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This past week my family and I attended the 125th gathering of Northwest Yearly Meeting for the annual sessions held at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. If you are unfamiliar with what Northwest Yearly Meeting (NWYM) is, then hopefully this article will shed some light on that, as well as instill in you a sense of hope and encouragement to possibly be involved within our Church more and to be involved with the Yearly Meeting.

Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches (NWYM) is a covenantal community of evangelical Friends churches that make Jesus Christ known by: Teaching and obeying the whole gospel as revealed by the Holy Spirit and recorded in Scripture; loving and mutually supporting each other; and equipping and releasing people to continue His mission in the world.

And **YOU** are a part of NWYM because you are a part of Metolius Friends Community Church. We belong to this larger umbrella that gives us access to support, oversight, relationships, encouragement, and numerous other opportunities. Each year, the last week in July, all 62 Churches within the NWYM are invited to George Fox University to worship together, pray together, hear yearly reports from ministries that are occurring (such as: missionary updates, camp reports, Christian education, budget, etc...) and to continue relationships that have been made throughout the years.

These times together with other like-minded Christian brothers and sisters remind us that we are not alone, as it can sometimes feel like. We have other Churches in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington that are praying for us. For me personally, the best part about attending the annual sessions each July is connecting with other “Friends” from across these states. Hanging out, eating together, catching up on what God is doing within their Churches, all of these things feed my soul and encourage me that God is at work in our midst!

This year there is a renewed sense of hope for NWYM that is happening; a new hope for the future. We set aside time on two different days for “Dreaming & Visioning”. I want to share with you some of the dreams and visions that my group came up with for the future of NWYM, and I think these fall in line for future dreams and visions of Metolius Friends as well.

- Continue to teach our children about Jesus as well as Friends beliefs and doctrine but doing this in a more family oriented environment. Empowering parents to teach their children and equipping them with the information that is needed.
- Improve communication between Friends Churches, to get to know one another better.
- Expanding our multi-cultural ministry and understanding. (Jefferson County is the most diverse county in the state of Oregon, does our Church Body reflect this?)
- Make sure evangelism is a top priority. Are people coming to know Jesus because of us?
- Planting new Friends Churches. (Think Redmond, Bend, Sisters, Prineville) Metolius Friends Community Church is the only “Friends” Church in Central Oregon. How amazing would it be for us to plant Churches in these other towns??!!

I believe this is an exciting time to be in the Friends Church, in Northwest Yearly Meeting, and in Central Oregon. I hope that you will join with me in praying for Jesus to use us, to grow us, and to expand His Kingdom here in the Pacific Northwest!

- Pastor Jadon



Ramblings of the Children's Programs Minister

August 2017

The topic of sharing God's love, power and grace with our children has been on my mind these past several months. Yes, it is important to share this message with our neighbors and the world but we are also instructed to share it with our children.

The past several weeks we have had children dedicated to God, how exciting an event. In that dedication, parents promised to bring them up in the ways of our Lord, and we promised to support them in that task. How then do we support parents and help bring these children God has brought to our church? There is no one simple answer but God has impressed upon me a good start would be to share how God has through the faith of the founders of this church and the faith of families and individuals brought us this far. We are instructed to tell the new generation what great things God has done, if we fail to do so we will lose a generation that desires to follow God's instructions.

I suggest a great place to look and share with others is found in Chapter 11 of Hebrews. It is called the faith chapter.

Faith in Action

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

This is just a small portion of that chapter. I would hope you would take time to read the rest. By faith is repeated time after time in this chapter and stories of how God rewards that faith is amazing. It is good that we share this story with one another and our children, but how about sharing the stories of faith that made Metolius Friends Community Church what it is today. What about stories of faith in your family past and present. I believe this would bring an excitement not just to our children but to all of us. What steps of faith do you see for our church, for our children and most importantly what step of faith is God calling you to.

Dayton Durley



August 6th, at 10:00am
Culver's Church In the Park

August 20th
Beginning at 10:00am
Community Worship Service
At Sahalee Park in Madras
Bring chairs or blankets.

We will be having Worship services at our
church on both Sundays at 10:45am.



Our Community
In the Park,
At Sahalee Park,
Madras

August 5th
9:00am to 4:00pm

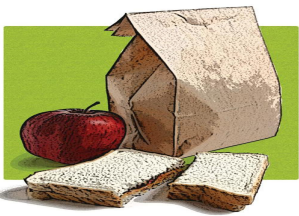
We are still in need of volunteers
to help with the automotive care.
Please contact Bob Bozarth.



3rd - Kim Macy
7th - Sharon Macy
Austin Phillips
8th - John Hatfield
13th - Janet Rose
15th - Don Henderson
17th - Sara Slaght
18th - Angie Henderson
19th - Cindy Stanfield
20th - Janice Alexander
Ashlyn Leeper
Brayden Macy
22nd - Joey Chavez
25th - Patricia Copeland
30th - Nelda Read
31st - Charlotte Cloud



11th - James & Kim Macy
16th - Norm & Margaret
Winters
17th - Lee & Fawn
Farrester
20th - Dan & Michele
Quinn
27th - Scott & Angie
Leeper



BROWN BAG FOOD DELIVERY

Friday, August 4

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.



A Ladies' Luncheon is planned for
Saturday, August 12th
from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Although there is no child care available,
this is a kid friendly event, so feel free to
bring them if you want.



At Cove Palisades State Park

August 13th , 3:00pm-6:00pm

(or arrive whenever you arrive!)

*Meet at the Lower Deschutes Day use Beach Area
Boating, Swimming, Relaxing, Skiing, Tubing...*

Bring snack food to share —

Plastic ware will be provided.



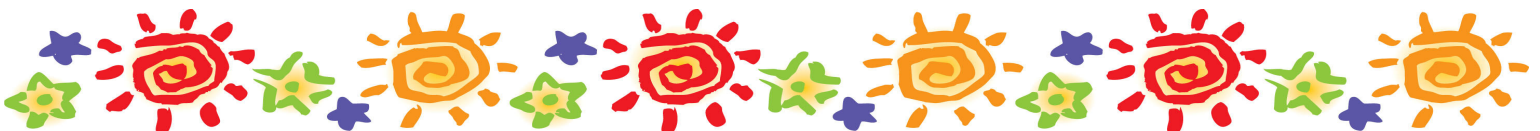
ECLIPSE AUGUST 21ST
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED



Kid's Fun Day At The Park!

Ages 4 through 5th grade will be
dismissed halfway through the service
for food, fun, and fellowship!

**"Why wish upon a star when you can pray
to the One who created it?"**



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Let praise — not merely thanksgiving, but praise — always form an ingredient of thy prayers. We thank God for what He is to us, for the benefits which He confers and the blessings with which He visits us. But we praise Him for what He is in Himself, for His glorious excellences and perfections, independently of their bearing on the welfare of the creature. ... When thou singest praise, all creation (in a manner) sings in thee and with thee.

—Edward Goulburn

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	2	3 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	4 4:30 pm Food Delivery 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	5 9:00 am Our Community In The Park @ Sahalie
6 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship No Youth Group 10:00 am Culver Church in the Park	7	8 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	9 5:45 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting	10 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	11 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	12 2:00 pm Women's Luncheon
13 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship No Youth Group 3:00 pm Church Lake Day At The Cove	14	15 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	16 7:00 pm Steward Ministry Team Meeting	17 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen 7:00 pm Christian Ed Ministry Team Meeting	18 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	19
20 No Sunday School 10:45 am Worship No Youth Group 10:00 am Madras Church in the Park	21  The Office Will Be Closed Today	22 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	23	24 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	25 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	26
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