

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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June 2019



During the Unity Worship Service, **Elder Erin Gettis** read the following update to the congregation:

Hello Everyone,
Thank you for your prayers and patience with the

process of the aftermath of the fire. The team of four has continued to meet and communicate regularly to go over all of the steps required. The members of this committee are Ann Lauder milk, Tom Safford, Tim Lewis, and I (Erin Gettis).

Our mission is to be the very best stewards of our Church resources and to make sure that the Church has those resources in place to move forward with the path once chosen. There have not yet been decisions on whether to rebuild what was there, build something new, or a hybrid of the two. The timing of that decision is closer, but not yet decided. Either path though requires us to get the best most accurate bid possible to insure that the settlement is the best possible. Our insurance company provided a single bid to do the reconstruction of the church and we were left to collect additional bids. Due to our desire to be the very best stewards of this Church and the

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This Youth Fundraiser will be on Sunday, June 16, between services.

Cost: FREE—but keep reading!

Donations can be made by pledging per pancake sold (not your own meal).

Example:

Pledge 15 cents per pancake; if 125 pancakes are made, your donation is \$18.75.

Flat rate donations can be made as well.

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH by attending (and pledging).

GOAL: \$800 to be raised for programs and Triennium.



END-OF-YEAR YOUTH POOL PARTY!

And saying goodbye to Chris Stanley, who is pursuing a PhD at Union Theological Seminary.

Dinner is provided. All Junior and Senior High Youth are invited.

Time and Place: 3—7 pm, Sunday, June 2, at the home of Phil and Sally Smith

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

Co-Pastors Page

Pastor's Ponderings Rev. Paul Knopf

"...choose life..." *Deuteronomy 30:19*



During the last month, I got a new (to me) trumpet. It is different from any previous horn I have owned. It has a dark, full, and round sound. It is solid and pleasing to the eye. I have spent quite a bit of time playing this horn and rekindled my love for music. In moments when I am down, playing this instrument gives me life. Why am I telling you this?

Growing up, I always thought of June as the beginning of summer. Of course, purists will remind me that summer begins on June 21st, but

for me, the day school got out was the beginning of summer.

What are you doing this summer? Do you have vacation plans? Maybe you're taking a trip? Maybe you're going out of the country? For me, vacations can be life giving; but if I don't schedule in enough buffer time ahead of and after the trip, I often just feel spent. Is vacation life giving for you? Do you feel like you need a vacation after your vacation?

My hope for you is that you would choose life giving activities that refresh and restore you this summer. Me, I'll be playing my horn.

Your searching for life Co-Pastor,
Paul

Minister's Musings Rev. Claire Schlegel

Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.

Isaiah 43:19



As I'm writing this, in exactly three weeks I will be on my way to Greece and London for vacation. I'm looking forward to going to a place I've never been before (Greece) and returning to a place (London) I visited 20 years ago. As I think about going to the new place, I wonder what it will be like and if it will live up to my expectations. There is a certain amount of nervousness involved in going to a new place even though I am traveling with a group of people whom I know pretty well. However, as with any travel experience with people, the stress involved in travel has the potential of not bringing out the best in others.

On the other hand, one could say that London is more familiar and comfortable even though it's been awhile. Questions that come to mind as I think about that are, "What has changed there?" and the bigger question for me, since the last time I went I was still married, "What emotions will be stirred up?" I ask these questions because I am aware that even though it is a place I've been, the chances of it being the same are highly unlikely. I am in a different place in my life and London has also moved on so to speak.

Both of these examples bring up questions, "How do we move forward? Should we move forward? Should we go back? Can we go back?" Maybe other questions are "Do I want to be comfortable? Or do I want to risk? What is the reason for trying something new?" And yes, you have probably guessed it, I am no longer talking about my trip. These are questions all of us need to ponder as we think about the direction for MagPres. We have the opportunity to have our worship space reflect where we envision ourselves going in the future. Those are the questions our Session and congregation will be asking in the next few months. May God guide us in this time of discernment.

In Christ,
Pastor Claire

congregation's resources we chose to collect additional bids, some were forwarded to us by the insurance company and some were companies that we found through our network in our community of the Inland Empire. We had a total of five contractor teams that visited the site and four (including the one from the insurance company) chose to bid.

From those bids, there was clearly one contractor that rose to the top as one that had our church's best interests in mind based on the depth to which they ensured all aspects of the existing church before the fire were included in the bid. We will be meeting with this contractor this coming week to clarify a few items on the bid before we announce to the session and the congregation. Once selected this contractor will work with us as a partner in all necessary items needed to move forward and to coordinate with the insurance company. This contractor has insurance and fire experience, they are a company founded on this type of work.

Further update on the church building itself, while it appears as if little has happened from the outside, a lot has happened on the inside. We also have moved forward on the pews. The restoration needed to the pews from the fire, smoke and water damage cost as much as purchasing new pews so we have chosen to settle for that amount and dispose of the pews. The settlement will be reserved for the future seating needs of the new sanctuary. All of the contents of the inside of the church have been removed and catalogued by a demo contractor. We are now working with a 3rd party on the contents claim and determining the value of the contents. We will be contacting some of you to solicit knowledge and more specificity on the contents list so we can be the best stewards of the church resources while working on the claim.

As part of this process, there have also been improvements to the existing church space (called the Fellowship hall or the 1880s sanctuary we are sitting right now) which has been conducted by various church committees and members of the Building and Grounds Committee. There is improved lighting in the church, new TV screens, new chairs and at the moment we are reviewing bids for new HVAC to this building. We are also moving along through the permitting process for the temporary ramp, moving closer to that permit being granted and the ramp installed.

We continue to ask for your prayers for all of us working on this process, for the tough decisions facing us in the future and the continued challenges that will continue to arise. Every week presents new things to consider. Thank you very much for your time.



Men's Group will take the summer off—but first—dinner out! Monday, June 10 at Pepito's, 6 pm.
6539 Magnolia Ave , Riverside

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT
127 Cans Collected in MAY

This program needs more!
Bring your two cans of food on Sunday, June 9 for distribution to Lutheran Social Services. What we give is MATCHED by a grant! So give generously.
most needed: breakfast foods, protein sources.

The Women's Bible Study is also taking the summer off. See you in September.

SCOUT CORNER

The Troop continues to actively pursue Merit Badges for rank advancement. This includes some that have several months of activities that are ongoing, such as Personal Fitness and Personal Management (both required to obtain the Eagle Rank). Starting these now means that they can be finished at the summer camp in July at Orange County BSA's Lost Valley camp. Other June activities include a Merit badge Day at a class in Elsinore on June 8 to obtain the First Aid Badge (also an Eagle requirement) and a campout at Rancho Jurupa Park on June 21-23. Come join the fun and increase your knowledge!
Tim Lewis, C.O.R.



Scout
Corner



◆ Drummer – We are seeking a drummer to participate in the 9:00 a.m. service. Please contact Saw Shein (saw@magpres.com) if interested.

- ◆ PowerPoint preparation – We are seeking someone to assist weekly with the preparation of the PowerPoint presentations which are used during worship services. It would be most helpful to have experience with Microsoft products including PowerPoint. Please contact Pastor Paul (paul@magpres.com).
- ◆ Wedding Coordinator – We are taking applications for a Wedding Coordinator for the church. There is an average of 4-5 weddings a year. There is a stipend for this position. Please contact Brenda Flowers, Personnel Committee chair, or the church office if interested.

Hymnal Fund

The church will be purchasing hymnals to be used in the Worship Center. We are offering the opportunity to donate to the purchase in honor of someone. A nameplate with the honoree and donor will be placed in the hymnal. Please see Laura Medrano for more information.



As Deacons, we learn a lot from each other. I myself am still learning even as I start a fourth year as a deacon. Here are some things we do:

- ♥ care for each other
- ♥ pray for those who need it
- ♥ talk to one another at church
- ♥ help set the communion table
- ♥ serve communion on Sunday mornings
- ♥ set out refreshments in between church services and clean up afterwards



- ♥ visit those who need a visit whether it's in the hospital or at their home
- ♥ give canned goods to Lutheran Social Services
- ♥ give out care packages
- ♥ set up for and serve for memorial services
- ♥ collect money for the deacon door offering on Sundays that communion is being served.

God Bless,
From your fellow deacon,
Amanda Schlegel

The Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study Group delivered SIXTY "Blessing Bags" filled with toiletries to the Battered Women's Shelter in May. Dr. Robert J. Mohn, DDS has generously donated toothpaste and toothbrushes for each organza bag. If you travel this summer, please remember to save any UNOPENED toiletry items for our outreach efforts.



Small, Unopened Hygiene Items Needed

2019 "Fearless Generosity"

April Financial Report:
The April 2019 Treasurer's report indicates an income of \$172,278.62 and \$146,748.67 in expenses. The result is a current positive balance of \$25,529.95 for the month of April. God is Good!!!



Thank you for your fearless generosity by supporting the Church's 2019 budget by staying current with your pledges.

A Rich Tradition...

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Wondering why someone would put a picture of a sled in the June issue? At the end of every Session meeting, the Moderator asks Elders to share their “SSLDDs” (pronounced “SLED”) of the meeting.



SURPRISES, SATISFACTIONS, LEARNINGS, DISCOVERIES, DISSATISFACTIONS

Here is just a sampling from the last few meetings...

Satisfactions for new members

Discoveries of the large Magnolia representation at the LEaD event

Discoveries in hearing faith journeys and **satisfaction** with the proposal of Magnolia’s focus for 2019.

Satisfactions of taking the time to discuss the future of the church building.

Satisfactions of Session committees working together

Learnings at the December Session meetings, where we welcome new officers and hear their faith stories.

Dissatisfactions usually are for the lateness of the meeting or perhaps the temperature in the room.

Whether on Session or not, these can be valuable observations for all.

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”
1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session

**MagPres 4th Graders through High School:
Get your camp registration and scholarship
forms. See Pastor Claire for more info!
Claire@magpres.com**



Summer
Church Camp

Youth Group meets every* Sunday evening.
Middle School (grades 5 to 8) meets from 5 to
6:30 pm.

**COME TO YOUTH GROUP—BRING
A FRIEND**

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

Session Meetings and Minutes

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 and listen to the conversation, you are most welcome.

Copies of all session minutes are available in the office, or by email request.

Time and Talent Recognitions

Thank you to...

- † Robin Smith, Sherry Nettles, and Laurie Ludwig for sharing their faith stories on Mother's Day.
- † Chris Stanley and Tessa Islas for leading the YOUTH GROUP this past school year.
- † Gary and Edith Grant for counting and delivering cans to Lutheran Social Services.
- † Heather Dickenson and the Fellowship, Outreach and Membership Committee for the Church Picnic.

- † Carla Carrasco for hosting the Cinco de Mayo party.
- † Richard Dickenson for transporting, and Peter Manley for the use of grilling equipment.
- † Deanna Cohen and the Mission Committee for the Outreach Night.



Sandy Cooper	June 1	Sally Smith	June 20
Cornelia Phifer	June 3	Hannah Dickenson	June 25
Emile Spring-Pearson	June 4	Destiny Nicholson	June 26
Parker Cohen	June 5	Saw Shein	June 27
Jeanne Hood	June 6	Cyndee Hurlebaus	June 28
Giovanny Perez	June 8		
Monica Perez	June 12		
Delores Tobin	June 13		
Phil Smith	June 14		
Lydia Bowman	June 17		
Dan Brooks	June 20		



Josselyn, Dave and Mary	June 12		
Nettles, Chris and Sherry	June 15		
Wright, John and Cynthia	June 17		
Walker, Robert and Louise	June 18		
Nelson, Brian and Melanie	June 22		
Duncan, Tammy and Chris	June 23		
Belangeri, Gary and Jeannie	June 24		
Robinson, Jaeson and Allie	June 25		
Benninger, Bret and Debbie	June 29		
Cohen, Aaron and Deanna	June 29		
Safford, Tom and Kathy	June 29		



What is the EASIEST way to contribute to MagPres?

Buy some Stater Bros. gift cards.

Stater Bros. script cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments on the first Sunday of every month after each service. You can pay by cash or check. When you shop for your groceries – at any Stater Bros. store - you get full value for the card you purchase. MPC gets 6% of every card purchased! Cards can also be purchased in the office during regular hours.



Prime Time (a fellowship group for ALL church members) is inviting you to save Saturday, **JULY 13**, for a noontime potluck at the home of David and Claudia King . Child care will be available at MagPres. **Come one— come all.** It promises to be a great get-together. Sign-up sheets will be available after each service—or call the church office. See you there!

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- VBS Online
- Registration at
- <http://magpres.com/vbs/>
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Social Media – Want to learn about the life of Mag Pres in a creative, visual way? Join us on one or both of our social media platforms. We post fun images of our church community, videos from services and reminders of upcoming events.

Facebook - www.facebook.com/magpres

Instagram -- www.instagram.com/magpreschurch



GoGiSh VBS IS COMING!
July 15-19 9am-12pm

Register online now. Paper registration coming soon

\$15/child
\$25/family

Floral arrangements for worship can be provided in two ways:

1. Permanent silk arrangements to be used throughout the year.
2. Live arrangements for special occasions.

Call the church office or see Alli Shaff if you would like to contribute.



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A Bright Future

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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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm

Closed Friday

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JUNE 2019

Staff

Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

James Walters
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright
Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

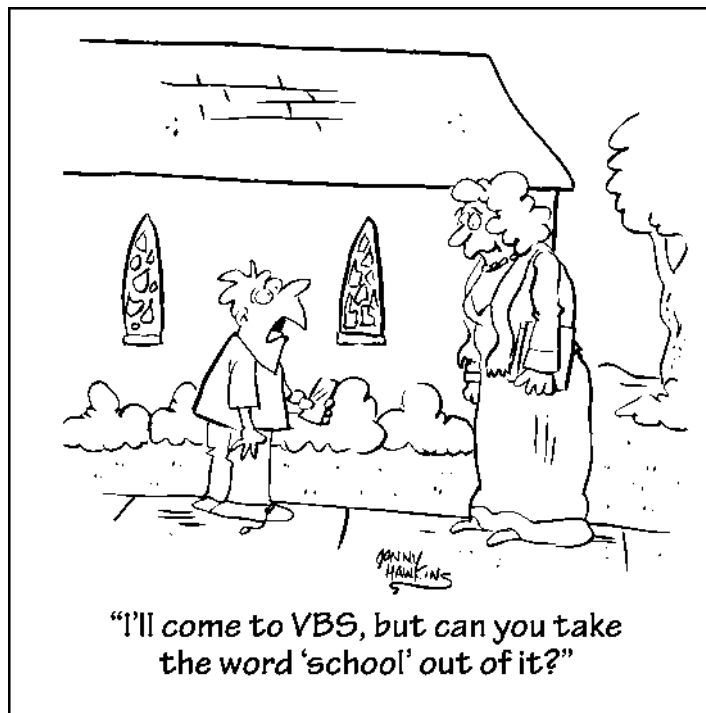
Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant


Chris Stanley
Youth Leader

AJ Belangeri
Interim Media/Audio Coordinator

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<p>All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please see www.magpres.com/calendar for updated information.</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Pastor Paul Vacation 6-2 to 6-7</p>						
<p>Deacons Door Offering</p> <p>James W. out</p> <p>Stater Bros. Cards For Sale,</p> <p>9am - Worship w/ Communion @</p> <p>11am - Worship w/Communion +</p> <p>3pm - YOUTH Pool Party</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>9:30am - BRUNCH: Women's</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Young Life @ Young Life</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5:45pm - CE Committee</p> <p>6pm - FOM Committee</p> <p>7pm - BaG Committee</p> <p>7pm - MIT Committee</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6pm - MagPres Session Study</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>10am - Riverside Presbytery</p> <p>6pm - Alleluia Ringers</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship</p>	<p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p> <p>9:30am - Riverside Presbytery</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p> <p>10am - Sack Lunch Prep @</p> <p>12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @</p> <p>4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>John Wright Out</p>						
<p>Pastor Claire Vacation 6-10 to 6-23</p>						
<p>TWO-CAN Sunday</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p> <p>Pentecost SUNDAY</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6pm - Men's Group Dinner Out @</p> <p>7pm - Young Life @ Young Life</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5:30pm - Stewardship</p> <p>6pm - Worship Committee</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6pm - MagPres Session Study</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>6pm - Alleluia Ringers</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship</p>	<p>Quakes Game, June 15 @ Rancho</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p> <p>3pm - Memorial Service, Earl</p> 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Pastor Claire Vacation 6-10 to 6-23</p>						
<p>8:30am - Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p>	<p>Pastor Paul Out 6-17 to 7-4</p>					
<p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Young Life @ Young Life</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>6pm - Alleluia Ringers</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship</p>	<p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>Pastor Paul Out 6-17 to 7-4</p>						
<p>Pastor Claire Vacation 6-10 to 6-</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p> <p>5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30</p> <p>7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Young Life @ Young Life</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Session Meeting-L</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>6pm - Alleluia Ringers</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship</p>	<p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
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<p>Summer Youth Camp (gr.4-6) @ Big Bear Lake Christian Camp and Conference Center, 575 Prairie Ln, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315, USA</p>						
<p>Pastor Paul Out 6-17 to 7-4</p>						
<p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p> <p>5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30</p> <p>7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>						

MagPres Prayer Calendar

June 2019

June 2019							July 2019						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please pray for the individuals and groups listed here.						Jun 1 Phil and Sally Smith
2 Deacons Card Ministry and Prayer Chain	3 Shawn and Robin Smith and Sydney	4 Cynthia Spring-Pearson, Emile and Adrineh	5 Chris Stanley	6 Krysten Stiffler Family	7 Jon Swearingen	8 Gale Teunissen
9 Sunday School Teachers	10 Thomas and Cherylyn Thornton	11 Chuck and Delores Tobin	12 Chris Tolleson	13 Cesar and Tamie Vasquez	14 Alma Vierich	15 Robert and Louise Walker
16 PCUSA Colleges and Seminaries	17 James and Susan Walters	18 Alene Ward	19 Ray and Loretta Ward Family	20 Margie Watson; Olive Watson	21 John Wayne	22 Gary and Linda Welman
23 Those Travelling This Summer	24 King and Bev Williams	25 Kit and Dee Wilson	26 John and Cynthia Wright	27 Brenda Wynsma; Lucas Wynsma	28 Carol Young	29 Gail Zwart/Dan Skipper Family
30 Campers and Counselors at Summer Camp						

2019 Graduates



A big huge congratulations to **A. J. Belangeri** on his graduation from Jurupa Valley High School. We are all so proud of all your hard work. Look out world, here you come!!



Christian Garcia is a 2018 graduate from Jurupa Valley High School. He will be attending Riverside City College, enrolled in the Promise Program, with the goal of obtaining his Associates Degree or transferring to a four-year school within 2 years! His major: Aerospace Engineering.



Andrew Benjamin Gonzales is graduating from California State University San Marcos, with honors with a major in Applied Physics and a minor in Mathematics. Andrew will be teaching in the fall. ~~From proud grandmother Alma Vierich.



Kevin MacDougall will graduate on June 15, 2019 with a Master's Degree in Architecture from UCLA.

Kevin lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Leslie, who works at a private school. They are very involved in their church, Ekko, in Anaheim.

We give thanks for the opportunities God has given Kevin and Leslie and pray for His hand in their future together. ~~From parents Craig and Lisa MacDougall.



Megan Shea, granddaughter of Evelyn Shea and niece of Kris Shea, is graduating from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in Public Policy.



VBS IS COMING!

July 15-19, 2019 9:00am-12:00pm

VBS Kids perform Sunday, July 21st at the 10:00 a.m. Unity Service followed by a family water party, open to all.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would love it if you would be willing to help out in one of these ways.

- Lead the Games rotation
- Assist with Games
- Assist with Crafts
- Assist with Music
- Lead children to their rotations
- Playground duty people 8:50-9:15 and 11:30-12
- Someone to make snack and set up water each day
- Help set up/clean up, make popcorn at water party
- People to pass out fliers

Please let Lisa MacDougall, Jeanie Belangeri, or Laurie McCormick know if you would like to help!

Or you can add your name to this flier, check the boxes where you're willing to help and drop it in the CE mailbox in the Church Office.



A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE!

