

# A Friday e-pistle from Pastor Greg



Dear MICC Family,

As you read this I will be leaving San Antonio, Texas headed for Santa Ana, CA. It was my special privilege to speak before some 300 officers and soldiers at Fort Sam Houston at their national day of prayer observance. This first for me was quite memorable (especially after Keith Gerdin in our church told me last Sunday he'd spent nearly two years at Fort Sam during World War 2). I want to thank those of you who prayed for me.

Now, it's off to Wendy's parent's home in Orange County to enjoy time with family and (hopefully) some warm sunshiny days. Two of our three girls from Chicago will be joining Wendy and me at Nana and Grampa's place since it's their spring vacation. One of the highlights of our time down south will be speaking to my in-laws' Sunday school class. King's Class is larger than many congregations.

I do want to encourage you to attend upcoming events at MICC...



Tonight at 7pm is a FREE CONCERT in our sanctuary featuring the gifted voices of Island Sound (the Mercer Island Children's Choir). This amazing group of vocalists will perform selections of your favorite Disney music as they prepare to travel to Nashville to record an album.

Please come out and support this outstanding group. It is a tangible way that we can be a "refreshing fragrance and an appealing presence" to our community.

Tomorrow is the North Pacific Conference Leadership Matrix. This annual event used to be called the Covenant Missions Conference but now includes a track for lay leaders in the local church as well as a program by which several of our Covenant missionaries share updates from their various fields. Tomorrow's event is going to be at River Ridge Covenant Church in Olympia from 9am to 4pm. Information may be found at [www.leadershipmatrix2010.eventbrite.com](http://www.leadershipmatrix2010.eventbrite.com).

This Sunday Pastor Jeff will be speaking on the third installment of the "Whispers in the Wilderness" Lenten series. His title is "It's All About Pleasure", reflecting on our reading from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.



It's just two weeks away from March 21 and our "Feet to Faith" initiative. Almost 100 folks have registered to walk or run. If you haven't registered for one of the race-day events, there is still time. You must send in a form (available in the narthex) or register online at the Mercer Island Rotary Half-Marathon website. Simply signing one of the giant rosters in the narthex is not enough.

By the way, some generous folks in our church have created a scholarship fund to help those who would like to participate but can't afford to pay the full registration costs. If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please contact one of the pastors.

We still need volunteers to help on the day of the race. The forms will be in the narthex on Sunday between services. If 90-year old John Gobeille

can volunteer to help make this community outreach a memorable experience, you can find a way to help. Right?



One more thing! Do you know someone who has experienced some kind of loss over the past year or so? The death of a loved one? The death of a marriage? The loss of a job? Trauma over a major move? Depression over loss of income? Beginning on Wednesday March 17th and for six weeks we will be offering a grief and loss support workshop. This 90-minute weekly course will follow Community Dinner at 6:30pm and will be hosted by Bob and Nancy Dings, Doreen Duff-Dings, Kathy Lopus and myself. Cost is only \$15 for the published materials. Please help us spread the word and plan to join us.

I'll be thinking of you and praying for you this Sunday as you gather for worship!

With joy,

*Pastor Greg*

PS: One more thing, I hope you noticed the story about Ken and Carol Lottis on the Covenant newswire. If not go to....

<http://www.covchurch.org/cov/news/item7586>