

FROM PASTOR JOHN



"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118: 24

**Celebration, Celebration, Celebration!!!**

"All thing bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all thing wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips the we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all thing well." United Methodist Hymn #147

The month of October brings many celebrations of the year! What celebrations do you have this month in your family, friends and also community of faith you belong to? Celebrations are the source of joy and vital energy and power of our lives once we recognize them and bless them in thanks and praise to God.

I want to share with you a celebration that I am invited to join with many colleagues in Yakima, WA this month who are serving the churches as ordained clergy in PNW (Pacific Northwest Annual Conference). It is an annual event called, 'Gathering of the Orders' of our denominational church to meet old friends and re-connect with them, but this year will be different for me. I am new to many clergy of PNW, so it will be a different celebration to meet new friends and to listen to their stories as I introduce myself to them.

There is another celebration that I would like to invite you all to be. That is our annual 'Laity Sunday' in every third Sunday of October. Each local church has a different way to celebrate 'Laity Sunday' as remembering every part of services and ministries done by faithful members of the church: A beautiful church garden, a clean and welcoming space of worship and fellowship, leadership of discipleship, visiting angels for the shut-ins and the home-bound, diligent hands of the Christ in our very community, and joyful and enthusiastic delivery of the Gospel of Jesus through their life examples. All missions and ministries have literally accomplished throughout the year by many of you. I cannot wait to listen to your stories through MIUMC faith community and celebrate with you.

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## AROUND THE CHURCH



"One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God."

Romans 14: 5-6

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| October 5—Noon -5pm  | Mariano's 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Party at MIUMC Fellowship Hall    |
| October 6 —11 am     | World Communion Sunday, with the Holy Communion & MIUMC choir singing            |
| October 8 —10 am     | 'Gathering of the Orders,' Wesley UMC in Yakima, WA                              |
| October 11-12        | PNW(Pacific Northwest Conference) UMW annual meeting, Wenatchee First UMC        |
| October 13—11 am     | Children's Sabbath   |
| October 19—Noon -5pm | BBQ Party at MIUMC campus  |
| October 20 —11 am    | 'Laity Sunday' led by Linda Hodge & MIUMC Lay leadership                         |
| October 27—11 am     | 'Reformation Sunday' preached by Mia Park & 'Worship team' meeting after worship |

### Celebration, Celebration, Celebration!!! (cont'd from page 1)

In fact, the month of October begins with the most significant celebration of the church beyond our imagination. It is called, 'World Communion Sunday.' Many brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus Christ will celebrate the Holy Communion throughout the day of October 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Have you ever imagined all of us in difference races, many tongues, and world-wide churches lift up the bread and the cup in thanksgiving and share the Body of Christ? We proclaim together that we are one in the Lord who has given a new life and the truth regardless of our differences, barriers, and cultures. This celebration of the year truly brings our hope for the future of God's creation in peace through this holy act in Christ Jesus.

Are you ready for our Holy parties in Christ Jesus throughout this month of October? Then, please be present because any party without guests or partygoers wouldn't be good. So, let's get together as often as we can, either Sunday mornings or other weekday fellowships and let us celebrate, celebrate and celebrate "All things bright and beautiful... the Lord God made them all" together in singing and praises!

Many blessings!

Pastor John Go



#### 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



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## 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.

## Farewell Ryan!

**Our church member and pianist Ryan Fang is relocating to Alaska for a 6-month Ophthalmology internship. Our thoughts and prayers go with him, and we wish him the best.**



**The MIUMC Tiny House which was built in April has been moved to a LIHI designated space. This is our prayer: May this home provide shelter, comfort and peace within.**



## Around the Church

### Open Hearts



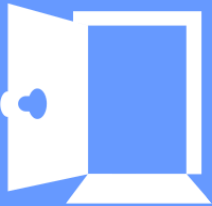
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## Mercer Island United Methodist Church

*Join us. We welcome all!*

7070 SE 24th St., MI  
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*Free*  *Free*  
**BBQ**

**October 19th, 12 noon-5 PM**

The MIMUC Open House BBQ Community Event is coming up on October 19th from 12 Noon to 5 pm. It provides an opportunity to fellowship and engage with residents of our community, and allows others to see our church, meet us and learn more about our mission. Please mark the date on your calendars, and spread the word to others you know on the island and who live nearby. We encourage everyone who can to attend this fun event that will help your church and allow us to get to know each other better. We have two hour volunteer shifts available to give Carla some time off the grill and to help with cleanup. If you are able to help in any way with this event, please let Carla know.

**Mercer Island Food Pantry Program of Mercer Island Youth & Family Services –**  
**Basic items most needed each month are:** Oatmeal and boxed cereal, pasta and sauces, chicken and beef broth, hearty canned soups, canned fruit, jellies & jams, breakfast items, granola bars, top ramen, and toiletries.

All donations are appreciated!

You may put them on the Altar at time of worship service or drop them at the Church office.