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## Pastors Column: Redefining “Us”

With our nation and our world as fractured as they have been, I am doing all I can these days to step away from “us” and “them” language, and to redefine the word “us.” As wonderful as it is to be part of a church family like this one, I’m pleased we’ve been intentionally building connections beyond our congregation this year as well.

Still more opportunities await this fall, as we invite you to:

- worship and share a meal with our friends in the Hungarian Reformed Church
- attend the next Open House at the Muslim Association of Puget Sound
- welcome my friend Aneelah Afzali, of the American Muslim Empowerment Network, to worship with us
- perhaps even enjoy another ecumenical service elsewhere in Magnolia following the great success of the Labor Day service here at MPC

You may have noticed the new family photo album we’ve been creating on the bulletin boards just inside our church entrance? It does my heart good to see us redefining family there to include brothers and sisters in Christ from other congregations, interfaith friends, neighbors at Tent City 5 (recently renamed Tiny Cabins Safe Harbor), and multicultural musicians from several countries who visited us from University Presbyterian Church earlier in the year.

How else might we redefine “us”?

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Deb Sunoo

## CALENDAR

**Oct 4th**  
Afternoon Study

**Oct 7th**  
Worship and Music  
Conversation

**Oct 7th**  
Sandwich Sunday

**Oct 7th**  
Treehouse Quilters

**Oct 14th**  
Hungarian Worship

**Oct 18th**  
Book Discussion

**Oct 20th**  
MAPS Open House

**Oct 22nd**  
Evening Bible Study

**Oct 28th**  
Guest Speaker  
Aneelah Afzali

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## Remembering George King

George Edward King passed away on August 22, 2018 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Dublin, Ireland on February 22, 1936, George emigrated to the U.S. in 1956. He often said that he came here to find employment... and Sally. George worked for several companies, including Boeing, before joining the WA State Department of Revenue where he spent 28 years and became the youngest supervisor for the Compliance Division. He enjoyed his work, especially when he could help owners save their companies.

George loved traveling near and far, and especially enjoyed driving around the British Isles and around Europe. He and Sally had their last trip to Ireland just two years ago while also enjoying sunny Spain.

George also enjoyed renovating their home, reading biographies, taking long walks, skiing, and being a husband, father, and grandfather.

George is predeceased by sisters and two of his brothers. He is survived by his wife Sally, daughter Jennifer King Watt and her children Connor and Lauren, son David (Karin) and his children Solveig, Declan, and Elsie, daughter Sarah Stern (Karl) and her sons Jakob and Luke, a brother, a cousin, and nieces and nephews.

George was an active member of Bethany Presbyterian Church for over 35 years before returning to Magnolia Presbyterian Church where he and Sally were married in 1963.

His memorial service will be held here at MPC on Saturday, October 6th at 2 pm.



## Backpack Blessing

Our Sunday School kids were sent back to school with our prayers on Sunday, September 9th when Children's Director Liina-Ly Roos Beatty invited them forward with their backpacks for a special blessing in front of the church at children's time.



## Food Drive Gathers Record Donations

Thanks to Interbay QFC shoppers, our MPC team was able to gather more than 13 barrels of food on September 15th to benefit the Emergency Feeding Program of King County. This was the most donations of any site, according to Greg Kelly, the event organizer.

# Church Picnic at Magnolia Park on September 9th



## Moses Study in CONNECT Class

Our CONNECT Youth Class, middle and high school students, meets for the second half of the Sunday worship hour. Pastor Justin Beatty leads the study, focusing this fall on Moses and the story of the Exodus. All youth are welcome!



## Children's Ministry Updates

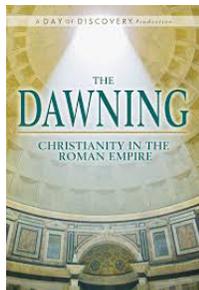
Both the Big BLAST and BLAST Junior classes are learning different stories from the Old Testament through October. The children will continue to decorate sandwich bags on Sandwich Sundays as part of this church service project! The congregation will also be hearing music from the BLAST classes in coming weeks. We are starting to get ready for the Christmas pageant by practicing songs and assigning roles during October and November. I hope that many of our children will be able to participate! It is quite a fun time of year. Our fall Sunday classes are off to a great start!

Liina-Ly Roos Beatty,  
Children's Ministry Director



## Welcome Preschool!

The Boys and Girls Club preschool formerly housed at Lawton Elementary School kicked off their new school year in our church facility on September 10th. We are delighted to have them using our building midweek, and we look forward to a wonderful partnership over the years!



## Afternoon Study Begins October 4th

A video series entitled, "The Dawning: Christianity in the Roman Empire"

will be the focus of our afternoon women's Bible study this year. We meet monthly on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm beginning October 4th.

This year we will learn about the foundation of the Christian faith in the Roman Empire and take a closer look at the struggles faced by early Christians and their drive to endure. The study is replete with both historical facts and biblical foundation. Study guides are \$7 and will be available at the first class. Questions? E-mail Janet Friedrich at philipf@comcast.net.



## Sandwich Sunday October 7th

Join the fun of sandwich building on October 7th during coffee hour. All of the sandwich fixings and supplies are provided. Come downstairs to Fellowship Hall after worship and join us to make sandwiches for the folks living at Tiny Cabins Safe Harbor (formerly called Tent City 5). Let us know if you are interested in being part of the Sandwich Sunday delivery team.

## Join the Worship & Music Conversation

New this year! A number of our MPC staff and members are gathering to brainstorm about our worship life as a congregation. How well are we representing our congregation's wide range of musical tastes? Can we do more with the visual arts? What are the best ways to more fully engage our children and youth as worship participants? Our next Worship and Music conversation will be Sunday, October 7th at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please let Pastor Deb know if you are interested in participating and would like to be added to the list to receive meeting reminders.



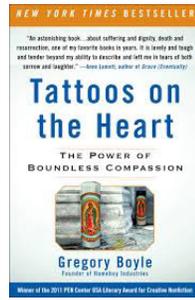
### Invitation to Hungarian Worship Service

Our friends in the Hungarian Reformed Church have invited us to join them for their 2:30 pm worship service at MPC on Sunday October 14th with a meal to follow. Please see Pastor Deb for more information.



### MAPS Open House Oct 20th

MAPS - the Muslim Association of Puget Sound has invited us to their fall Open House on Saturday, October 20th from 12 noon – 3 pm. These quarterly events offer helpful first-hand information, generous hospitality and plenty of fun. The theme this time is “Ask a Muslim” which gives us a chance to ask any questions we wish! Please let Pastor Deb know if you would like to attend so we can arrange carpools and register for the event which includes a delicious lunch.



### Book Discussion Begins October 18th

The book *Tattoos on the Heart: the Power of Boundless Compassion* will

be discussed Thursday evenings at 7 pm, October 18th through November 15th. For twenty years Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In this book he distills his experience into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally. Please let Pastor Deb know if you are planning to join the book group this fall.

### Evening Bible Study

“Life Lessons from Romans” is the theme for this year’s Women’s Evening Bible Study. Please join us at 7 pm on fourth Mondays of the month in the Mt. Rainier Room beginning October 22nd. Paul’s letter to the Romans offers guidance to the early church on building a strong relationship with God. Study guides will be available at class for \$5.00. See you on the 22nd!



### Welcoming Guest Speaker Aneelah Afzali on October 28th

Aneelah Afzali, Director of the Muslim American Empowerment Network, will be our guest in worship on Sunday, October 28th. Our sermon that morning will take the form of an interfaith dialogue between Aneelah and Pastor Deb. Aneelah will remain for a time of questions and answers during coffee hour as well.



### Quilters Gather in October

If you would like to join a group making quilts to be donated to Treehouse for foster children, save Sunday afternoons in October. The quilters will meet after worship to cut out, sew, and finish as many quilts as we can over the four Sundays. Even if you have no sewing or quilting experience, you’re welcome to join us for an afternoon of ‘productive production’ and enjoyable bonding between church friends. For more details, contact Freda Clark at [freda\\_c@comcast.net](mailto:freda_c@comcast.net).