

# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The Uplook

March 2022



### Finding God

*“When you come looking for me, you’ll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I’ll make sure you won’t be disappointed.”*

Jeremiah 29:13-14, *The Message*

I can’t believe that Lent is just around the corner. As much as I like Christmas, I think I like Easter more. I don’t feel as pressured at Easter; there are not the expectations of decorations, cards, parties, gifts and baking at Easter like there is at Christmas. There is a whole 6 weeks leading up to Easter starting with Ash Wednesday to help us reflect and re-evaluate that isn’t muddled up with the commerciality that Christmas sometimes brings. The season of Lent and Easter has a simplicity and purity about it that is refreshing. I guess that is appropriate since the origin of the word “Lent” comes from the German *Lenzin* meaning springtime.

Historically, the church has used the season of Lent to remember and imitate the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting and praying. Likewise, the church has used this time to encourage believers to use this time for penance or denial of self by practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Self-denial is a bad word in today’s society. We live in a culture that believes that we deserve, need or are entitled to more and the very best life has to offer. In order to be content, we find ourselves in pursuit of money, cars, clothes, homes, or vacations. And of course, all of those are good things. Sometimes though in the pursuit of acquiring all that, other things get crowded out, like God. We lose sight of God, the one who makes all things possible. We forget about our pursuit of the One above all things. This Lent, Pastor Paul and I will be preaching a sermon series called *Finding God*.

Instead of or in addition to self-denial, another practice we can begin during this season is to add something to our daily lives. As a church we are inviting you to journey together using the daily devotional series, *Making the Road: Walking through Lent*. We will have printed copies available for you or you may download one from the eblast. We invite you therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God. |

In Christ, *Pastor Claire*

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## DEACONS CORNER

One of the perks of being a Deacon is getting to know and interact with other members of the Board. About this same time last year, I used my Deacon Corner to write about my remembrance of Cathy McGraw. Again, the Deacons and church have suffered another loss in the passing of Gary Welman. With a heavy heart, I'm going to share my remembrance of him.

Throughout the years, Gary served many terms as a Deacon. Last year was the only time that our terms overlapped. As they joined the Board in 2021, a big responsibility taken on by Gary and Linda was Two-Can Sunday. During Covid, they came to the church many Sunday afternoons to collect donations then deliver the food to Lutheran Social Services later in the week. The biggest impression Gary made on me was the genuine caring, compassion, and empathy he felt for people in need both inside and outside the church family. He was always quick to volunteer to reach out to a shut-in or anyone else. Every meeting the Deacons share prayer concerns for flock members and personal prayers concerns. Gary would become emotionally vested in that prayer time.

Gary Also served on the BAG committee at Magnolia for many years. He was involved in many projects to maintain and improve our church campus. Probably the last one was to help power wash the CE building. I'm going to repeat a story that was told at his memorial and at the last congregational meeting. After a group has spent hours power washing, Gary commented, "You know, it wouldn't take much to put a coat of paint on this." That was Gary, always willing to go the extra mile.

Let's Reflect a minute on our witness and service to the church or in the community. How would you finish this sentence? You know, it wouldn't take much to.....

Barbara Johnson

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Church Family,

The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School. We welcome those who are willing to serve for one week at a time or on a more frequent basis. Couples or friends are also encouraged and welcome to teach together. Youth under the age of 18 who might be interested are also welcome to volunteer and would work alongside an adult Sunday School Teacher. If you have interest in volunteering to teach Sunday School, you can contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Zach Gipson, at [zachwgipson@gmail.com](mailto:zachwgipson@gmail.com) or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.

Sincerely,

MagPres Christian Education Committee

## ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

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

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

For a number of years now, Elders have begun their Session meetings by agreeing to abide by and hold each other accountable to a set of Respectful Communication Guidelines...They are a reminder each month to act with respect to other's opinions, ideas, suggestions, etc.



R = take RESPONSIBILITY for what you say and feel without blaming others

E = use EMPHATIC listening

S = be SENSITIVE to differences in communication styles

P = PONDER what you hear and feel before you speak

E = EXAMINE your own assumptions and perceptions

C = keep CONFIDENTIALITY

T = TRUST ambiguity because we are *not* here to debate who is right or wrong

(from *The Bush Was Blazing but Not Consumed* by Eric H.F. Law)

With these in place each month, your Elders continue their work in serving MagPres and its mission and ministry... respectfully.

*"A wicked messenger falls into trouble,  
but a trustworthy envoy brings healing.*

*Proverbs 13:17*

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

## COVID-19-Update

**In person worship resumed on February 6, 2022. in compliance with the CDC guidance, if you come for in-person worship and do not have mask one will be provided.**



**The new CDC guidelines state: Masks are required for unvaccinated people and recommended for everyone in indoor public settings.**

**Thank you!**

**MagPres**





## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Our chancel choir will resume in-person rehearsals on **February 10, 2022**. Interested in joining the choir? Talk to John Wright – [music@magpres.com](mailto:music@magpres.com)



## WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study/Lectio Divina

Next Meeting: March 7, 2022

Where: In-Person or Via Zoom

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00AM

**Zoom Community Group link: 259885602 Password: 7200**

Contact Laurie Mordue for more info at: [luluherndes@msn.com](mailto:luluherndes@msn.com).

You may purchase Stater Bros gift cards.

Monday - Thursday, anytime between 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Buy yours in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards and the church receives 6%!



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⊗ **OR** - call the office to have one mailed to you.

⊗ **OR** - visit [www.magpres.com/people](http://www.magpres.com/people) (call the office for the password).

**Always** - if your address, phone, or email changes, notify [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)

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.

*Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself - and for a friend or stranger.

**ce. Alternative times will be published later.**

## YOUTH GROUP

**Welcome back Youth Group!**

**NEXT MEETING: February 20, 2022-Via Zoom**

Please keep our leaders and youth in your prayers.

Contact: Eric Brandenberger at [epsouthernca@gmail.com](mailto:epsouthernca@gmail.com) for more info.



## Mint Chocolate Brownies

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 box (16 oz) brownie mix             | 3 drops of food coloring |
| 2/3 cups of chocolate chips           | 4 tsp butter             |
| 1 jar of vanilla frosting             | 4 tsp corn syrup         |
| 1/4 tsp mint extract                  |                          |
| 1/3 cup mint flavored chocolate chips |                          |

Heat oven to 350 degrees (325 for dark or nonstick pan). Grease bottom of 9 inch square pan with shortening or cooking spray. Make brownie batter as directed on box. Stir in 2/3 cup of chocolate chips. Spread in pan. Bake 28 -31 minutes or until toothpick inserted 2 inches from side of pan comes out almost clean. Cool completely on cooling rack. In a small bowl, stir all frosting ingredients using spoon until well blended. Spread frosting over brownies. In 1 quart saucepan, heat glaze ingredients over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted. Slowly Stir in 1/4 teaspoon of hot water a little bit at a time, until mixture is thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle over frosted brownies. Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until glaze is firm. Cut and serve.

## Bible Trivia



1. What did Jacob give Joseph that sparked jealousy from his siblings?
  - A. Rain Jacket
  - B. Bracelet
  - C. Coat of many colors
  - D. Charm
2. What does Jesus say is the first and greatest commandment?
  - A. Love your neighbor as yourself
  - B. Honor your father & mother
  - C. Thou shall not steal
  - D. Love God with all your heart, mind, soul & strength

## Dan's Slice of Wry

A man was praying to GOD. "GOD?" he said. There was a clap of thunder and GOD responded, "Yes?" "Can I ask you a question?" "Of course," GOD said, "Go right ahead." "What is a million years to you?" "A million years to me is only a second." "Well then," the man said, "What is a million dollars to you?" "A million dollars to me is as a penny." "GOD," the man said, "can I have a penny?. And GOD said , "sure...just a second."



# MARCH

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Raymond Ward March 1  
 Lucas Wynsma March 2  
 Mary Lee March 3  
 Nick French March 4  
 Jackson Duncan March 6  
 Allie Manley March 7  
 Ann Lowry March 9  
 Pat Platner March 9  
 Adrineh Spring March 9  
 Janet Doshier March 12  
 James Perez March 12  
 Marcus Perez March 12  
 Gary Platner March 16  
 Eleanor Miller March 17  
 John Reinhardt March 23  
 Kathy Cohen March 26  
 Amanda Schegel March 28

Michelle Manley March 29

### Anniversaries

Karn & Suzanne Griffen March 1  
 Dick & Bonnie Kirby March 3  
 Chris & Marge Cox March 11  
 King & Bev Williams March 15  
 Tim & Diana Lewis March 22

Answers: 1. C, 2.D

**MARCH 13 2022**  
 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

**CLOCKS MOVE UP ONE HOUR**

**17 MARCH**  
 HAPPY  
 St. Patrick's Day

**Spring**  
 is  
 around  
 the Corner  
 March 20, 2022

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 30, 2021

**Income-** \$24, 329.78  
**Expenses-** \$33, 029.40  
**Balance-** \$8, 699.62

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**MARCH 2022**



**Magnolia Staff**

The Rev. Claire Schlegel  
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The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Co-Pastor

Lorraine Chapa  
Office Manager

James Walters  
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein  
Contemporary Music Leader

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Cynthia Wright, Pianist

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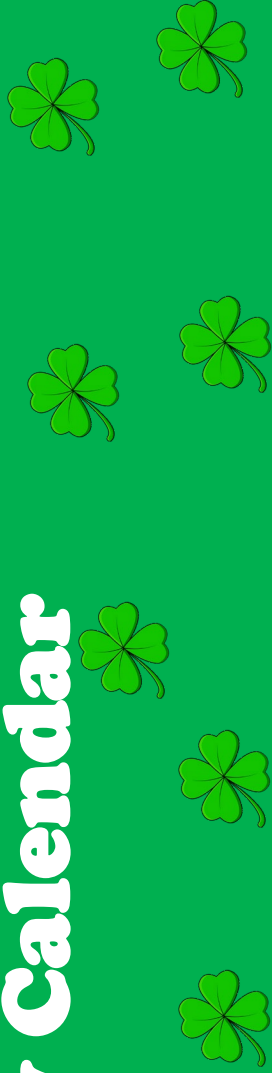


# Monthly Calendar

# March



# 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6pm - CE-Cmte 6pm - Mission Cmte 6:30pm - FOM Cmte 7pm - Bag Cmte	2 3pm - Crossways #1 6pm- Ash Wed Service 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	3 6:30 pm-Rooted #2 7:00 pm-Choir Practice	4 <b>Office Closed</b>	5 9:30am-EEEEAC
6 10am-Worship-Commun 12:30 pm-Rooted #1 6:30 pm-Youth Group Deacons Door Offering Children Sunday School	7 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	8 6:30pm Stewardship Cmte 6:00pm-Worship Cmte	9 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	10 6:30 pm-Rooted #2 7:00 pm-Choir Practice	11 <b>Office Closed</b>	12 9:30am-EEEEAC 10:00 am - Presbytery Meeting
13 10am-Worship Service 12:30 pm-Rooted #1 6:30 pm-Youth Group Two-Can Sunday Children Sunday School <b>Daylight Savings</b> 1:15 pm-CROP Walk	14 <b>CLAIRE STUDY LEAVE</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	15 <b>CLAIRE STUDY LEAVE</b> 7:00pm-Deacon Meeting 7:00pm-Family Promise Core meeting	16 <b>CLAIRE STUDY LEAVE</b> 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	17 <b>CLAIRE STUDY LEAVE</b> 6:30 pm-Rooted #2 7:00 pm-Choir Practice <b>Happy St Patrick's Day!</b>	18 <b>CLAIRE STUDY LEAVE</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	19 9:30am-EEEEAC
20 10am-Worship Service 12:30 pm-Rooted #1 6:30 pm-Youth Group Children Sunday School <b>First Day of Spring</b>	21 <b>CLAIRE STUDY LEAVE</b> <b>PAUL VACATION</b> 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	22 <b>PAUL VACATION</b> 7:00pm-Session Meeting	23 <b>PAUL VACATION</b> 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	24 <b>PAUL VACATION</b> 6:30 pm-Rooted #2 7:00 pm-Choir Practice	25 <b>PAUL VACATION</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	26 <b>PAUL VACATION</b> 9:30am-EEEEAC
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# Prayer Calendar

# March



# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Kayla Crossen	2 David & Margy Crowley	3 Sharon DeLeal	4 Anne Denham	5 Hannah Dickenson
6 MagPres Youth Group	7 Richard & Heather Dickenson	8 Mike & Janet Doshier	9 Tammy & Chris Duncan	10 Joyce & Alice Ehlers	11 Carol Farmer	12 Bruce Ferrel
13 Riverside Habitat for Humanity	14 Janet Field	15 Jerry Fisher	16 Brenda Flowers	17 Aaron & Erin Gettis	18 Zach & Maddy Gipson	19 Steve & Jeanne Gold
20 Family Promise of Riverside <a href="https://www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside">https://www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside</a>	21 Danielle Good	22 Holly Goulet Perez	23 Ilene Gradney	24 Gary & Edith Grant	25 Karr & Suzanne Griffen	26 Beverly Guidero
27 Lutheran Social Services <a href="https://www.lsscc.org">https://www.lsscc.org</a>	28 Everal Hathaway	29 Tom & Marti Hendrix	30 Melissa Holden	31 Krista Hollenhorst		