

Mercer Island UMC
Pass It On – Sunday Newsletter
December 7, 2008

Welcome. The sanctuary was readied for worship by Chong Ye Son, who has just moved to Mercer Island. She is Korean-American, and has lived most of her years in the U.S. in Boston. Chong is a United Methodist, belonging to a small Korean congregation in Boston. She says she was delighted to see this church, close to where she lives, and this feels like home to her. Thank you

Would you like an Advent wreath for home? We have the candle holders and candles. They're in the back. This week, light two candles. Bring the holders back after Christmas to be used next year.

Our Budget. Just a reminder that your church depends on special year end giving to make ends meet, to fulfill our denominational fair share of ministry and mission, and make a strong start on 2009. So please include the church's basic budget in your Christmas giving. Second Mile giving is strong, as it always has been. It is the First Mile which needs more attention.

Dedication of Atlantic Street Center Toys Sunday, December 14. The Pass It On meal November 23 raised over \$1100 for Atlantic Street Center for the toys and other gifts, and an additional \$500 for ASC in general.

Christmas Potluck Lunch Sunday, and Children's Visit with Santa December 21, following the worship service. Please give names, ages and gender of children to Darolyn Quayle @ d_quayle@msn.com or 232-3470. All children are welcome – grandchildren, neighbor children. Notice it is a Potluck.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30.

Christmas Eve Offering The offering received will be designated for Hope for Children of Africa: Boys Orphanage. Several years ago, UM's in the Pacific Northwest established Jaama Letu (Our Family) orphanage and school for girls. Now we are adding the boys' building. \$30,000 has funded the foundation, and now \$200,000 is needed to complete the facility. Check out the Hope for Children of Africa and Jaama Letu at www.pnwumc.org.

Children and Youth (or Adults!) who would like to offer music for the Advent-Christmas Season. Please talk with Pastor Knight. A youngster who would like to offer a piano piece, sing, or to play some other instrument is very welcome for December 21 or December 24. (Actually, that's true all year long, but especially true in Advent-Christmas.)

Emergency Food Program Most Needed Foods: Canned beef stew (24 oz); Pineapple juice (48 oz can); Tomato juice (48 oz. can); Peanut butter (plastic jars); Canned beef chili; Powdered milk; Iron-enriched infant formula; Beef or chicken baby food; Canned sweet peas; Canned green beans; Canned fruit cocktail; Canned peaches/pineapple; Canned lunch meat (SPAM); Mac & cheese (7.25 oz); Vegetarian vegetable soup; Canned evaporated milk; Vegetable oil (24 oz); Tuna fish (6 oz); Snack pudding; Canned corn.

Hands Needed After Worship. It will be very helpful if people pick up the food and book offerings from the altar and carry them back to the alcove.

Prayers.

For Ed Cowan, upcoming surgery Dec. 12 (no visits or phone calls, please, but cards appreciated).

Ann Knoll, recovery from eye surgery.

Jan Numata, for strength.

Ann Knoll, to complete the healing of her eye

For youth who are struggling for acceptance, friendships, and assurance of their worth

For all who are grieving the loss or separation from friends or loved ones in this season.

For those whose livelihood is insecure

For those for whom Christmas is a difficult season.

December & January Birthdays:

December 8-Vic Bode; 11- Robert Gray; 16- Jim Maners; 30- Lee Hartman; January 1-Si Dudley; 4-

Inna Brayman; 6-Rick Duchaine; 10-Paul Shoemaker, Laura Maruhashi, Carla Corkern

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