



Helping people find purpose in Jesus through genuine relationships.

EXILES: A LIVING HOPE

Life has a way of pushing against our hope. Disappointment, uncertainty, suffering, and loss can leave us wondering where we can find solid ground, or even if there is solid ground to find. Peter wrote to Christians facing exactly those pressures, and reminded them that their hope rested not in their circumstances, but in the certainty of Jesus' resurrection. **Join us this Sunday as we explore 1 Peter 1:3-12** and discover how a living hope anchors us in the present and carries us into God's future. Together we'll see how God uses even our struggles to refine our faith, shape our character, and fill us with a joy that endures. Join us in person at 9:00AM or 10:45 AM in our Sanctuary, or online wpcmedford.com or on our Facebook page.



STREET PARKING ONLY JUNE 17-20

We are having scheduled maintenance on all our parking lots beginning Wednesday, June 17 through Saturday, June 20. During this time, **ONLY STREET PARKING** will be available. Please plan accordingly. We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP IMPACT TRIP TO MEXICO THIS WEEK



This week a group of 10 will drive down to Mexico to build a home for a family in need. We will be led by Amor Ministries every step of the way. We are so excited for this opportunity to partner with the Holy Spirit to serve another family. We truly believe we will be equally as impacted by the family and community we get to meet in Mexico, and by the Holy Spirit who is there, and all around the world.

With that, would you please be intentionally praying for the Medina family (a young family of husband, wife, and child)? As well as for our leaders and students? We ask for safety, as well as for a formative time with God, this family, and each other. Our leaders are Dereck, Chris G, Amy, Doug; and our students are Erling, Miles, James, Liz, Chloe, Kat.

Last, but definitely not least, we want to sincerely thank you for your financial support to make this trip accessible and sustainable for the future. As was said on Sunday, we have been partnering with Amor since the 1990's in order to turn our short-term missions into longer-term missions through Amor. This would not be possible without your generosity, sacrifice, time, and energy to make the offerings and fundraisers impactful for this cause. We believe it takes a whole church to do international missions, and that the different giftings of the body means there are "send-ers" and there are "go-ers". The two work together. **Thank you for your participation in this mission to point to Jesus through international relationships and building a home for a family in need. Your generosity is making a difference for this family, and these students.**



PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

We remember our sisters and brothers in Christ who have passed away recently. May they rest in the peace and joy of God's eternal presence.

- Don Vermeer May 22, 2026**
- Kay Heller May 22, 2026**
- Polly Holland May 24, 2026**
- Dick Torrey June 6, 2026**

SPORTS CAMP HOSTS NEEDED

Sports Camp is just around the corner and **we are still in need of a host for 3 of the young adult coaches from Base Ministries!** They will need a place to sleep, shower, do laundry, and a simple breakfast each morning from when they arrive Saturday night, June 27, through the following Saturday morning, July 4. Because they have their own transportation, no driving is necessary. If you are gifted with the space and a heart of hospitality, please consider serving the Lord by providing a place for His servants to stay! Please contact Hannah Woodcock if interested at hannahw@wpcmedford.com or 828-406-3509.



FREE BELL CONCERT



MELODY RINGERS
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The Gift of Love



A Spring Handbell Concert
FEATURING SEVERAL GUEST MUSICIANS

06/14 2:30PM

SUNDAY FREE TO ATTEND



**First United
Methodist Church
607 West Main St.
Medford**



ACTS 2 GROUPS

When God's people get together to pray, the Holy Spirit moves in powerful ways! Early Christians devoted themselves to praying with each other, listening to the Holy Spirit in community. By prayerfully relying on the Holy Spirit and living out their faith daily, the church grew from a few hundred followers to as many as 20 million by AD 310!

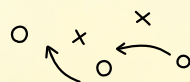
Thankfully, simple, humble prayer still can spark revival, transform lives, and reshape communities. In these challenging times, we are inviting our church family to align our hearts with Jesus' heart in this fresh yet old way. Our God-sized goal is to see 120 WPC folks meeting weekly to pray in small groups.

We call them Acts 2 Prayer Groups and it's easy to be part of one! Just invite a friend or two (or more!) to pray with you once a week – wherever, whenever, and however works best for you. Once you've got a group, let us know! Contact the church office or reach out to Pastor Lori at: lori@wpcmedford.com or text her at 541-326-1870. We're also starting a private Facebook group so everyone can share updates, encourage each other, and celebrate how God is answering prayers.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

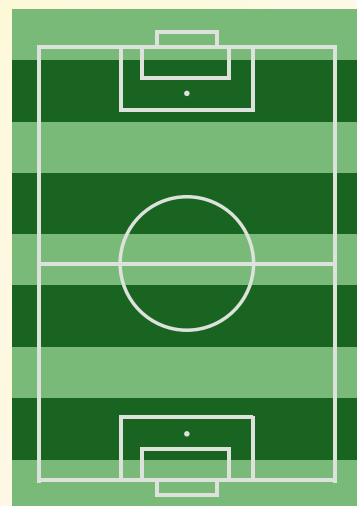


MEN'S FANTASY FOOTBALL GROUP STARTING IN AUGUST



This is an open Fantasy Football League for men of all ages. We will have a few different optional events for the fun of it, like - a Draft Order Selection Event, **Draft Day around 8/30**, watching some games together, and a Dinner of Champions at the end of the year for the winner.

It's not that men like football, or anything like that. It's simply that many men can live quiet lives of loneliness and workaday despair. This group aims to meet the need for connecting with other men to live life together, and show up for one another in life. Friends are the reason, and football is the excuse.



Your sons and grandsons are invited. They don't have to attend this church. All backgrounds are welcome. You don't even have to like football that much, or be into Fantasy Football. ***This is about joyful fellowship, and finding a way for men to connect.*** Sign up by 8/23 by texting Corey McQueen at 541-630-4738. Consider inviting a friend.