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## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy New Year Friends! As we come upon 2019 there are a few things that we can say with certainty. The first being that our outlook on 2019 will determine how we go through it. Yes, there will be things that happen this year that we don't expect or plan, but what is your outlook as the year begins? Are you anticipating the good things that will happen this year? Or are you dreading the "unforeseen" bad things that "could" happen this year. So often we can worry about things that won't ever come to pass.

Our outlook on the year will determine how we step into it; with the right foot forward or not. If you are struggling with seeing the good that will happen this next year, or having a hard time being excited about another year coming to pass, I would encourage you to stop and write down how many things in your life are blessings right now. Look back over the past year and recount the good things; the ways God worked in your life, the prayers

that were answered, etc... Begin cultivating the soil of your heart and soul so that you can be ready to plant the good things that God will bring.

The second thing that we can say with certainty is that the imminent second coming of Jesus is closer today than yesterday, closer in 2019 than in 2018. Second Peter 3:9-10 says, *"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the elements will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed."* God is patient towards us, but He has promised that Jesus will come again. Are you ready for His return? Are we living in a way that we would be proud of if Jesus returned today?

The third thing we can say with certainty is that we have the opportunity to be more like Jesus in

2019. Do you know the best time to plant a tree? 20 years ago! Do you know the second-best time to plant a tree? Today! If your 2018 wasn't the best year of following Jesus, then choose today to make 2019 better. Choose today to love your neighbor like Jesus, choose today to respond to a co-worker with grace rather than judgment, choose today to pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus yet.

I am excited for the New Year and all that God can do in us and through us. I am excited for the future of Metolius Friends and how Jesus will be present with us, how He will challenge us, and how He will comfort us. And I am excited to do it with all of you!

- Pastor Jadon

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st - Khole Smith
- 3rd - Karen Madrigal
- 9th - Nichole Dinkel
- 11th - Don Brandon
- 19th - Logan Macy
- 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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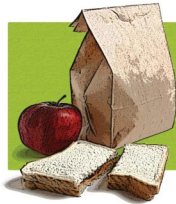
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**EVENTS**



**BROWN  
BAG  
FOOD  
DELIVERY**

**Metolius Depot**

**Friday, January 4, 2019**

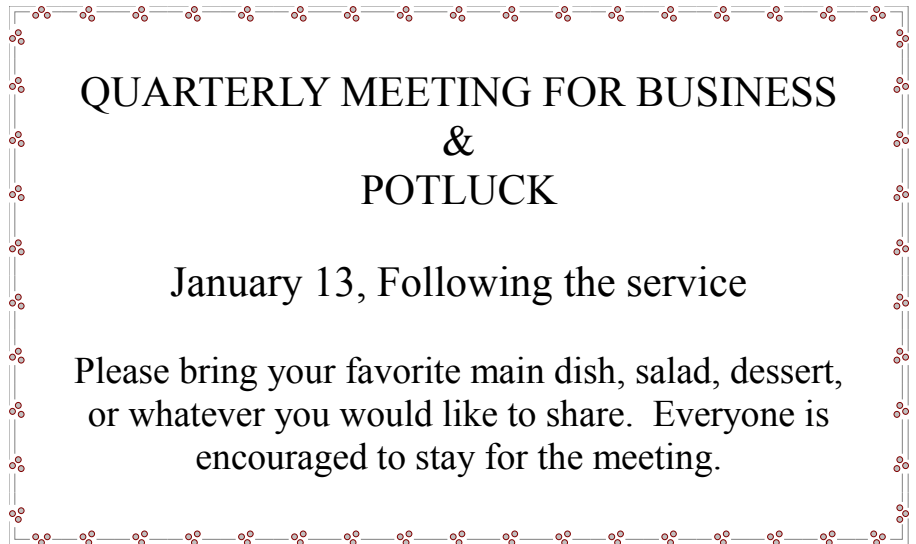
Volunteers come at 3:00pm.

Registration at 4:00pm.

Food Delivery at 4:30pm.



**Graze & Praise**  
 At the home of James and Kim Macy  
 Coming in January.  
 Watch for an announcement  
 In the bulletin.



**QUARTERLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS  
&  
POTLUCK**

January 13, Following the service

Please bring your favorite main dish, salad, dessert,  
 or whatever you would like to share. Everyone is  
 encouraged to stay for the meeting.



*Women's  
Bible Study*

**Jan 30th**  
 9:30am and 6:30pm

*'Discerning the Voice of God' by Pricilla Shirer*

## WORDS FROM OUR MINISTER OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMING



Do you realize that dealing with temptation was part of God's plan? From the beginning Adam and Eve had that one tree they were not to eat from. God didn't tempt them, but the tempter, Satan, did and from that, sin came into our world. From the beginning Adam and Eve had other options, but they chose the tree they were not to eat of.

Today we are still faced with many temptations and the evil one would want us to yield our will to those temptations. Just as Adam and Eve had other options than eating of the forbidden fruit, we still have other options today. In fact God promises that there is away to escape that temptation. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, God promises us that all man kind faces temptation, and He will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear. He promises us a way to escape temptations!

**Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."**

I have a Dayton parable that may apply: There was this trucker hauling a heavy load as he approached a steep grade that had a turn out for a brake check area. He decided that all was well with his equipment and continued on. As the grade got steeper he gained more speed and his brakes began to over heat and were not up to the task. A sign appeared, "Truck Escape Ramp 4 tenths of a mile", then another sign, "Escape Ramp 2 tenths of a mile". Then the ramp appeared but he pressed on. His decision lead to disaster. So don't be like that trucker and ignore the warning signs that cost him his life. There were signs along the way to prevent losing his life but he chose to ignore them because he thought he knew more than those who designed the highway.

God created the world and mankind. He knows when we are headed for disaster in our lives and provides a way to escape. It is up to us to realize God knows a better route to take and to escape the pitfalls of sin in our lives.

**"But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."**

God has provided forgiveness for our sin through His Son Jesus Christ, but also wants us to avoid sin and take the safe path.

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DO NOT WORRY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b></p>		<p>1 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church</p>	<p>4 4:00 pm Brown Bag Registration 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's</p>	<p>9 5:15 pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church</p>	<p>11 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:15 pm Quarterly Meeting &amp; Potluck Mexico Mission Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 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</p>	<p>18 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library</p>	<p>19 9:00—11:00 am Ministry Team Training</p>
<p>20 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm Steward Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>24 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church</p>	<p>25 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:15 pm Mexico Mission Meeting 5:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:00 pm Small Group @ Powell's 6:30 pm Small Group @ Drahn's</p>	<p>30 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>31 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:30 pm Small Group @ R. Macy's 7:00 pm Men's Study @ the Church</p>	<p><b>Mid Year Board Meetings</b></p>	
						 <p>What's Your Resolution?</p>