

Mission Statement: Magnolia strives to share God's love with all and grow spiritually in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

Celebrating Membership Milestones - 2018

Magnolia's milestone members for 2018 and their date of membership

<i>Gale Teunissen</i>	<i>70 year member</i>	<i>March 1948</i>
<i>Mona Vanderpool</i>	<i>60 year member</i>	<i>March 1958</i>
<i>Marge Ludwig</i>	<i>50 year member</i>	<i>March 1968</i>
<i>Olive Watson</i>	<i>45 year member</i>	<i>June 1973</i>
<i>Betty Hillebrand</i>	<i>45 year member</i>	<i>Nov. 1973</i>
<i>Lance Alford</i>	<i>40 year member</i>	<i>April 1978</i>
<i>JoAnn Alford</i>	<i>40 year member</i>	<i>April 1978</i>
<i>Barb Johnson</i>	<i>40 year member</i>	<i>Nov. 1978</i>
<i>Jane Peden</i>	<i>40 year member</i>	<i>Nov. 1978</i>

Our Clerk of Session, Melanie Nelson, started a yearly recognition of our long-time members celebrating milestone years (in five year spans), starting at 40 or more. Please wish these special members "well done good and faithful servant" for their priceless, loyal and unwavering contributions to our Magnolia family.



Special Worship and Congregational Activities This Month

Sunday, January 7 at 9 am and 11 am services: Ordination and Installation of our new Elders and Deacons. This is a meaningful event for them and the congregation. Please be here to support these members who have been called to serve MagPres.

Sunday, January 28

10:00 Unity Service followed by a Congregational Meeting at 11.
Your presence is needed. Your presence is appreciated.

*Encounter God Sundays — 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)*

A MINISTER'S MUSINGS



Remember the Lord your God! He's the one who gives you strength to be prosperous..."

When a year ends and the new year arrives, people have several different reactions. They might think, "Thank heavens that year is over!", or "Well, I survived", or even, "That was a great year!" It might be though that it is a combination of each. Our attitude going into a new year can depend on what transpired in the past or we can spend some time reflecting and then choose to move forward differently. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, which occurs in the fall, can be a guide for us as well. Rosh Hashanah is known as a Day of Remembrance and is a time for people to reflect on what they have done right in the year and to cast off or let go of things they could have done better. It is both a time of rejoicing and serious introspection. It is a celebration of the

completion of another year while taking stock of one's life. God's rule over humanity and our obligation to serve God is stressed time and again throughout the celebration.

With that in mind I hope we all will take time to not only think about our individual lives, but also our year at Magnolia Presbyterian Church. As we move forward together into our "Year of Commitment", let us think intentionally about how we can use our time and talents to further God's kingdom. To that end, my prayer for you all is "L'Shanah tovah" or in other words, "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

In Christ,

Pastor Claire

Youth Group meets every* Sunday evening.

Middle School (grades 5 to 8) meets from 5 to 6:30 pm.

High School (grades 9 to 12) meets from 7 to 8:30 pm.

First Sunday of each month there is a meal for the combined groups.

COME TO YOUTH GROUP—BRING A FRIEND

*Schedule may change due to holidays, church events or offsite activities.



A Rich Tradition...

Deacon's Corner

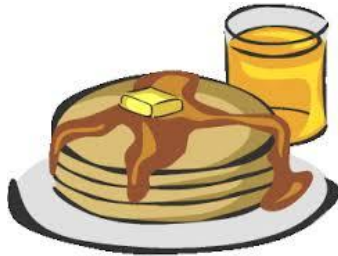
Deacon Pancake Breakfast

The Deacons are hosting the annual pancake breakfast Sunday, January 28, 2018. This is an exciting time where the new Deacons as well as the veterans get a chance to meet and visit with their Flocks for the new year. Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30am and we will have pancakes, eggs, potatoes and fresh fruit.

Please come and enjoy in fellowship and help us to welcome our new deacons for the year: Barbara Johnson, Mary Lee, Robin Smith, Danielle Good, Susie Phillips and Evelyn Shea.

Hope to see you there,

Deacon, Jeff Ludwig



The gift (card) that keeps on giving



**STATER BROS.
UPDATE**

**Our profit from
11/15/17 to 12/15/17
is \$234.00.**

**Go Stater Bros.! Go
MagPres!**

Cards available for sale every Sunday.
Get one (or more).

Men's Group meets Monday,
January 8, 7 pm at Pastor Paul
Knopf's home.

They meet regularly on the
second Monday of each month.

Women's Bible Study:
Resumes January 8.
9:30—11 am, every Monday.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT

49 Cans Collected in November

Bring your two cans of food on **December 10.**

All items go to support the work of Lutheran Social Services.

**Church Office closed Monday,
January 15,** in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



A Pastor's Ponderings

As we begin a new year together, I wanted to take a moment and say, "Thank you." Thank you for choosing to be in ministry with Pastor Claire and me. Thank you for trying some ideas that Pastor Claire and I have come up with. Thank you for creating space for my family and me to be a part of the MagPres family. Along with a "thank you," I wanted to encourage you also.

Over the last seven months, many of you have created space for my family and me: allowing us to sit in your row (in Michelle's case in the choir loft), listening to our stories and sharing your own, inviting us to participate in MagPres events and even asking for feedback as to how we could do things better. What we experienced was the opportunity to be ourselves and to be integrated as part of the MagPres community and sometimes you let things go to include us. These are good actions for people in churches to practice.

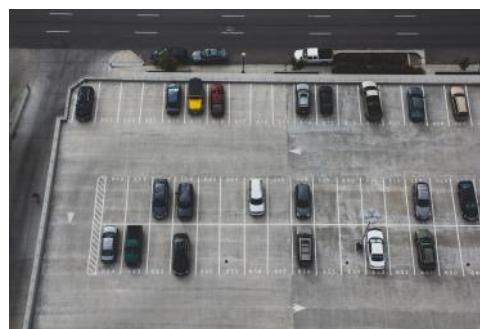
As we look around our sanctuary spaces on Sunday mornings, I notice that there is some empty space. Sometimes even whole pews/rows are available. What would it take to fill these spaces with people who do not yet call MagPres home?

I believe that if we continue to show the warmth, care, and love that my family and I experienced over the last seven months to everyone who walks onto our campus, those spaces that are currently empty will be occupied by others who will consider themselves part of the MagPres family too.

The goal is not to fill empty spaces, it is about making space: engaging those who enter onto our property, listening to their stories and sharing our own, inviting them to participate in the things we do and incorporating them and their feedback. Sometimes it might mean letting go of something in order to include them.

As we enter a new year, what will you do to make space for others? With anticipation, I look forward to seeing your responses in action.

Your space holding Co-Pastor
Paul



2017

“Our Year of Trust”

November Financial Report:

The November 2017 Treasurer’s report indicates an income of \$344,981.35 and \$364,794.28 in expenses. The result is a current negative balance of **-\$19,812.93** for the month of October. This is not good news. However, if we consider the \$16,983.08 of endowment interest and \$8,266.50 of deficit reduction funds that were budgeted to meet expected shortfalls, our adjusted balance for November is \$5,436.65.

Thank you for supporting your Church’s 2017 budget with your Per Capita giving and staying current with your pledge.

**New Member Classes
Sunday, January 21 at
10 am in the Library.**


**Sunday, February 11
(time and location TBA)**

If you have recently joined the church or if you are interested in making Magnolia Presbyterian your church home, please join us for conversation about what it means to be Presbyterian and a member of Magnolia. Contact Pastor Claire at Claire@magpers.com for more information.

BLESSINGS AVAILABLE – LIMITED OPPORTUNITY

Wondering how you can create that amazing feeling of being part of community care? Our meal program at Path of Life, Hulen Place is looking for one or two additional teams to participate. Twice or maybe three times a year you would **prepare and serve a meal for some very grateful people.**



Where else but  at the table, can we meet one of the most basic needs. It is organized, safe and so rewarding! Want to try it out on one of the existing teams to see how or learn more? Speak to Jeannie Belangeri, Ann Laudermilk, Laura Medrano or Mary Lee. The blessings are unlimited.

**Solutions to Homelessness
Thursday, January 11, 7– 8:30 p.m.
Calvary Presbyterian Church**

If you are concerned about homelessness in Riverside, and want to help provide permanent solutions—this meeting is for you!

Refreshments provided. Free parking.

RSVP to church@Calvary PresCh.com.

*Thank
You*

**Time and
Talent
Recognitions**

Marge Ludwig for making beautiful candy Advent calendars for every Sunday School child.

John Peden for successfully and lovingly coordinating the ushers— Always a smooth operation!

Those who helped with Advent and Christmas activities:

The Nelsons, the Teunissens, and other hosts for the Progressive Dinner.

Evelyn Shea for hosting Prime-Time.

Those who helped with hanging of the greens and caroling (youth and Laura Medrano).

Our Advent Candle lighters.

The Personnel Committee for continued work on the Handbook.

Those who donated food for the Deacon Food Boxes.

The Smiths, Bowers, Lees, and Flora Livingstone for prepping and serving 10 Dinners With Love.

January Birthdays

- Flora Livingstone, Jan. 2
- Marjorie Watson, Jan. 3
- Melba Hube, Jan. 4
- Krysten Stiffler, Jan. 4
- James Walters, Jan. 4
- Precious Mabena, Jan. 6
- Susie Phillips, Jan. 7
- Chris Nettles, Jan. 8
- Payton Rinker, Jan. 9
- Wayne Andrew, Jan. 14
- Leah French, Jan. 14
- Steven McKee, Jan. 14
- James Laudermilk, Jan. 15
- Michelle Laudermilk, Jan. 15
- Ryan Laudermilk, Jan. 15
- Madeline Gipson, Jan. 17



- Lance Alford, Jan. 18
- Deanna Lacy, Jan. 19
- Lowell Lacy, Jan. 20
- Makenzie Nelson, Jan. 20,
- Laura Rehnke, Jan. 25
- Betty Hillebrand, Jan. 28
- Tammy Duncan, Jan. 29
- Laurie Ludwig, Jan. 29
- Darian Reidman, Jan. 30

January Anniversaries

- Megenney, Bill and Ruth —January 5
- Pickard, David and Tammy—January 12
- Thornton, Cherylyn & Thomas—January 15
- Rehnke, Mel and Rhonda—January 17
- Rinker, Kyle and Kendall—January 27



The MagPres Master Calendar is now available at www.magpres.com/calendar.

You can print it, and/or

download items to your own Google calendar.



Google calendar

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session

Session Meetings and Minutes

As a reminder, session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the church library. These meetings are open, so if you would like to attend to listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are also

KIDS' PRODUCE MARKET at Madison

Elementary is in need of a few good volunteers! In partnership with Feeding America, Madison Elementary distributes fresh produce to families every month. HELP is needed from 12:30 pm when the truck arrives, until 2:30, when distribution is over. COME FOR ALL or PART of the time and contribute to our local community.

Friday, January 12

Madison Elementary, just around the corner at 3635 Madison. Check in at the front office and bring your ID.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am —3 pm

Closed Friday

www.magpres.com



January 2018

Staff

Rev. Claire Schlegel,
Co-Pastor

Rev. Paul Knopf,
Co-Pastor

James Walters,
Music Director/Organist

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Tavo Vega,
Contemporary Service Music
Leader

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Interim Media/Audio Coordinator
AJ Belangeri

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...

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GOOD MORNING ... THIS IS GOD ... I'LL
BE HANDLING ALL YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY

MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — GET TO KNOW YOUR ELDERS, 2017

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Brenda Flowers is serving her first term on Session and has been a member for 22 years. She was born in Kentucky and grew up in San Jose, CA. She currently works as a Project Coordinator for the City of Riverside. One of her hobbies is photography (and may I say, she is brilliant at it!). She loves the beach, specifically Catalina Island. Her favorite thing about MagPres is “the caring, family feel and the excitement of what God is going to do next”. Over her years at Magnolia, she has served as a Deacon, taught Sunday School for both adults and children, and has been involved on the Endowment Committee. When asked what her hope for Magnolia’s future, she says “I believe God will grow our Magnolia family in 2018”.

Jeanie Riggs has attended Magnolia for 27 years and is serving her 3rd term on Session. She was born in St. Paul, MN and has 3 sisters, one being her identical twin, and 1 brother. She was widowed 2 years ago. Her late husband, Al was stationed with the US Navy and their daughter was born in Taipei, Taiwan. She has 1 daughter, 2 grandkids, 4 step children, 8 step-grandkids, 15 step great-grands, and 3 step great-great grands!!! She is a retired paralegal and her hobbies include bowling and reading. Had she not been a paralegal, she would have liked to have run an orphanage. A favorite vacation destination is Dublin, Ireland “I love the lush green countryside”. Jeanie’s favorite story in the Bible is the Sermon on the Mount, her favorite part being “Jesus taught that the way we think and act towards others is more important than how we wash our hands or the kind of food we eat”. Her favorite things about Magnolia are “hearing the Word, listening to the music, being with a friendly, kind church family”. Her vision for the future of Magnolia is “I would love to see growth in membership, more community outreach, expansion of opportunities for seniors to be active participants in helping the less fortunate, and assisting our Co-Pastors in the development of all church business and activities”.

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Melissa Holden is serving her first term on Session and has been a member of Magnolia for 5 years. Her family includes a partner, son, Gio and step-son Noah. She is a Spanish teacher at Ramona High. Her hobbies include reading, sports, hospitality and movies. A favorite vacation destination is the beach or anywhere near water and nature. If not a teacher, she would be a writer or food taster! A favorite story in the Bible is of Jesus turning over the tables in the temple. Of Magnolia, she says “it has become like family”. She has served on the Missions Committee in the past and enjoyed the responsibility and privilege of giving money to God’s work. Her vision for Magnolia’s future is outreach.

Ann Laudermilk has been attending Magnolia for 40 years and a member for 32 years. This is her first term serving on Session. Ann grew up at Magnolia, attending Sunday school, youth choir, youth group, hiking on Trails every summer and babysitting several of you! She has been married to her husband, James for 23 years and has twins Ryan and Michelle who turn 20 in January (all three share the same birthday on the 15th). She has been an Environmental Assessor for 15 years and just started a new job this past October. Ann’s hobbies include reading and volunteering for Riverside Young Life. Her favorite vacation destination as become Providence, Rhode Island, as both her kids are in college there. Ann says she has always found encouragement in Romans 8:28 “All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”. About Magnolia she says “it has been my church family since I was a little girl, it will always be my home”. Her focus for Magnolia’s future is “after all of the dedicated work of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee, the time of transition has come to an end. I am excited to begin my service on Session at a time that feels like a new chapter in the life of Magnolia”.

Sherry Nettles is serving her first term on Session, having been a member of Magnolia for four years. Her and husband, Chris have been married 49 years and they have four children. She is a Registered Nurse, with a specialty of Oncology at the Riverside Cancer Clinic. Had she not gone into nursing, she would have pursued teaching elementary or Junior High. Her hobbies include reading and doing crafts. A favorite book is “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor Frankl. Sherry loves traveling to the East Coast, especially Boston and New York. Her favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 43, especially “I have summoned you by name”. When asked what her favorite thing about Magnolia is she shared that when she first visited and heard “Lead me Lord” at the end of the service, she knew she was where she wanted to be. “Magnolia is a very friendly, non-stuffy church”. Sherry has helped the Deacons with Bereavement meals in the past and her hope for Magnolia’s future is to help new members find their niche.



MagPres Master Calendar

Jan 2018 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Office Closed	5:30pm - CE Committee		6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C	LED Lights Installed Parking Lot Office Closed 6pm - Unhanging of the Greens	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am - Ordination/Installation of 9am - Worship w/Communion + 11am - Ordination/Installation of 11am - Worship w/ Communion + 5pm - Combined Youth 5-6-,6-7,	Pastor Claire Vacation 9:30am - Women's Monday 10am - Riverside Presby. 7pm - Men's Group @ Paul Knopf 7:07pm - Young Life @ Magnolia	6pm - MEW Committee 7pm - BaG Committee 7pm - MIT Committee 7pm - Stewardship Committee		6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C 7pm - Solutions to Homelessness	Office Closed 12:30pm - Kids' Produce Market	10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
TWO-CAN Sunday 9am - Worship + Sunday School 11am - Worship + Sunday School 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	Office Closed - MLK Day 7:07pm - Young Life @ Magnolia	6pm - New Deacon Training 7pm - Deacon Meeting		6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C	Office Closed	3pm - Outside group rental (FH)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
8:30am - Pancake Breakfast @ 10am - Unity Service 11am - Congregational Meeting 12pm - MagPres Staff 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	9:30am - Women's Monday 7:07pm - Young Life @ Magnolia					

MagPres Prayer Calendar

January 2018

January 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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February 2018						
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25	26	27	28			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 18 Mel and Rhonda Rehnke	2 Jeff Reidman and Laurie McCormick Family	3 John and Sharon Reinhardt	4 Dave and Sandy Richards	5 Jean Riggs	6 Kyle and Kendall Rinker
7 Director of Music, James Walters	8 John and Becky Robeldo	9 Sheila Roche	10 Tom and Cathy Safford	11 Grace Sarring	12 Claire Schlegel Family	13 Alli Shaff
14 Chancel Choir Director, John Wright	15 Evelyn Shea	16 Kristine Shea	17 Roger and Sue Simmons	18 Abby and Ramsey Sindaha (and Canon)	19 Phil and Sally Smith	20 Shawn and Robin Smith (and Sydney)
21 Pianist, Cynthia Wright	22 Helen Sompayrac	23 Krysten Stiffler Family	24 Jon Swearingen	25 Gale Teunissen	26 Cherylyn and Thomas Thornton	27 Chuck and Delores Tobin
28 Contemporary Service Music Leader, Tavo Vega	29 Chris Tolleson	30 Tavo and Chandra Vega (Dane and Liam)	31 Richard and Alma Vierich	Feb 1	2	3

Pray for the groups and individuals listed each day.