



MERCER ISLAND  
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NEWSLETTER



MAY 2019

## MAY CALENDAR

May 12th

Mother's Day



May 27th

Memorial Day



### FROM PASTOR JOHN



May is the month of Christian Home and Family. In the 10 commandments, the fifth one is from Deut. 5:16: "Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you" Also in Ephesians 6: 1—3 it says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." It is the right thing, morally and it is also ethically spiritually correct to honor our parents. One very important attitude towards our parents is to see them as God's channel who brought us into this world. Without them, we would not be here. This honor to them is the foundation of our families. We don't have to consider how well educated our parents were, or their social status. Many people compare their own parents with those of others, and are disappointed that their parents are not as "qualified" as someone else's. There are no perfect mothers or fathers. All parents are all in a process, hopeful to be great to their children. Therefore forgiveness, understanding and covering for our parents' weak points is the best way to show respect for them. Another way to honor and respect our parents on this month of celebration is to be careful about how we think about our grandparents. When parents treat their own parents with respect and consideration, children learn from us about respect. Our parents, grandparents and great parents are waiting for your expression of love and care.

The day before Mother's day an elderly man in Phoenix called his son in New York and said to him, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 45 years of misery is enough. We're sick of each other, and so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her." Frantic, the son called his sister, who exploded on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouted, "I'll take care of This." She called Phoenix immediately, and said to her father. "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" The man hung up his phone and turned to his wife. "Okay, honey. The kids are coming for Mother's Day and paying for their flights."

We will all someday have grandchildren, and great- grandchildren and the cycle of generations will continue with honor and respect. Send cards, visit, call, or make gifts with your kids for your parents and grandparents. Let us build respect toward our parents with the spirit of respect and honor as we go on from generation to generation, with God's help.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor John

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## MIUMC Easter Sunday Events

The day began with Easter breakfast shared with family and friends. The annual childrens' Easter egg hunt was followed by our Easter service celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

The delicious Easter Breakfast was prepared by Carla Corkern.



### Newsletter Information

*Passing It On* is published the first working day of the month. Submit items and ideas to [miumc@hotmail.com](mailto:miumc@hotmail.com)



# AROUND THE CHURCH (cont'd)

## 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 Tiny House Project

Mercer Island United Methodist Church built a Tiny House for the homeless in April under the guidance of contractor Dale Hoff and the direction of Tom and Mary Ann Kofler.

MIUMC has a history of reaching out to the homeless. In 2008 the church hosted Tent City Three in the parking lot for three months. We also hosted Mary's Place to assist homeless women and children, and this Tiny House is a continuation of our mission projects for the homeless.

Materials were delivered and construction began April 3rd. Thanks to the dedicated team of workers it was completed on schedule!



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The tiny house is 8 feet wide, 10 feet tall, and 120 feet square. It has two windows, a heater, lights and a locking door. There is a platform bed, a built in table, and shelves.



Upon completion of the home, the dedication ceremony was held during the time of the Easter breakfast. It is scheduled to be picked up by LIHI in the next week. The home was fully funded by donations. Heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the project.

