



MET MESSENGER

From the Pastor

"...let us draw near to God...Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess....And let us consider how we may spur one another on..."
(Hebrews 10:22-24)

Dear friends,

Those words from Hebrews sum up what we long to do here at The Met in the season ahead as we refresh and renew our ministry vision. As a whole church family, we want to draw near to God through Jesus; we want to hold firmly to our gospel hope; and we want to consider carefully how we can encourage one another to live for the Lord in the days ahead.

The *Draw In* campaign is off to an encouraging start with a great deal of input already gathered from the church family. We do want to hear from you – of your gratitude to the Lord for The Met over the years, and your hopes and prayers for what the Lord might do in and through us in the days ahead. Please sign up for one of our *Draw In Cafés*, please drop a comment card in the box, and please pray along with us.

As we work and pray toward this vision renewal, we are excited by developments on the staffing front. The Lord has graciously provided gifted people of His choosing to serve in a number of key ministry and administrative roles. You will see further details here in the newsletter. But we are grateful to each person who serves on our team – including those who have recently joined the team! – for all that they contribute the ministry. The Lord has been so gracious to us in meeting our needs and supplying such a wonderful group of people to serve here at The Met. Please join us in welcoming our new team members and congratulating those who have accepted new roles within the ministry.

With grateful thanks for your partnership in the gospel,
Jonathan



The Dawning of Hope

Christmas points us to the coming of the One who would save us all. Every year at this time I am captivated by the wonder of the season, and especially the wonder of the Incarnation—

**God has taken on
flesh and made
his dwelling
among us, our
Immanuel**
(John 1:14; Matthew 1:25).

I am so very privileged to be able to give some leadership to the worship

arts ministries, including our Worship Bands and Singers, Production Team and Met Choir and Orchestra (MCO).

The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of year, a process that begins mid-October. Last year our evening Christmas program saw about 1200 people in attendance for an evening of music and celebration, complete with music, children's ministry, and a cookie reception. It was a wonderful time, and we are hopeful to see this happen again in 2017.

Jason

Team News

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Children and Family Ministries: After leading the children's ministry so faithfully for 17 years, Pastor Ron is moving to focus on Family Ministries. We are excited to announce Lois Shepherd will be the Director of Children's Ministry. Lois has led a dynamic and flourishing Women's Ministry and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her leadership in that area.

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Women's Ministries: With excitement we welcome Jessica Dyck as the part-time Director of Women's Ministries. Jessica is well known in the W2W and WEE teams for both her leadership and Bible teaching gifts. She will be supported by Joanne Irwin, part-time Administrative Assistant.



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Youth Ministries: We are thankful for the contributions Pastor Greg has already made to the ministry here, and are delighted to announce that Greg has kindly agreed to continue to serve with us through August 2020 - and so he moves from being "Interim Youth Pastor" to simply being "Youth Pastor"! We are all thankful for Greg's pastoral heart, faithful teaching, effective leadership, and gracious adaptability.

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Outreach Ministries: We are grateful to have Sandra Tharakan joining the team. She will bring a wealth of ministry experience to her new role as part-time Outreach Administrative Assistant.

It is significant that the Lord has enabled us to draw from The Met family to fill these positions. We are grateful for His provision. Please pray for these leaders in their new responsibilities, and continue to pray

JOINING IN PRAYER THIS SEASON

Pray that God would be glorified,
and that people would be built up
and drawn to Christ.

MCO Christmas Presentation

December 10
6:30 pm

Met Choir Presentation at Bridges

December 19

Christmas Eve Services

December 24
4:30 pm and 6:30 pm



From our Board...

Jesus prays for our complete unity as believers (John 17) so the world will know of His great love for us. It is our prayer that over Christmas others might see the Light of the world in us as we proclaim the good news. So let's demonstrate unity in the way we worship and serve together in order that they too will come to believe in the redeeming love of our Saviour.