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“Our mission as a congregation is to strengthen our personal and group relationship with Christ and to reach out to all people through faith in action.”

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Summer events

Sunday June 5th Graduation Sunday 10:30 Worship service

Sunday June 12th Summer Schedule Begins

Celebration of Pastor Dan's Ministry after 10:00 a.m. worship

VBS Volunteer orientation 12:00-2:00 PM at MV Presbyterian Church

Host week for Family Promise Families June 12-19

Sunday June 19th Summer Children's Choir Begins—9:00 a.m.

Pastor Dan's last Sunday in the pulpit

Sunday July 10th Barbeque Welcoming Pastor Terry and Dennie Sue

Monday July 18th Vacation Bible School 7/18 thru 7/22

Friday, July 22nd— 6:30 p.m. VBS Family Fun Night at MV Presbyterian Church

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Dan Breznau

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH

June 5

1 Kings 17:8-24
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 12

1 Kings 21:1-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19

1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Greetings,

I will be going in for spinal surgery this week, and hopefully by the time you receive this letter I will be way along the road to recovery. Oddly, it reminds me how precious each moment is that we are given. In a short time my family and I will be at a new pastorate, yet it can never replace our experience that we have had with you all. We have had a lot of monumental moments as a family while living in Mount Vernon. Some of those times were joyful and others not so: graduations, learning to drive, first paying jobs, Easter celebrations, Fourth of July celebrations, new friendships, and sadly, the death of some of those we had come to know and care about. The list goes on. Where there is life, the constant of change is unavoidable. However, the one level of permanence that extends beyond it, is our connection with God and the promise that if we are open, God will carry us all into a Holy future. A future where community is unbroken, relationships are redeemed, and sorrows will be no more. It is with that in mind that I have prayed that your faith and love of God has deepened and will continue to do so. And even though it brings me sorrow to leave what has been, the promise of what God will have for us in the future brings me consolation. To say good-bye is to evoke an eternal blessing which comes from the derivation of the words, "God be with you." May God continue to be with you and until God brings us back together (whether in this life or the next), know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pastor Dan

Celebration of Pastor Dan's Ministry at Mount Vernon First UMC June 12th

We would love for you all to join us as we celebrate the time that Pastor Dan has led our congregation and to officially say farewell to him and his family as they leave for their next appointment. Please join us on Sunday, June 12th for a Celebration Potluck in Sprague Hall following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Ham and dessert will be provided, please bring a side dish or salad to share. Cards are welcome and there will be a Money Tree as a love gift to the family. There will be a slideshow and a time that you can share special "Pastor Dan memories" with the group. Hope to see you there!

You can find this edition of our newsletter on-line at www.mvfumc.org

FINANCIAL REPORT**April, 2016**

	Income	Expense
Regular Account	\$25,653.16	\$21,291.86
Special Account	\$ 3,021.85	\$ 3,095.18
Memorial Account	\$ 325.00	-0-

As you can see, we took in more than we spent in April. Thank you! We were able to pay all of our bills and apportionments for April as well. Summer is a time of lower giving traditionally... let's not let that be true for this summer! Thank you so much for your continued support of the ministries of this church!

Congratulations Graduates!

We will be celebrating our graduates during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 5th and we hope that you will join us for that celebration. We also asked our church family if there were any other graduates in their families and here is that list. Congratulations to all of the graduates and their families!!

8th Grade

Megan Perez will graduate from LaVenture Middle School and will attend Mount Vernon High School next year.

Shauna Flores will graduate from Cascade Middle School and will attend Sedro-Woolley High School next year.

High School

Matthew Replier will be graduating from Mount Vernon High School. Matthew will be attending Gonzaga University next year.

Ezra Almvig will be graduating from Burlington Edison High School.

Laurestine Bradford will graduate from Ingraham High School in Seattle this year. She will be attending the University of Toronto in Canada. Laurestine is the granddaughter of Lester and Winnie Bradford.

College Graduates

Ashleigh Jacobson will graduate from Skagit Valley Community College in June. Ashleigh is our new Nursery attendant and has been studying Early Childhood Education at Skagit. Congratulations Ashleigh!

Kelsey Mayer will graduate on June 12th from the University of Washington with a Degree in Nursing. Kelsey already has a job at Swedish Hospital in the Neuro ICU. Congratulations Kelsey! Proud parents are Harlan and Shirley Mayer!

Adriana Flores graduated from Simmons College in Boston with a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. Adriana has a full time job in her field as the Assistant Archivist for Acquisitions for the Gottlieb Archives at Boston University. Congrats Adriana! Proud family... Chris, Lori, Amy & Shauna Flores and grandma Harriet Lundquist.

Amanda Grant will graduate from Western Washington University Honors College with a double major in English literature and Spanish. Graduating cum laude.

Alden Bradford graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Math and Physics. He will do post-graduate studies in math at Purdue University in Indiana. Proud grandparents are Lester & Winnie Bradford.

Sindie Allene Howland, daughter of Al & Joyce Sward, graduated, Magna Cum Laude, BA of Arts in Business Administration, Management and Operations from Washington State University, May 7, 2016.

Ryan P. Taylor, grandson of Georgia Taylor Owen, and son of Wade "Hamp" & Jill Taylor will graduate from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi with a Master's Degree in Business, after 4 years at the University of Mississippi (Ol Miss) in Oxford, Miss., graduating with a degree in Business.



Summer Children's Choir! -- Coro de los Niños

First United Methodist Church - Mount Vernon

REGISTRATION FORM

Sundays, June 19-Aug 14, 2016

Praise Songs - Gospel - Spanish Songs -- Grades K-5

1st Child's Name: _____

Gender: M F Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Medical/Behavior Concerns and Requests: _____

2nd Child's Name: _____

Gender: M F Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Medical/Behavior Concerns and Requests: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Contact #: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent): _____

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Faith in Action

I have been amazed by the willingness of individuals in our congregation to continually work at helping others, as I have seen during these past few weeks. In April, the United Methodist Women collected supplies to make health kits for disaster survivors around the world; by the end of the month, twenty-five kits had been assembled and sent out. In early May, almost twenty congregation members signed up to participate in the Have a Heart Run to support underfunded Community Action programs. Toward the end of the month, several people baked cookies and brownies to send with a mission team going to Pateros to rebuild homes for families who lost almost everything in recent wildfires. And just last week, I received emails, calls, and notes from people who want to help host Family Promise later in the month. The members of our church are dedicated to service. We do, as it says in our mission statement, 'reach out to all people through faith in action'. As June begins, I will no longer be serving as the Faith in Action Coordinator, but will instead be helping my family as we transition to a new church. Though there may not be quite as many service opportunities offered through the church in the immediate weeks ahead, I hope that you will all continue to prayerfully search for ways that God is calling you to serve.

With thanks and blessings,

Maria Breznau

Thank You!



Just a note to say thank you for all the gifts and well wishes for Cenorina's new baby boy. We are happy to announce that a healthy baby boy arrived April 27, 8 lbs 2 oz. thanks again, and blessings to all.

Zulma
Hispanic Ministries

Imagine No Malaria

The Greater Northwest Episcopal area of the UMC has been hard at work gathering funds for the Imagine No Malaria campaign over the last 3 years. We are so thrilled to share that we have received an opportunity to go over the top to end malaria. **An anonymous donor from a church in the Pacific Northwest Conference is offering to match donations received in our Greater Northwest Episcopal Area between April 25th (World Malaria Day) and June 25th, up to \$75k!** They want to inspire above-and-beyond giving so that we EXCEED our goal! You can write a check to the church and write "Imagine No Malaria" on the memo line or go on-line to www.pnwumc.org to give.

UMW Annual Picnic Potluck June 15th at Noon

Please join the UMW at the church in the Rees Room for their annual Picnic Potluck. This event is open to all women of the church and we encourage you to attend this event. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Summer Music

You can sign up now to share music over the summer! We need:
Musicians to play or sing 1-2 pieces for during worship at the 10am Sunday morning service
Sundays, June 12-Sept 4, 10am
All ages and music styles are welcome!
Singing – instruments – bands - ensembles

Please contact Diane Figaro
dfigaro@mvfumc.org – 206-271-5117

Children's Choir

Children K-5 are invited to join our Summer Music Choir – Coro de Niños! We'll be rehearsing on Sunday mornings at 9am, and sing for a few weeks in late July and early August at the 10am worship service. All children of church members, friends, and the wider community are welcome! Please see the insert inside this newsletter with all of the information and the registration form. Parents are also invited to help out and volunteer. Contact Diane at dfigaro@mvfumc.org – 206-271-5117. See you this summer!



Vacation Bible School – July 18-22, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!"

We are once again joining forces with our friends from the Mount Vernon Presbyterian church to offer a week of Vacation Bible School to the children of our community. If you know of a young person that may like to attend, please pick up a registration form in the Narthex or download a copy at www.mvfumc.org. We are also looking for volunteers to help lead groups of children from station to station. If you are interested, please contact Lori Flores at lori@mvfumc.org or 424-3628. Thank you!

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

- 6/2 Lynnette Gerhard
- 6/3 Harlan Mayer
- 6/4 Owen Drayer
Maddie Hodges
Dan Wall
- 6/5 Bev Collins
- 6/7 Linda Cook
Cindy Grillot
- 6/8 Melissa Nystrom
- 6/11 Manny Saenz
Betsey Thompson
- 6/13 Jane Olson
- 6/15 Nancy McKeown
- 6/16 Naomi Foote
- 6/17 Carrie Miller
Hannah Perez
Mikaela Thomas
- 6/19 Mike Minor
- 6/23 Rand O'Donnell
Linda Steiner
- 6/24 Diann Smith
- 6/27 Debbie Grant
Patricia O'Donnell
- 6/29 Denise Breznau
Bill Perez
- 6/30 Arvita Bonner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Schedule Begins June 12th One worship service at 10 am each Sunday followed by Coffee Hour			1 10 am Outreach 1:30 pm Staff Mtg 6 pm Chancel Choir Potluck & Rehearsal	2 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry	3	4
5 Graduate Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Coffee Hour	6	7 1:30 pm Bell Trio	8 1:30 pm Staff Mtg	9 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry	10 10 am Hispanic Ministries Meeting (Conf. Room)	11
12 Celebration of Pastor Dan's Ministry 10 am Worship 11:15 am Celebration of Ministry Potluck 2 pm Hispanic Ministries 4 pm SVUM Youth	13 2 pm Hugo's Accordion Band	14 1:30 pm Bell Trio	15 12 pm UMW Picnic (Rees Room) 1:30 pm Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Trustees	16 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry	17	18
Family Promise Week 5:30 p.m. daily						
19 Father's Day Pastor Dan's last Sunday to Preach 9 am Children's Choir 10 am Worship	20 3 pm Community Kitchen at Central UMC	21 1:30 pm Bell Trio	22 1:30 pm Staff Mtg	23 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry	24 Pastor Dan and Lori at Annual Conference in Puyallup through 6/26	25
26 9 am Children's Choir 10 am Worship 2 pm Hispanic Ministries 4 pm SVUM Youth	27 9 am Newsletter Mailing 2 pm Hugo's Accordion Band	28 10 am Worship Meeting 1:30 pm Bell Trio	29 1:30 pm Staff Mtg	30 8:30 am Men's Morning Ministry		

ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 6/1 Andrew and Nicole Latulippe
- 6/5 Brandon and Alice Hansen
- 6/7 Ben and June Dunlap
- 6/12 Floyd and Carolyn Gregg
- 6/14 Yank and Janeie Belisle
- 6/15 Karl and Becky Stout
- 6/17 Dennis and Vicki Cooley
- 6/21 Gary and Anne Thompson
- 6/26 Roger & Mary Ann Mercer
- 6/28 Al and Linda Steiner

