

# Maywood Community Church

March 2023

## Greetings.

Along with the Pastor's retirement announcement, the Elders would like to bring the congregation up to date and provide the planned next steps for the Church as well as to address concerns which were brought to the Elders' attention from the congregation.

The Elders found many of these concerns were due to a communication gap between the Church leadership and the congregation. To address this issue the following actions will be implemented by the end of April.

## **Communication Improvements**

### **All questions, concerns or feedback should be directed to the Elders.**

A monthly newsletter will be established and available at Church/email/website. It will also be mailed to all shut ins.

The monthly newsletter will include:

- Pastor report
- Upcoming events
- Financial statement
- Youth Report
- Church activities or initiatives
- Mission Report
- Misc. items

Notifications and communication will be provided through the following methods:

- "Call em all" phone recording
- Website
- Email
- Social Media
- Text
- Newsletter
- Pulpit
- Flyers
- Electronic Signboard

## **Planned Initiatives to Start for the First Quarter of the Year**

The following initiatives are in process and more information will be forthcoming.

Reaching 200 in Worship – Program to build Church attendance to an average of 200.

Deacon training and outreach which will include:

- Deacon list posted and available to congregation (Completed)
- Retreat for Elders and Deacons for training and prayer.
- Meet Your Deacon Dinner – Three dinners have tentatively been scheduled in March so the Deacons can share with you, and you with them over food! More information will be forthcoming.

## **Social**

The social committee is being revived with the Ladies Council leading the charge. The first dinner is scheduled on Sunday, February 26 following the Church service. More dinners are being planned so if you want to help, please reach out to the Ladies Council.

## **Search Committee**

The Elders have established a search committee to start the process of finding Maywood's next Pastor. The following members have agreed to be a part of the search committee and represent the many committees, groups, and leadership positions in the Church.

Gretchen Peirsol

Mike Strick

Meghan Theiss

Cynthia Elliot

Kathy Montague

John Casner

David Moon

Don Ash

John Haley

Please be in prayer that we follow the Lord's will and choose the person He has already picked for the Church.

One last thought, change is scary and many times it is easy to worry and fear the future but remember Jesus told us not to worry as he illustrated in Luke 12: 22-31. In verse 32 Jesus states: "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." We ask everyone to pray for the Church and the next pastor.

God Bless,

The Elders of Maywood Community Church



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## **March Events:**

**March 4th: Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**March 11th-14th: Youth Group Ski Trip**

**March 16th: Ladies Council Meeting**

**March 24th: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

**March 30th: Helping Hands of Faith**

**Every Tuesday:**

**Ladies Bible Study 10 am  
Ladies Quilting 1 pm**

**Every Wednesday:**

**Prayer Meeting 6 pm  
AWANA 6:30 pm**



## MISSIONS

During the year of 2022 Maywood Community Church Missions Ministry provided monthly donations to 15 different missions. Also, we supported 14 additional missions projects from funds that had not been spent during the year.

The missionaries invited people into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by sharing his salvation message. They also provided food, clothing, shelter, and visited people in addiction programs, jail, and prison. They provided assistance on their re-entry into society. They served at Christian Youth Camps, on college campuses,

and being a caring friend and counselor to people in crisis. This was done locally, throughout the United States and in different countries.

2022 was a record year in supporting our Missionaries. Thanks for your generous donations to God's work locally and abroad.

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“Only those who see the invisible accomplish the impossible”

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### YOUTH GROUP:

We meet on Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm. We have games, snacks, prayer, and a lesson.

Our ski trip is March 11th-14th. We have 22 Youth going! We are skiing at Loveland Ski Area. We rented a house in Silverthorne, Colorado to stay at.

### Monthly Missions Giving:

**AWANA Clubs International**

**Brothers In Blue**

**Campus Crusade for Christ (Paul Scheele)**

**Child Rescue (Orphanage in Guatemala)**

**Cross Points Church (Curtis and Meilee Jones)**

**God's Mountain Camp (Johnny Williamson)**

**Jesucristo (Efraim Lozia)**

**Jon Henderson**

**Midwest Student Ministries (Ryan and Merriam Hickman)**

**Moyer Ministries**

**Student Mobilization (Joel and Jennifer Johnson)**

### February Financial Corner:

We transferred \$3715.36, to Missions and \$506.64 to the Building Fund.

We were over budget on expenses for the month of February.

We were also under budget on Giving for the month.