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At our last Quarterly Meeting for Business I mentioned that the Elders would be praying and discussing what the “purpose” and “mission” of Metolius Friends Community Church is or perhaps more easily stated, “Why are we here and what are we doing?” Over the past three months we have been working through these ideas and questions with the goal of creating a purpose or mission statement that would essentially drive all that we do at the Church. Once we can articulate the unique calling that God has placed on MFCC we can begin to focus on that and allow it to be “what we are known for”.

We currently have one statement that we are focusing on and building from, and we want you to be a part of the next steps of implementation and then ultimately living it out on a daily basis. This is only a proposal at this point, and any new ideas will be presented at our upcoming Meetings for Business for approval. Our tentative purpose or mission statement is, “to see people transformed into fully mature followers of Jesus, and to impact our community with hope by living, loving, and serving like Christ.” I want to expound on the exciting things that we find in this statement.

### **To See People Transformed Into Fully Mature Followers Of Jesus**

The Gospel power of Jesus is the only thing that can transform people from sinners into “born again” Christians. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” We want to see people being transformed from their former life, former struggles, former sins. As followers of Jesus we should continually be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.

The second part of this goes along with the continued growth aspect. We want to see people become mature in their faith, not just content to stay “spiritual babies”. Hebrews 5:13-14 says, “For everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” There is nothing wrong with being a babe in Christ Jesus as we all start our spiritual journey with Him at one point or another in our lives. We just don’t want people to stay there.

Two questions that will help us as we move forward are:

Are people in the Church being transformed?

Are people in the Church moving toward maturity in Christ?

### **To Impact Our Community With Hope**

This part of the statement is very deeply rooted in the fact that from the very creation of MFCC it was intended to have a prominent place in the community of Metolius. That very word “community” was included into the name of the Church on purpose. And this value that began in 1954 continues to live on today.

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We want Jefferson County, and I think more specifically Metolius, to experience the living hope of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." A hope that reaches out, a hope that responds to needs, a hope that invites neighbors, a hope that loves unconditionally.

Two questions that will help us as we move forward are:

Are people in Metolius aware that MFCC exists?

Are people in Metolius having their lives influenced by MFCC in a positive and hope filled way?

### **By Living, Loving, And Serving Like Christ**

Ephesians 5:1-2 says, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." When others see us we want them to see Jesus. All that we do should be like Jesus and point to Jesus; our normal daily lives, interactions, responses, and choices.

Two questions that will help us as we move forward are:

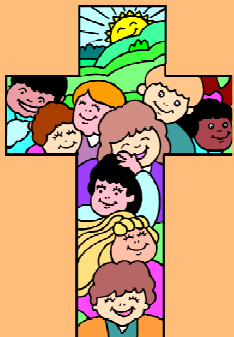
Am I representing Christ in the way that I live my life?

Am I willingly surrendering my comfort, control, and cares to imitate Christ and serve like Him?

### **Conclusion**

We want to have a deep sense of our God given purpose and a clear vision of what God has equipped MFCC with to expand His Kingdom in this place and at this time. God wants to use us and involve us in His redemptive plan for Central Oregon. Will you join in???

- Pastor Jadon



### **Ramblings of Minister of Children's Programming**

We all have a great opportunity over the next several months to reach the community with the real meaning of Christmas. Yes, all of us! God has already provided us with the gifts, talents, and skills needed to make this year's Christmas program a success. It's just a matter of responding as God leads to helping make this a success.

The Christmas program is titled **"Bed, Bethlehem & Beyond" When Heaven Touched Earth.**

I would ask that you prayerfully consider being part of this year's program. It will be held on Christmas Eve day.

The following opportunities are available:

Director, Stage and Props, Costumes, Publicity, Cast members (Mary, Joseph, Narrator, Innkeeper, and the usual cast of Characters to be played by children and unsuspecting adults). Also needed will be your prayers that we glorify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in this endeavor.

Here is a line from the program which I think fits as we consider taking the time to share the story with our church and community around us.

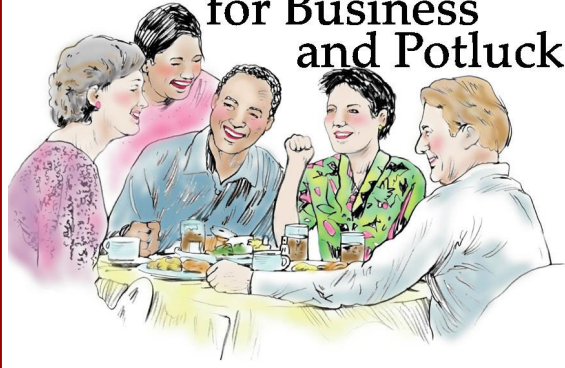
Quote from the Innkeeper in the play:

**"Who am I? I am YOU.** I am every one of you who has said, "I don't have room for Jesus right now. Maybe another day my schedule will be less packed, my house will be clean, my family will be grown and gone. Then I will have room for Jesus."

So I ask you to prayerfully consider making room for serving Jesus in this manner and I know you will be blessed and will bless others in the process.

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## Congregational Meeting for Business and Potluck



different ministry teams and what they are doing.

October 15th

Everyone is invited to a Potluck Dinner following our morning service. Please bring a main dish, and a salad or dessert to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit and get to know new people and catch up with those you might not see very often. After our meal, you are encouraged to stay for our Quarterly Meeting for Business. This is for everyone who considers Metolius Friends their church and who want to hear from the



A Memorial Service will be held  
for Nelda Read  
on Saturday, October 14,  
at 3:00 p.m.  
here at Metolius Friends Church.



The Gilly Girls Band is made up of two sets of twins (Savannah, Morgan, Hailey, & Jillian) from the same family. They enjoy playing bluegrass, southern gospel and old-time string band music. Their music includes mandolin, fiddle, base, guitar, banjo, singing and even an occasional song with yodeling. These young ladies offer something unique! They live on a ranch in California's Sierra Nevada foothills and enjoy the daily chores and pleasures that country life affords. This adds to their charm and the authenticity of their repertoire. They will be

playing at Metolius Friends Community Church on Wednesday October 25 at 6:00 pm!





# CHURCH WORK DAY

We have two Work Days scheduled. October 14 we will be working outdoors and October 28 we will be indoors.

Here is a list of some of the projects we would like to get done October 14.

- Prune the juniper tam and trees
- Continue with lawn project
- General weeding and weed eating
- Remove sunflowers and other large foliage
- Spray back parking lot and garden area
- Garden sign. Do you have ideas?
- Restripe parking lot

Tools needed:

Ladders, pruning shears and saws, shovels, electric hedge clipper, paint for garden sign, paint and guide for striping, gloves, and anything else you might have to make the job go easier.

Please check the Bulletin Board for more information and project lists for both work days. There will be something for everyone to do. Please come and help clean up the church property and building.



Be sure and invite your friends to be part of Children's Fun Day October 29<sup>th</sup>. Games, Face painting, Apple bobbing, and a Pumpkin to decorate.

2nd - Tanya Canaday  
3rd - Lynne Cloud  
12th - Joe Stanfield  
14th - George Snyder



6th - Don & Olivia Brandon  
12th - Lance & Megan Roberts  
13th - John & Trudy Chavez  
15th - Joe & Cindy Stanfield  
25th - Lonn & Loretta Swanson  
26th - Alonzo & Linda DuPont  
31st - Dale & Becky Chase



## BROWN BAG FOOD DELIVERY

### Friday, October 6

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.

# MISSIONARY MOMENT

## **Elizabeth Todd—Friend of Jesus in the Middle East**



Elizabeth currently has a 90 day visa in Ramallah and is seeking ways to extend that presence. She is working with the “Friends English Experience”, which helps young adults and professionals improve their English abilities. Recent changes in regulations have made it difficult to sustain a long term presence.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For world leaders -and us- to hate war, injustice, sloppiness, and prejudice in all their forms.
- For me to remember that what I have in my “lunch box” is enough when I offer it to Jesus.
- For discernment as I decide what ‘Friends English Experience’ classes to offer and which students will most benefit.
- That I will navigate Israeli bureaucracy without blood or tears (sweat is a given) as I get permissions from the Ministry of Transportation, an approved mechanic, the “DMV”, and Postal Service for YM car registration.

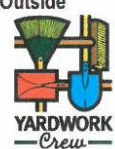




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[The abundant grace] we have received is not just a medicine sufficient to heal the wound of sin but also health and beauty and honor and glory and dignity far transcending our natural state. Each of these in itself would have been enough to do away with death, but when they are all put together in one, there is not a trace of death left, nor can any shadow of it be seen, so entirely has it been done away with.

—St. John Chrysostom

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship <b>5:30 pm Youth Group</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Mom's Group @ the Church 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study @ Drahn's	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study @ the Church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ the Church	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship @ the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	<b>6</b> <b>4:30 pm Brown Bag Delivery</b> 5:00 pm AA Meeting @ the Church	<b>7</b>
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