



# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The UpLook

### Minister's Musing

*"Let's also think about how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. Don't stop meeting together with other believers...instead encourage each other..."* Hebrews 10: 24-25

What an amazing several weeks it has been on Sunday morning to see all of your shining faces in worship! It has made my heart glad to see so many of you greeting one another with joy after such a rough couple of years. It has reminded me how much I have missed seeing you all in person and what a difference it makes to worship corporately instead of from my living room.

I had a similar experience recently when my Spiritual Direction Cohort finally met in person at Ghost Ranch New Mexico, after spending four week-long retreats with one another on Zoom over the past 20 months. We were so excited to meet each other face to face and experience meals, fellowship time around a fire, walks together, and our learnings and sharing together in one place. Recently, a member of MagPres posted a meme on Facebook that illustrates well the reasons why meeting and worshipping in person is so important;



*"As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. you can't have community of faith on your sofa. you can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.*

*Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The church needs you. And you need the church."*

I would add to that, "Your Pastors need you." I recognize that for some of you, your health concerns prevent you from gathering with large groups of people and that is understandable. For the rest of us, please know that we miss seeing you, worshipping with you, fellowshiping, and serving with you.

In Christ,  
Pastor Claire

### MAY 2022

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#### Easter Egg Hunt, April 16 A good time was had by all!

Thank you to all who made the return of the MagPres Easter Egg Hunt a huge success! The Thursday Rooted group spearheaded the effort. Many more provided candy-filled eggs and showed up to help set up, 'hide' eggs, supervise, and clean up. It was truly a blessing to see so many kids. Church kids and their friends, grandkids, neighborhood children! Based on the (somewhat) controlled chaos of tie dying shirts, there were at least 35 kids, plus a handful or so who chose to stay out of the mess!

## Deacons Corner

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition and with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. "*

Hope does spring eternal. Spring -- the word itself is a joy to say -- with a bright lilting quality. So it is with Christian faith that if we allow it, hope will imbue our hearts with spring. This is especially when we are troubled or careworn. God never lets us out of his sight.

Being part of the Deacons at MagPres is one way to spread hope to those who are troubled or careworn. Thanks for your support in our endeavors.  
Yours in Christ, Everal Hathaway



Mark your calendars for a  
**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**, June 5, 2022

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Church Family,

The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School. It can be for one week at a time or more.

WHO: individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18. Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Zach Gipson, at [zachwgipson@gmail.com](mailto:zachwgipson@gmail.com) or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered in-person & Via Zoom during our 10am worship service. In-person will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use the link below.

**Meeting ID: 259885602**

**Password: 7200**

**YOUTH GROUP** is taking some time off, but if you have questions or want to keep connected, contact Eric Brandenberger at [ebsouthernca@gmail.com](mailto:ebsouthernca@gmail.com).

## ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

You can participate in worship by going to [magpres.com/watch](https://magpres.com/watch) or by visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://facebook.com/magpres)).

Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)

## TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT

In April, we collected 199 food items. Can we make it 200 in May? Our next collection date is May 8 at 10 am worship (or come to the office).

OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 2022

**Crossways Students Graduate!** These people spent 60 weeks deep in Scripture, history, theology, and group building. They (and their families) will celebrate Sunday, May 15, after church with a potluck. **MANY MANY THANKS** to our study leaders, Pastor Claire and Pastor Paul, who led us with courage, challenge, and patience.



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Spring is in the air! Some words that describe springtime and especially this year as we all awaken from the restrictions of the global pandemic include:

*RENEWAL, REBIRTH, REFRESH, REGROWTH, REAWAKEN, REPLANT, REDISCOVER*

These words also represent Session committee activities going on at MagPres:

SANCTUARY REBUILD	(Reawaken)
POSTCARD RECONNECTION ACTIVITY	(Renewal)
PATH OF LIFE GUEST CHEF NIGHT	(Replant)
MOTHER'S DAY	(Rebirth)
CE BUILDING PAINTING	(Refresh)
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP	(Rediscover)
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	(Regrowth)

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

## Session Meetings and Minutes:

Session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday\* of every month at 7 pm via Zoom. These meetings are open, so if you would like to attend and listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are available in the office, or by request. \*Adjustments made for holidays.

Work Day Report  
 Our workers, who deserve a big round of applause:  
 Lance and Laurie Mordue  
 John Reinhardt  
 Claire Schlegel  
 Lisa MacDougall  
 James Laudermilk  
 John Wright  
 Tim Lewis  
 Tammy, Chris, Jackson and Anderson Duncan  
 Mary Lee  
 Carolyn Raughley  
 Anna Brandenberger  
 Heather Dickenson  
 John and Beth Zarecki  
 Ann Laudermilk

Work done:  
 Washing down buildings, ramp, and walkways  
 Painting ceiling in financial secretaries office  
 Prepped CE exterior doors and trim for painting  
 Cleared CE Room 2 for new Young Life office, making room for Family Promise office in 'pod'  
 CE office and Sunday School room organization  
 Attic organization  
 Trash/debris, leaf sweeping  
 Playground cleanup  
 Check/inventory fixtures, door stops, air filters



Thank you Barbara Johnson for providing delicious scones for break time!

# REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

## **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Every Thursday at 7 pm, make a joyful noise! Interested in joining the choir? Talk to John Wright – [music@magpres.com](mailto:music@magpres.com)

## **WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY**

A relaxing time to delve into Scripture, have prayer, and fellowship.

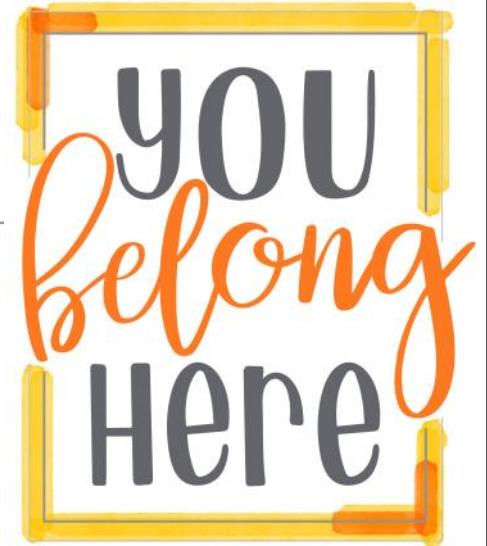
Where: Church Library (if you need Zoom, please contact the office ahead of time)

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00AM

**Zoom Community Group link: 259885602 Password: 7200**

Contact Laurie Mordue, [luluherndes@msn.com](mailto:luluherndes@msn.com). Or the office for more info.

**TROOP 16** meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis ([webelewis@gmail.com](mailto:webelewis@gmail.com)).



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## STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

On each 2nd Sunday, we bring 2 Cans or Boxes of food for TWO-CAN Sunday.

You may purchase Stater Bros gift cards in the church office--

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Buy in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards and the church receives 5%!

☎ Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you.

☎ OR - visit [www.magpres.com/people](http://www.magpres.com/people) (call the office for the password).

**Always - if your address, phone, or email changes, notify [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)**

The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS DOOR OFFERING. This is a dedicated offering to help friends and family of MagPres members experiencing hardship. Your gift, large or small is a gift of kindness.

*Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself - and for a friend or stranger.

# STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE NEWS

## Endowment Funds Combined (As of January 1, 2022)

Over the years, a number of people have contributed to the Magnolia Presbyterian Church Endowment Program. Some of our funds have been combined with other funds to create superfunds large enough to be professionally managed. This not only provides better management, but also helps as a hedge against inflation. Each fund that is part of a superfund is tracked and recorded individually, so as not to lose sight of the donors who so generously created these funds. The funds have been kept in the categories specified by the donors. Below are the funds that were combined in 2021, and the percentage of the category each fund represents.

### Great Commission Fund

Helen Wallace Great Commission Fund	66%
Del Majocchi Great Commission Fund	34%

### Where Most Needed Fund

Watson Where Most Needed Fund	6%
Helen Lanman Where Most Needed Fund	4%
Coggins Where Most Needed Fund	5%
Magnolia Where Most Needed Fund	68%
Love Where Most Needed Fund	4%
Helen Wallace Where Most Needed Fund	13%

### Youth Ministries Fund

Harold Joyner Youth Fund	6%
Hazel Phelps Youth Fund	33%
Les Hall Youth Fund	38%
Dorothy Gorman Youth Fund	23%

### Christian Education

Del Majocchi Christian Education Fund	21%
Maureen Gray Christian Education Fund	7%
June Roberts Christian Education Fund	10%
Love Christian Education Fund	16%
Magnolia General Christian Education Fund	6%
Helen Wallace Christian Education Fund	41%

If you are interested in learning more about Magnolia's Endowment Fund program, please contact any one of us on the Endowment Committee.

Jay Nicholson, Chair  
 Jeff Ludwig, Treasurer  
 Jan McKee  
 Pastor Claire Schlegel  
 Pastor Paul Knopf



## MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

### "Together for Joy"

General Fund  
03/31/22

Balance	1-Jan-22	\$0.00
2022 Income		\$93,910.60
2022 Expense		\$103,495.68
Balance	31-Mar-22	<b>(\$9,585.08)</b>

At the end of the first quarter MPC finds itself in a deficit, or simply put has recorded more expense than income. However, this is not the complete story. If we presented the entire Treasurers report you would see that our expense is less than budget by \$11k and income is less than budget by \$20k. The shortfall in income centers around the practice that we do not record budgeted income from endowment interest, (\$4.5k/month), until the end of the year at which time we transfer only what is needed to balance the budget.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Jeff Ludwig - Treasurer

### HOW TO GIVE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

◇ONLINE: Visit our website at [www.magpres.com/give](http://www.magpres.com/give)

◇MOBILE via text "magpres" to 77977

◇MOBILE via app -- Download our church app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"

◇U.S. MAIL

Send a check via US Mail to our mailing address:

7200 Magnolia Avenue | Riverside CA 92504

# Congratulations to the Graduates!



Ryan and Candis McKee's second oldest son, Logan McKee, is graduating from 8th grade at Woodcrest Christian Middle School, and will go to Woodcrest Christian High School in the fall. Their family previously belonged to our church, and now attend The Grove. The proud grandparents are Steve



Jackson Duncan will graduate from Martin Luther King High School in May. He will continue his studies at RCC next year. He has recently completed his youth hockey career of 12 years playing Varsity, JV, and as Captain of his team. He is the son of Tammy and Chris Duncan and grandson of John and Connie Jackson.



**Family Promise of Riverside** announces its FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Cordell Thomas joins Family Promise of Riverside as its first Executive Director. He has lived in Riverside for 18 years and brings with him degrees in Psychology and Business Administration.

You can read more about this organization that has its roots right here at MagPres at [www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside](https://www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside) or [www.fpriverside.org](http://www.fpriverside.org)



## Scout Corner, May 2022



The Scouts are excited to be attending a district-hosted event April 29-May 1. They will be at Raahauge's Shooting Enterprise learning gun safety, procedures, and law. They will be able to shoot a variety of guns and learn how to load, shoot, and handle them properly. I had a Eagle Scout candidate once tell me the hardest merit badge he had to earn was "Shooting" because "you actually had to hit the target!" And the food will be provided, so for this event at least, no meal planning needed.

Upon returning they will focus on preparing for the upcoming summer camp. Summer camp is the ideal place to obtain the more difficult merit badges, some of which require work over time and are finished up at the camp.

We meet every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at church. Interested youth are invited!  
Tim Lewis



## Calling All MagPres Youth

### 2022 Summer Camp Is Coming

**Early Bird registration: \$350**

(\$75 deposit due by May 30)

**After May 30: \$400**

**Jr. Camp**—July 3-9  
for students entering 4th-6th grades

**Jr. High Camp**—July 10-16  
for students entering 7th-8th grades



**LEAD**—for High School students

Session 1: July 3-9

Session 2: July 10-16

**Please have all Registration forms in by May 30!**

Price includes all meals and activities (singing, crafts, skits, archery, low ropes and high ropes challenge courses, climbing wall).

*Full scholarships are available for students going into or out of 4th grade. Other partial scholarships are available.*

Contact Pastor Claire ([Claire@magpres.com](mailto:Claire@magpres.com))

[www.bigbearlakechristianconferencecenter.com/summer-camp](http://www.bigbearlakechristianconferencecenter.com/summer-camp)

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**David King**, May 1

**Marjorie Ludwig**, May 1

**Jo Ann Alford**, May 2

**Melissa Holden**, May 2

**Loretta Ward**, May 2

**Dorothy McLaughlin**, May 10

**Tessa Pareded**, May 11

**Janet Field**, May 13

**Cole Gettis**, May 14

**Caitlin Keovilay**, May 17

**Sarah Ward**, May 17

**Olive Watson**, May 17

**Krista Zwart**, May 17

**Donna Crossen**, May 19

**Judy O'Bier**, May 21

**Sharon Reinhardt**, May 22

**Anderson Duncan**, May 25

**Marshall Lee**, May 29

**Brenda Wynsma**, May 30

**Neil Cohen**, May 31



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**King**, David and Claudia —  
May 5

**Richards**, Dave and Sandy -  
May 25

**Crowley**, David & Margy —  
May 30



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Email: church@magpres.com  
Website: www.magpres.com  
Church Office Hours  
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm  
Closed Friday

**MAY 2022**



**Magnolia Presbyterian Church**

**Staff**

The Rev. Claire Schlegel  
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Co-Pastor

Diana Lewis  
Interim Admin. Asst.

James Walters  
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein  
Contemporary Music Leader

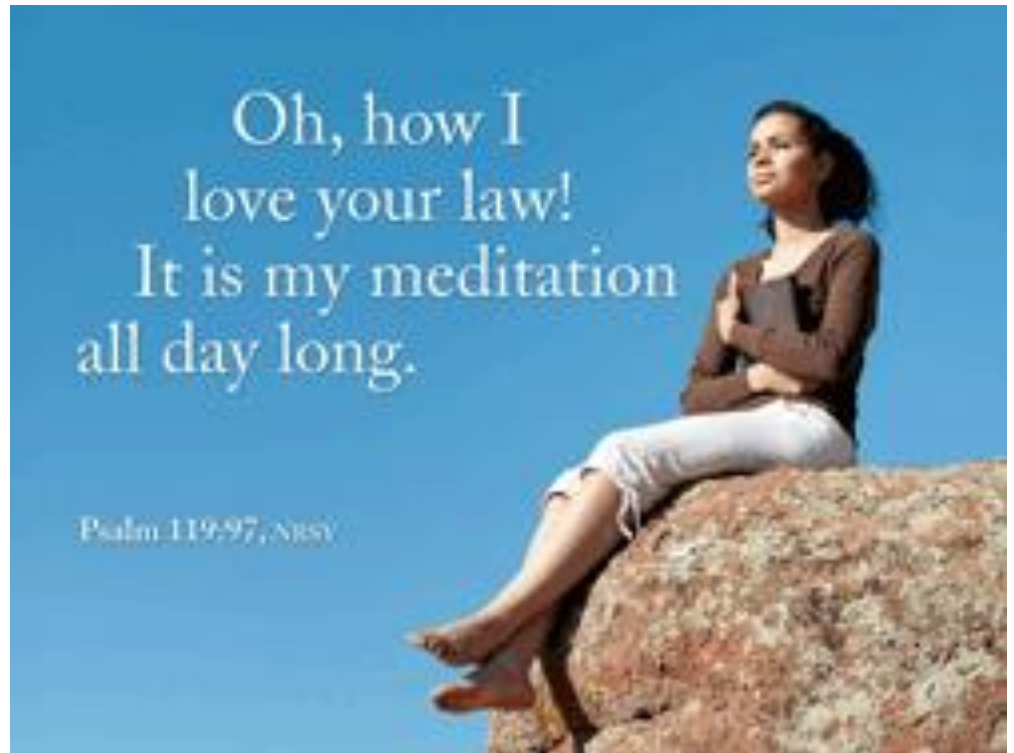
John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Allison Robinson, Nursery Attendant

Jeff Ludwig, Treasurer

[vacant] Youth Leader





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>KIDS' SUN. SCHOOL</p> <p>10am - Deacon Door Offering</p> <p>10am - Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6pm - Mission Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3pm - Crossways #1</p> <p>7pm - Crossways # 2</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>8</p> <p>KIDS' SUN. SCHOOL</p> <p>10am - TWO-CAN Sunday</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6pm - Worship Cmte</p> <p>7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3pm - Crossways #1</p> <p>7pm - Crossways # 2</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am - EEEAC</p> <p>5pm - Path of Life GUEST CHEF</p>
<p>15</p> <p>KIDS' SUN. SCHOOL</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>11:15am - Crossways potluck</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Session Materials Due</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>22</p> <p>KIDS' SUN. SCHOOL</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7pm - Session Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>29</p> <p>KIDS' SUN. SCHOOL</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.  
[www.magpres.com/calendar](http://www.magpres.com/calendar)

# May 2022

June 2022

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May 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1 National Day of Prayer	2 Laura Medrano	3 Bill and Ruth Megenney	4 Eleanor Miller	5 Lance and Laurie Mordue	6 Brian and Melanie Nelson	7 Chris and Sherry Nettles
8 Moms and Others who inspire us	9 Jay and Katie Nicholson; Destiny and Addison	10 Janet Nicks	11 Judy O'Bier	12 Jane Peden	13 Giovanny and Monica Perez; Dominic, Donovan, Olivia, Gideon	14 Ron and Cornelia Phifer
15 Those in Foster Care and Their Caregivers	16 Susie Phillips	17 Gary and Pat Platner	18 Clarke and Jeanette Prescott	19 Rosario Quinones	20 Charles and Carolyn Raughley	21 John and Sharon Reinhardt
22 Reach Out to Someone Lonely	23 Jean Riggs	24 George Robbins	25 Jaeson and Allison Robinson, Jaeson and Sophia	26 Claudia Roman; Christian, Catelyn, Bella	27 Tom and Cathy Safford	28 Claire Schlegel; Amanda, Julianne
29 Armed Service Members	30 Alli Shaff	31 Evelyn Shea; Kristine	Jun 1	2 Jun 1	4	4

