

Magnolia Presbyterian Church

June 2021 UpLook



May 25th, 2021

I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Today is a bittersweet day. As I sit in my office at church, the bulldozers have taken down Magnolia's burned sanctuary and have hauled away most of the rubble. It is bitter, because it has been almost two and a half years since the fire broke out on December 23rd, 2018 and in that time, MagPres has been grieving off and on. I know that this time will bring up new waves of sadness for some in the congregation who grew up here, were baptized here, married here, ordained here, and loved ones buried here; many memories of love enfolded within the walls of this church.

It is also sweet because I also know that God has something exciting and new planned for MagPres. We met with the architects and incorporated some of your feedback into the plans and getting ready to submit the next phase of plans to be submitted to the City. The Session has worked very hard to not only make our new building a beautiful space but also a place that can be used by our community, our neighborhood, and of course us multiple days a week; a place in which we can not only pay homage to our history but build and create new memories; new ways of being the church in the world. You can see the revised plans on Magpres.com/build. Please know that we still do not have everything decided when it comes to the interior space. However, as you look at the plans for the interior space, you should notice three very special crosses taking a prominent place in the back of the sanctuary. And so, as MagPres finally moves forward, our Session, Paul, and I ask that you would continue to keep MagPres in your prayers; prayers for comfort and peace, prayers for a future filled with hope.

*In Christ's love,
Pastor Claire*



View all the design concepts at www.magpres.com/building -- look for the link that says "Updated Design Concept."

DEACON'S CORNER

On February 8th I began participating in a ROOTED group that lasted 10 weeks. It was an interesting experience to say the least, but very eye opening for me and the rest of us. It involved the deacons and elders of the church.

Our aims were: to learn more about God and each other and to hear more about God.

This experience has increased my faith and brought me closer to others in the church. We also participated in a service opportunity together. We picked up trash in the neighborhood around the church. Thanks to our leaders for this opportunity!

Amanda Schlegel



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Here is your opportunity to share and give generously:

Habitat for Humanity

“A Brush with Kindness”

June 5, 2021. This outreach involves painting and some repairing of mobile home for a needy veteran, widow, or retired person. HFH developed this program to give volunteers the chance to participate by giving their time and energy to those in need and to have fun interacting with one another as a team working together for God’s joy and generosity.

If you are interested please contact :

Carol Young at 951-488-6122 by phone or text. E-mail is spunkycats@verizon.net.

Please leave your name, and contact method.

ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

You can participate in worship by going to magpres.com/watch or by visiting our Facebook page (facebook.com/magpres). Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



“June is the gateway to summer.”

Jean Hersey

Growing up in Wisconsin, the school end date was never specifically determined until any or all snow days were accounted for. What are “snow days” you ask? For kids, they were the BEST!!! You woke



up for school to see frost on the window and piles and piles of snow in the yard...you turned on the radio to hear those magic words “the following schools are closed today...” and you knew you had the rest of the day to go outside and play in the snow!! (For parents, these snow days may have been met with a different adjective).

This past year, we have been on one continuous snow day, that is, the usual routines and activities were gone. ***Now, Session has approved the following to take place once again for the children of our church...in-person summer Sunday school, nursery availability, and middle and high school youth groups.***

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 email request.

*Adjustments made for holidays.

THANKS TO:

- ❑ **Adrien Lowery** for her course on Christianity in literature.
- ❑ **Carol Young** for spearheading Brush for Kindness.
- ❑ **Gary Welman** for delivering canned goods to Lutheran Social Services
- ❑ **Eric Brandenberger, Zach Gipson** for leading Youth Group Discussion
- ❑ **Deanna Cohen, Phil Smith, Aaron Cohen, and Claire Schlegel** (FP Board Chair and Members from MagPres) for perseverance in Family Promise setup
- ❑ **Laura Medrano, Richard and Heather Dickenson and Carol Young** for preparation and distribution of 48 sack lunches.
- ❑ **Barbara Johnson and Ann Laudermilk** prepared and served 85 meals at Path of Life, Hulen Center.



STEWARDSHIP NOTES THRIVE

Stewardship News



When we experience life-changing events, it is common for us to experience grief. Think of all that has happened for our MagPres community in the past 2 and a half years. Our lives turned upside down after the fire destroyed our sanctuary. We were fortunate to have the historic sanctuary so we could continue to worship together. We had new windows but still had issues of steps and no air conditioning. Efforts continued to

add a ramp and air conditioning but it was not an easy process. Then this past year we added to our struggles with the isolation and deaths as a result of Covid. Our whole way of living life was changed and challenged. We could have given up and it would have been understandable. Many congregations ran out of people, energy and money. Worst of all they lost hope for their lives.

We could have just circled the wagons and turned inward. But we didn't. We adapted. We turned to zoom for committee and session meetings. We expanded Facebook to continue to be nurtured through worship. We used the telephone and texting to check in with each other. So how is it that despite all that has and is happening, we are continuing to be good stewards? I think it is in part reflected in our stewardship theme for 2021: "Thrive". It means to grow or to flourish despite or because of circumstances. It is natural to assume growth happens when life is easy, plenty of water, sunshine and nourishment. **But sometimes growth occurs when life is hard, when we have to make decisions and sacrifices. Stewardship is more than about giving money. It is a way of living life in partnership with God.** We continue to be open to the Spirit's leading us. We thank you for your continued giving, adapting, encouraging and your hopefulness.

Serving Christ Together,
Chris C Nettles, Stewardship Chair

1st Quarter 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income	\$107,843
Expenses	\$104,772
Balance	\$ 3,071

HOW TO GIVE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

◇ONLINE: Visit our website at www.magpres.com/give

◇MOBILE via text 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

Questions? Email stewardship@magpres.com



TWO-CAN SUNDAY

Bring TWO cans or boxes of food for distribution through our partners Lutheran Social Services. Breakfast items, protein sources, easy to open cans are

most needed.

WHEN: SUNDAY, June 13 during service. Alternative times will be published later.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stater Bros. CARDS are for sale in the office, 8:30 am to 3 pm Monday - Thursday.
Buy yours in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards and the church receives 6%!

- ⊗ **NEW directories** are available in the Worship Center and the church office.
 - ⊗ **OR** - call the office to have one mailed to you.
 - ⊗ **OR** - visit www.magpres.com/people (call the office for the password).
- Always** - if your address, phone, or email changes, notify 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.

It's exciting to see the changes going on as we begin to rebuild our church sanctuary! If any of you happen to take pictures during the demolition/construction process, and you would like to submit them to our church history file, we would love to have a copy! We will gladly accept hard copies or digital files. We always welcome any church related photos, artifacts, and memorabilia. Please contact Jan McKee for any further information, or email to janm52@aol.com. Thank you and God bless!

CROSSWAYS

...is on break for the summer. Want to join in September? Call the church office 951-684-7200.

MAGNOLIA HAS EARS TO HEAR! Bible Listening Program. Contact Eric Brandenberger at magnoliahasearstohear@gmail.com. A group of people listening individually, at their own pace, to personally hear God, then interacting with the group as they feel comfortable for support and fellowship. Blog: www.magpres.com/ivegotears

BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

Fearless Faith 2021

July 4-10:
Elementary & High School Leadership Camp

July 11-17:
Jr. High & High School Camp

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." - 2 Timothy 1:7



For more information visit www.bblccc.com
Email registration@bblccc.com



Summer Camp!

Connect with other youth -
strengthen your faith -
meet God in the great outdoors!

Scholarships are available, so please
contact Pastor Paul for
more information.

And did you know Pastor Paul will be a
speaker at both events?

So if you are entering
fourth grade to finishing as a senior,
there is a camp for you!



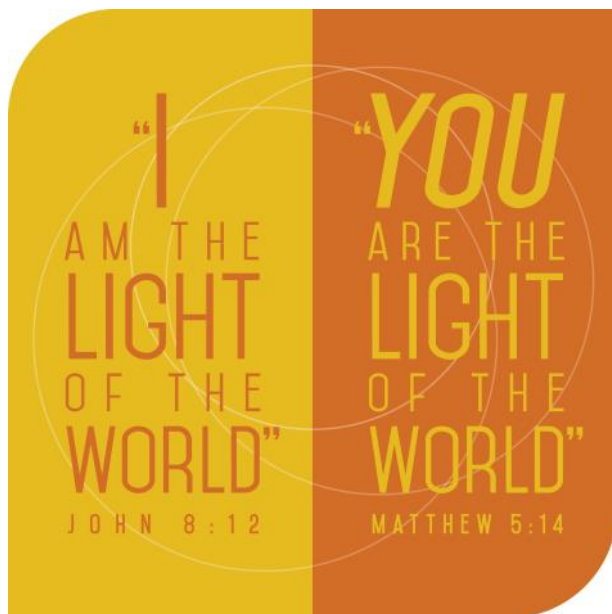
Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



SCOUT CORNER



The Troop 16 Scouts are happy to return to in person meetings (still social distancing and masks indoors.).



We have had wood crafts and then a weekend hike at Perris Lake. Summer camp will be at Camp Big Horn (Greater Los Angeles Area Council) near Lake Arrowhead the last week of July. We have 6 Scouts and 3 Scouters (adults) attending. Camp is a great opportunity to obtain some of the more difficult Merit Badges. The boys signed up for their choices and started into the requirements so that they can finish at camp. Tim Lewis --Charter Organization Rep. Join us Wednesday at 7 pm!

Prayer Calendar June 2021



6	Graduates	7	Eric and Anna Brandenberger	8	Dan and Karrie Brooks	9	Carla Carrasco	10	Merle and Doris Elizabeth Clark	11	Aaron and Deanna Cohen; Kierstyn, Caitlyn, Par-	12	Neil and Kathy Cohen
13	Family Reunions	14	Sandy Cooper	15	Brad and Lori Copeland	16	Chris and Marge Cox	17	Donna Crossen	18	Kayla Crossen	19	David and Margy Crowley
20	Dads and Those Like a Dad	21	Sharon DeLeal	22	Anne Denham	23	Hannah Dickenson	24	Richard and Heather Dickenson	25	Mike and Janet Doshier; Bobby, Jimmy, Becky	26	Alice Ehlers
27	SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS	28	Joyce Ehlers	29	Carol Farmer	30	Bruce Ferrell						
				1	Bret and Debbie Benninger	2	Bill and Linda Bingham	3	Joy Bower	4	Candy and Bill Bowman; Jena, Lydia	5	Ann Brady

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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Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

The 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

[vacant] Youth Leader

Jeff Ludwig
Treasurer

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A Merry Heart...

