

Annual Conference

The United Methodists of the Pacific Northwest will gather in Moscow, Idaho, June 17-22 for the yearly meeting. Friends will meet again. New friendships will form. We'll browse in a Ministry Fair with displays from churches and our agencies. The Cokesbury book display with books, curriculum, and supplies will have a stream of customers. Persons called to ordained ministry will be consecrated or ordained. Conference committees which have been working all year will give their reports. There will be inspiring messages and uplifting worship. The General Conference direction and decisions will be debriefed and we will begin to incorporate them into our thinking and acting in our home churches. There will be petitions for action that we will consider. Our Bishop, Ed Paup, has been elected President of the General Board of Global Ministries. The conference will celebrate the time he has been with us and raise funds for his favorite mission project: Nothing But Nets. (see www.pnwumc.org)

In July the western jurisdiction will elect 2 new bishops. Our conference is able to endorse a candidate, and our district superintendent, Elaine Stanovsky, is being backed for candidacy by our delegates to general conference. The annual conference meeting in Moscow will decide whether to endorse her for the western jurisdiction election process.

The annual conference meeting dates back to John Wesley in the 1700's in England, when the preachers met with him to receive instructions on what to preach and teach, and to be assigned to their circuits. Today it is equal numbers of lay persons and clergy, meeting together to confer about our churches' life and mission. There are roughly 200 congregations represented in our region of Washington and northern Idaho.

Due to personal reasons, neither Jim Ogilvie nor Bob Hughes will be able to attend. This year, Leslie Ann will be solo.

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TENT CITY TIMELINE

The project to welcome TC4 is moving along. Our leaders have had one meeting with SHARE (Seattle Housing and Resource Effort), which organizes and manages tent cities. SHARE, our leaders, and the city staff met again May 29. (That meeting has not yet happened as of this writing.)

Next week, a press release should go out to the Reporter. June 11, the Temporary Use Agreement must be complete for city council members' packets. We will be on the City Council agenda Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m.

If all goes well, we will plan a public informational meeting to be held July 9. This is not for public vote, but for information and communication with neighbors.

We plan to welcome TC4 August 10. Their time will be complete the first week of November. Their next host church for November – February is confirmed.

As a congregation, we do not have an obligation to provide the meals. We don't have an obligation to coordinate meals. However, it is very much appreciated whenever hot meals are brought.

Groups of 3-12 persons prepare a meal for 100 persons. We can use funds from the mission endowment to support the cost of food for those who want to provide a meal. A website has the meal calendar, so people can go on the internet, see what days are needed, and then e-mail their intention to provide for that evening. When we find that website, we will get it out to you.

The encampment is self-managing and self-governing. There are two community meetings a week to deal with community issues and tasks, and all residents attend at least one. They welcome visitors any day and all day (except when the community meetings are being held). You are welcome to stop by for a tour.

Encourage community groups or circles of friends to take an evening meal once we find the calendar. We will also have a list of items that are needed for the encampment.

Pray that this will have a smooth reception into our community, and that it be a time of good refuge and haven for the encampment, and an experience that brings out the best of the Islanders.



Pastor's Study

I am settling in the new old study. I'm right by the front door. Daughter Sarah is painting as I speak. The dark bookshelves will become a light sage, and will no longer be so dominant in the room. Deep blue-green will accent the greenery outside the windows. The other three walls will be buff.

It is a place where I study, and reflect and pray, and write. It is a place where people come to say hi, or to share the news of their life. More nitty-gritty, I talk on the phone, use e-mail, do administrative tasks, catch up on news, and greet people as they swing open the door.

The desk is often littered with papers difficult to tame. But the sofa and chair are always ready for company and conversation.

I walk from the parsonage to the church, unless I am driving to another place, so just because there is no car out front does not mean that no one is home. I am usually at the church during the mornings and afternoons. If you want to be sure I am in and available for a chat, please give a call.

I will make a good-faith effort to be in the office from 9 until noon. I will be in the office in the afternoons as well, but not with regular hours. For folks who work during the day, I am available evenings and weekends.

Blessings,

Leslie Ann

Pastor Leslie Ann Knight

WEEDING PARTY, Saturday, June 28, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Come one and all for a little fresh air, fellowship, and communion with nature. Feel the good earth between your fingers, and help hold back the tide of encroaching garden pests.

LIVING THE SACRED: Cooperative School of Christian Mission

The School of Mission will be held this summer, July 11-14, at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. Studies include: *I Believe in Jesus*, *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*, and *Israel / Palestine*. Brochures with more information, schedules and registration forms are available on the back table in the Sanctuary. Deadline to register is June 20.

Emergency Feeding Program

Non-perishable foods carried to the altar during our worship offering are distributed by the Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle & King County. The theme for this month is School's Out! June's Foods-of-the-Month are Peanut Butter (18 oz. plastic jar) and Macaroni & Cheese (7 ¼ oz. box). Or if you prefer, a cash donation of \$14 will buy an entire case of peanut butter to help replace the loss of free school lunches as we enter the summer months. Thank you for donating kid-friendly food! (More information can be found at: www.emergencyfeeding.org .)

June birthday wishes to...

- 1st ◦ Brian Wilson
- 8th ◦ Hazel Workman
- 24th ◦ Becky Maruhashi
- 24th ◦ Derrick Hungerford



(So sorry if we've missed yours! Please be sure to update the **BIRTHDAY BOOK** in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you, and many more!)

<> *Parents' Night Out* <>

A community service of
Mercer Island United Methodist Church

First Fridays from 6:30pm–9:30pm
(Open house style)

Games, dinner, and movies for the kids,
while parents enjoy their own together time.
Ages 3-12 are welcome.

Upcoming dates: **June 6th**
(Last session for the summer!)

Reservations needed. Call (206) 232-3044.

*Our thanks to Carla Neames
and Aleta Toy for this opportunity!*

June's Mystery Person

Our mystery couple for May was not a mystery for many. Congratulations go to Sue Ogilvie who was the first to correctly identify our long-time lovebirds: Bev & Bill Parker! (Thanks also to Ann Knoll who came a close second.)

For June, our mystery person is a very visible member of the church community during our Sunday worship.

He/she is multi-talented, motivational, and lends a fascinating perspective as an immigrant to this great nation of ours.

Can you name this mystery person?

With No Secretary

With no secretary in the office, we will not have 20 hours of staff time that we have been used to having. Brian has had "institutional memory" and has known where things are kept, and has known the flow of the schedule. We lose that.

The voice mail will be used when I am not in the office, or not available, and I will check the messages regularly. I will also set the phone so that it will ring to my cell phone so I can be out of the office.

I keyboard the bulletin into the computer already. Brian has been doing the layout. The bulletin may look different. The hymn numbers may not always be correct. We won't have two sets of eyes going over it. I think printing will not be a problem because the bulletin prints directly from the computer.

Lori Shoemaker will do the layout for the newsletter, which is time consuming.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has reminded me that I am first and foremost Pastor. I am not to become the church secretary. The reason I am here is to be Pastor. You need me leading worship and teaching, and being with the people of our congregation. You need me to be out and about in the community, making connections and learning about the hurts and hopes of the people. You need me to be one of the religious leaders for Mercer Island. You need me to be a missional leader.

Directory Corrections

Please note the following corrections for the listings in your MIUMC church directory:

Bill Troxel's address has slightly changed to:
9115 Fortuna Drive, # 6101-B
Mercer Island, WA 98040

News from the Pews



Sunday, June 1st: Joe's Birthday Party (after Morning Worship)

There will be a birthday party for Joe Iwano after worship on Sunday, June 1. Please join us in the fellowship hall for cake, coffee & punch, and to congratulate the birthday boy!

Sunday, June 1st: Kids For Hope Reception, 5:00-7:00pm

The *Kids For Hope* program is alive, well, and growing. Please join us in the fellowship hall for a delicious Middle Eastern Buffet and an update on what is happening with *Kids For Hope*, and the newly established *Youth For Hope!* On Sunday, June 1, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Thursday, June 5th: Baccalaureate Service

This year's Baccalaureate Service will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, June 5, at 7 pm. The service is open to all friends and family members of MIHS graduates. Our graduates this year include: Laura Maruhashi, Kristen Numata, and Ben Shoemaker! (Please let Pastor Leslie Ann know if we have missed anyone!) We will recognize our 2008 graduates on *Senior Recognition Sunday* during worship service on **Sunday, June 8.**

Where Will We Park? Parking Issues During Tent City (August-November)

Persons with limited mobility should park in the small lot in front of the education building. The Park n Ride belongs to us, and we have full use of it in evenings and on weekends. We will park on the margins of our property as well. Those who walk easily may wish to park at the bottom of the hill at the park. We also have the right to park on the streets – just not to block anyone's driveway. And, it's a good time to share a ride.

Bible Study Fellowship Bids Us Farewell

The ladies of Bible Study Fellowship, who have met here on Tuesday mornings for the past year and a half, have sent us the following well-wishes: "How can we ever thank you for sharing your beautiful, warm and cozy Fellowship Hall with us for our leaders' group meeting in BSF. It has been an amazing time for us while Westminster Chapel has been going through its remodel, and we are forever grateful to you for your generosity and hospitality. May our gracious God bless you abundantly! -- The BSF Staff "

Thank You!

I would like to take a moment to say *thank you* to all for the nice party after worship on May 18. The cake and cupcakes were delicious. Thank you, Bill, for your kind words. And everyone, thank you for your well-wishes, prayers, cards and gifts. You are much too kind. I have always maintained that I am not doing anything extraordinary here; I just saw a need and filled it. Hopefully this has helped make the transition of leadership here at MIUMC a little bit easier for all. It has truly been a great pleasure having the opportunity to give back; considering how much the church has given me these many years. See you in the pews! -- Brian Wilson ☺

June 2008

Except for Worship & unless otherwise noted: Groups meet in the Fellowship Hall for 1-hour

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Chancel Choir 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 12pm Joe's B-day Party 5pm Kids For Hope 7pm Adult 12-Step	2	3 9:30am Men's Prayer 10am Women's Prayer* 4pm Girl Scout Troop	4 7pm Bible Study 7-9pm Beit Messiah	5 6:30am Men's Prayer 9:30am Twins Group 7pm Cleaning Crew	6 6:30pm Parents' Night Out	7 9:30am-3pm Beit Messiah
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15 FATHER'S DAY 10am Worship 7pm Adult 12-Step	16	17 9:30am Men's Prayer 10am Women's Prayer* 4pm Girl Scout Troop 7pm Ad Council Mtg	18 7pm Bible Study 7-9pm Beit Messiah	19 6:30am Men's Prayer 9:30am Twins Group 7pm Cleaning Crew	20	21 9:30am-3pm Beit Messiah
22 10am Worship 7pm Adult 12-Step	23	24 9:30am Men's Prayer 10am Women's Prayer* 7pm Sons of Norway	25 7pm Bible Study 7-9pm Beit Messiah	26 6:30am Men's Prayer 9:30am Twins Group 7pm Cleaning Crew	27	28 9:30am-3pm Beit Messiah 1-3pm Weeding Party
29 10am Worship 7pm Adult 12-Step	30					

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Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am-1pm

Beit Messiah: Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Bible Study: Fellowship Hall Library

Cub Scout Troop: Lower Level, Room 3

Men's Prayer: Fellowship Hall Library

*Women's Prayer @ Irene Fleming's

Sons of Norway: Fellowship Hall



“Passing It On” Online

Join our online newsletter list.

E-mail miumc@hotmail.com to receive an online version of our newsletter.

Passing It On

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Leslie Ann Knight

Editor: Brian Wilson, church office manager

Please deliver any submissions you may have for the upcoming newsletter to the church office (preferably via email) by the 20th of the month prior. So, that’s 6/20 for publication in the July newsletter. Thank you very kindly!



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Summer Hours Begin on June 15

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 15. This will also be the first Sunday for our Summer Schedule! Worship begins at **10:00am** through the summer months, and there are no Sunday School classes. We will fall back to our regular worship time of 11:00am after Labor Day, on Sunday, September 7.

