

MEDFORD  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A Community Committed to  
Love, Acceptance & Spiritual Growth

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Friends,

Our secretary, Katherine, continues to heal from surgery and look ahead at what treatment for her cancer will be. Many of you have asked what you can do to help. In that vein, this Sunday the 15th and the next Sunday, the 22nd, we will be collecting cards as well as monetary gifts to give to her.

Her absence has meant that some things haven't happened around here, including that the plants are dying. I am glad to announce that Marty Fox and Sherrie Messer will be volunteering to help out on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-noon.

Her absence has also meant that the church newsletter has been on hiatus. And because I could not figure out the program she normally does it in, you are getting in a different format until she returns. Please let me know if you are unable to read it and I will try to figure something else out.

In this edition you will find:

What's Happenin' this Sunday

Small Steps Fundraiser Information

News of Joseph and Joyanna Eisenberg's travels in Indonesia

A prayer for our Global Mission Partner, Blanca Puma, in Ecuador

Upcoming meetings and events.

Peace and Blessings,

Stacy

Here is an excerpt from an update that Joseph and Joyanna Eisenberg sent:

**"Praise God** that He has called us back to serve in Indonesia. We have only been back for a few weeks, but He is already putting together ministry opportunities for us for the upcoming year, including the translation project that was put on hold when we left last November. **Things are coming together for a 5-language cluster project to translate the Jesus Film**, a film about Jesus' life and ministry based on the book of Luke.

In addition to addressing the spiritual needs of the community, the church understands the need for community development as well. Our local Papuan church recently had a youth meeting where YASUMAT's health team was able to present information about common community health problems in the area. **Praise God that many youth showed up to learn!**



### **Looking Ahead: Prayer Requests**

Again, we are so thankful for our faithful prayer and financial partners. **We wouldn't be here without you!** When people are praying for our family and our Wycliffe ministry, we can truly feel the effects of those prayers! Here are some ways you could be praying for our family this month:

- Joyanna has a work permit, but Joseph's has not yet been processed. **Please pray** for this to be resolved quickly!
- With local elections coming up, **please pray for peace and safety for this community.** This season often intensifies already-existing tensions between groups of people.
- **Please pray for the continued progress of the Jesus Film project.** Pray that we are able to receive the grant to fund the project, and that the local community of believers will be engaged and involved.
- As always, **pray for God's wisdom and guidance** as we go about life and ministry in Wamena."



# Prayers for Ecuador from Global Ministries

Dear God,

As Ecuador faces a changing social landscape, I pray that you give them a peaceful resilience. I pray that you will give them courage in the face of challenges. John the Baptist chose to denounce leadership in favor of justice, regardless of what the consequences might be. In the same way, please help the people of Ecuador to remain kind, and compassionate toward those seeking refuge in their country, despite fears stemming from the hate-driven actions of few. Help them to remain strong as they face new and foreign obstacles that may at first seem insurmountable. FEDICE is also facing a time of new challenges. As the organization faces these times of change and transition, walk with them, ease their fears, and feed their drive. Please continue to guide them, strengthen them, and bless them. The faith they have shown me is unparalleled, and their commitment to your work is astounding, they truly embody what it means to serve all brothers and sisters faithfully. I am so thankful that they remain eternally optimistic and certain that you will bring them what is best. So I pray for guidance, wisdom, and peace for both Ecuador and FEDICE.

Amen.





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What's  
**HAPPENIN**  
SUNDAY

This week we will be meeting around the tables in the Fellowship Hall doing a spiritual practice called Lectio Divina. This is a one week arrangement due to the weather.

Our text is Psalm 85:8-13 and is a praise Psalm. Come help us discover what it has to say to us!

## Small Steps Fundraiser at Mucho Gusto!

This Sunday, the 15th through Tuesday, the 17th, take [this voucher](#) to Mucho Gusto and Small Steps Preschool will receive 25% of your purchase..

## Looking Ahead

July 24th-August 3rd Stacy will be gone at camp.

July 30th-August 3rd Grace Decker, Jasmine Kilpatrick, Alura Ponzar, Madeline Ponzar and Lily Reid will be at camp.

August 11th Men's Lunch

August 14th Board Meeting

August 19th Blessing of the Backpacks in worship

August 24th-26th Church Campout at Farewell Bend



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