



Farewell from Jack

Dear MIUMC Friend,

My, I find it hard to believe that 10 months have passed by so quickly! Here we are at the end of my time as pastor for the interim of Mercer Island United Methodist Church.

You may recall that early in my tenure with the congregation, I indicated that my ministry here had a “shelf life” that would come to an end on June 30, 2007. Well, as you know, many products that come with a shelf life or an expiration date have the following word of advice: “Product is best used before the expiration date.” Well, as I think of all of the ministry we have shared, I readily and joyfully conclude that our time together has been fruitful and meaningful.

While I am tempted to produce a list of what I think our accomplishments have been, I will instead use this space to tell you that our congregation is filled with people who reflect the awesome, life-changing love of God. For 10 months I have experienced this love through the gracious and thoughtful ways you have allowed me to function as a leader among leaders and a servant among servants.

I have watched this love in action as you give significant portions of your time and treasure to meet the needs of children and youth. I have witnessed this love in action as you carefully and dutifully addressed the complex issues of congregational and pastoral transitions. Finally, I have even observed this love in action as you learned how to say, “Amen!”, and sway during worship services!

The most vivid understanding I have of our fruitful ministry together is the fact that our Bishop and district superintendent have appointed a new pastor to serve you with enthusiasm, commitment and love. This appointment signals your readiness to move into the future with deliberate speed, with a competent, caring and creative new pastor, the Rev. Leslie Ann Knight.

So then, I thank you for embracing me with open arms, minds and hearts. My life and ministry have been made better through my experiences with you. Whenever I close my eyes and think of a loving, generous and caring congregation, the image that is projected on the screen in my mind will be one of you. So then, I will thank God for every memory of Mercer Island United Methodist Church. Remember, your best days are not behind you but ahead of you! Go on now, and say Amen!

Love,

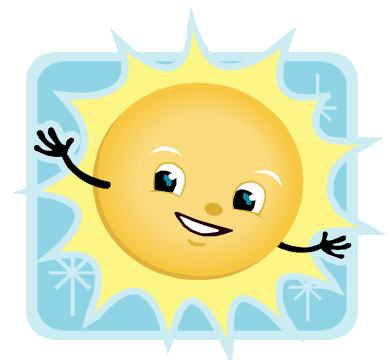
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Pastor Jack Sullivan, Jr.



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News from the Pews (that you can use!)



About the New Pastor

Pastor Leslie Ann Knight is a native of northern Idaho. She attended the University of Puget Sound and The School of Theology at Claremont, California. Leslie Ann was ordained an Elder in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference in 1981.

Leslie Ann married Vic Bode in 2004. Vic is a native of Syracuse, New York, but lived the past 30 years in Tampa, Florida. He is a retired high school guidance counselor. Together, they have five adult children.

She enjoys writing, reading, gardening, and animals. Vic is an avid singer and music lover, and enjoys fishing.

(Please Note: Leslie Ann has written a much lengthier and equally fascinating autobiography that you should all read in full! Copies are available in the back of the sanctuary. Or if you would like a soft copy, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/miunc>, or you can send an email request to the church office. We will welcome Leslie Ann and Vic in worship on Sunday, July 1st.)

High School Graduations

Joseph Bassetti, Brian Duchaine, Clay Dudley, Shanna Dulin, Alex Fretheim, and Jerry Numata are graduating this spring! We will celebrate and bless them in worship **June 10**, followed by a casual lunch. Come find out about their plans for the future and enjoy their company while we can!

Mercer Island's Baccalaureate, an interfaith community gathering to celebrate and bless the senior class, will be hosted by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, June 13, at 7 pm. Graduation itself is June 14!

Emergency Feeding Program

Non-perishable foods carried to the altar during our worship offering are distributed by the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County.

Foods of the month for June are peanut butter (18 oz. plastic jars) and macaroni & cheese (7 oz. boxes). Alternatively, a \$14 donation will buy a whole case of peanut butter to help replace the loss of free school lunches as summer begins.

July's foods of the month are single-serving pull-top applesauce & pudding packs. Or, \$15 will buy a whole case of other no-cook foods. Thanks for your continued support!

Inviting Summer Prayer Partners

How about hooking up with another person in the MIUMC community for a prayerful summer relationship? The idea would be to pair up with someone, share a little with each other about your lives, and commit to hold each other in prayer throughout the summer. The relationship would be enhanced if you agreed also to go for ice cream, or send a post card, or touch base by phone once each month (July, August). This is an intergenerational opportunity! Sign up in the narthex after worship, or contact Lee at 425-444-5556 / leecarneyhartman@yahoo.com. At our June 24th picnic celebration, we'll partner people up.

June birthday wishes to...



- 1st ◦ Richelle Bassetti
 - 1st ◦ Jack Sullivan, Jr.
 - 1st ◦ Brian Wilson
 - 8th ◦ Hazel Workman
 - 14th ◦ Jackie Sullivan
 - 24th ◦ Derrick Hungerford ◦ Becky Maruhashi
- (Sincere apologies if we've missed yours! Please be sure to update the **BIRTHDAY BOOK** in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, and many many more!)

Message from Lee

Dear MIUMC Family,

I am grateful for the journey with MIUMC since November 2005. It seems time however to resign my position as Minister to Youth and Families, effective August 31. A number of things lead me to that conclusion, and I trust the Spirit is in them for the good of all.

Since returning to Seattle University to finish a second theology degree, it's been very hard to balance all the good expectations of home, school, and church work. As reluctant as I am to step back from MIUMC, it seems the right time for my family and a healthy time for the church to do so.

I am also needing to reconnect with my home church, Snoqualmie UMC. They are the community that will discern whether to endorse me in the candidacy process as I consider ordination.

I look forward to a summer of worship, music, and mission with MIUMC. While my period of employment may come to a close, my joy, respect, and deep connection with this community remain quite alive!

I am thankful for my time here. I have learned a lot from Pastor Jo Ann and Pastor Jack, and virtually everyone in the MIUMC community! There is much enthusiasm surrounding Pastor Knight's appointment, and I am privileged to support her transition this summer.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your love of God and each other. I am overwhelmed to know the radically freeing essence of that love with you. To Life!

Lee Carney Hartman

Our Global Warming Warrior

by Sue Ogilvie

Do you ever follow a Hummer and say “tsk – tsk, what a gas guzzler.”? If you ever follow Caleb Neames in his champagne-colored Hummer and smell a faint smell of fortune cookie, say “Right on, Caleb!”, for he is driving on homemade biodiesel. Caleb’s friend, Linus Toy, has a childhood friend who has a fortune cookie factory, and has cooking oil to spare. Caleb mixes it with some additives to make fuel for the diesel Hummer. Ask Chandler about the specifics, as she used it for a science report. She says there is a large barrel of oil on each side of the Hummer in the garage. It has two tanks. There is a small green biodiesel sticker on the bumper. Way to go, Caleb, for reducing your carbon footprint (or tireprint) in such a creative fashion. Good on ya !!

<< MIHS Osprey Cam >>

There is an osprey nest located at the top of the light tower in Islander stadium, just north of the press box. A recent MI Reporter article reported that a remote camera was purchased to view the nest up close. Our own Tony Kuhn, who works for the school district maintenance and operations group, was responsible for the web cam installation. You can view still images from the osprey cam at www.misd.k12.wa.us/osprey.html . The article is still available to read at www.mireporter.com .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen Snack Packs

Sunday school classes will combine on **June 10** to assemble teen snack packs for the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle/King County. We'll gather around the Word and prepare healthy snack packs for hungry teens. Please join us for a multigenerational experience!

Picnic for Pastor Jack!

I'm sure you've all noticed that Jack has done a marvelous (make that *miraculous*) job of shepherding our flock during his tenure here. A potluck picnic/BBQ, with ice cream bar, in celebration of Pastor Jack's ministry among us, will follow worship on **June 24**. We will also celebrate the end of the Sunday school year, as June 24 is our last class day before summer break. Come with thanksgiving and plenty of room for ice cream! (Hot dogs, hamburgers, & ice cream will be provided. Side dishes and toppings are welcome.)

Welcome Picnic for Pastor Leslie Ann Knight

We will be welcoming both Leslie Ann and her husband, Vic Bode, on **July 1**. After worship, there will be a "salad potluck", so bring your favorite salad! Please remember, our Summer worship schedule also begins on **July 1**. See you in worship at **10:00am!**

Magnolia UMC Painting Day

Magnolia United Methodist Church and parsonage are badly in need of outside paint. They are a very small congregation, and are unable to do this job by themselves. Their Cluster Group (Blaine Memorial, Grace UMC, MIUMC, Seattle 1st UMC) is sponsoring this project. They are asking each church to send at least 2 people to help. The main painting day will be Sat, **July 28**, at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided by Magnolia. Donations to help defray the cost of renting scaffolding would be much appreciated. They also need paint brushes. Magnolia UMC is located at 2836 34th Ave W in Seattle. Blaine Memorial is spearheading the project. Please contact their associate pastor, Rev. Kathleen Weber, kawblaine@aol.com or 206-723-1536, by July 14 if you will be able to attend.

Finding Common Ground

Over 600 people participated in the "Mystical Music of the Middle East" concert that Vicki Smolke and Bob Hughes helped organize through Find Common Ground in March. The performance took place at St. Mark's Cathedral and was co-sponsored by MIUMC alongside several other faith communities and peacemaking organizations.

"The music was so spiritual," Vicki said. "I was always standing at the back... looking at all those people from all areas of life. It's something you can't even put into words... seeing so many people moved," she said.

Vicki's involvement in Find Common Ground links to her participation in a confirmation trip to Israel with Pastor Jack Olive several years ago. "That trip was life changing for me," she said. She was gripped by what she saw and learned there. "I can't not be part of the issue... the plight of the Palestinians hit me at the core," she said. She felt a heaviness, and remembers Pastor Olive noting that the Palestinian experience bears some resemblance to the displacement of American Indians. "Spiritually they have a connection," she said. "I just couldn't not be a part of something connected to that. This is something I can do." Vicki herself is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho.

The purpose of Find Common Ground is to bring people together from different sides of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict in ways that promote listening and education. Muslim, Jewish and Christian voices invite the American public to think deeper, become more aware, and engage government accordingly.

"In spite of the day to day discouragements, when I meet with the group we always somehow manage to find intent to go forward," Vicki said. "All these little individual voices come together that say 'We do want change and we will work towards it'."

In addition to Bob Hughes' current role, Rick Duchaine and Paul Shoemaker have also been involved in Find Common Ground in the past.

For more information or to join in this ministry, contact Vicki (232-2395) or see the FCG website: www.findcommonground.org.

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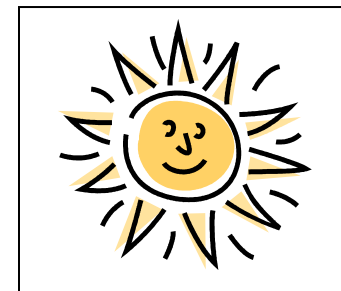
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am-1pm Pastor Jack Sullivan: 9:15am-5:15pm Mon-Thu and by appointment. See Bulletin for weekly schedule.					1	2 9:30am-3pm Beit Messiah
3 9:45am Chancel Choir 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship w/ Communion 7pm Adult 12-Step	4	5 9:30am Mens Prayer 10am Womens Prayer*	6 7pm Bible Study 7pm Cub Scout Troop 7-9pm Beit Messiah	7 6:30am Mens Prayer 10a-12p Twins Group	8	9 9:30am-3pm Beit Messiah
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BSF Women: Fellowship Hall, *Both Levels*
 Beit Messiah: Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
 Bible Study: *Lower Level* Room 8

Boy Scout Troop: *Lower Level*, Room 3
 Mens Prayer: Library
 *Womens Prayer @ *Irene Fleming's*



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Passing It On

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Please note: due to delays in production, there was no May newsletter. Congratulations go to **Elisabeth Chowning** who was the first to guess April's mystery person: **Julia Wilson!**



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JUNE'S MYSTERY PERSON

Our mystery person for June is a native of Ohio. He/she was also schooled in Ohio, as well as Kentucky, and here in Washington state. He/she has also spent time in Missouri and Michigan. He/she also has an evident affinity for the music of the Temptations.

Can you name this mystery person?