



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UpLook

October 2022

Autumn Family Fun on Sunday, October 30, Trunk or Treat & a Haunted House!
Stewardship Month join us for a month of reflection & Oct 30 Stewardship Sunday
Fall Family Camp is November 11--13 at Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center
A Harvest of Gratitude Thank you to our many generous, hard-working volunteers

Pastor's Ponderings

Who knows? Perhaps you were put here for such a time as this. (Esther 4.14)

One silly thing that makes me happy is playing a game on my phone called Word Trip. It is an app that supplies you with a number of letters that you arrange to create words using some or all of the letters provided. The game looks for particular words, sometimes using four, five, six, or all of the letters provided. Sometimes, finding the words the game is looking for seems really easy, partly because that's the way my mind works. Other times, finding the exact words that the game wants is more challenging. Occasionally, I utilize the hint button, where the game provides a letter or letters to help figure out what word it is looking for. Often, there are other words that work, but aren't the ones the game is looking for.



In some ways, working in a church is similar to this game. A congregation has a particular number of members/attenders and a structure that requires a particular number of members with particular skill sets to populate its committees and teams. And sometimes, this is really easy as people are available and willing to serve on committees that fit them well. Other times, it is more challenging to populate committees and teams as individual schedules and life make serving difficult. Often, I think of new teams or committees that would work really well together, but these don't fit into our structure as currently constructed (for example, I think it would be great to have a church fantasy football league; or a church volleyball team that would compete against other churches; or a skills exchange where a more seasoned member shares their knowledge or even a meal with a younger, less seasoned member while the younger, less seasoned member provides

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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2

Celebrated by Christian churches around the globe, World Communion Sunday promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation between denominations.

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a skill or task that the more seasoned member needs done; or...the list could go on and on).

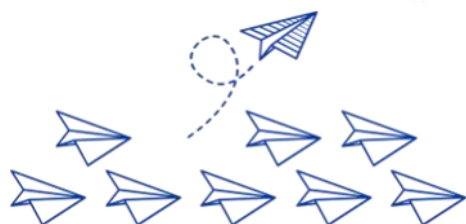
One day, these alternatives might become reality. But until then, like the game that is looking for particular words, your church is looking for particular people to make our church better by serving on our committees. Our committees include:

- BaG (Buildings & Grounds)
- CE (Christian Education)
- Endowment
- FOM (Fellowship, Outreach, & Membership)
- Mission
- Nominating
- Personnel
- Stewardship & Finance
- Worship

Like the hint button on the game, I am hoping for help in figuring out who God might be calling to serve on these teams. Might God be calling you?

For more information or if you feel God is calling you, please give me a call in the office or drop me an email (paul@magpres.com). Meanwhile, I'll keep trying to find the right combination that is needed based on our structure.

Your "enjoying the game"
Co-Pastor Paul



OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH!

As we consider how to "Think Differently" about giving of our time, talents, and treasures, meditate on our scripture for the month:

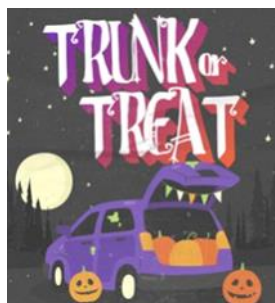
Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

Romans 12:2 Common English Bible

Rooted Life Groups have been postponed to begin after the holidays, with a Sunday, January 22, 2023, kick-off event to meet your groups. Consider joining us in this 10-week life-changing experience and connect with God, the church community, and your purpose. Followers of Jesus, old & new, are welcome to join in and begin your Life Group journey. Questions, info, sign-ups at magpres.com/rooted



Autumn Family Fun Sunday, October 30



TREATERS:

We need 12+ Trunks for our parking lot "neighborhood"

Let your creative flag fly & come set up your trunk at 4:30 p.m.

(electricity will not be available except from your car).

Bring plenty of individually sealed treats
(sealed, not just wrapped, please).

TRICKERS:

Break out the costumes & join the Costume Parade at 5:30 p.m.

Then let the treating begin!



Our Youth Group has dug up a scary good time. Join us for the thrills & chills in our very own...

Haunted House!

The tour begins in the Christian Education building
Doors Open at 6pm...
enter if you dare!

Both Events are FREE

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Session Committee highlights continue...

This month: Fellowship, Outreach,
& Membership (FOM)

Who's Who on FOM? Chaired by Elder Linda Bingham, with Elder Melissa Holden, Heather Dickenson, Laura Medrano, Pastor Claire, and Pastor Paul.

Roles and Responsibilities (as stated in the Standing Rules of Session):

1. Provide membership exploration classes along with the Pastor(s) for those interested in joining the church
2. Oversee communication and marketing channels of the church (i.e. website, social media, newsletter, banners, etc.)
3. Create and maintain a list of persons (non-members) who frequently or regularly attend church services and engage them in the life of the church
4. Provide evangelism opportunities
5. Oversee Café Magnolia, including scheduling volunteers to staff Café Magnolia
6. Assist Session in reviewing the rolls annually and recommending changes
7. Provide regularly scheduled fellowship opportunities throughout the year
8. Develop an annual committee budget in coordination with the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and manage committee budget on a monthly basis
9. Oversee other funds related to its work, in conjunction with the Stewardship and Finance committee

The purpose of this committee is to “Encourage relationships within the church, outside of the church, and formal relationship to the church”. This can all happen during coffee hour after worship, a pool party, or in a new members class, to name a few.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...” Hebrews 10:24-25

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

Combined Endowment Funds – Spotlight on Those Who Made Them Possible

In the April 2022 Uplook, we listed four new endowment funds that had recently been created by combining funds in each category. In May, we spotlighted the donors for the Where Most Needed combined fund, and in September, we spotlighted the donors for the Great Commission combined fund.

This month (October), we would like to spotlight the donors for the Youth Ministries combined fund. In November, we will spotlight the donors for the Christian Education combined fund. The foresight and generosity of all of these donors continues to bless our church.

The following information is printed below as it was originally submitted by the donor(s) for our Endowment Registry Notebook, which is kept in the church office, and updated and maintained by the Endowment Committee for all of our funds.

Hazel Phelps



On March 28, 1948, a remarkable woman joined Magnolia Presbyterian Church. Her name was Hazel Phelps. Hazel was an energetic, loyal Christian woman who married late in life and had no children. She was the kind of person people wanted to be around because she was such an inspiration and testimony to the power

of Christian love.

Hazel died at the age of 99 on December 5, 1984. She left part of her estate to the endowment fund of our church. It was her desire for the interest generated from the gift to be used for youth ministry.

Les and June Hall

Les and June Hall moved to Riverside, CA from Florida in the fall of 1959 and transferred their memberships to Magnolia Presbyterian Church on March 24,



1964 (June) and February 24, 1974 (Les). Les came from a family who was dedicated to teaching and helping in evangelism in a Baptist church. He was a graduate of King College, a Presbyterian college in Bristol, Tennessee. June was born and grew up in Oklahoma and joined a Presbyterian church when 12 years old. After her move to Florida, she joined a Southern Presbyterian Church.

During World War II, June met Les through her work with the Red Cross, which happened to be situated near his barracks. They were married in October of 1942 and God blessed them with sons Leslie Charles, Lewis Edward, and Lynn Fredrick (Rick), their wives, six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

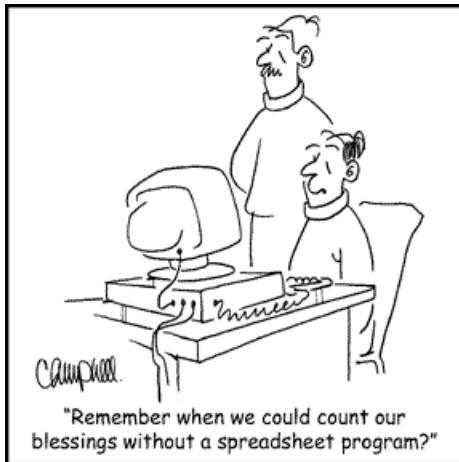
Les had a management career with the popular Imperial Hardware store, which was located in the heart of downtown Riverside. It offered leading brands of housewares, furniture, decorating services, appliances, and fine china. In 1972, the store was relocated to the Tyler Street shopping area, but was closed shortly after, and Les became the buyer of fine china for all Imperial Hardware stores. Finding that he did not want to travel and be away from home, he finished his business career in real estate. He retired in 1984 due to the loss of his eyesight, and June became his eyes for him until his death on December 27, 2000.

June was a stay-at-home mother while their boys were young, then worked on her teaching credential at La Verne College. She taught at Mt. View Elementary before serving as the library media teacher at Victoria Elementary, Adams Elementary, Hawthorne Elementary, and Monroe Elementary Schools in the Riverside Unified School District. She transferred to the Alford Unified School District to be the librarian at Wells Intermediate School until she opened up the new library at La Sierra High School in 1972. June retired in 1984.

Both Les and June lived out their faith in their business and education careers. He, a quiet, caring person, helped many people through his work; and she encouraged and inspired hundreds of young people in the school setting. Both were always supportive of children.

Since December 2002, their endowment funds have been designated to help Magnolia Presbyterian
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REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



CHOIR REHEARSALS: Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir ! Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Have Questions? Email John Wright at music@magpres.com

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Will resume this October. Join us then for a relaxing time to delve into Scripture, pray, and fellowship.

TROOP 16: Meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis (webelewis@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th 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 this link:

Meeting ID: 259885602 Password: 7200

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

TWO-CAN SUNDAY: On every 2nd Sunday of the month, we bring 2 Cans or Boxes of food to be donated to Lutheran Social Services of Southern California to help feed hungry neighbors in our community. In August, we collected 103 food items. **Keep up the good work(!)** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be October 9.

STATER BROS. GIFT CARDS: Gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available to purchase in the church office. Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm. Whether you are buying as a gift or to do your weekly grocery shopping, the church receives 5% of every sale! How nice--give twice!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you. Instructions on downloading the app to our "Instant Church Directory" are on page 7 (great way to keep up with birthdays and anniversaries in our church family!)

As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know at church@magpres.com

DEACONS DOOR OFFERING: 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.

COMMUNION: First Sunday of every month, communion is served as a part of the worship service. For those worshipping via Zoom, feel free to gather your own "bread & cup" elements at home and join in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the whole congregation.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL: *Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer (on the Welcome Table) and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself and for a friend or stranger.

YOU CAN HELP...

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.

Individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18--all are welcome.

Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Zach Gipson, at

zachwgipson@gmail.com or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Those of you who have always dreamed of a career of folding newsletters and applying address labels--*your time has come!*

Our trusty Office Manager could use the help of a rotating crew of volunteers one morning a week to get out these *UpLook* newsletters, stuff inserts into Sunday bulletins, and other fantastic activities you can do while seated in the most comfortable chair in the office!

If you think you could offer your help weekly or even just occasionally, please email Adrien at Church@MagPres.com and let her know your possible availability (best days of the week & times). Thank you!!

SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPES

If you ended up not using the self-addressed stamped envelope sent to you in your worship survey in August, we'd be glad to have those unused envelopes back. We can use them to pay our church bills and continue to be good stewards of the resources you entrust to us. Feel free to leave them on the Welcome Table at the entrance to the Worship Center on Sunday!

Thanks!



COMING UP!

Join us for Fall fun with



Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m.

for both Middle School (grades 6-8)
and High School (9-12) students.

Oct 2 Youth Group Dinner

Oct 9 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 16 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 23 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 30 Youth Group Haunted House!

We will be meeting in the youth room (enter off Potomac St, through the gate on the left, and the first door is the Youth Room). Hope to see you there!

~ Pastor Paul

HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities.

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

MOBILE: Text "magpres" to 77977

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

U.S. MAIL: Send check via US Mail to our address at 7200 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504



All-Church FAMILY RETREAT

11/11 - 11/13

BIG BEAR LAKE
CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

ALL AGES WELCOME

MORE INFO: BBLCCC.COM
REGISTRATION \$135 PER PERSON
REGISTER AT MAGPRES.COM/RETREAT

Pumpkin Swirl Brownies

8 Tbsp (1 stick) unsalted butter, plus more for pan
6 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
2 c all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp salt
1 3/4 c sugar
4 large eggs

1 Tbsp pure vanilla extract
1 1/4 c solid-pack pumpkin
1/4 c vegetable oil
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/2 c chopped hazelnuts or other

- ◆ Preheat oven 350 degrees. Butter 9-inch square baking pan or dish. Line bottom with parchment paper, butter lining.
- ◆ Melt chocolate & butter in heatproof bowl set over pan of simmering water, stir occasionally until smooth.
- ◆ Whisk together flour, baking powder, cayenne, and salt in large bowl, set aside. Put sugar, eggs, and vanilla in bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment; beat until fluffy and well combined, 3-5 minutes. Beat flour into mixture.
- ◆ Divide batter between 2 medium bowls (approx. 2 cups per bowl). Stir chocolate mixture into one bowl. In other bowl, stir in pumpkin, oil, cinnamon, nutmeg.
- ◆ Working quickly so batters don't set: Transfer half of chocolate batter to prepared pan, smoothing top with spatula. Top with half of pumpkin batter. Repeat to make 1 more chocolate layer and 1 more pumpkin layer.
- ◆ With small spatula or table knife, gently swirl the 2 batters to create a marbled effect. Sprinkle with nuts.
- ◆ Bake until set, 40-45 minutes. Let cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into 16 squares (yeah, right! 16 squares Hah! Nice try, Martha!)

From <https://www.marthastewart.com/314036/pumpkin-swirl-brownies>

We are so Grateful for the Harvest of Helpers
who have contributed their time and talent to MagPres in
recent months in VBS, Sunday School, Youth Group, representing us in
General Assembly, in big and small ways around the campus and cleaning out
our closets. Be sure to thank them, and let us know if there are others we need
to include in our next "bouquet of thanks"!

Linda Bingham
Candy Bowman
Anna Brandenberger
Eric Brandenberger
Carla Carasco
Heather Dickenson
Brenda Flowers
Catelyn Garcia



Bill Bingham
Danielle Good
Michelle Knopf
Ann Laudermilk
Mary Lee
Tim Lewis
Lisa MacDougall
Laura Medrano

Cherylyn Thornton

DON'T FORGET...



COFFEE TIME is now *weekly* right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Join us in the Fireside Room for Java and Treats... and stay for the Fellowship and Conversation!



CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE!

View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app.

Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now." Confirm your email address to sign in. Download the free mobile app at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create your log-in. Need help or have any questions? Please contact Pastor Paul (paul@magpres.com).



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young people have the chance to also reflect about their faith away from their busy daily life.

Dorothy Gorman



Dorothy Gorman was a senior member of Magnolia Presbyterian Church. She became member # 3069 on February 26, 1984. She was active in Icebreakers, as well as other areas of the church.

Dorothy was educated at Cornell University and became both a teacher and a counselor

in Redlands and at Ramona High School in Riverside. She moved from Riverside and transferred her church membership to Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington on May 28, 1993.

After her death, Dorothy had only one surviving sister. While Dorothy was a member at Magnolia, she had a deep Christian love for Rev. Bob Byrd and a deep commitment to Christ.

Harold Joyner

(no photo available)

Harold Joyner was the brother of Verna Joyner Worthington [a long time member of Magnolia Presbyterian Church]. Harold was from Greenville, N.C. He died in 1994.

Harold never married. He lived at and maintained the family farm and home their father built in 1902, where the family was raised. Harold cared for his mother for several years prior to her death; he also cared for another brother during numerous operations and treatments for cancer.

To Our Gracious Endowment Donors who have helped us grow our Youth...



Treasurer's Report
General Fund as of
8/31/2022

Balance Jan. 1, 2022	\$0.00
2022 Income	259,598.01
2022 Expense	<u>\$283,750.21</u>
Balance June 30, 2022	(\$24,152.20)

Session will meet again in October

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

In-person will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:20 a.m. Those attending via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259 885 602 and the Password 7200 to join the fun.

This Fall we will study the story of Joseph, Jacob's son. Sunday School includes Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and play time.

Our memory verse for October is Exodus 6:6

"I'll set you free with great power."

For more advanced Bible scholars, the full verse is:

"Therefore, say to the Israelites, 'I am the Lord. I'll bring you out from Egyptian forced labor. I'll rescue you from your slavery to them.

I'll set you free with great power and with momentous events of justice.'"



I AM the Lord...
I'll rescue you...
set you free with
great power and...
justice.

Exodus 6: 6 (CEB)



October Birthdays

Mary Josselyn	Oct 2
Ron Phifer	Oct 3
Bonnie Kirby	Oct 4
Heather Dickenson	Oct 4
Jody MacDonald	Oct 7
Margy Crowley	Oct 7
Dan Skipper	Oct 9
The Rev. Karn Griffen	Oct 9
Jaeson Robinson	Oct 10
Carol Young	Oct 12
Chris Duncan	Oct 12
Jeff Ludwig	Oct 14
Brian Nelson	Oct 15
Carla Carrasco	Oct 16
Ken Anderson	Oct 17
Kayla Crossen	Oct 19
Carlos Castro	Oct 20
King Williams	Oct 22

(Birthday's Continued)

Lisa MacDougall	Oct 22
Michelle Knopf	Oct 22
Ruth Baker	Oct 24
Linda Bingham	Oct 28
Jeanette Prescott	Oct 29
Laurie Reidman	Oct 29
Liberty Mabena	Oct 29
David Crowley	Oct 30
Candy Bowman	Oct 31

October Anniversaries

Monica & Giovanni Perez	Oct 5
Michelle & Peter Manley	Oct 17
Tessa Islas-Paredes & Daniel Paredes	Oct 20
Anna & Eric Brandenberger	Oct 21
Cornelia & Ron Phifer	Oct 22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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29	30	31				

<p>10am - Communion 10am - Deacon Door 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>Pastor Claire Vacation</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Bible 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BarG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	<p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC 5pm - Path of Life GUEST</p>
<p>Pastor Claire Vacation</p> <p>10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group @</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Staw_Fin Cmte</p>	<p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group @</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible Session Materials Due 7pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>Upl.ook Articles Due 7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group @</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible 7pm - Session Meeting</p>	<p>7pm - Troop 16</p>	<p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>Day of Prayer Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
<p>Stewardship Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - Coffee and 5:30pm - Trunk or Treat 6pm - YG--Haunted House</p>	<p>9:30am - Women's Bible</p>				



October Prayer Calendar

October 2022

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

November 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Christian Education Committee	Janet Nicks	Judy O'Bier	Tessa and Daniel Paredes	Jane Peden	Monica, Giovanni, Olivia, Gideon, Donovan, & Dominic Perez	Cornelia & Ron Phifer
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nominating Committee & Personnel Committee	Susie Phillips	Pat & Gary Platner	The Rev. Clarke & Jeanette Prescott	Rosie Quinones	Carolyn & Charles Raughley	Rhonda & Mel Rehnke
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mission Interpretation Committee	Laurie, Jeff, Evangeline, & Konrad Reidman	Sharon, John, & Katie Reinhardt	Sandy & Dave Richards	Jean Riggs	George Robbins	Allie, Jaeson, Jaeson, Sofia, & Isabel Robinson
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Stewardship & Finance Committee and Endowment Committee	Becky & John Robledo	Claudia Roman & Isabella Crump	Kathy & Tom Safford	The Rev. Claire, Amanda, & Julianne Schlegel	Alli Shaff	Evelyn Shea
30	31					
Worship Committee	Saw Shein					



...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



OCTOBER 2022

Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

Adrien Lowery
Office Manager

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*

