



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

UpLook

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

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FROM THE CO-PASTORS

Lately around the office, we've been thinking and talking about the big C word, and the word is not "crisis." The word we've been talking about is Church. With news media airing video interviews and quoting MagPres leaders and members in their articles, there was a reminder that the church is not a building, it is the people. In addition to this reminder your pastors have reflected on the manifestation of the (big C) Church that we experienced in the midst of this crisis.

Too often, churches operate in competition with each other, trying to get more members/attenders, creating the next innovation in worship, and offering something more meaningful and "better" than other churches. But on December 23rd and in the days following, came the reminder that we are not in competition, but are a part of the same team: the Church of Jesus Christ.

Churches in our tradition and Presbytery immediately reached out in support, offering space and resources (these include Calvary Presbyterian and Victoria Presbyterian) as well as pastors throughout our presbytery. Even local churches and pastors from outside of our tradition offered their support: First Congregational, All Saints Episcopal, First United Methodist, Hope Lutheran, Eden Lutheran, Trinity Riverside, First Christian Riverside, the Riverside Community Center for Spiritual Living, and more. The larger churches in Riverside offered support as well, including The Grove, Harvest, and Sandals. Harvest even sent two of their pastors onto campus to offer their assistance and in response to a request, provided over a hundred battery operated candles and paper bags that became luminarias that helped light our parking lot and walkways on Christmas Eve. The support of those who worship Jesus Christ here in Riverside was overwhelming and we have nothing but gratitude.

While those on the rolls at Magnolia Presbyterian Church number 229 people, the (big C) Church of Jesus Christ here in Riverside, of which Magnolia Presbyterian Church is a part, is formidable, diverse, and making a significant impact in Riverside.

When we gather for worship on Sundays at 9am and 11am, may we remember that we are just one expression of the (big C) Church of Jesus Christ, that we have siblings in Christ that gather all throughout the city, and even though our expressions are different, we all worship and serve the same Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May these words bring hope and peace to you in this new year,

PASTORS CLAIRE AND PAUL



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

CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES 2019

Six years ago, I started a yearly recognition of our long-time members celebrating milestone years (in five year spans), starting at 40 or more. Please join me, as this tradition continues, in wishing these special members “well done good and faithful servant” for their priceless, loyal and unwavering contributions to our Magnolia family.

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

“MAGNOLIA’S MILESTONE MEMBERS FOR 2019” AND THEIR DATE OF MEMBERSHIP

June Hall	55 year member	March 1964
Lila O’dell	55 year member	May 1964
Evelyn Shea	50 year member	Dec. 1969
Cherylyn Thornton	45 year member	March 1974
Alene Ward	45 year member	Dec. 1974
Rhonda Rehnke	40 year member	March 1979
Lori Copeland	40 year member	Nov. 1979



Church Office Closed Monday, January 21

Get Ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium - a gathering held every three years for high school age students in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Youth from all come together for this life changing, life giving, faith growing gathering! Five days that help form a younger generation of active Presbyterians. Find out more about registration, event plans and travel information from the Triennium website at www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.



EVENT ESSENTIALS

Tuesday, July 16th - Saturday, July 20th, 2019

www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Audience High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors

(Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21yrs+)

Theme "Here's My Heart "

January 10: Deadline to reserve your spot

January 18: \$100 deposit, essay, and registration form due

FOR MORE INFO— Contact chris@magpres.com (Chris Stanley)



Winter Camp

Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center
For Junior high and High School Students
March 22—March 24.

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.

Men's Group meets the second Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be January 14 at 7 pm at the home of Marshall Lee. Call the church office or see Marshall for more info.

Year-end Giving Statements are available.
Please take yours
(and save postage).

Called Congregational Meeting
January 27, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.
Mark your calendars and attend this meeting for official church business.



Save the Date
Women's Retreat!
March 29 – 31, 2019
Luther Glen Conference Center in nearby Yucaipa
Cost: \$180 per person \$20 more for a single room
Scholarships available. Contact Pastor Claire for more info.

There are TWO extra envelopes in your offering packet.

- 1. The "Per Capita Apportionment" funds some essential functions of the Church (PCUSA), both nationally and locally. **Per Capita for 2019 is \$36.00 per member.**
- 2. "Initial Offering" covers the cost of the envelopes and postage. **Suggestion: \$4.00 per packet.** Please use the appropriate envelope and mark on your check what it is for.

A Memorial Service for Nita Fages will be held Friday, January 25, at 10 am.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: Please see the insert acknowledging our outgoing Elders and those beginning their term in 2019.

What is the **EASIEST** way to contribute to MagPres? Buy some Stater Bros. gift cards.

Stater Bros. script cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50, and \$100 ***on the first Sunday of every month*** in Café Magnolia from 10:00 to 11:00. You can pay by cash or check. When you shop for your groceries – at any Stater Bros. store - you get full value for the card you purchase. MPC gets **6%** of every card purchased!

Cards can also be purchased in the office during regular hours.

Session Meetings and Minutes
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 and listen to the conversation, you are most welcome.

Copies of all session minutes are available in the office, or by email request.

Deacon's Corner New Year's Hope

As deacons, we provide help and assistance to folks who are in need of a hand up. But even more than that, it leads them to know that there are folks who care about them. In turn they begin to **HOPE** once again for a life which they can lead on their own. **HOPE** leads to a stronger faith, giving the spiritual strength to bear up against life's trials and burdens.

The New Year brings with it the promise of new beginning through God's awesome love, beginning with the Christmas season and its glorious celebration of the birth of Christ, with the promise of unending love and forgiveness.

The Deacons would like to **THANK YOU** for the **HOPE** you provide for new beginnings as you give of your time and resources, giving **HOPE** to our community, neighbors and friends. God Bless you all in the coming New Year.



Sincerely in Christ,
Everal E. Hathaway
Deacon

Time and Talent Recognitions

Thanks to...

- ⇒ The KIDS in their PJS at the Christmas Eve service.
- ⇒ Those who obtained poinsettias and other donations for Christmas Eve service.
- ⇒ The many hands who transformed the Fellowship Hall into a beautiful setting for the Christmas Eve service, all at the last minute.
- ⇒ Buildings and Grounds Committee Members, Elders and Deacons, and others who worked with insurance, securing the building, and many other details in the immediate aftermath of the fire.
- ⇒ The gift of the banner out front recognizing the firefighters.
- ⇒ Pastors in our Presbytery who offered help and support, and Rev. Erin Thomas from Calvary Pres.
- ⇒ Rev. Timm High for support in many ways.
- ⇒ Pastors Claire and Paul for their leadership.
- ⇒ Everyone who has prayed for our church.

It is just impossible to name everyone who worked and gave of time and talent.

THANK YOU!



Flora Livingstone	January 2
Margie Watson	January 3
Krysten Stiffler	January 4
James Walters	January 4
Precious Mabena	January 6
Susie Phillips	January 7
Chris Nettles	January 8
Cynthia Spring-Pearson	January 8
Payton Rinker	January 9
George Robbins	January 10

Tamie Vasquez	January 12
Wayne Andrew	January 14
Steve McKee	January 14
James Laudermilk	January 15
Ryan Laudermilk	January 15
Michelle Laudermilk	January 15
Maddy Gipson	January 17
Lance Alford	January 18
Deanna Lacy	January 19
Lowell Lacy	January 20
Makenzie Nelson	January 20
Sherry Nettles	January 22
Betty Hillebrand	January 28
Laurie Ludwig	January 29



Megenney, Bill and Ruth	—January 5
Pickard, David and Tammy	—January 12
Thornton, Cherylyn & Thomas	—January 15
Rehnke, Mel and Rhonda	—January 17
Rinker, Kyle and Kendall	—January 27

A Rich Tradition...

The Women's Bible Study group
meets
Mondays 9:30-11:00 am
in the Christian Education
Building.

**January Meetings:
January 7, 14, 21, 28**

**ORDINATION AND
INSTALLATION OF NEW
OFFICERS**

Sunday January 6 and
Sunday, January 13
at both 9 am and 11 am.

This is a special part of our worship
service, so please make plans to attend!

Scout Corner

...will return in February 2019.



Floral arrangements for the
communion table can be provided in
two ways:

1. Permanent silk arrangements to
be used throughout the year.
2. Live arrangements for special
occasions.

Call the church office or see Alli
Shaff if you would like to contribute.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT

155 Cans Collected in December

Bring your two cans of food on Sunday, January 13
for distribution to Lutheran Social Services. What we give is
MATCHED by a grant! So give generously.

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

www.magpres.com



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Staff

Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

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

Chris Stanley
Youth Leader

AJ Belangeri
Interim Media/Audio Coordinator

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Please join me in thanking our Elders who are going off Session—Donna Crossen, Ken Eberwein, Sheryel Eberwein and Kendall Rinker. They have all given their time, talent and energy to making Magnolia great!



As we turn the page to this new year, we welcome Sheila Roche, Chris Nettles, Laurie McCormick and Erin Gettis as they begin their first terms, and Brenda Flowers who returns for her first full term on Session, having filled a one-year unexpired term. Read on to find out more about our newest four Elders:



Sheila Roche is serving her first term on Session and has been a member of Magnolia for 36 years. She is a retired middle school mathematics teacher. She has two daughters who grew up at Magnolia, one working for AMR in scheduling and payroll and the other, as a copywriter in New York City. Sheila also has a grandson stationed in Pensacola, Fl. for helicopter aviation maintenance school. Her hobbies include quilting, cooking, reading and playing cards. Her favorite travel destination is to visit her daughter in NYC, experiencing such things as the Bronx Botanical Gardens, walking across the Brooklyn Bridge, the theatre and the Cultural and Food Tour of Greenwich Village. Had she not been a math teacher, she really enjoyed her time working as a legal secretary to a defense attorney in South Carolina. A favorite Bible verse is Romans 8:28. Sheila says “I know the Lord has a plan, I rarely know what it is, but I trust Him”. She is involved on a cooking team for homeless feeding at Hulen Place. She feels she is helping with a basic need to people who need it. Her favorite thing about MagPres is “I feel like we have a loving and caring community. I felt at home the first time I came, years ago”. When asked what her hope is for Magnolia’s future, she says “We’re so blessed and fortunate. I’d like to see us do more for those in need, whether in our own church community, our city or the world”.

Erin Gettis is serving her first term on Session and has been a member of Magnolia for 8 months! Her and husband, Aaron, have two children, Estella who is 12 and Cole who is 9. She was recently hired as Bureau Chief of Planning and Development at Riverside County Parks, which is a job she has always wanted. Her hobbies include Modernism, dogs, hiking, camping and being creative. Her favorite vacation destination is beach camping in Carpenteria. She loves reading true crime novels and listening to true crime podcasts. On about her fifth date with Aaron, at age 20, she jumped out of a plane!! Her hope for Magnolia’s future is “that we will continue to grow as a church and push ourselves to connect more with our community”.



New Elders Page 2

Chris Nettles is serving his first term as Elder, and filled a one year Deacon term. He and wife Sherry will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June. They have four children and three grandchildren. He and Sherry first attended Magnolia in December of 2012, shortly after retiring from serving at Riverside's First Christian Church for 27 years. He says "we joined the following spring after a high schooler, Makenzie Nelson asked me to join". He says that Pastor Brad "hooked me into helping paint the workroom cabinet doors" and he retains his friendship with Brad every Wednesday for breakfast. One cannot think of Chris without seeing a camera in his hands...he started taking and displaying pictures for the church in early 2013. He has served on the Buildings and Grounds committee and is currently on both Mission and Stewardship committees. He says of Magnolia "there is an incredible amount of volunteering that goes on at Magnolia". He is also the point person for Care Portal which "has given me the privilege of accompanying others and being welcomed into some of our neighbors' lives as we meet their needs". Because Sherry loves the beach, a favorite destination is Huntington Beach Pier, eating at Duke's. He would like to get back to Europe and drive from Italy to Germany. He sings in the choir, serves on the Presbytery as fill-in preacher for other congregations, and has taken Communion to some of our home-bound members. Chris' favorite Bible verse is from the Luke 15 prodigal son story "...and while he was yet at a distance his father saw him and ran and put his arms around him and kissed him". He also likes Romans 8:38-39. His hope for Magnolia is "that we can embrace the use of our campus and relationships to bring God's love to others. I am excited to see where God is leading us".



Welcome

Laurie McCormick has been attending Magnolia for 6 years and is serving her first term on Session. Her family includes husband, Jeff, and children Colton, Darian, Alyssa, Evie and Konrad. She is a Milk Quality Specialist for California Dairies, Inc. If not for this career path, she would go back to teaching "most important work I ever did". Laurie's hobbies include showing livestock with their children, especially cows. Her favorite vacation destination she says is "anywhere I've never been", and is an avid camper. In retirement, "I plan to travel around in my RV and moonlight as a camp host. Seriously". Laurie's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:8. Her favorite thing about Magnolia is "the good people who are compassionate followers of Christ". She currently serves on both the Membership Committee as well as Social Ministry saying "Having opportunities to simply gather in fellowship outside of Sunday mornings is an important part of building a thriving church community where members are connected to one another". Her hope for "MagPres is to be God's light in the world; to be an open and welcoming church, embracing all who enter our doors; to be a church that serves as the hands of God, coming along side and helping to lift up those in need in our community and our world".

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30</p> <p>MagPres Master Calendar</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>10am - Presbytery Personnel</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Ordination of New Officers, 9 &</p> <p>9am - Deacons Door Offering</p> <p>9am - Worship w/ Communion @</p> <p>10am - Stater Bros. Cards For</p> <p>11am - Worship w/ Communion +</p> <p>5pm - Combined Youth 5-6:,6-7,</p> <p>5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30</p> <p>7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p> <p>7:15pm - Service of Healing</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Monday</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Committees Meet</p> <p>7pm - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p> <p>10am - Sack Lunch Prep @</p> <p>12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @</p> <p>4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Ordination of New Officers, 9 &</p> <p>TWO-CAN Sunday</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p> <p>5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30</p> <p>7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Monday</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Men's Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p> <p>5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30</p> <p>7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Monday</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Session Meeting-L</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>10am - Fages Service</p> <p>5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS</p> <p>10:15am - Annual</p> <p>11am - Worship + SS</p> <p>5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30</p> <p>7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>9:30am - Women's Monday</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> <p>7pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> 	

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Visit www.magpres.com/calendar for the most current calendar.

MagPres Prayer Calendar

January 2019

January 2019							February 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Please pray for the individuals or groups listed. For Sunday groups, pray for <i>your</i> local government officials as well.</p>		<p>Jan 1, 19</p> <p>Robert and Louise Walker</p>	<p>2</p> <p>James and Susan Walters</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Joycelyn Walton</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Alene Ward</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ray and Loretta Ward</p>
<p>6</p> <p>City of Riverside Fire Department</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Olive Watson, Margie Watson</p>	<p>8</p> <p>John Wayne</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Gary and Linda Welman</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bev and King Williams</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Kit and Dee Wilson</p>	<p>12</p> <p>John and Cynthia Wright</p>
<p>13</p> <p>City of Riverside Police Department</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Brenda Wynsma / Lucas Wynsma</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Carol Young</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Lance and JoAnn Alford</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mack Allert</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jeremy and Janelle Anderson</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ken Anderson</p>
<p>20</p> <p>City of Riverside Mayor and City Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Wayne and Kristi Andrew</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ruth Baker</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Gary and Jeannie Belangeri</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bret and Debbie Benninger</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bill and Linda Bingham</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Jim and Joy Bower</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Riverside Unified School District</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ann Brady</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dan and Karrie Brooks</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Carla Carrasco</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Merle and Doris Clark</p>		