



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Last week I attended the Northwest Yearly Meeting Annual Sessions held at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon. If you are unfamiliar with what this is, here is a little background information. Metolius Friends Community Church is part of a larger group of Friends/Quaker Churches in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. All of these Churches have joined together to form Northwest Yearly Meeting (NWYM) under the truth that we can do more together than we can alone.

Over the last 10 years or so our Friends/Quaker denomination in the Northwest has been at sort of a standstill with quite a bit of our energy and focus going towards the beliefs found in our "Faith & Practice". This is a document that contains our core values, our statements of faith, our Christian doctrine, our Church policies and procedures. In short, it is a guide that we all agree on as we follow Christ. Some Churches in the NWYM no longer agreed with our historical statements and beliefs and they have since left.

As difficult as this has been, this year at our Annual Sessions, where all the NWYM Churches gather together, there was a sense of new excitement, of moving forward,

and a new hope about what Christ is going to do in and through us in reaching people in the Pacific Northwest. We approved the hiring of a new Superintendent, Jim LeShana, which will be important in our next steps of moving forward.

On Sunday, I mentioned a few things that stood out to me:

1. We are called to build God's Kingdom, not our own. The crucial question to ask that should drive all that we do is, "Is this building God's Kingdom or mine? Is this building God's Kingdom or Metolius Friends Community Church's Kingdom? The action from that question should be to build God's Kingdom here. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven!" As we move ahead may we be builders of God's Kingdom here in Central Oregon where God has placed us.
2. We cannot let our Movement become a Monument that then becomes a Tombstone. If we don't keep looking forward, asking God to give us a new vision, then we stop moving. We then become a monument to something in the past. If we

are called to build God's Kingdom, we don't want it to be a monument to Him, we want it to be living and active and alive. Are there things within our Church that have become monuments? If we are not careful they can quickly become tombstones.

3. The last thing that really stood out to me is that I love Metolius Friends Community Church. I am not putting down any other Church, I am just incredibly joyful and glad that God has allowed me to be a part of MFCC. I think it really is the best! I am thankful for you and your part of the Church. Because it is the people in the Church that create the Church culture and atmosphere of honesty, of being down to earth, of not putting on a show, of faithfully living out the call of Jesus Christ on their lives. I am thankful to live in Central Oregon and humbled to be the Pastor at Metolius Friends. I hope you love the Church too!

- Pastor Jadon

BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Kim Macy
 7th - Sharon Macy
 Austin Phillips
 8th - John Hatfield
 13th - Janet Rose
 Kylie Davis
 15th - Don Henderson
 17th - Sara Slaght
 18th - Angie Henderson
 19th - Cindy Stanfield
 20th - Janice Alexander
 Brayden Macy
 22nd - Joey Chavez
 31st - Charlotte Cloud



ANNIVERSARIES

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



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EVENTS



**BROWN
BAG
FOOD
DELIVERY**

Metolius Depot

Friday, August 3, 2018

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM—DECISION AMERICA

Pacific Northwest Tour

August 3, 7:30pm at the
Life Amphitheater of Bend

Bring your family and friends
If you would like to ride in the van,
contact Jim Struck, 541-325-1120.

The 11th annual Our Community In The Park
Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm,
at Sahalee Park in Madras.

Faith in Action with free giveaways and services.



CHURCH
IN SAHALEE
PARK

Aug. 5, 10:00am.

There will be
no services at
MFCC for these
two Sundays.
Please join us
as we worship
with our sisters
and brothers in
Christ.



CHURCH
IN METOLIUS
PARK

Aug. 19, 10:30am.

MFCC Women's Ministry Event

Aug. 25th 9:00am - 12:00pm

Crafts, Questions and coffee:
Fellowship through crafting and a
Question panel of Christian women.

WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Ramblings of the Minister of Children's Programming



I trust that the winter of 2016 is just a distant memory and perhaps on these hot summer days making "Snow Angels" might be tempting. I hope you are heeding the many warnings about what these hot summer days can do to your health. In this article I hope to share a few warnings about JOY ROBBERS!

God wants us to live life and live it abundantly. On Sunday July 22nd I was able to share about real joy. I hope to leave you with a few helpful suggestions that will help you not be robbed of your joy.

The Joy of forgiveness

Psalms 32 puts it well:

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

In the Psalm David acknowledges how he was depressed and down until he confessed and God forgave. In the movie, *O Brother Where Art Thou*, the character, Delmar, goes down to the river to confess his sins and comes out excited and joyful, but right away there is a JOY ROBBER waiting and puts Delmar down. It doesn't rob Delmar. He comes back with I have been forgiven of that too and exclaims I stand before God and Man a free man, where upon his other friend goes down to be forgiven. What's our response when we are made fun of or ignored? Is our joy robbed or do we stand our ground? The joy we express is contagious. Who knows who will catch the joy. Joy comes out of expressing our gratitude for what Jesus has done for us. That kind of joy is available and God is willing to forgive. Don't keep silent and waste away groaning and sapped by the summer's heat.

Joy can also come from seeking forgiveness from others and forgiving those who have wronged us. Don't allow your joy to be robbed by putting it off. Express your gratitude when forgiven and the result will be a true joy.

The Joy of not waiting till your perfect

This article is my example of why I have found joy in not waiting till I was perfect. In the song *Live Like You Were Dying* by Tim McGraw, he has a line about riding a bull for 4.7 seconds as part of something he did in his last days. As many of you know, a full ride is 8 seconds but he tried his best and it wasn't perfect. Don't miss an opportunity to try and do something for our Lord because you aren't perfect. Give it a go and I know God will provide the rest and bring you a joy that is beyond what we understand. I have always wanted to be able to write as well as Max Lucado, but I don't. Rather than waiting till I could, I wrote this article and I hope it brings you joy, as it has me, given me trying.

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Gordon and Teren
will be on vacation
the week of August 20.
Please remember them
in your prayers.

FRIENDS CAMPS SCHEDULE

- ★ **Surfside** (for youth completing 8th-12th grades).....August 5-11
- ★ **Family Camp** Labor Day Weekend.....August 31-September 3
- ★ **Men's Retreat**.....September 14-16
- ★ **Women's Retreat**.....September 28-30
- ★ **Brochures with registration forms can be picked up at the church or on line at www.twinrocks.org**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	3 4:00 pm Brown Bag Registration 7:30 pm Franklin Graham Decision America	4 9:00-4:00 pm JC Our Community In The Park
5 10:00 am Madras Church In Sahalee Park 5:30 pm Youth Group	6	7 6:00 pm FIT Class	8 5:15 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting	9 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	10	11
12 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	13	14 6:00 pm FIT Class	15 7:00 pm Steward Ministry Team Meeting	16 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 5:30 pm Christian Ed Ministry Tea m Meeting 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	17	18
19 10:30 am Culver/Metolius Church in Metolius Park 5:30 pm Youth Group	20	21 6:00 pm FIT Class	22	23 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	24	25 9:00 am Women's Ministry Event
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Gordon and Teren's Vacation