



March

**MERCER
ISLAND
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**



The Generator

Remember when the power went out last month? How did you react? Was it an adventure for you, full of excitement? Or was it an ordeal, full of anxiety and fear?

I must confess I was anxious. I worried about food in the refrigerator, about how cold the house would get, about when the power would be restored. I felt vulnerable, even though I knew the power would eventually come back on, and we would be comfortable again.



Here is the counter-balance to the outage... Our neighbors have a generator. The minute our power goes off, their generator turns on. It is a steady hum. We can see that lights are on in their house. They have told us to come down to be with them in warmth and light. What a blessing to know that we have a safety net, that we are welcome, that we are cared for.

So I think about our Church. Are we seen as a generator during hard times? Are we seen as a place of shelter for those who are hurting? Is our light a beacon to those who have lost their way? And let's remember what fuels our generator. As "Doers of the Word" let's always be grateful to the One who gives us the power and the grace to generate love to our neighbors and beyond. I am so grateful to our Church for years of meaningful outreach, and I pray that we will not waver in acts of kindness and compassion to a hurting world.



WHAT IS COMING UP?

Sermon Titles in the Month of March

March 7th

“ The Transfiguration of Jesus ” Mark 9: 2—13

March 14th

“ Jesus Welcomes the Little ” Mark 9: 30 —37

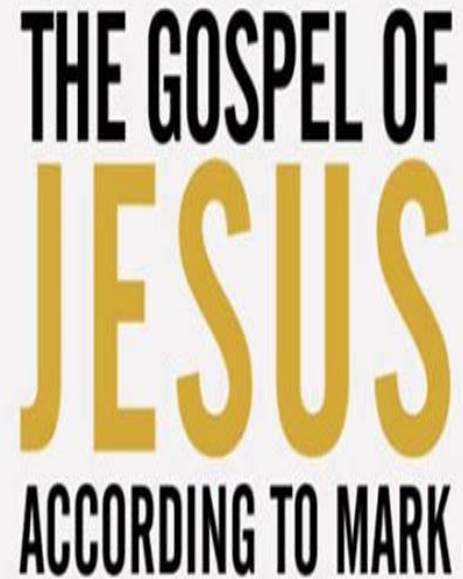
March 21st

“ Jesus Invites ALL ” Mark 10: 17—31

March 28th

“ Jesus Enters the Center ” Mark 11: 1—11

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” [Mark 8:34]



THE GOSPEL OF
JESUS
ACCORDING TO MARK

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 March

March 7th	Third Sunday in Lent Worship @ 11am
March 14th	Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship @ 11am
March 28th	Psalm Sunday Worship @ 11 am. Youth Confirmation Class @ 1:30 pm through Zoom.
March 30th	Ad Council Meeting @ 10:30 am through Zoom.
April 1st	Maundy Thursday
April 2nd	Good Friday
April 4th	Easter Sunday Outdoor Worship @ 11am
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	Lenten Study Group through Zoom.

WHAT HAPPENED?

“Remember your baptism and be thankful!”



Joyce Michelle Zhang was baptized on January 3, 2021

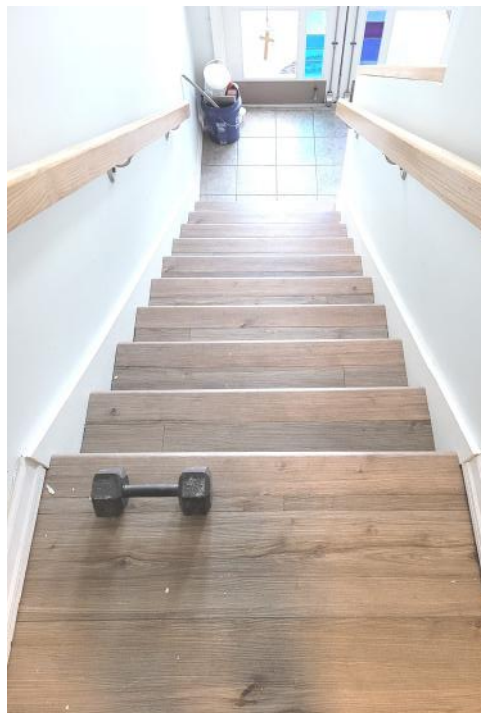


18 plus sleeping bags and other items such as a sleeping mat, a comforter, and a box full of masks were delivered to Tent-city 3 in UW (3735 Brooklyn Ave NE).



Our reflooring project in the Fellowship hall is now completed including with the stairway to the East end.

Very special thanks to John Zhang for his hard and diligent work and his commitment!



STORIES TO SHARE



A neighbor of the church, Bacho, shoveled the snow off our sidewalk.

We are grateful to Bacho for being a good neighbor.

Please keep Halie Dodrill in your prayers

Thanks be to God, Halie was admitted to Covenant Living at the Shores on Mercer Island last Monday (Feb.15). Since that time, she has been seen and cared for by their staff including nursing, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, etc., and we are grateful for that.

Thank you all for your concerns prayers for Halie.

- Carl Dodrill



New Address of Carla Corkern & Caleb Neames:

11006 Ewing St. NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Karen Gray wants to 'Thank You' for your thoughts and prayers during this time of her loss. She appreciates your time for sending cards and listening to her story in support toward her family.



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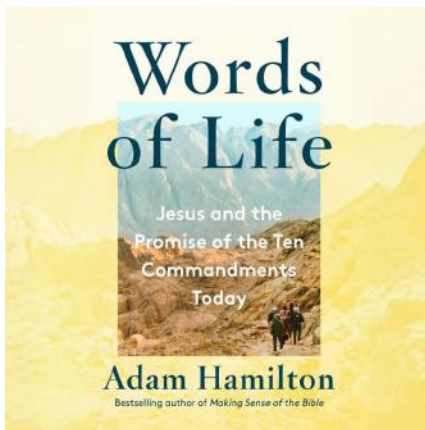
Your Participation Matters

Over the year, you have faithfully answered the call to prayer and sharing Christ's love to one another. Through this coming Holy Week in March, we're going to have an opportunity to get involved and help the Lenten journey together with some creative and powerful ways. Please stay tune with emails from the church office.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!



Lenten Study with 'The Ten Commandments'

During this Lenten season, we're studying together with the book, *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* by Rev. Adam Hamilton. The study is held each Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 am through Zoom. Or call at 253 215 8782, and then enter our meeting id: 927 0975 7518 #

Online Trainings for Local Church Leaders

Join district superintendents and staff of the Alaska and PNW Conferences in the online trainings for local church leaders. Each training will start with a session for everyone on good leadership practices for an inclusive church, followed by break-out groups for specific work areas of church leadership. Held via Zoom on Sunday afternoons from 3-5 p.m., there may be some preparatory work before the trainings for some breakout groups. **The first training date on Sunday, March 14, will include classes for Staff Parish Relations, Finance and Trustees.**



Youth Confirmation Class Plans to "Be the Church" beyond the church walls.

As a part of the Confirmation Class, all candidates are called to action to be witness of faith in Christ Jesus. Youth Confirmation mentors and mentees will provide hot meals to one of Tent-cities in the Seattle area in March. If you're interested in supporting this, please contact Linda Hodge for the details.



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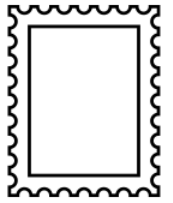
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