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Pastor Appreciation

Sunday, October 18 was Pastor Appreciation Sunday. So I thought we should definitely express gratitude for our pastor and for all the previous pastors who have served MIUMC. There have been twelve so far in our Church history: The Reverends Dunnington, Brizee, Boyd, Nicholson, Wooldridge, Kaelin, Olive, Patterson, Sullivan, Knight, Chae, and Go. These are the men and women who have contributed to our rich heritage and brought us to this day in the life of our Church.

Some of these pastors have been young, some not so young. Mostly men, two women. Some short-term, some long-term. Chick and I have been privileged to know all of them with the exception of the first, Dr. Dunnington. I think I speak for those who have known all or some of these ministers to say the following: We have been fed and have fed others. We have been praised, cajoled, encouraged, reprimanded, coaxed, uplifted and loved. We have expanded and contracted. We have laughed and cried. We have been preached to and prayed for. We have sung together, played together, studied together, gone on retreats and built a tiny house together. We have Zoomed to learn how to stay together, and so much more.

Our pastors have baptized our babies, confirmed our youth, performed marriages, and buried our loved ones. They have sat by our sides during hard times and rejoiced with us in joyful times. They have helped to strengthen our faith and challenged us to be more than we thought we could.

So thank you to all twelve. Some are no longer in this world, some are serving other churches, some have retired. All have left their mark on MIUMC. A very heartfelt thanks to Pastors Carol and Dave, our "retired" resident pastors. And special gratitude to Pastor John for being with us now. At a time like this we are so fortunate to have a man with such energy, optimism, humor, love for God and for all of us. We are grateful for your gifts. Thank you for being our pastor. We appreciate you and your wonderful family and hope you will be one of the long-termers!

-Linda Hodge, Lay leader

WHAT IS COMING UP?

Things “Counted”

Sermon Titles & Lectionary Readings the Month of November



November 1st

“ Characters ” Joshua 3: 7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12

November 8th

“ Time ” Joshua 24: 1-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

November 15th

“ Talents ” Judges 4: 1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

November 22nd

“ Actions ” Ezekiel 34:11-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1: 15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

November 29th

“ Gratitude ” Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 17:11-19

“Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.”

- Attributed to Albert Einstein

An online Live streaming worship service link is provided to the congregation by email at 10:45am each Sunday. Please contact the church office @ 206.232.3044, or miumc@hotmail.com if you need any assistance to join virtually in worship.

The link is also available on <https://www.facebook.com/mercerislandumc/>

The Month of November

November 1st	All Saints Day
November 10th	Ad Council Meeting @ 10:30 am through Zoom.
November 15th	Charge Conference @ 1:30 pm through Zoom.
November 26th	Thanksgiving Day
November 29th	Confirmation Class @1:00 pm, meeting virtually
Every Sunday 9:30 am - 10:30 am	Adult Sunday School through Zoom
Every Tuesday 7:00 am - 8:00 am	Telios Bible Studay through Zoom
Every Tuesday 9:30 am -10:30 am	Tuesday Fellowship Group through Zoom.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Confirmation Class 2020-2021 had the first class on October 25th.



Winston Zhang



Karen Zhang



Grace Go



Julie Zhang

We have four candidates for baptism and confirmation next Spring . There are also mentors of their spiritual journey: Chick Hodge, Beverly Spiegelberg, Linda Hodge, and Helen Shewmaker. Rev. Carol Mariano and Pastor John are teaching classes.



Wednesday Weeders

officially ended their services to beautify and care for the church garden in 2020.

Special thank to Arturo, Judith & Rev. Dave Hullin for bringing professional and financial support, including a truck loaded with compost in the Spring!

*Picture was taken on October 7th.



STORIES TO SHARE



A couple photos which I think tell the story of Fall... namely a broadleaf maple leaf and the seed pod which assures us that it will 'reproduce' in the Spring. I took the photos across the street from my house.

I have always believed that man can put man on the moon but he can never build a tree.

The Fall and the Spring both have their own stories to tell.

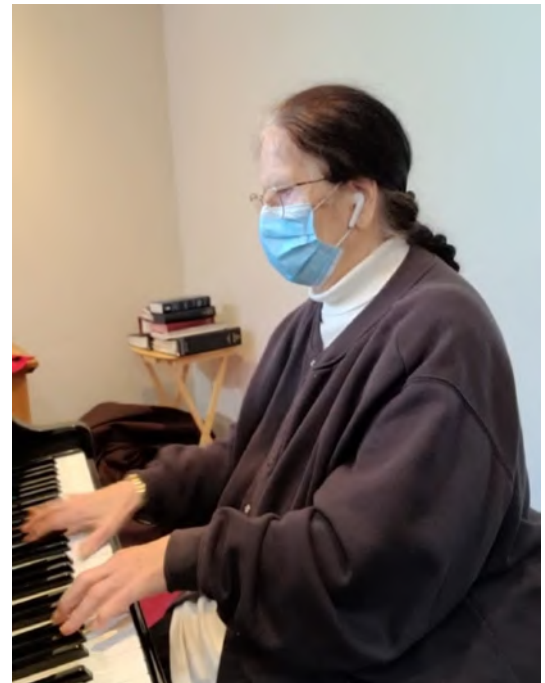
- Darolyn Quayle



A wonderful picture of Mary Lou sent by her daughter Mary Jo to Bev Spiegelberg



Picture was taken on her birthday in September



Special Thanks to Halie Dodrill

We are very blessed by Halie's musical gift and her presence with Carl Dodrill in our worship services in October.

We enjoyed her friendship with MIUMC and were encouraged by Halie and Carl's heart-felt love and dedication to the Lord.

We look forward to having the Dodrills again in our worship in the near future.

With much gratitude,
MIUMC worship team

DOERS OF THE WORD

Missional works through our United Methodist Church



We'd like to reach out because we have gotten permission that we can have volunteer groups up to 5 people (masked, distancing, etc) from local churches. (Or, if they stay completely separated, we can have multiple groups of 5 at the same time, as well.) It is our understanding that this can happen regardless of where the local church is in the Reopening plan. If there are some folks from a local church who are itching to get out and do some projects, we are at the beginning part of renovating Madrona (formerly Chak Chak), as well as plenty to do around camp, and we have plenty of work that volunteers could help with. I know traditionally men's groups have been the most prominent volunteers, or we have plenty of stuff for any groups who were wanting to come help out.

Colin Cushman, Indianola Camp Director



We want to share with you a unique invitation to partner with us in ministry. The Bellevue First UMC leadership council has been studying ways we can provide support to those with housing insecurity in our local community. In the past, we had operated a small transitional housing shelter in our current building. A while back this shelter was closed down because it lacked basic amenities. From this experience, we have learned how to construct a better version of this shelter - an "efficiency studio" that will include: a private outside entrance, a bathroom complete with shower, a full studio apartment-sized kitchen, enough space for up to four people to live efficiently, and hookups for a stackable washer/dryer. We are asking you to consider supporting this project financially. Regardless of the size of a donation, your gift can make an impact far beyond this present season. Our hope is that this shelter becomes a legacy, and we want you to be a part of that. If you have questions about this new project or would like to volunteer time and help, please contact Maggie Radford, one of our Housing Assistance Team members (mhsmith20@gmail.com).

Bellevue First United Methodist Church



Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting Tent City. They are in need of sleeping bags. If you have one that you can donate, call Judith Hullin at 206-948-2882. She will pick it up and deliver it to Tent City.



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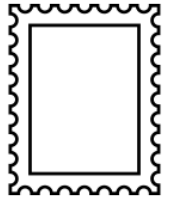
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