

Magnolia Presbyterian Church

UpLook

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

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March 2018



ALL-CHURCH Work Day: Saturday, March 17, 8 am—noon
Refreshments available and equipment supplied.

All we need is YOU to help spruce up God's house in preparation for spring events.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: March 25

Children process with palms
9 am and 11 am Worship

Maundy Thursday: March 29

Tenebrae—Service of Shadows. 7 pm (Sanctuary).
Potluck at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday: March 30 7 pm at Calvary Presbyterian.

Our youth will participate in the leadership of the service.

Easter Egg Hunt: March 31 Saturday, 10 AM—noon (Egg hunt, refreshments, photo booth)

Easter Sunday: April 1

Flowering of the Cross
9 am and 11 am Worship



Help beautify our worship space with Easter lilies. Buy one or more living plants in honor or memory of a loved one. Cost: \$12 each. Sign up in the patio or call the church office.



Reminders

Time Change: March 11. Set your clock FORWARD one hour.

Crop Walk: March 11 at 12:30 pm
More info inside.

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

Co~Pastors' Page

A Pastor's Pondering

It is nearly impossible to open a news channel, webpage, facebook feed, or newspaper without reading/hearing about the flu epidemic that has hit southern California, and the city of Riverside in particular. I don't know the exact statistic but it seems like the flu shot was only 10% effective against the different strains of flu that were prevalent last fall into this winter. A number of deaths have even occurred as a result of the flu this year. Medical professionals urge the public to stay away from those affected by the flu and to practice good hand washing habits.

This seems like a good metaphor for faith and the Christian life, especially if you substitute the word "sin" for "flu" and "church" for "flu shot":

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I think the metaphor is creative and appropriate however, I was struggling to find the faith correlation to hand washing. What practice could replace hand washing to finish off this metaphor well? Would it be immersing ourselves in scripture? Maybe the equivalent would be prayer? Maybe the answer is Jesus (since in most church environments the Jesus answer seems to work often)? Maybe the parallel to hand washing is more personal and might look different from person to person?

Whatever you decide the correlation to hand washing is for you, practice it often.

Stay healthy out there!

Your inoculated but not immune Co-Pastor,

Paul

A Minister's Musings

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" Phil. 1:3-6

On Saturday February 24th, MagPres hosted 120 people from our Presbytery for the annual leadership event. As Pastors, Paul and I were very proud of our MagPres people as they served an amazing breakfast and guided people around our church campus. It was a great day! Our speaker Tod Bolsinger spoke about how church has changed in the last 50 years, which makes it imperative that the church change as well, no matter how painful or difficult. He also spoke about every church having its own DNA, its own core values that can inform how we go about moving forward. A church's DNA can be as simple as, "We are a family" or "We are friendly". The trick though is to ask the question, "What does that look like? What does that mean? How does that determine how we do ministry?" For example we might ask the question "Are we friendly to those just within our church membership? Are we friendly to visitors? Are we friendly to those in our community? Do we take our friendliness one step further and become a friend? How can friendliness become an agent of change within a church?"

These are some of the ideas that were discussed in the breakout session, "Continuing the Conversation". Exploring MagPres' DNA is just one of the ideas that we will be working on in the near future. Pastor Paul and I hope you will go on this journey with us.

In Christ,

Pastor Claire

Deacon's Corner

About this time, when the number of disciples was continually increasing, the Greeks complained that in the daily distribution of food the Hebrew widows were being given preferential treatment. The twelve summoned the whole body of the disciples together and said, "It is not right that we should have to neglect preaching the Word of God in order to look after the accounts. You, our brothers, must look round and pick out from your number seven men of good reputation who are both practical and spiritually-minded and we will put them in charge of this matter. Then we shall devote ourselves whole-heartedly to prayer and the ministry of the Word." Acts 6:1-4

Ever wonder who the first Deacons of God's church were? The above passage states that originally 7 were first chosen to fulfill this responsibility. The passage continues and names the 7 in charge of this important duty. Much like that of the early church, Magnolia also has a Board of Deacons that is a ministry of compassion. The board is currently comprised of 14 deacons and Pastor Claire. The board is similar to session in that we have a moderator, treasurer and secretary. It is broken down into many subgroups performing different tasks for the membership. However, the primary focus of the deacons are to care for people in need.

If at any time you know of someone in need or need care for yourself, please reach out to the board of Deacons. If you don't know who your Flock leader is you can call the church office and get that information from Diana or one of the Pastors.

Deacon Jeff Ludwig



Donated **candy** is needed for the **Easter Egg hunt**. BRING wrapped candy to the church office by March 25. EGGS will be available for you to stuff. Volunteers are also needed to stuff eggs. See Robin Smith for more info.



STATER BROS. "OPPORTUNITY"

As you know..... Stater Bros. script cards are available for you to purchase every Sunday in Café Magnolia from 10:00 to 11:00. What an "OPPORTUNITY"!!!! You purchase cards in increments of \$25, \$50, & \$100. When you shop for your groceries – at any Stater Bros. store - you get full value for the card you purchase. Your church gets 6% of every card purchased. "What an "opportunity" to donate to your church!!!!"

Last year from September to December we raised \$1,144.50 for the needs of your church. This January you purchased \$1,025 in script --- giving your church a profit of \$61.50. Now the question is.....can February raise more money than January?????????

What an opportunity!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! GO MAGPRES !!!!

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.

If It's March, It's Time to CROP Walk!

Want a great way to get some light exercise, enjoy your Christian community AND raise some funds for those that need some help?

The Riverside CROP Hunger Walk event will begin at Temple Beth El (corner of Central and Victoria). This year it will take place on Sunday, March 11, starting at 1:00 a.m. Most of the funds are used for international relief and development, but 25% of the money donated for the walk is returned to some of our local food assistance programs.

Please plan to participate in this worthy event, either by being a walker yourself or donating to a walker.

LOOK for the sign-up table Sunday to pick up your form or donate to a walker.



From the Membership, Evangelism, and Worship (MEW) Committee

The church has a Facebook page and now there is an Instagram page too; post at #magpres

What is a hashtag (#)? It is a word or group of words without spaces between them that are used to promote brands or find conversations about a topic. Social media is a great way to promote MagPres, its mission and activities, but please think before you post to facebook or use #magpres!

Think: Why am I posting?

Think: Will anyone be put in danger?

Think: Will anyone be embarrassed by this post?

Think: Will the church's reputation be tarnished?

Think: Does this post reflect church or personal beliefs?

Think: Have I checked a # to make sure it is appropriate?

Think: What if I run into a church member who asks about the post?

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, March 2

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

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT
199 Cans Collected in February

Bring your two cans of food on **March 11**. All items go to support the work of Lutheran Social Services.

Women's Bible Study:
9:30—11 am, every Monday
in the Christian Education
Building, Room 3.



Men's Group meets Monday, March 12, 7 pm at Jeff Ludwig's.

They meet regularly on the second Monday of each month.

Wills and Living Trusts – Seminar Offered

Do you have questions on probate, power of attorney, family trusts or joint tenancy? Are you interested in providing for your minor children or grandchildren, or wondering how to pick a trustee to carry out your wishes?

Your Stewardship & Endowment Committees are gauging congregational interest in a free seminar on Wills, Living Trusts and Estate Planning. The seminar would be offered by a local law firm.

We will be taking signups after both services in March. If enough people are interested, the seminar will be scheduled.

Contact any of these folks with questions: Marshall Lee, Ken or Sheryl Eberwein, Jane Peden, Chris Nettles, Dick Kirby, Phil Smith, John Jackson, Bill Bingham or Jay Nicholson.

Time and Talent Recognitions

- ♥ For all those who helped so ably with the LEaD event: Brenda Flowers, Ken and Sheryel Eberwein, Laura Medrano (wow, what a food spread!), Adam Martinez, Heather Dickenson, Brian and Melanie Nelson, Jeff and Laurie Ludwig, Marshall and Mary Lee, Tim Lewis, Jeanie Riggs, Cherylyn Thornton, Lisa MacDougall, Flora Livingstone, Chris Nettles.
- ♥ Ann Laudermilk for accompanying the Youth at camp in Forest Home.
- ♥ The MEW team for providing the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday.
- ♥ Chris Nettles for taking and posting photos of our life together at MagPres.
- ♥ The Reidman Family for hosting the Super Bowl party for youth.
- ♥ Heather Dickenson for work on the stained glass window refurbishment.

March Birthdays

- Raymond Ward — March 1
- Lucas Wynsma — March 2
- Mary Lee — March 3
- Jackson Duncan — March 6
- Bradley Ward — March 8
- Ann Lowry — March 9
- Janet Doshier — March 12
- Kendall Rinker — March 12
- Rosaura Escobedo — March 17
- Eleanor Miller — March 17
- John Reinhardt — March 23
- Kathleen Cohen — March 26
- Amanda Schlegel — March 28
- Michelle Manley — March 29



March Anniversaries



- Griffen, Karn and Suzanne — March 1
- Cox, Chris and Marge — March 11
- Kirby, Dick and Bonnie — March 3
- Williams, King and Bev — March 15
- Bower, Jim and Joy — March 10
- Lewis, Tim and Diana — March 22

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

As each new Session year begins, a different group dynamic is created. There is usually a period of transition as new leaders settle in and adjust to the meeting format, get to know individual personalities, and learn about on-going or up-coming projects. With this change also brings various life experiences, fresh ideas, a willingness to try new things, and insights into why Magnolia's past is important. So, as your Elders roll up their sleeves and get busy with another year of serving Christ's kingdom, keep an open mind yourselves and always keep them in your prayers.



“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10**

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 available in the office, or by email request.

Some of our new members received at Session on
February 27.

From left to right:

Michelle Knopf, David King, Claudia King,
George Robbins, Jaeson Robinson, Zach Gipson.

WELCOME!

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Closed Friday

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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

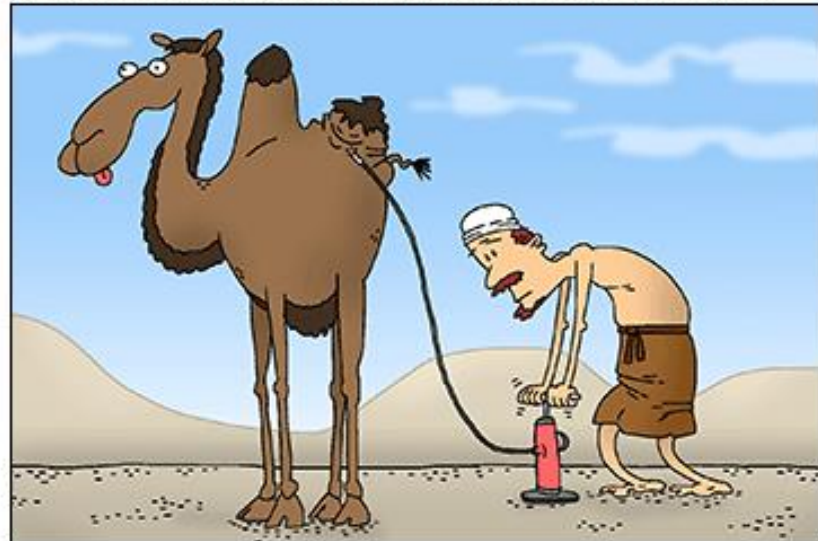
Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Interim Media/Audio Coordinator
AJ Belangeri

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...

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MagPres Master Calendar

Mar 2018 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
				7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 6:30pm - Growth Group, Mira 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C 7pm - Growth Group, CC 7pm - Growth Group, Victoria 7:05pm - Soccer - Fury Indoor	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 12:30pm - Kids' Produce Market 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Dick Haynes Memorial
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pastor Paul leave 9am - Worship w/ Communion @ 11am - Worship w/ Communion + 1:30pm - Growth Group, Church 5pm - Combined Youth 5-6-,6-7,	Pastor Paul leave 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Growth Group, CC1 7pm - Growth Group, CC2 7:07pm - Young Life @ Magnolia	Pastor Paul leave 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5:30pm - CE Committee 6pm - MEW Committee 7pm - BaG Committee 7pm - MIT Committee	Pastor Paul leave 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 2:30pm - Growth Group, Church 7:30pm - Growth Group, Mag.	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 6:30pm - Growth Group, Mira 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C 7pm - Growth Group, CC 7pm - Growth Group, Victoria	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @ 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Saving Time Begins TWO-CAN Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 12:30pm - CROP WALK @ Temple 1:30pm - Growth Group, Church 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Growth Group, CC1 7pm - Growth Group, CC2 7pm - Men's Group @ Jeff 7:07pm - Young Life @ Magnolia	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Stewardship Committee	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 2:30pm - Growth Group, Church 7:30pm - Growth Group, Mag.	UpLook Articles Due 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 6:30pm - Growth Group, Mira 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C 7pm - Growth Group, CC 7pm - Growth Group, Victoria	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 8am - Work Party
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
March Madness Camp PALM SUNDAY 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 1:30pm - Growth Group, Church 6pm - Combined Youth (with	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Growth Group, CC1 7pm - Growth Group, CC2 7:07pm - Young Life @ Magnolia	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Session Meeting-L	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 2:30pm - Growth Group, Church 7:30pm - Growth Group, Mag.	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 6:30pm - Growth Group, Mira 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C 7pm - Growth Group, CC 7pm - Growth Group, Victoria 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Easter Egg Hunt 10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ FH 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @

MagPres Prayer Calendar

March 2018

March 2018							April 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	Mar 1 Ann Brady	2 Dan and Karrie Brooks	3 Dan and Jenny Brooks
4 Young Life	5 Mark and Sarah Brooks	6 Carla and Greg Carrasco	7 Isabel Chambers	8 Merle and Doris Clark	9 Aaron and Deanna Cohen	10 Kathy and Neil Cohen
11 Teen Challenge	12 Jeff Conroy	13 Sandy Cooper	14 Rev. Brad and Lori Copeland	15 Chris and Marge Cox	16 Donna Crossen	17 Kayla Crossen
18 Care Portal	19 David and Margy Crowley	20 Lea Dawson	21 Gene and Sharon DeLeal	22 Anne Denham	23 Richard and Heather Dickinson	24 Hannah Dickenson
25 Compassion International	26 Mike and Janet Doshier	27 Tammy and Chris Duncan	28 Ken and Sheryel Eberwein	29 Joyce Ehlers	30 Alice Ehlers	31 Frank and Rosaura Escobedo

Pray for the groups and individuals listed each day.