

STEP OUT OF THE ORDINARY



FROM PASTOR JOHN

“David, dressed in a linen priestly vest, danced with all his strength before the Lord.” 2 Samuel 6: 14 (CEB)

Shall We Dance?

The story line of this film, ‘Shall We Dance?’ is quite simple. A middle-aged Chicago estate lawyer, John Clark feels that something is missing although he has a charming wife and a loving family. As he makes his way every day through the city, one night, John jumps off the train, and signs up for dance lessons. As his lessons continue, John falls in love with dancing.

In the Scripture from 2 Samuel, King David also danced before the Lord with all his strength as bringing the ark of the LORD into Jerusalem. He was not only glad to watch its return, but also danced with all his might and passion. He even took off his royal robes and danced like the other men celebrating in its procession.

In John Wesley’s journal, we found him in confusion and unbelief on Saturday speaking to himself, “Leave off preaching. How can you preach to others, who have not faith yourself?” John asked his friend, Peter Bohler whether he should leave it off or not. This was the answer from Bohler, “Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith.”

I am excited to dance with you and with the community of Mercer Island in our social, political, and economic complexity. I am not saying that I am a good and confident dancer. In fact, I have never danced before, but I have learned the simple truth: “it is not about me, and it is all about the Lord who is worthy of honor and praise.” I want you to dance with me before the LORD, our God.

Shall we dance? Shall we love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our being, and all our strength? The entire movie, ‘Shall We Dance?’ brings characters who have to keep their dream going and realize what it is they really yearn for. I believe that we’re in a new scene of Mercer Island UMC, and I am very convinced that it is our show time to dance together before the LORD!

Looking forward to meeting you in person,

Pastor John



July 4th

AROUND THE CHURCH

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

Luke 10:25-28



Summer Sermon Series in July:

"If You're Asked to Dance..."

July 7, 2019 Stand Up! Matthew 10: 1 - 9, 32 (The Message Bible)

July 14, 2019 Listen to the Music! Luke 8: 16-18

July 21, 2109 Watch others! Luke 6: 35 - 40 (The Message Bible)

July 28, 2019 Have a Picture in Your Mind! Acts 2: 14—21, 36—38

Welcome Pastor John Go



I am a father of two daughters (13, 9) and a husband of a seminary graduate. I love fishing, especially shad fishing in June in the Columbia River. I often wonder if I am called as 'a fisher of men' or a fisher for fish. It often draws me out of my daily routines, roles, and responsibilities although it is still my job to clean fish.

I belong to a singing group (double quartet). We practice singing once a month, but we have not been invited to any recital or concert yet. Our next plan is to upload our 'double quartet music' on YouTube, so you will be able to find us.

My biggest desire is to build my own space for gardening and raising goats and chickens. It would be a silly dream for a city boy like me, but I enjoy working outdoor and respect physical labors and joys from it. In fact, it will be even much better to have a small pond for my fishing once in a while. God has blessed me abundantly to live next to Lake Washington. That's a much bigger pond that I've never imagined.

Yes, I shouldn't forget to tell you that I am newly appointed to serve Mercer Island United Methodist Church as a pastor and to live in her community. I am looking forward to meeting many new friends and co-workers in Christ through this new chapter of my spiritual journey with the Lord. And my favorite verse in the Bible is Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



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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



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2019 PNW Annual Conference Highlights

The 146th session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference convened for a second consecutive year in Puyallup, Washington for its Annual Conference Session June 7-9. Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area was the officiating bishop.

In worship and plenary, members explored what it means to truly love God as they moved deeper into the Greater Northwest Area's [four-year theme](#) and scripture, Luke 10:25-28. This year's tagline was "Love Like This and You Shall Live."



During the Ordination and Commissioning Service, nine individuals were ordained as elders and admitted to full connection. Two individuals were commissioned in preparation for the order of elder and one into the order of deacon.

The retirement of 15 pastoral leaders was recognized as well.

The names of 17 people and three churches were read and prayed over during a ceremony remembering those who passed during the last year.



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A Farewell to Pastor John Chae

MIUMC had a farewell party for Pastor John and Regina on June 30th with a delicious lunch prepared by the Neames family. We all join in wishing Pastor John God's blessing and the best in his retirement.

