



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UPLLOOK

JULY
2023

A Pastor's Pondering

It's summer! Kids are out of school. Vacations are in full swing. And weekends are precious times to soak up the sun before fall and winter appear again. And one thing that happens every summer is that some of us neglect attending Church. And this happens every year.

Church attendance dips dramatically during the busy summer months. But our call to gather together as the body of Christ is not dependent on the season and our schedules. We are called to gather weekly.

Something special happens when we gather together, sing together (see: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/wellness/2023/06/25/singing-with-others-mental-physical-health/>), hearing God's Word, share communion, talk to each other, and more. Not only are we uplifted, but God is moving in us to transform us in ways we may not see or comprehend. God is helping us to become more fully formed followers of Jesus Christ.

So as you enter into summer, go on vacation, engage busy schedules, and more, don't neglect church.

By the way, if you wake up in another state/country/region, you can always attend MagPres online: magpres.com/watch

Your church prioritizing Pastor, Paul

"Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near."



Hebrews 10:25 CEB



JULY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 2 - Communion Sunday

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 3; Matthew 10:40-42

Pastor Paul preaching

Sunday, July 9 - Two-Can Sunday

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 145:8-14; Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

Pastor Paul preaching

Sunday, July 16

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder Eric Brandenberger preaching

Sunday, July 23

8th Sunday after Pentecost

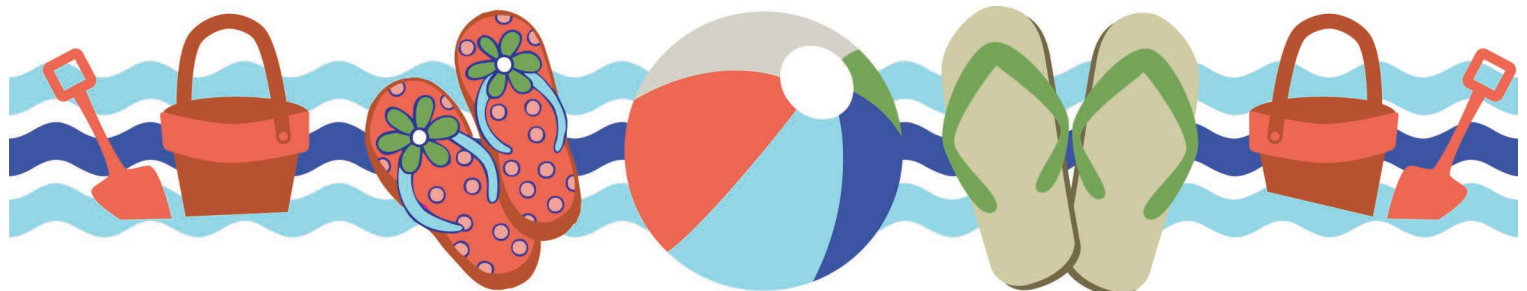
Elder Eric Brandenberger preaching

Sunday, July 30

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Ps 105:1-11, 45b; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

Pastor Paul preaching



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Session held a third workshop on June 4, 2023 to discuss the pastoral model for Magnolia. Immediately following the workshop, a Special Meeting of Session was called to vote on the model. Magnolia will move forward with a solo pastor/head of staff pastoral model.

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."
 1 Peter 5:2-3

Melanie Nelson
 Clerk of Session

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Well Update
 June 19, 2023



Well site activities are progressing. They are now pumping water through the muddy well shaft until it too is clear water. That will happen the week of June 26 with the pump running 24/7 for several days. Murky water is being removed by truck tankers. When the water is fairly clear, they will pump it into the storm drain via the curb & gutter on Magnolia Ave. When the water is satisfactorily clear, they will build a block wall enclosure similar to the cell site building and then install all necessary long term pumping equipment and apparatus. Some time during this process the drilling rig will move on and the container sound wall will be dismantled and moved to the next well site. This should all occur by mid or end of July. They have agreed to and budgeted for the repaving of a substantial portion of our parking lot that has seen industrial use. There is an end in sight. ~Tim Lewis



BBQ & Fireworks

View fireworks from parking lot \$5
 Food \$1 - 5 per item

Bring a chair
 Cash or card

4845 Brockton Ave
 First United Methodist Church
 Brought to you by your local Scout Troop
 4th of July, 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 16
 Riverside, CA

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Family Promise of Riverside



MEAL TRAIN - We have the opportunity to provide FPR's guest families with meals and fellowship. If you can provide a meal, please sign-up at the link below...Help them fill June's calendar! Homemade, DoorDash, or Donation options at <http://mealtrain.com/z301ly>

Volunteers
 Needed

HOSTS - MagPres will be the shelter site for the month of July. Needed are meals (see mealtrain above) and hosts to be present overnight on campus. Talk to Mary Lee to find out more or to sign up: mmblee@gmail.com

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Our memory verse for June is Psalm 70:4 Shortened: Let those who love your saving help say again and again: "God is great!"
Full Verse: But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, and let those who love your saving help say again and again: "God is great!"

WOMEN'S MONDAY STUDY: returns in October; enjoy Summer!
CHOIR REHEARSALS: Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir! Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:20am in the worship space. Have Questions? Email John Wright at music@magpres.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 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use this link:

Meeting ID: 259885602 Password: 7200

DEACON'S CORNER



Since I volunteered to write the deacon's message for this month's news bulletin, I now sit here wondering about what to write. I prayerfully reflect upon what I have determined to be the main focus of the past month or so of Sunday sermons. As I do this, an old song from Catholic parochial school Thursday children's mass comes to mind: "Whatsoever You Do", which reflects on one of the sub-themes of Matthew 25 (If you'd like to hear the song, here is a link to it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=125Hgfnf3uk>).

Chapter 25 is Jesus's instructions to the disciples as to how to be ready for the Kingdom of God: to be always alert and prepared, as were the wise virgins who brought enough oil; to demonstrate courageous stewardship, as did the wise servants; and to minister to the "least" of humanity, with whom Jesus socially positions himself, claiming that when we minister to them, or choose not to, that is what we do to Jesus.

The difficult parts of this chapter are the repetitive reminders of the consequence of not being prepared, courageous, stewards and ministers, that consequence of being banned from the Kingdom of God. However, I take comfort in knowing that it is Love that saves us, and it is this Love that prods us into the courageous actions mentioned above, and it is these actions that are the physical evidence that shows this Love that draws others to God.

Therefore, it is my prayer for all of us that we may always know in our hearts that God's Love continuously reminds us, gives us courage, and nurtures and ministers to us, and that we can know that this is what protects us from everything that we fear, from everything that prevents us from living to our full potential in Christ Jesus, and that we will always encourage and minister to each other, and that our church will always be a place that illuminates the way to the Kingdom of God.



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!)*

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.

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 May, we collected 55 food items. **Let's see if we can get up to 200 in June** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be **June 11th**.

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 DIRECTORY ONLINE: View our directory online (go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now." You can also download the mobile app at the Apple® App store, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create a log-in. **As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know with an email to church@magpres.com**

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.

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday



Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Pastor

Lisa Gulino
Admin. Assistant (temp)

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Director

James Walters
Trad. Music Director/Organist

John Wright
Choral Director

Cynthia Wright
Pianist/Accompanist

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Catelyn Garcia
Youth Leader



Pastor Paul and some of our youth will be at camp the first (& second) week of July.

If you have a pastoral need, please don't hesitate to call Pastor Paul or your Deacon.



Pastor Paul will be on vacation in the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July.

If you have a pastoral need, please your Deacon, an elder or the Church Office.

July 2023 Prayer Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
						1 Alice & Joyce Ehlers
2 MagPres Deacons	3 Carol Farmer	4 Bruce Ferrel	5 Janet Field & Eleanor Miller	6 Jerry Fisher & Danielle Good	7 Brenda Flowers	8 the French family
9 Mission Cmte	10 Catelyn Garcia	11 Christian Garcia	12 the Gettis family	13 Stephanie Gibbs	14 the Gipson Family	15 Steve Gold & Jeanne Cadiente
16 Personnel Cmte	17 the Goulet-Perez family	18 Ilene Grande	19 Gary & Edith Grant	20 Karn & Suzanne Griffen	21 Beverly Guidero	22 Everal Hathaway
23 Stew & Fin Cmte	24 Tom & Marti Hendrix	25 Patty Hernandez	26 the Holden/ Campos family	27 the Hollenhorst family	28 Rick & Jeanne Hood	29 Tom & Julie Hutchinson
30 Worship Cmte	31 John & Connie Jackson					



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



July Birthdays

LJ Bowman	3rd	Lance Mordue	13th	Jane Peden	21st
Estella Gettis	4th	Kris Shea	14th	Ben Lee	23rd
Jenny Brooks	4th	Rhonda Rehnke	14th	Alli Shaff	24th
Erin Gettis	6th	Sandy Richards	14th	Chris Nelson	24th
John Zarecki	6th	Abygail Stiffler	18th	Christian Na	26th
Cynthia Wright	8th	Gail Zwart	19th	Debbie Beninger	27th
Jean Riggs	13th	Gio Campos	20th	Bill Bingham	31st

July Anniversaries

Zach & Maddy Gipson	2nd	Lance & JoAnn Alford	18th	Tom & Julie Hutchinson	23rd
Lisa & Craig MacDougall	4th	Abby & Ramsey Sindaha	19th	Ann & James Laudermilk	23rd
Candy & Bill Bowman	5h	Paul & Michelle Knopf	22nd		

JULY 2023 MAGPRES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 9:30am - EEEAC
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Summer Camp at Big Bear for Grades 4-6 & Grades 9-12						
10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Door Offering 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	Independence Day			Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Janet Nicks Memorial 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Summer Camp at Big Bear for Grades 7-8 & Grades 9-12						
10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	Paul on Vacation 6pm - Worship Cmte			Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Paul on Vacation						
10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop				Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC
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Paul on Vacation					Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC
10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop					
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