



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Church Family,

As this year winds to a close, I want to first off say thank you. Thank you for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ and to Metolius Friends. Thank you for using your spiritual gifts, your time, and your talents to further the Kingdom of God here in Jefferson County. I also want to say thank you for your tithes and offerings over the past year. Someone once said that one of the hardest places for Jesus to be Lord over is our checkbook or our bank account.

I want to highlight a few things that have happened this year that are directly related to the financial investment in which you have made in the mission of Metolius Friends; *“Our mission 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.”*

You’ve had a big part in this!

- At the beginning of the year we had different “Spiritual Challenges” where we encouraged people to memorize Scripture, read their Bible, and more. These were intended to help us be more mature in our relationship with Jesus.
- Our Holy Week & Easter services made a real impact. After this year’s services, I received several

phone calls, texts and emails from people telling me about the huge difference it made in their lives. I’m thankful that God is using our ministry to impact all kinds of people!

- The Brown Bag Food Program continues to be an answer to a need within our community. This very tangible effort has impacted our community as we have loved and served like Jesus.
- We have seen an influx of new families and children joining in the life of the Church, and we want to have these areas of ministry continue to grow.

Thank you. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through our Church. Your giving to our ministry this year has made all the difference!

Even though we have accomplished much together this past year, there is still much to be done as we continue pressing on in our call to “Love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbors as ourselves”. To that end, I want to invite you to help us finish the year strong and prepare ourselves for an exciting 2019 by prayerfully considering an end-of-year financial gift to MFCC. We rely on faithful giving from people like you, and your gift today would help us start next year off strong. It would be our honor if you could give a gift as we ring in

the New Year!

Your extra year-end-gift would put us in a great place to finish out this year and also allow us to start looking at some projects in the future. We need new carpet in the basement, and as we have seen our nursery and children’s ministry grow this need is a very tangible and present reality! We are also in the process of updating all of our fluorescent lighting throughout the Church to energy and cost saving LED lights.

You can make a donation by giving in our Sunday morning offerings, mailing a check to the Church office, or dropping by the Church during office hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm). You can make checks out to Metolius Friends Community Church, and if you would like you can put “Year End Gift” in the memo line. All gifts given to our church, whether given on Sundays or dropped in the mail before the end of December 31st, are 100% tax-deductible.

I want you to remember that your generosity funds ministries that change lives. Thank you again for being part of the Metolius Friends family and helping us accomplish the vision God has given us.

The best is yet to come!

- Pastor Jadon



BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Evan Powell
Loretta Swanson
- 2nd - James Macy
- 4th - fawn Farrester
- 6th - Julia Brandon
Suzanne Harding
- 7th - Norma Bergstrom
Elaine Henderson
- 10th - Juanita Hawkins
Gamin Snyder
- 12th - Gordon Wood
- 13th - Larena Hawkins
- 14th - Benaiah Roberts
Cindy Struck
- 15th - McKailah Davis
- 16th - Gene Smith
- 17th - Tegan Macy
- 18th - Ray Fretheim
- 20th - Jon Powell
Richard Macy
- 24th - Hanne Davis
- 25th - Ruth Landreth
- 27th - Brittany Phillips
- 31st - Carol Anderson
Betty Fretheim

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th - Bob & Judy Bozarth
- 27th - Harvey & Janet Rose
- 29th - Malcolm & Katy Meredith

EVENTS



**BROWN
BAG
FOOD
DELIVERY**

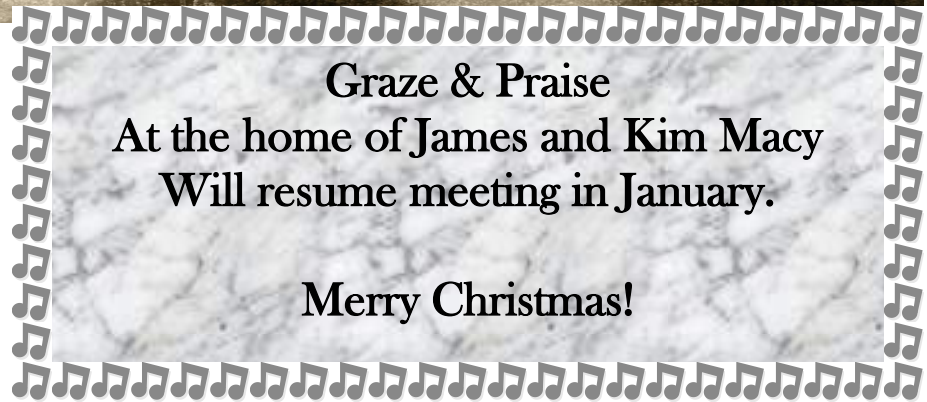
Metolius Depot

Friday, December 7, 2018

Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.



Graze & Praise
 At the home of James and Kim Macy
 Will resume meeting in January.

 Merry Christmas!



Invite your friends and
 family and join us
 December 23rd
 during our
 10:45am Worship Service
 for our
 Christmas Program,
 "Christmas Is Canceled".

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Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service
 December 24th at 6:00pm.

Come celebrate the birth of our
 Savior, Jesus Christ.



Merry Christmas!

WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Children's Ministry News



Hard to believe but Winter Quarter is upon us! Christmas just 25 days away when you receive the Proclaimer. We will begin the month of December with making Advent Calendars to take home. Verse of the month will be, "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah the Lord (Luke 2:11) The challenge is for our Children to learn this verse and for this month all of us adults!

I love seeing all the Christmas displays, and the many programs that will be on television and local theaters. Some have the true story of why we celebrate Christmas others not so much, but even those that don't bring a message of faith, giving and loving one another. These other programs give us an opportunity to share the message of God's love and how He sent His only Son.

As the year comes to an end, I want to take time to thank all those who make our Children's ministry possible. I tried to compile a list of how many and who are part of this program. The danger in naming names is one always forgets and leaves someone out, so I am not going to even try and make a list of names.

Every Sunday we have people helping in the nursery. Numbers can vary from a couple of children to 8 or 9. We have a great group of caring volunteers that fill this valuable roll. During the average month we have about 10 or more people helping out.

During Sunday School numbers of students vary but we see numbers increasing as parents and grandparents see the importance of Sunday School. We started with a total of Three kids and now we have had as many 12 kids. I appreciate the dedicated teachers and their love for our Children. I thank the 12 volunteers for their hard work and commitment to our Sunday School.

Children's Church not only provides a break for the parents to attend worship but gives our children a fun learning and worship experience every Sunday. Thank you, all parents, for trusting your children with us and we are careful to do background checks and training to make sure your children are in a safe environment. We have added staff because of the larger number of Students coming. Thank you all those who have been serving in this area and those who have stepped forward to help begin this Winter Quarter. Thank you, all 10 of you, who help each month.

Also many thanks to those who supply drinks and snacks for our program. In total we have over 30 people involved in the Children's Ministry and all are an import part to the success of the program.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting part of the Mission of Metolius Friends Community Church feel free to contact me any time.

Dayton



There will be a short Called Meeting For Business immediately following the service December 9. The main item of business will be the 2019 budget.



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS</p>						1
2 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm YG Dinner @ the Ross's	3	4 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's	5 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	7 4:00 pm Brown Bag Registration 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	8
9 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:15 pm Called Meeting For Business 5:30 pm Youth Group	10	11 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's	12 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	13 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	14 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	15 5:00 pm YG Progressive Dinner & White Elephant Party
16 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	17	18 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's	19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Steward Ministry Team Meeting	20 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 5:30 pm Christian Ed Ministry Team Meeting 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	21 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	22
23 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Christmas Program  CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	24 6:00 pm Christmas Candlelight Service  Office Is Closed	25 Merry Christmas! CHRIST THE SAVIOR is BORN! 	26 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	27 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church	28 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	29
30 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group— New Year's Celebration	31 New Year's Eve					