The members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable.

1 Corinthians 12:22

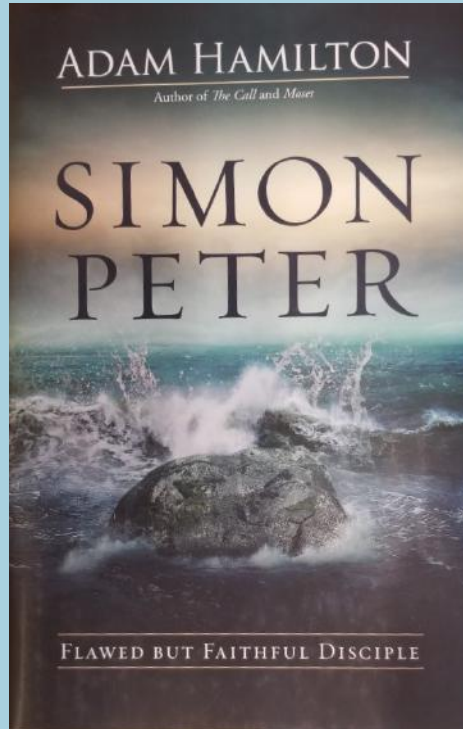


Newsletter Information

Passing It On is published the first working day of the month. Submit items and ideas to miumc@hotmail.com

AROUND THE CHURCH (cont'd)

Lenten Season Bible study will begin Tuesday, March 12th, 9:30 am in the Library and continue for six weeks. The study book is "Simon Peter" by Adam Hamilton. We hope you will join us.



MIUMC members provide ESL Classes at el Dios Viviente Church in Seattle.



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.