



The Proclaimer

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Hello Friends,

I am currently sitting in Rockaway Beach, Oregon on the coast watching the waves of the Pacific Ocean crash against the rocks and the shore. Being a born and raised Kansan the ocean always amazes me, and it also terrifies me a little bit if I'm being completely honest. My flatlander, landlocked mentality doesn't like to think about all the different things that could be swimming around just underneath the surface. I like to be able to see what I'm dealing with!

At the same time the power and beauty of the ocean is mesmerizing. There is something special about how big and vast the ocean is. I think our relationship with God can be like the ocean sometimes. We can stand in awe of Him, we can see His awesome power, and we can see how beautiful His grace and love is for us. We can also be a little bit terrified by God because He doesn't fit nicely and neatly into our boxes. He cannot be controlled just like the ocean cannot be controlled. There are mysteries beneath the surface that we cannot see.

Yet, God calls us off the spiritual beach of just watching Him and invites us into the ocean of actually experiencing and knowing Him. The song, "Oceans", by Hillsong United speaks to God calling us out into places that might be unknown to us.

*You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand*

*And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine*

God wants us to know Him better, and that usually occurs by stepping out in faith where He is calling us. Is God calling you to step off the safety of the beach and into the unknown? He promises to meet us there and not let us sink.

May our faith stand even in the midst of the ocean,
Pastor Jadon



Join us at our 3rd Annual. . .

Valentines Dinner and Silent Auction

When? February 5th, 2016

6 pm- 8 pm

Where? Metolius Friends Church

What? Valentines dinner
benefitting the Mexico Missions Team

Cool? \$12.50 per person

\$25.00 a couple

Menu includes: Green Salad, Red Potatoes, Rolls, Tri-Tip,
and dessert

To reserve your tickets call 541-546-4974

There will be no childcare available.

1st - Sandy Durley
2nd - Augusta Davis
6th - Harvey Rose
11th - Angie Leeper
14th - Cheryl McCullough
18th - Kailee Macy



20th - Rob & Sandy cloud
24th - Dayton & Sandy Durley



01/10/2016 MFFC Pastor's Report By Jadon Ross for Metolius Friends Community Church

What a whirlwind the last month has been! I am privileged and honored to be here pastoring in Metolius. A big thanks to each of you for welcoming my family and I. The support and encouragement that we have already received have been wonderful blessings from God through you. We are excited to see all that God has in store for us as we move forward together.

God highlights and events over the last month have included:

Caroling Party

Enjoyed the times of singing, walking through the neighborhood, getting to know new people, and the time of fellowship after the singing.

Christmas Eve Service

I was so thankful to be able to celebrate the birth of Christ with all of you at our Christmas Eve Service this year. We had 160 in attendance and the Spirit of God was moving in the midst of the singing, Scripture reading, and fellowship together. Praise the Lord that from the light of Jesus we can all have light in the darkness.

New Year's Eve Party

This was a great time of playing games, eating food, and spending time with folks in the Church. Thanks to Malcolm for coordinating the event.

Bible Studies and Coffee Fellowship

I have been able to attend a few Bible studies in my short time here as well as the Coffee Fellowship on Thursday mornings. It is great to see people in the Church connecting with each other outside of Sunday morning.

2016 - 1st Quarter Vision and Plans:

Assimilating into the Metolius Friends Community

Teaching the following classes:

Getting To Know Metolius Friends/Membership Class - February 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

Friends Doctrine Class/Finding Your Ministry - March 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

Preaching Through:

The Sermon on the Mount

The Parables of Jesus

The Last 24 Hours (The Last Supper, The Garden, The Courtyard, & The Cross)

Offering a Good Friday Service

March 25, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Celebration

Pastor Jadon

Minutes for the Metolius Friends Community Church Congregational meeting held on January 10, 2016.

The meeting was originally scheduled to begin after the morning worship service and potluck. At the beginning of the worship service Pastor Jadon came up to the front of the sanctuary and said that they had an emergency. He needed to take Audrey to the ER in Madras. Pastor Jadon prayed for the congregation and the worship service and then left.

The worship service continued as usual with the singing, scripture reading, announcements, offering and Dayton Durley's message for the children. At 11:20 a.m. in open worship Jim Struck spoke to the congregation about a sermon he heard on the radio early one morning. The minister spoke about the Israelites wandering 40 years in the wilderness, complaining and grumbling when God had provided for their every need the whole time. When they crossed the Red Sea the waters did not part until the Ark went in the raging river. The ark stayed in the middle of the river until all the people were on the other side. The people focused on the Ark. All the people needed was to see God and focus on Him. We need to keep our eyes focused on Christ. Jim Struck invited everyone to come along side. Several others spoke during the open worship time. Then Jim Cloud, Clerk of the Meeting went to the microphone and announced that we would do some of the committee reports now.

Youth Pastor, Michael Vance:

Michael said that he receives a lot of questions about "what is his job between Metolius and Youth For Christ? He explained he works one day a week at church and has Youth group meetings. He plans to start Bible Quizzing again. He has about 6 to 8 kids in the church youth group. YFC has 35 to 40 kids in the club and at Culver they have about 15 to 20 kids. Michael explained that his salary is paid by Youth For Christ and our church pays the money to Youth For Christ for the period of time he works for the church.

Missions Committee:

They plan to start meeting regularly. Some of the projects will be to help raise money for a car for Lance Roberts in Ukraine and start being more focused on letting our congregation know who our missionaries are and where they are stationed.

Elders Report:

Lee Farrester gave the Elders Committee report. Lee said that Jim Struck was very busy so he asked Lee to chair the Elders Committee. Lee apologized to all the committee clerks because he realized they could have met together more; should have been more communication. Lee mentioned that Dayton Durley is now on Elders and he has been a big help. Lee said that there were four candidates for the church pastorate and they interviewed 3 of them. Lee said that Pastor Jadon asked to pray for the hiring committee. The Holy Spirit led thru the entire process. All the committees were very helpful.

Jim Cloud closed this portion of the meeting by reading Matthew 5:Verse 14 which speaks about the Christians being the light of the world. Jim said that he believes each one of us are the light. Richard Macy was asked to close this portion with prayer and bless the potluck. Congregation went into the social hall for the potluck meal.

At 12:50 p.m. Jim Cloud, Clerk of the Meeting called everyone together and then continued with the business meeting.

Christian Education Committee Report:

Tia Powell gave the report. Tia said that in order to have Sunday School again, they need teachers for pre-school thru 6th grade. In Children's Church during the worship service they have anywhere from 8 to 20 kids a Sunday. They plan to have VBS in July.

Stewards Committee:

Chuck Alexander, Clerk of Stewards gave the report. A copy of the church budget proposed for calendar year 2016 was handed out to everyone so it could be reviewed. Chuck mentioned that some donations had been received for some specific items. Chuck said that the Stewards Committee has been talking about the need for the church to have a garage to house the church van and also for storage. The placement would be in part of the garden. Chuck talked about the materials to use. Chuck mentioned that it was discussed to build a pole building 24 Ft. by 28 Ft. Several in the congregation asked questions about the garage. It was mentioned that these plans should have been mentioned to the congregation. Also had the committee taken into account whether the materials used would be acceptable to the neighbors. Chuck went on to explain some more of the details and that the strip of land between the church properties belongs to the city; it is not an alley.

Church's Community Garden: Several people asked questions about the garden and others had some good ideas and suggestions.

Chuck asked if everyone had time to review the budget and did anyone have questions. Chuck explained some of the items in the budget and why they were increased. Chuck also mentioned that plans have been discussed with the members of the Stewards Committee to upgrade the church sprinkler system.

Jim Cloud said that it is time to approve the church budget for 2016. Are there any more questions? Jim said there have been lots of questions about the church garden and proposed garage. Jim said he senses that we are approving the budget. Lee was asked to close the meeting with prayer at 1:20 p.m.

Elaine Henderson,
Recording Clerk

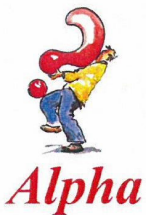
FROM THE Youth Pastor

Perhaps the greatest thing about the God we serve aside from the fact we have eternal life through acceptance and sharing in a relationship with Him, is the fact Jesus came down to serve. Jesus did come down to give His life so that we may also have life, but Jesus spent the majority of His time in serving other people. One thing that has been drawn to my attention as of late is the idea that we can do all the good that we want, but it does not achieve its purpose unless we have a heart of Christ throughout the process of whatever it is we are doing. In order for us to truly live lives as Christ-followers, we must allow Christ to come in and mold our hearts. Without a changed heart we still remain unchanged, and anything we do without a changed heart is still as purposeless as it was before. The hard truth of the matter is we can accept Christ into our lives, but if we do not allow our hearts to be changed, we are just another person claiming to be a follower of Christ with a worldly heart. We must allow God to change our hearts, and we must be willing to take on a servant's heart. I always hear people talk about having a heart of God and asking what that looks like. It looks like servant leadership. It is doing the work that nobody else wants to do so that God can be glorified. It is being willing to do anything God asks of us so that God's kingdom can be glorified and advanced in the name of Jesus. Jadon talked a little bit on January 24th about being invited to be a part of God's kingdom. Being a part of that kingdom does mean eternal life, and it means that wonderful relationship. It also means being willing to be sent by God into the trenches of this earth so the Gospel can be spread. Being a leader without doing work only goes so far. Somebody may acquire a following just by being charismatic, but people want to follow somebody who is willing to do the dirty work. This is the same reason I want to follow Christ, and I want to take on the lifestyle of Jesus. I want to do the hard things for Jesus, because I know He did the hardest thing of all for me. That was the most painful and excruciating death anybody could have suffered, and He did it so we would all have a chance at redemption in His name.

One thing we have started doing for youth group is helping out with community kitchen for the first half an hour of our ninety minutes we have together. It will not always be fun, but we get a chance to help those who need help. We get a wonderful opportunity to help those in need while building relationships with some who may not have Christ in their lives. Anytime there was a chance for Jesus to touch a life, He was there to do it. As a youth group, we have a chance to help others and serve a God who did the very same for people who were much less deserving of His grace and love. I am so excited we are able to do this on a weekly basis, and I am hoping and praying that we allow God to mold our hearts so that we may serve with a Christ-like vigor and attitude. I love when God presents us with opportunities to be a part of His glorious plan, and this time is no different.

I would encourage others who have opportunities to advance the kingdom of God and serve to do so. I would also encourage prayer that a heart-change would occur through that same process. It is so important that we allow ourselves to be taken out of our comfort zones in order to reach the people around us. It is so important to be servants in a selfish and "me" focused culture. God always needs more servants for His kingdom's sake, and I do not want to miss out on the opportunity to be a part of that.

Michael Vance



It is time for ALPHA again. We will be starting February 21. Our instructors will be Jon Powell and Lee Farrester. We will start with a meal at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. At 6:00 pm we will move into the Sanctuary for the video and then a short discussion. It should conclude by 7:00 pm.

We are in need of help with meals starting the 21st. If you can provide a meal let Augusta Davis, 541-350-0379 or Lee, 541-771-4222, know. We will be passing around a sign up sheet for meals over the next couple of Sundays. Child care is provided and if you need financial reimbursement to prepare a meal please let Lee know.



Looking for a place to serve? We have opportunities available on Sunday






mornings. We are looking for people to share duties for both of the Sunday school classes. The classes are broken up into 4yrs to 1st grade and 2nd grade to 5th grade. It would be ideal to have 2 teachers per class.

Every child deserves a great beginning. If you would like to help make a difference in a child's life, please contact Tia Powell, 541-350-0911, or Angi Leeper, 541-977-7858.





February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	2 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's  Groundhog Day	3 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Madison Coffee House 10:00 am Women's Bible Study @ the church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ the church	4 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen 6:00 pm Youth Group	5 6:00 pm 	6 6:00 PM HS Bible Study @ Madison Coffee House
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Come Worship with Friends



Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Morning Worship

6:00 pm Evening Bible Study

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