



Mitchell Community Church

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Sharing the Love of Christ



Newsletter

Mission Statement

Developing Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ

We at Mitchell Community Church are dedicated to providing a Biblical ministry to the people of this community. Our goal is to provide love and support for each member of this body of believers and to share the love of Christ with all members of our community. We are convinced that the Bible is God's word to man. We believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

If you have any questions or needs, please feel free to contact one of our Pastors or Elders.

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Church Officers 2022 – 2023

Chairman	Randy LaFollette	
Vice Chairman	Vern Larson	
Elders	Rex Wright Rick Frazier	
Treasurer	Christina Ruiz	
Secretary	Cathy Black	
Trustees	Jon Fletcher Vern Larson Don McFarlane Jay Mohr	Roger Parks Dan Ruiz Cliff Sanders Steve Weber
Deaconess	Kathy LaFollette Jill McFarlane Leslie Mohr	Diane Parks Sherry Sotelo Cheryl Weber
Sunday School Superintendent	Jennifer Maimone	
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent	Kathy LaFollette	



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday School, All Ages – 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee & Donuts Fellowship Time –
10:15 a.m.*

Church Service – 10:45 a.m.



Our church calendar is online:

<https://www.mcchurchturlock.org/google-calendar/>



Holiday Craft Bazaar

Saturday Nov. 12th

9:00am-1:00pm

Baked goods, pies,
cookie dough, holiday
items, quilts

& much more!



100% of proceeds
donated to local &
international
missionaries

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry
Thank you for all the gifts and supplies donated!
Shoeboxes will be packed on Sunday, Nov. 6th

Church League Co-ed Volleyball

Sign-ups are being taken for the upcoming church league co-ed volleyball season. It is a lot of fun! Games will be starting soon. Contact Rick Frazier if you have any questions or are wanting to sign up. (209) 277-4303.



Harvest Dinner
after Church
Sunday, Nov. 20

Please join us!



NATIVITY DRIVE-THRU
SATURDAY, DEC. 10TH
6:00-7:00 PM

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COME DRIVE THRU OUR **FREE LIVE**
NATIVITY SCENES THAT TELL THE
STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.



Food Pantry

Please see Diane Parks or Cheryl Weber about donations to, or the need to receive food from, our church food pantry. *The food is available, please do not hesitate to use this resource.* Cheryl's phone number is 209-241-4110. Arrangements can be made to provide food on days other than Sunday if needed.

Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) Update

(PSC) was formed following the announcement of Pastor Dave's retirement. Some other church members were added to assist the PSC. The Committee members are:

Randy LaFollette	Rex Wright	Rick Frazier	Vern Larson	Don McFarlane
Cheryl Weber	Diane Parks	Cathy Black	Jennifer Maimone	
Brian LaFollette	Tim Mejia	Amanda Pires	Paul Maze	

The PSC had their first meeting Tuesday, October 4th. The agenda items covered included a review of the MCC Constitution, PSC's role, rules, and responsibilities, as well as the pastoral call decision process and concepts from "Search, the Pastoral Search Committee Handbook". The PSC assigned itself to review the following documents and return with suggested changes at the next meeting: Church Mission Statement, Church Vision Statement, Senior Pastor Job Description, and the MCC Profile document. The goal is to have these documents in final form including Board approval by the end of October.

The Committee decided to communicate with the full Board and congregation regarding their activities and progress via regular updates on the MCC website and the church newsletter.

Meetings were also held on October 18th and November 1, 2022. Progress thus far includes finalizing the Church Profile and Sr. Pastor Job Description documents. The Mission and Vision are currently under review and revision by the Elder Board.

The PSC also reviewed the results from a subcommittee formed to prepare a doctrinal questionnaire to be submitted with the candidate's resume, and some of the doctrinal positions of the church and their meaning. The PSC decided to give discretion to an expanded subcommittee as to which seminaries to submit a job posting, and directed that the subcommittee post the job on at least one church employment service website. Questions for an oral and/or in person interview were also reviewed and discussed but have not yet been narrowed down.

The PSC then discussed the logistics of receiving and evaluating applications for Sr. Pastor. A web page will be made with all the information needed by the applicant in downloadable form, and the link thereto will be included in the job postings. There will also be a link on the MCC website: <https://www.mcchurchturlock.org/>. Email accounts and related matters were discussed and decided.

The PSC considered issues of compensation and job posting for Sr. Pastor candidates, and there was agreement on a general amount, and certain terms as to parsonage valuation etc. A recommendation will be presented to the full Board for approval at the next meeting.

Assignments were made and the next (4th) meeting date was set for November 15th, 2022.

Please be in prayer for our church, Pastor Dave and Sherry, our leadership, and specifically for the PSC. The process can take many months at minimum, and wisdom, discernment, humility, and unity are desired by every member of the PSC.

The following article provided by Pastor Dave

RELIGION SAYS "I obey—therefore I'm accepted"

- My motivation on fear and insecurity.
- I obey God in order to get things from God.
- When circumstances in my life go wrong, I am angry at God or myself, since I believe, like Job's friends, that anyone who is good deserves a comfortable life.
- My prayer consists largely of petition and it only heats up when I am in a time of need. My main purpose in prayer is control of the environment.
- My self-view swings between two poles. If and when I am living up to my standards, I feel confident, but then I am prone to be proud and unsympathetic to failing people. If and when I am not living up to standards, I feel humble, but not confident. I feel like a failure.
- My identity and self-worth are based mainly on how hard I work, or how moral I am-- and so I must look down on those I perceive as lazy or immoral. I disdain and feel superior to 'the other.'
- Since I look to my own performance for my spiritual acceptability, my heart revolves around my talents, my moral record, my personal discipline, my social status, etc. They serve as my main hope, meaning, happiness, security.

THE GOSPEL SAYS "I'm accepted—therefore I obey"

- My motivation is based on my grateful joy.
- I obey God to get closer to God—to delight and resemble him.
- When circumstances in my life go wrong, I may struggle, but I know all my punishment fell on Jesus and that while he may allow this for my training, he will exercise his Fatherly love within my trial.
- My prayer life consists of generous stretches of praise and adoration. My main purpose is fellowship with him.
- My self-view is not based on a view of myself as a moral achiever. In Christ I am simultaneously sinful and lost, yet accepted in Christ. I am so bad he had to die for me and I am so loved he was glad to die for me.
- My identity and self-worth is centered on the one who died for his enemies, who was excluded from the city for me. I am saved by sheer grace. So I can't look down on those who believe or practice something different from me. Only by grace I am what I am. I've no inner need to win arguments. - Timothy Keller