



# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

# The U P L O O K

AUGUST 2023

## A Pastor's Pondering

*Oh, how wonderful, how pleasing it is when God's people all come together as one!* ~Psalm 133:1 ERV

As we returned from our vacation, Michelle and I remarked at how aesthetically pleasing the exterior of the San Diego Airport had become and recognized that a number of airports are becoming architecturally attractive rather than the plain, prison-like appearance of other airports. I then wondered if anyone would visit the airport to take pictures with the architecture as a backdrop? (would people really visit a place like the airport for something other than travel?)

Then I began to think about a bowling alley in Hawai'i, Aiea Bowl, which serves really delicious food. In fact, we got a catering order from the bowling alley for a gathering we had while we were there. (yes, we visited this bowling alley for something other than bowling)

This caused me to think about church. Why do people go to church? Because that is where they experience God right? It seems many people attend church because church is where they experience community.

Why do you attend church?

If you, or someone you know, are seeking community, our community gathers at 10am on Sunday mornings, both in-person and online; and there is space for you. I hope to see you there.



Your community craving pastor, Paul



### AUGUST WORSHIP

#### Sunday, Aug 6 - Communion Sunday

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21  
Pastor Paul preaching  
Deacon offering

#### Sunday, Aug 13 - Two-Can Sunday

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Kings 19:9-18; Matt 14:22-33  
Pastor Paul preaching  
Blessing of the Backpacks

#### Sunday, Aug 20

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Matt 15:(10-20) 21-28  
Pastor Paul preaching

#### Sunday, Aug 27

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20  
Pastor Paul preaching



## REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Our memory verse for August is Joshua 24:15

**Shortened:** But my family and I will serve the Lord

**Full Verse:** But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the Lord.

**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](mailto:music@magpres.com)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

### WELL UPDATE



July 31, 2023

Disinfection is being conducted the week of July 31, which means water will be discharged for a couple more days (meaning the #2 lane on Magnolia will be closed for a few more days).

Once the results come back clear, crews will start the demobilization process, the week of August 7. Once we can demobilize the piping, the temporary pump and conduct a video survey, the sound walls (storage containers) will come down.

They will clean up the site and work on a schedule to repave the parking lot. We (the church) hope to ask for a delay in paving in order to coordinate that with the paving needed for the sanctuary rebuild, but having the ability to park closer to Magnolia Ave. Will be nice.

Thank you for your patience. This well site is expected to provide up to 1 million gallons of water each day. Water they no long need to purchase from the Metropolitan Water District.

~Tim Lewis



**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 August's calendar! Homemade, Delivery, or Donation options at <http://mealtrain.com/z301y>

### August 24, 2023

Our next eat out event is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>. We are still finalizing some of the details so for now, please save the date

Our CPK eat out event raised \$383 for the Rising from the Ashes campaign and we are waiting for the results from Pepitos.

Save  
THE  
Date



# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Our By-Laws encourage Session to participate in a Sabbath observance once a year, so Session was dark in July.

Session highlights will return in September!!!

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

*"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"*

Mark 6:31

# STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE:** You can participate in worship by going to [magpres.com/watch](http://magpres.com/watch) or visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://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. Our numbers Have been lower than before. **Let's see if we can get up to 200 in August** as we continue loving our neighbors who Are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be **August 13th**.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.



Special thanks to Mary Lee and Sharon Reinhardt for organizing the sign-ups and meals for Family Promise in July.

Thank you to our overnight hosts: Jaeson Robinson, John Reinhardt, Beth Zarecki, Laura Medrano, Ann Laudermilk, Candy Bowman, Claire Schlegel, Mary & Marshall Lee, Bill & Linda Bingham, Kris Shea, Cherylyn Thornton, Tim Lewis, Holly Goulet-Perez, Lisa MacDougall

Thank you to our cooks: Jaeson & Allison Robinson, John & Sharon Reinhardt, Beth Zarecki, Laura Medrano, Mary Lee, Barbara Johnson, Candy Bowman, Claire Schlegel, Mary & Marshall Lee, Bill & Linda Bingham, Kris Shea, Cherylyn Thornton, Tim Lewis, Holly Goulet-Perez, Lisa MacDougall, Janet & Eleanor, Neil & Kathy Cohen, John Wright, Flora Livingstone, Judy O'Bier, Danielle Good, Carolyn Raughley, Anna Brandenberger, Michelle Knopf

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Cynthia Wright

*Pianist/Accompanist*

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*Nursery Attendant*

Catelyn Garcia

*Youth Leader*

# August 2023 Prayer Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
		<b>1</b> Barbara Johnson	<b>2</b> Mary & Dave Jocelyn	<b>3</b> the Keovilay family	<b>4</b> Claudia & David King	<b>5</b> Dick & Bonnie Kirby
<b>6</b> Riverside Police	<b>7</b> the Knopf family	<b>8</b> the Lacy family	<b>9</b> Michelle Laudermilk	<b>10</b> Ryan Laudermilk	<b>11</b> Ann & James Laudermilk	<b>12</b> Marshall & Mary Lee
<b>13</b> Riverside Presbytery	<b>14</b> Ben Lee	<b>15</b> Sam Lee	<b>16</b> Bob & Lee Lewis	<b>17</b> Tim & Diana Lewis	<b>18</b> Flora Livingstone	<b>19</b> Adrien Lowery
<b>20</b> Riverside City Council	<b>21</b> Ann Lowry	<b>22</b> Jeff & Laurie Ludwig	<b>23</b> Marge Ludwig	<b>24</b> Ann Lowry	<b>25</b> Jeff & Laurie Ludwig	<b>26</b> the Mabena family
<b>27</b> Synod of SoCal & Hawaii	<b>28</b> Jody MacDonald	<b>29</b> Lisa & Craig MacDougall	<b>30</b> the Manley family	<b>31</b> Adam Martinez		



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### August Birthdays

Marge Cox	9th	Taylor Stiffler	17th	Jerry Fisher	27th
Bruce Ferrel	10th	Bev Williams	19th	Barbara Johnson	28th
Evie Reidman	12th	Kathy Safford	20th	Marti Hendrix	29th
Gary Grant	14th	Linda Welman	22nd	Robin Smith	29th
Mike Doshier	15th	Bev Guidero	24th		

### August Anniversaries

Kathy & Neil Cohen	14th	Heather & Richard Dickenson	14th	Brad & Lori Copeland	20th
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# AUGUST 2023 MAGPRES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	<p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	2	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	5
<p>10am - Communion</p> <p>10am - Deacon Door</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:15am - Children's</p>	7	<p>6pm - Worship Cmte</p> <p>7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte</p>	9	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p> <p>4pm - Path of Life Meal</p>
6	7	<p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	2	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	5
<p>10am - TWO-CAN Sunday</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:15am - Children's</p>	14	7pm - Deacon Meeting	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Session Mat'ls 9:00 am</div>	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
13	14	<p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	16	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	19
<p>10am - TWO-CAN Sunday</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:15am - Children's</p>	15	7pm - Deacon Meeting	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Session Mat'ls 9:00 am</div>	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
20	21	<p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	23	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	26
<p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:15am - Children's</p>	22	7pm - Session Meeting	23	7pm - Choir Practice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Office Closed</div> <p>5pm - EEEAC</p>	<p>9:30am - EEEAC</p>
27	28	<p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	30	7pm - Choir Practice		2
<p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:15am - Children's</p>	29	<p>6pm - CE Cmte.</p> <p>6:30pm - FOM Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - BaG Cmte.</p> <p>7pm - Mission Cmte.</p>	31	7pm - Choir Practice		2