



MET MESSENGER

From the Pastor

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Dear friends,

This has been a season of very significant reflection and prayer as we have "drawn in" as a whole church family. The conversations we have been having through our Draw In café's and other consultations have been rich and meaningful. As a leadership team, we have sensed so much the love of the church family for The Met and its ministry, and the deep commitment of so many to serve and invest in the gospel work here. We are now beginning to review and reflect upon all the input that has been received so that it can feed into the task of defining our renewed mission and vision. Our task now is to seek to articulate these, along with a set of key strategic priorities to shape our ministry here for the coming years.

I mention all that in order to say two things in particular: First, *thank you*. Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your constructive input, and thank you for your devoted partnership in the gospel. Second, *please keep praying*. As we move toward the final stages of this process, and prepare to roll out a renewed mission and vision at our Annual General Meeting in May, we continue to need the Lord's wisdom and direction – and we rely on the prayers of the whole church family for this.

Our longing is that we would be well positioned to minister faithfully here in the years ahead – for the good of God's people, for the salvation of the lost, and for the glory of His name.

Warmly, in the Saviour's name, Jonathan

DRAW IN



Easter is the time of year when we remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This Easter we are looking forward to being able to celebrate this season together as believers.

For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors
(Isaiah 53:12b)

We are excited about celebrating the most

significant event in history together. We are committed to the gospel message going forth in a clear and compelling way this Easter season. This is the message that our culture needs to hear.

Would you join with us in praying about our Easter services? Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to hear the gospel, and pray for our city to be revived with the good news of Jesus Christ this Easter.



METWomen

2018 is off to an exciting start at METWomen! This winter at W2W and WEE, we have been learning about the presence of God while studying the book of Exodus. Women from churches all over the city are gathering on Wednesdays at The Met to hear and explore God's Word together. In addition, several small groups of women are deepening their relationships with Christ and with each other through our Discipleship Program.

We are also anticipating two new opportunities for women to connect and grow this year. The HOPE Event on Saturday, April 14, will have nine different sessions to choose from and topics relevant to women of all ages and stages. Tough realities exist inside and outside the church. At METWomen, we desire to walk alongside those who face them, believing that our God sees us and is the ultimate source of hope.

Then this fall, there's a chance for women to get away from their everyday responsibilities to be energized and refreshed. The Revive! Retreat will take place at Camp IAWAH from October 12 – 14.

From our Board...

Growing Spiritually for God's Glory

Isaiah 42 declares the Lord brings justice, hope, life, light and freedom and is worthy of praise. He will not yield His glory to another, or His praise to idols. He wants our praise yet we often get stuck in the sinful ways of the world. We are not to be as infants in Christ and remain worldly (1 Cor. 3). So how do we mature spiritually? We do it together in our walks of faith, following the model set out for the early church. This is our spiritual "to do" list, to follow these four instructions in Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Our prayer as elders is that as The people of The Met and the greater body of Christ accept the new life that Jesus brings, we use it to bring Him the glory He is due.

Team News

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Discipleship: We are extremely excited about Adam Callaway joining us as our Pastor of Discipleship on June 1st. Adam, is married to Lindsay, who is from the Ottawa Valley. They have a very young son, Seth. Adam is



wrapping up his Masters of Divinity from the Trinity Evangelical School of Divinity this Spring. Adam completed an internship at Parkside Church in Cleveland, OH, and served as both Ministry Apprentice and Ministry Associate at College Church in Wheaton, IL. Adam is looking forward to being the Pastor responsible for promoting one-to-one discipleship, managing community groups, co-ordinating the intern program and our "Equip" ministry training initiatives.

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Support Team: We are extremely grateful for Karen Henderson's passion and dedication as our website and database coordinator. Karen has been with us for over 10 years in various capacities and has navigated us through very significant enhancements with a kind, gentle, and godly spirit. We are sad to see Karen leave and yet we support her in her desire to spend more time with her young family.

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Children's Ministry: Our Children's Ministry team welcomes Aren Van Volkingburg as the part-time children's ministry assistant. Aren has been a part of our Met family for many years and served in many capacities including opportunities in children's ministry as well as worship leading in our Sunday morning and Young Adults ministry. We are excited to have Aren on the team.