



YEAR END REVIEW

As another year comes to a close I believe it is important to look back and be reminded of events along the way that can guide us into the future. Some of these events can be mistakes that we learned a valuable lesson from, others can be victories for us that we can hang on to when life gets tough. In the life of Metolius Friends Community Church we have had some wonderful things that have happened over the past year. I always like to be reminded of all the ways God has blessed us in the past, as I believe it sets us up for the future. We can truly say, "God has been with us in 2017, and He will be with us in 2018!"

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Spiritual

- 11 children were dedicated to the Lord and their parents made the declaration that they would raise them in a home that is focused on Jesus Christ!
- Many many prayers prayed and answered!
- 95 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes packed means 95 children will have the opportunity to accept Christ as their Savior!
- People responding to God's voice and growing deeper in their relationship with Him.

Structural

- A broken water pipe below the basement was repaired.
- We installed an underground sprinkler system and timer on the West lawn.
- Spring and Fall clean up/ work days were a success with numerous items checked off the list.
- The newly built garage got a brand-new paint of coat.

Sacrificial

- Folks giving their tithes and offerings to see God's

Kingdom expanded through the local Church Body.

- Over \$500.00 given through the Heart Fund to emergency needs this year.
- Over \$900.00 given to the fire victims who just lost their home and belongings.

Outreach

- The Brown Bag Food Program has doubled in people and the amount of food that have given away since beginning in March. The latest numbers are around 225 people directly impacted and 3,500 lbs. of food donated each month.
- The Mexico Mission Team had a HUGE impact despite the small group that we sent. They served the Lord like Gideon, showing that it is God's mighty power to transform and not the numbers.

These are a small sampling of all the ways that God has blessed us and used us for His glory! Rejoice with me! Happy New Year! May 2018 be the year of the Lord's favor!

- Pastor Jadon

BIRTHDAYS

9th - Nichole Dinkel
 11th - Don Brandon
 19th - Logan Macy
 20th - Floyd Penna
 21st - Jenna Longworth
 26th - David Slaght
 27th - Marilyn Lancaster
 Jadon Ross
 28th - Jennifer Hatfield
 Tricia Slaght

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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OPORTUNITIES



Congregational MEETING

There will be no Potluck with this meeting.

January 7th is our **Congregational Meeting for Business**. This will be a short meeting immediately following the Worship Service in the Sanctuary. There will be written reports and action items only. We will also have a time to hear and approve the budget for the coming year. You are all invited to stay.



BROWN BAG FOOD DELIVERY

NEW LOCATION! Metolius Depot

Friday, January 5, 2018

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.

Graze & Praise

January 20

5:00pm to 7:00pm

At the home of James and Kim Macy

5628 SW Macy Ln.

Culver

The evening will begin with a Potluck dinner. After dinner Kim will lead the group in contemporary praise songs on the piano. If you have an instrument and would like to play along, please feel free to bring it and join her.



RAMBLINGS OF THE MINISTER OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING



I love New Years! A chance to have a new calendar, start afresh, promise to change things we didn't change in 2017 and start things we meant to start in years past. Yes a clean slate a chance not to make the same old mistakes.

I love this illustration of resetting our compass and how it relates to a new year.

My sister bought a new car loaded with high-tech options. The first time she drove the car in the rain, she turned a knob she thought would start the windshield wipers. Instead a message flashed across the dash: "Drive car in 360 degrees." She had no idea what that meant, so when she got home, she read the car manual.

She learned that while trying to turn on the windshield wipers she had inadvertently turned off the internal compass, and the car had lost its sense of direction. To correct the problem, the car had to be driven in a full circle, pointed north, and then the compass had to be reset.

Each time we gather to worship, we are resetting our internal compass. We establish "true north" in our soul, remembering who God is and what his truth proclaims.

— Nancy Cheatham, Olathe, Kansas

Among all my plans I want to include spiritual direction. Direction that comes from our Lord, and other believers. As a church I sense we do want to follow where God wants to lead us. Sometimes we need to take a look at our Spiritual Compass and turn around and reset.

I present a couple of scriptures from God's word for guidance and thought.

Colossians 3:15-17

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Allow the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts this coming year is a promise that allows us to keep on track despite the world around us. The message of Christ is there to teach us, admonish us, and give us wisdom.

Hebrews 10:24-25

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." ~Dayton Durley

A WORD FROM THE CLERK OF ELDERS

First I want to say it's been a pleasure serving as Clerk of the Elders for another year. We have had a lot to do both in our body and in the Northwest Yearly Meeting. It has been a very busy year and it appears as though next year is going to be just as busy.

One of the things that the Elders are busy with is looking for and checking out as well as approving Ministries for, the church body, our family and then of course our community. So, if you have any Ministries that you're interested in seeing happened at Metolius Friends Community Church or in our community please let one of your Elders know or make an appointment to come to one of the Elders meetings and tell us what you would like to see happen if it's something you're wanting to be part of. Please remember we are here to serve you as well as our Pastor and that's exactly what we want to do.

Our hope is that all of us remember that we are family not just a club, not just some kind of a sorority but a family eternally. We will spend eternity together with our Lord, our Heavenly Father and we are the bride of Christ and someday soon the Bridegroom will return to get us. The Bible says in John 14: 2, "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?" So let us be a family and love each other, our neighbors and our community!

Also, we have three adult Sunday school classes and I teach one of the adult classes. In my class we are studying Revelation. We are on chapter 15 and you are welcome to join us any time. We meet in the basement on Sunday mornings and sometime in January we will be moving on to Romans for our next study. You are always welcome if you don't already have a Sunday school class you're attending. Feel free to join ours, we look forward to it!

Until next time God bless you all,

Lee Farrester

JANUARY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THE OFFICE IS CLOSED</p>	1	2 9:00 am Mom's Group at the Church 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study at Drahn's	3 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study at the Church	4 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	5 4:30 pm Brown Bag at The Depot 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	6
7 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:15 pm Quarterly Meeting for Business 5:30 pm Youth Group	8	9 9:00 am Mom's Group at the Church 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study at Drahn's	10 5:15 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study at the Church	11 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	12 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	13
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21 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	22	23 9:00 am Mom's Group at the Church 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study at Drahn's	24 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study at the Church	25 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	26 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	27 8:30 am NWYM Visioning Day
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Ross Vacation