

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

THANKSGIVING DINNER and CONCERT

Sunday, November 12, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner is Served!

Come join your fellow church members and friends for Thanksgiving Dinner on November 12 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 per person eating. Please sign up on the patio following worship, or RSVP to the church office.



Concert to Follow!



Puerto Rican pianist **Alma Batista** combines unique Hispanic and traditional classical repertoires in her recitals. Batista performs frequently in California and Puerto Rico in addition to teaching privately at her studio. She has presented piano solo, chamber music, and lecture recitals throughout the world. In addition to performing and teaching at her studio, Batista enjoys composing in her spare time. Her Puerto Rican piano danzas have received numerous awards.



You Are Invited!!!

- * **Saturday, November 18**
8 am to Noon
- * **All Church Work party**
- * **Come spruce up God's house in preparation for Thanksgiving and Christmas**
- * **Use your talent for simple or more challenging tasks**
- * **Light refreshments will be served**



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on **Saturday Night**

November 4, 2017

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

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 1:2-3

October 21st, 2017 marked the 5th Anniversary of my Ordination as a Teaching Elder or Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Having spent the previous year as a Pastoral Assistant, I have actually been at MagPres for 6 years! What a ride it has been! I've now worked with three amazing Pastors, and learned a great deal from each of them, even though they are very different from one another.

In the six years I've been here we have said goodbye to long-time pastor, Brad Copeland, gone through an Interim time with Pastor Tim Avazian, done a Mission Study, a Pastor search, hired a new pastor, Paul Knopf, and have changed our leadership model from a Head of Staff/Associate to a Co-Pastor model.

I have probably officiated close to 40 Memorial or graveside services, done numerous hospital and home visits, sat in countless Deacon, Session, and Committee meetings, preached close to 150 sermons (how is that possible?), and had many, many conversations with people here at MagPres and in the community through times of struggle, pain, and confusion.

When I left Northkirk, my home church of 20-plus years, I was not sure how I would be able to leave as they had become my family. But I have to say coming here has been the easiest transition I could never have imagined. You have welcomed me, accepted me, encouraged me, argued with me, and probably got angry with me, but through all of that you also have loved me.

And so as I reflect on these past six years, I can honestly say that God has blessed me abundantly in bringing me here. You are each one of you, a gift from God that I give thanks for always. Thank you for letting me go on this journey with you...



In Christ,
Pastor Claire

Men's Group meets Monday, November 13, at 7pm at the home of Brian Nelson.

Women's Bible Study meets every Monday at 9:30 a.m.



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.

A Rich Tradition...

Deacon's Corner

Believe it or not, the holiday season is near and we are all starting to look forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Deacons are busy planning for this joyous time of year when we can share a gift of food with those who are less fortunate and could use a bit of holiday spirit that we can provide.

As is tradition with our church, we will collect food, as well as monetary gifts to purchase additional food to fill boxes to distribute to fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This year we are planning to prepare a total of 45 boxes; 25 going to Good Shepherd Church; 15 for Lutheran Social Services; and 5 for our own members.



Feeding the Community

From November 5—December 10, you can turn in donations in the narthex. Boxes will be distributed on December 16. Pick up a grocery list if you are shopping (remember unbreakable containers), or an envelope for monetary gifts.

With Christian Love,

Deacon Connie Jackson

ICONIC ISRAEL

June 6-15, 2018

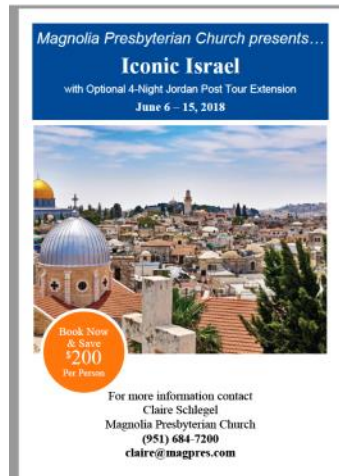
There is still time to sign up for this travel opportunity.

A 10-day trip to notable places in the Holy Land. Get your best rate by booking before December 7.

Contact

Pastor Claire

for more information.



Beep! Beep!

Our children's playground is in need of toys and equipment. As you are cleaning out unwanted items from home, please consider



Magnolia as a place where you can donate used, but still in good working order, playground toys and equipment. Items may be brought to the playground, Christian Education building, or church office. If you require a pick-up from your home, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering this request!

Suggested Donation Items:

Tricycles Scooters
Large plastic trucks
Plastic cars for kids to "drive"
Plastic slides
Climbing structures

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT

126 Cans Collected in October

Bring your two cans of food on

November 12

All items go to support the work of
Lutheran Social Services.



A Pastor's Ponderings

Is it Halloween? Did we become Catholic? Why are you all gussied up?

On October 15, 2017, in conjunction with the MagPres Mission Fair, I did something I had never done before. I wore a clergy collar. In addition to some weird looks and people taking second glances, I got asked questions like the ones above. I wonder if the question people really wanted to ask was, "Why are you wearing a clergy collar?"

Believe it or not, the Clergy Collar, aka Roman Collar, is a Reformed invention and the modern day tab collar is an invention of a Presbyterian Pastor.

Reformed preachers in the 17th century began wearing cravats (like a white scarf) that symbolized a yoke of servanthood. These cravats would be over the collars of these pastor's shirts (think of popping your collar). Then when it was fashionable for people to fold their collars down (like we do today), all that would be visible of the cravat was a small section of white.

In the late 1800's, a Presbyterian pastor named Ron MacLeod updated this fashion trend by creating and using a detachable white piece of fabric to mimic the little bit of white showing from a cravat, and as a result is credited as the creator of the modern day clergy shirt. Between then and now, the Roman Catholic church clergy (called priests) began wearing clergy shirts and for many, identify the wearers of clergy shirts as Catholic priests. While I have given a history of the clergy collar, I still haven't answered why I wear it.

When there is a crisis or you need help, who do you look to? I think most people look for a firefighter, police officer, or paramedic who are easily

identifiable by their uniform. If someone is experiencing a spiritual crisis, whom should they look to for help? What is the uniform for a pastor? A brief visual survey of pastors in Southern California reveals that some wear Hawaiian shirts, others wear a coat and tie, and still others wear a t-shirt and jeans. If you came onto campus for the first time during our Mission Fair on October 15, who would you think was a pastor? I tried to help those who do not currently call MagPres home by wearing an identifiable "uniform."

Will I wear a clergy collar again? Both Pastor Claire and I intend to wear them occasionally. Don't be alarmed - we are not becoming Catholic, but we are exploring ways to be helpful to the community around us and maybe our attire is a small start.

Whether Pastor Claire or I are wearing a collar or not, we consider it a great privilege to partner with and to you in ministry. If we can pray for you, pray with you, visit you, listen to what is happening in your life, or support you in any way, please let us know.

Your collared Co-Pastor,
Paul

Information for this article was gleaned from: <https://pastortimlecroy.com/2012/05/17/a-short-history-of-the-wearing-of-clerical-collars-in-the-presbyterian-tradition/> (accessed 10/24/17)

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Good News

Peace and Global Witness Offering: \$738.75

Good News

Cow Plop Fundraiser for Kitchen Renovation:
\$4000.00

A Rich Tradition...

FINANCIAL REPORT

2017

“Our Year of Trust”

The September 2017 Treasurer’s report indicates an income of \$266,676.14 and

Expenses of \$297,128.12.

The result is a current negative balance of

\$-30,451.98 for the month of September.

This is not good news. However, if we consider the \$11,720.00 of endowment interest and \$6,763.00 of deficit reduction funds that were budgeted to meet expected shortfalls, our adjusted balance for September is

\$-11,968.23.

Reminder:

Per Capita (method of funding some of the essential functions of the Church both locally and nationally) for 2017 is \$35.00 per church member.

Thank you for supporting your Church’s 2017 budget with your Per Capita giving and staying current with your pledges.

THANK YOU FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We would like to thank all of you that have made a financial pledge to support the programs of Magnolia Presbyterian Church. If you have not submitted a pledge for 2018, please do so as soon as possible.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Marshall Lee, Chairman

Ken Eberwein

Dick Kirby

Jane Peden

Sheryel Eberwein

Chris Nettles

Phil Smith

Window repair campaign underway

Fundraising has begun for the repair of the Fellowship Hall stained glass windows.

There are 18 windows and all of them are in need of repair. Making the windows whole will make the building more comfortable for users all year around. Seven window repairs have been completely funded, leaving 11 still in need of financing. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring an entire window or a portion of one and invite former members to do the same. Contact Heather Dickenson or

John Reinhardt for details.



Love in Action, November

60 dinners served at Hulen Place
35 lunches served under the arch at Calvary Pres.
Thanks, volunteers!

O Come All Ye Faithful...

It's almost time to beautify our church for the celebration of our Lord's birth. You will have the opportunity to order a Christmas poinsettia the first three Sundays in November (11/5, 11/12, and 11/19). They will decorate our church beginning December 3rd. You can purchase in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Look for the sign up table in the courtyard during Cafe Magnolia. Plants will be \$10 each.



High Five Corner

Thank You

To all the Pumpkin Patch Volunteers, especially to Laura Medrano for going above and beyond.

To Laura Medrano for the lovely reception for Pastor Claire's 5th Anniversary of my Ordination.

To Pastor Paul for arranging everything for Pastor Claire's Ordination Anniversary.

To Jeff Reidman and Laurie McCormick for running the Cow Plop fundraiser and bringing their cows! We raised \$4,000.00 for the kitchen!

To all the Committees for their table displays at the Mission Fair.

For those who donated time and supplies for the Haunted House, Peter Manley, John Wright, Saw Shein, Ann Laudermilk, Claudia Roman, and Janelle Anderson.

For those who provided trunks and candy for Trunk or Treat.

For the Deacons who provided a lovely reception for Bill Kortsch's Memorial Service.

Thanks to all who prayed and pledged for our 2018 Stewardship Drive.

To John Reinhardt for plumbing repairs

To the Stewardship Committee for folding and stuffing envelopes.



November Birthdays

Richard Kirby, Nov. 3
Robert Doshier, Nov. 5
Rev. Bradley Copeland,
Nov. 6
Connie Jackson, Nov. 6
Holly Goulet-Perez, Nov. 11

Deanna Cohen, Nov. 13
Richard Dickenson, Nov. 15
Thomas Safford, Nov. 15
Dee Wilson, Nov. 17
Doug Reed, Nov. 18
Richard Hood, Nov. 20
Katie Nicholson, Nov. 21
June Hall, Nov. 24
Zach Gipson, Nov. 25
Evelyn Shea, Nov. 25
Tamara Pickard, Nov. 28
Suzanne Griffen, Nov. 29
Lori Copeland, Nov. 30
John Wayne, Nov. 30

November Anniversaries

Mabena, Liberty and Andi—Nov. 14
Peden, John and Jane—Nov. 27
Reinhardt, John and Sharon—Nov. 30



Please note the following Church Office Hours
Wed., Nov. 22—We will be closing at noon

Thurs., Nov. 23 and Fri., Nov. 24—Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 16—last day for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

Nov. 19—Last day to order poinsettias for the sanctuary

Fri., Dec. 1—Hanging of the Greens @ 6 pm (pizza provided)

Sat., Dec. 9—Progressive Dinner

Sun., Dec. 10—last day to donate for Deacon Food Boxes

Sun., Dec. 17—Christmas Event with Dessert Fest

Sun., Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Worship @ 7pm



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

“Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son”



With Thanksgiving Dinner fast approaching, it’s time to prepare our signature dishes. Are you the pie baker, mashed potato maker, stuffing master? What if you were to switch it up a bit, and have everyone try their hand at something different...you may enjoy a great new stuffing creation or the apple pie has just a hint of something extra!

Each of our 5 Session Committees, Mission; Membership; Stewardship; Christian Education; Buildings and Grounds, has a specific focus and Elders usually serve on the Committee that best fits their individual strengths. Every once in awhile, we have the “finance” guy wanting to serve on Mission, or the teacher offers to serve on Stewardship and the social marketing type heads to Christian Education. When this happens, new perspectives are given and fresh approaches are tried.

All Committees welcome new members, so if you’re interested in getting involved, think about where your strengths lie, or, give thought to making a difference in a new way...it might just be the best cranberry sauce you’ve ever had!

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

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, November 3

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

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.

Look for the insert featuring two Christmas Outreach Opportunities.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am —3 pm

Closed Friday

www.magpres.com



November 2017

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

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Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...

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A Rich Tradition...A Bright Future

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Location Legend: CE = Christian Education Building FH = Fellowship Hall PPaul = Pastor Paul’s Office L = Library S = Sanctuary CR = Choir Room YR = Youth Room (CE)					
* = Communion is Served ** = Sunday School for Preschool-5th (CE#7) GG = Growth Group (<u>Christian Community</u> , author Rob Suggs)			1 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	2 6:00 Handbell Choir (CR) 7:00 Choir (CR)	3 Office Closed 12:30 pm, Kids’ Produce Market (Madison Elem.)	4
5 Daylight Saving Time End! 9 am Worship Service* (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service (S) with S.S.** 5 pm—6 pm Middle School Youth (YR) 6 pm—7 pm Shared Meal (YR) 7 pm—8:30 pm High School Youth (YR) <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">GG 5 pm</div>	6 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	7 COMMITTEES 5:30 Christian Ed. (CE#3) 6:00 MEW Comm. 7:00 Mission Comm. (PPaul) 7pm, Buildings-Grounds	8 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH) <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GG 2:30pm (L) 7 pm (Lee)</div>	9 6:00 Handbell Choir (CR) 7:00 Choir (CR) <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GG 6:30 pm (Belangeri) 7 pm (Nelson)</div>	10 Office Closed	11 Sack Lunch prep and serving Hulen Place dinner served
12 Two-Can Sunday 9 am Worship Service (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service (S) with S.S.** 5:30 pm Thanksgiving Dinner (FH) and Concert (S) Youth Group meets as part of the dinner/concert	13 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH) 7 pm Men’s Group, Host: Brian Nelson	14 7:00 Stewardship Comm.	15 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH) 5:36 pm, Deacons Meeting @ Bev Williams <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GG 2:30pm (L) 7 pm (Lee)</div>	16 6:00 Handbell Choir (CR) 7:00 Choir (CR) <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GG 6:30 pm (Belangeri) 7 pm (Nelson)</div>	17 Office Closed	18 8 am—noon WORK PARTY @ MagPres Presbytery of Riverside (FPC Redlands)
19 9 am Worship Service (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service (S) with S.S.** 5 pm—6:30 pm Middle School Youth (YR) 7 pm—8:30 pm High School Youth (YR)	20 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	21	22 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	23 Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	24 Office Closed <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	25
26 9 am Worship Service (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service (S) with S.S.** Youth Group Does Not Meet: Happy Thanksgiving	27 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	28 7:00 Session Meeting (L)	29 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	30 6:00 Handbell Choir (CR) 7:00 Choir (CR)		

Magnolia Presbyterian Prayer Calendar

November 2017

November 2017						December 2017							
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1 Tom and Marti Hendrix	2 Betty Hillebrand	3 Melissa Holden	4 Richard and Jeanne Hood
5 Co-Pastor Claire Schlegel and Family	6 City of Riverside (www.riversideca.gov)	7 Toni Hopkins	8 Tom and Julie Hutchinson	9 Caitlin Hutchinson	10 John and Connie Jackson	11 Leroy and Denise Jackson
12 Co-Pastor Paul Knopf and family	13 Ramona High School	14 Barbara Johnson	15 Dave and Mary Josselyn	16 Jim and Julie King	17 Dick and Bonnie Kirby	18 Lowell and Dee Lacy
19 Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child	20 Sierra Middle School	21 Mike Lambert	22 James and Ann Laudermilk	23 Marshall and Mary Lee	24 Bob Lewis	25 Tim and Diana Lewis
26 Iconic Israel Tour Group	27 Madison Elementary School	28 Flora Livingstone	29 Margaret Long	30 Mrs. Ann Lowry	Dec 1	2

Pray for MagPres Groups and Ministries; Civic and Educational Groups; and Church Members

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Operation Christmas Child

One shoebox can change despair to hope

September 16 found me sitting with a table of women I had never met before. We were all gathered at a meeting of Presbyterian women to hear Sandi Hughes give a presentation on Operation Christmas Child. Sandi, a regional director, gave her testimony on seeing firsthand the delivery of shoeboxes to a village in Africa. I found her talk fascinating; especially when she said this was a rare, second delivery to the same village that had received shoeboxes ten years prior. The reason that they were granted a second delivery was because of the transformation that had taken place over the years in the children and tribal leaders. Sandi went on to explain that the shoebox is the tool used to introduce unchurched (children) to the good news of Jesus Christ. The fact that someone who they don't know gave them a gift is life-changing for these children. The children then introduce their parents to Christ and entire villages can be transformed.



Last year the Deacons, Session Committees and various groups from the church sent 35 gift filled shoeboxes to needy children in the Ukraine. In prior years boxes from MagPres have shipped to the Philippines.

If you are interested in packing a shoebox, **pick up a box and gift suggestion sheet in the courtyard or church office.** The Missions Team is suggesting that all church committees and groups that meet in our church each fill a shoebox for the age group & gender of their choice. Return the filled box to the 9 or 11 am service on November 12 or to the office by November 16. Shoeboxes may also be dropped off at Harvest Church.

The cost for shipping each box is \$9.00. Donations of small gifts including toys, school supplies and hygiene products are being accepted in the box in the Narthex and in the church office.

Information on this ministry it is available online at: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or contact Heather Dickenson at 951-688-6582.



Thank you for your support of this mission!

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Deacon Food Boxes

The following food items will be placed in each "Christmas Gift Box" for needy families this Christmas.

The estimated value of these items is \$30.00 - \$45.00. Please turn in your items by December 10th, 2017, in the grocery cart in the narthex or to the Church Office. Thank you for your generous donations to our fellow Christians in need. Merry Joyous Christmas



SHOPPING LIST (No glass jars)

- 1 box of pancake mix
- 1 plastic bottle of syrup
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 pkg. of pasta
- 1 can of spaghetti sauce
- 1 bag of rice
- 1 bag of beans
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1 package of gravy mix
- 1 box of cereal
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 tub of frosting
- 1 bag of flour (5 lbs.)
- 1 bag of sugar (4 lbs.)
- 1 plastic jar of peanut butter
- 1 plastic jar of jelly
- Monetary donation
(designated envelopes are available in