

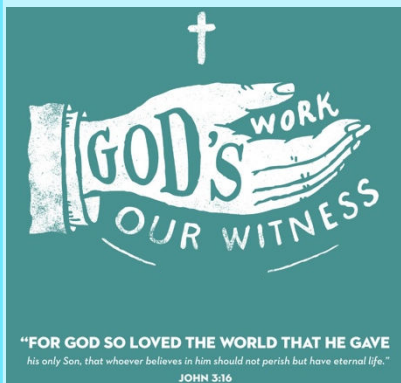
The Proclaimer

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Year End Review: God's Work, Our Witness

As we close 2016 and look ahead to all that is to come in the New Year, I wanted to do a short year-end review. It is good to remember the ways in which God has worked and blessed us in the past so that we can remain hopeful in the future knowing that He will remain faithful in helping us. Here are a few highlights from 2016 for Metolius Friends Community Church.

1. Holy Week events including the lunches, the Good Friday service, the Easter Sunrise service on Round Butte, and our Easter Celebration service.
2. Kristen Farrester was baptized and we enjoyed a day at the lake in conjunction with celebrating her commitment to Jesus Christ.
3. Following God's leading in creating, searching for, and hiring a Minister of Children's Programming. Dayton Durley has been doing a great job in this role.
4. Participating in both Churches in the Park (Madras & Culver). These were well attended and a great example of worshipping together as the entire Body of Christ.
5. Participating in the Metolius Spike and Rail Day with a float in the parade and face painting and games for the children. What a great way to be involved in our community!
6. Starting Sunday School again for all ages! Even in three short months think about all that our children have learned about God that they might not have otherwise. This is a priceless investment into their lives.
7. 3 of our Middle School students attending the leadership training weekend, Samuel School I, at Twin Rocks Friends Camp.
8. Community Kitchen continuing to feed people every week on Thursday night.
9. All our Christmas season activities including the Christmas Eve service and the Christmas Program that we just completed.
10. And last but not least, the countless people who have helped in their various ways throughout the year. There would be no year-end report and no Church if it wasn't for all of you.

I read a quote recently that made me think about our Church and how it goes against the flow. It said, "What I've learned in 2016 is most people do not want to work hard. People want to get in front of a camera and get famous, or get rich quick. When it comes to sitting down and doing the tedious details involved in my line of work, people disappear."

I thank God for each one of you who work hard, for your commitment to Jesus Christ, and your faithfulness to Metolius Friends Community Church. Thanks to you and to God for making 2016 a great year. May we continue to seek His face, to seek Him first, and to be obedient in following His lead in 2017. I am excited for the next steps!

Pastor Jadon



3rd - Sandy Brendle
9th - Nichole Dinkel
19th - Logan Macy
26th - David Slaght
27th - Marilyn Lancaster
Jadon Ross
28th - Jennifer Hatfield
Tricia Slaght



3rd - Dusty & Megan Miller
10th - Jon & Tia Powell

Ramblings by Children's Program Minister

I hope to launch a children's prayer partner opportunity this month. I see it as an exciting way to minister to our children not just here at Metolius Friends Community Church but locally, state wide, across our nation and world-wide.

Being a prayer partner right here at Metolius Friends gives us a chance to get know our children better. Through prayer God will do a work that we cannot do on our own. More than ever we need to cover our children in prayer in today's challenging world. Prayer can protect families from the pressures of this world.

God also hears our prayers for children outside our own church. We don't have to be a prayer partner to take time to pray for children and families all around us. As we expand our view we can pray for those in parts of the world where it is a struggle to just survive. As we pray we may discover God has something we can do in His name.

Then how should we pray? May I suggest that we do as Jesus said when He was asked.

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

As we pray through this prayer adapt it to the child, children or families we want to reach
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Congregational MEETING

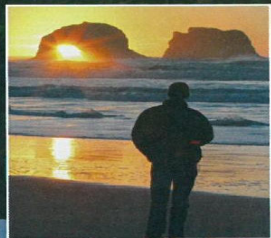
January 8th is our **Congregational Meeting for Business** following the service. This is a meeting for everyone who claims this church as their own. It is a time to hear reports from the various Committee Clerks, Pastor Jadon and Dayton our Minister of Children's Programming. We will also have a time to hear and approve the budget for the coming year. You are all invited to stay and hear the reports and give comments or ask questions, if you choose.



We will be having a **Potluck Dinner** before the meeting gets started. Everyone is welcome to stay for the potluck and we are asking if you can, to please bring a main dish and a salad, bread or dessert.

*"Your face, Lord, I will seek...
Teach me your way, Lord;
lead me in a straight path..."*
*"Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord."*

— Selections from Psalm 27 (NIV)



Rekindle
Relax Rejoice
Reflect
Restore
Respond

Sabbath by the Sea



For more detailed information, please visit www.twinrocks.org or email *Sabbath by the Sea* director Steve Fawver at steve@newbergfriends.org.



Could you benefit from several days spent at an ocean-view retreat center with the express purpose of taking time and space to simply interact with God? *Sabbath by the Sea* offers you such an experience—a personal retreat in the midst of a small, caring community. Half-week and full-week retreats are available. Pick up your brochure from the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall.

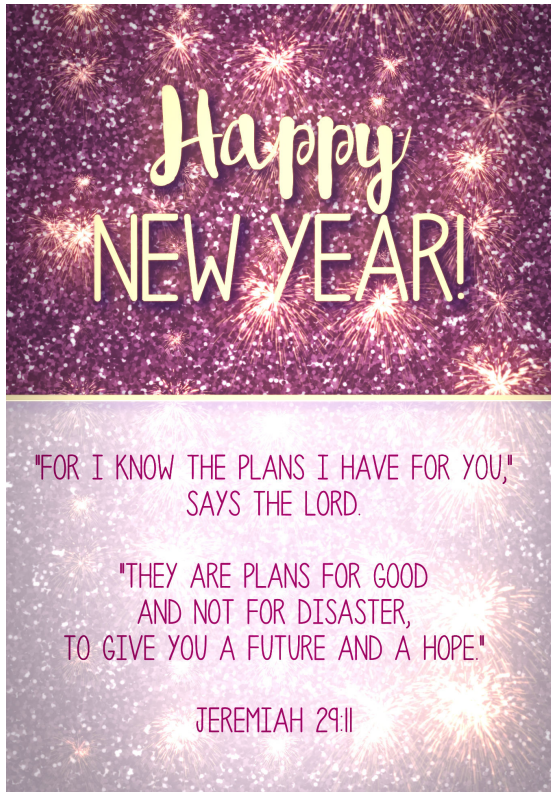
Pastor Jadon and the family will be at *Sabbath by the Sea* January 16th through the 19th. If you are in need of prayer or need anything during this time, please contact the Church office or one of our Elders.



For a fee starting at \$1,500, anyone can now register a national day or even give one as a gift. Special-interest groups are discovering that national days are great for marketing. (Start preparing for National Crouton Day on May 13!) Throughout the Bible, God instructs people to set aside special days for rest and remembrance. Yet to him, every day is holy — even if it lacks a holiday, pseudo or otherwise. “This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Sunday School 10:45 am Worship No Youth Group	2 8:00 am Breakfast Fellowship @ Beetle Bailey	3 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:30 pm bible Study @ Drahn's	4	5 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	6 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	7
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Come Worship with Friends



Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Morning Worship

5:30 pm Youth Group

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