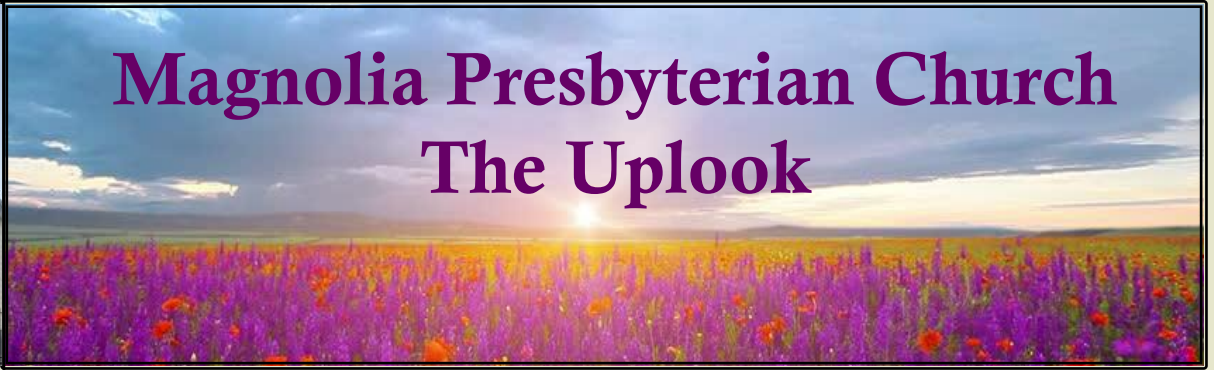




# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The Uplook



February 2022



### Pastor's Pondering



What is a Mission Statement? According to Wikipedia, *A mission statement is a short statement of why an organization exists, what its overall goal is, identifying the goal of its operations...A mission is not simply a description of an organization by an external party, but an expression, made by its leaders, of their desires and intent for the organization. The purpose of a mission statement is to communicate the organization's purpose and direction to its employees, customers, vendors, and other stakeholders. A mission statement also creates a sense of identity for its employees.* [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission\\_statement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mission_statement)

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After years of hard work, including unexpected disruptions (like the fire or 2018 or the COVID pandemic that is still ongoing), and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, at the end of 2021, your Session unanimously approved our new mission statement:

#### **Making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ**

This statement relies on our rich tradition which has educated and empowered Riverside residents to make a positive difference for Jesus Christ for over 140 years. It also points to our bright future, by clearly defining what MagPres is about and guiding our future decisions.

Should we get an oversized beanbag for the youth room? Should we replace the light fixtures in the parking lot? Should we paint our new sanctuary pink? While we could spend hours discussing the merits and faults of each of these (except for the last one which has never been under consideration), our Mission Statement can help us cut through all that. Do those things help us make fully formed followers of Jesus Christ? If yes, let's do it; if no, let's not. Our Mission Statement also gives us a rubric for evaluating our work: did we make more fully formed followers of Jesus?

As we journey through this new year, including work that is already in front of us (building a new sanctuary, transitioning to a life group model, opening our host site for Family Promise, and more) let us do so recognizing the mission that God has placed in front of us: making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ.

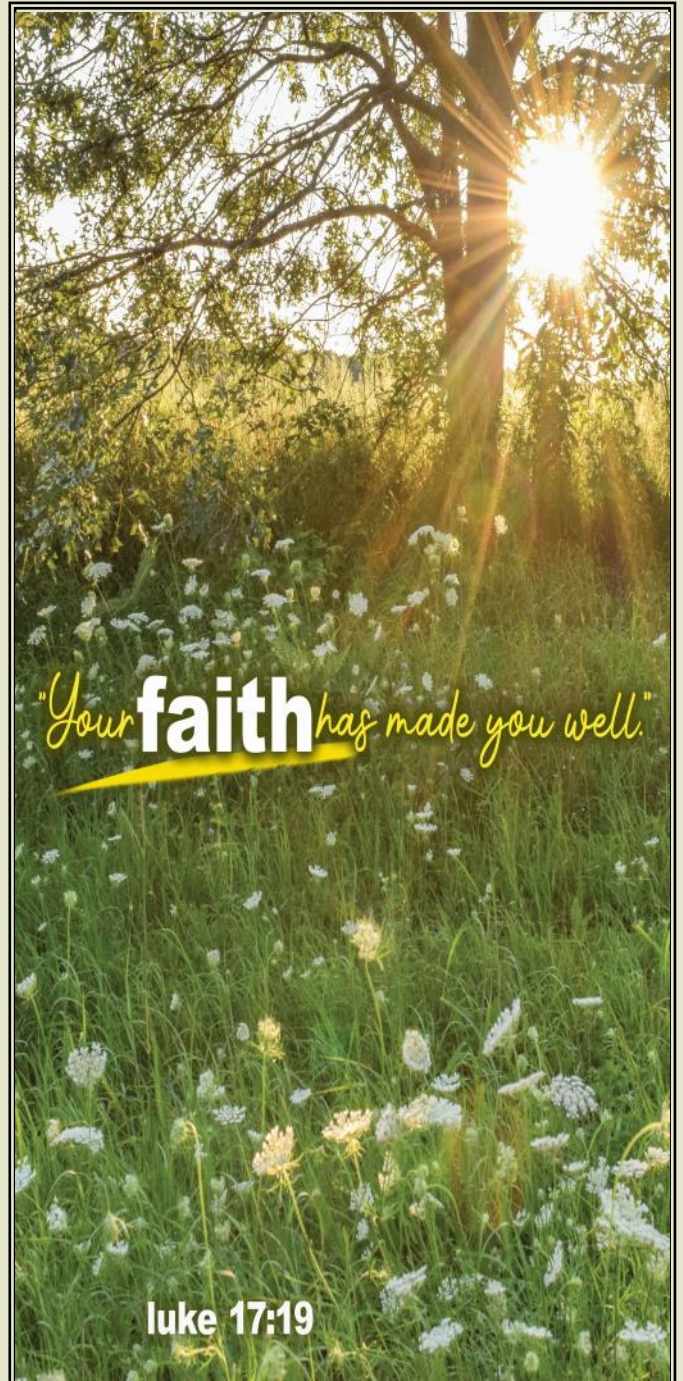
I look forward to doing this with you.

Your "making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ"  
Co-Pastor, Paul

## DEACONS CORNER

**Jeremiah 29:11**, says, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” In the end, while change can be hard, we can grow in our faith when we learn to embrace it. When we trust God’s plan, He transforms us each and everyday as His followers.

Anna B  
Moderator 2022



## 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

### **CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES - 2022**

Nine 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.



### **“Magnolia’s milestone members for 2022” and their date of membership :**

Simmons, Susan	60 years	June 24, 1962
Guidero, Beverly	60 years	April 15, 1962
Kirby, Dick	60 years	December 23, 1962
Tobin, Deloris	50 years	March 19, 1972
Nicks, Janet	50 years	June 14, 1972
Riggs, Jeannie	40 years	April 4, 1982

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

### COVID-19-Update

In-person Worship will resume on **February 6, 2022**. In compliance with CDC guidance, masks should be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status. This includes during in-person worship services. If you come for in-person worship and do not have a mask, one may be provided.

Please make sure masks are worn appropriately, covering both the nose and mouth, to prevent droplets from spreading.

Let's be safe and stop the spread!



## STEWARDSHIP NOTES

### Per Capita - what's that?

If you haven't already, you should be receiving your offering envelopes in the mail. One of the first envelopes is labeled "Per Capita Apportionment." Do you know what those words mean? Per the denominational website (<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ecclesial-and-ecumenical-ministries/per-capita/frequently-asked-questions/>):

The image shows a church offering envelope. At the top, there are fields for 'Date', 'Previous Balance \$', 'Today's Offering \$', and 'Balance \$'. Below these is a shaded area. The main text on the envelope reads 'PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_'. On the left is the logo for the Presbyterian Church (USA). On the right, it says 'Magnolia Presbyterian Church, Riverside, California'. Below the church name is a line for 'Name'. At the bottom, it says 'SPECIAL OFFERING'.

*"Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies [mid councils] to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians"*

*In essence: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.*

Our Presbytery offers the following information:

**Per capita** is how we share the expenses of the PC(USA) system of local, regional, and overall government without reducing mission dollars. Each PC(USA) congregation is a part of a Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly and pays per capita based on the number of members reported in a previous year. The **2022 per capita** in the Presbytery of Riverside is **\$36.00 per member**, which is the same as last year (no adjustment):

Presbytery of Riverside:	\$24.17
Synod of SoCal & Hawaii:	\$2.85
Office of General Assembly:	\$8.98
Total:	\$36.00

We encourage each member to contribute their portion of per capita as they are able. Since it is per member, a family with 2 adults and 2 member teenagers would contribute a total of  $\$36 \times 4 = \$144$ . If you can contribute a few more dollars when you offer your per capita, you can help the congregation offset the cost for those individuals or families who are not able to pay the entire amount. Mark your donation or use the special envelopes provided. Being connected is part of being Presbyterian. Thank you for all you do to keep us connected to each other.

Does that help? Still have questions? [Email stewardship@magpres.com](mailto:Email_stewardship@magpres.com) for more info or to get your questions answered.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Due to the pandemic, our chancel choir rehearsals are canceled until further notice. 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: February 7, 2022

Where: Via Zoom

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00AM

Zoom Community Group link: 259 885 602 PW 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%!**

☺ **NEW directories are available in the Worship Center and the church office.**

☺ **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.

*\*exceptions for holidays and other events \**

## Lollipop Valentine Cookies

### INGREDIENTS

12 Craft Sticks	2 Cups all-purpose flour
1/2 Cup semi-sweet chocolate	1/4 Cup unsweetened coco
1/2 Cup Butter, softened	1/4 Tsp salt
1/3 Cup light brown sugar	12 (1 ounce) white chocolate
1/2 Tsp vanilla extract	1 Egg
1 Egg	1 1/4 Cups confections suga
3 drops of red food coloring	



Soak craft sticks for one hour in a bowl of cold water. In a small heavy sauce pan over very low heat, stir chocolate chips until melted and smooth. Remove from heat; let cool. In a large bowl with electric mixer at medium speed, beat butter, brown sugar and vanilla until fluffy. Beat egg in well; beat in cooled chocolate. With mixer at low speed, beat in flour, cocoa powder and salt until smooth. Divide dough in half. Preheat oven to 375 degrees and grease 2 large cookie sheets. Roll each half out to 1/8 inch thickness between 2 sheets of wax paper; freeze, in wax paper 5 minutes. Peel top sheets of wax paper off dough; cut dough out using 3 inch heart shaped cutter. Reroll scraps; freeze again for 5 min; cut out. Place half of the hearts 1 inch apart on prepared cookie sheet. Drain sticks, pat dry. Place one stick on each heart to make 2 1/2 inch handle, pressing lightly into dough. Place remaining hearts on top; press edges gently to seal. Bake about 12 minutes until firm to touch. Cool on wire racks. In 2qt saucepan over very low heat, or in top of double boiler set over barley simmering water, stir white milk chocolate until melted and smooth; if using both chocolates, melt separately. Remove from heat. Holding lollipop by handle, dip into chocolate to coat on both sides; let excess chocolate drip into pan. Place each lollipop as it is coated on wax paper ; refrigerate 20 minutes until chocolate is set. To make icing: in large bowl with electric mixer at high speed, beat egg white and confectioners sugar until very smooth. If desired, remove small portion of icing to separate bowl; tint with drops of food coloring. Spoon icing into decorating bag fitted with small writing tip; pipe over lollipop in desired pattern, have fun with it! Let dry and enjoy.



The rooted program has begun, please be in prayer for all the rooted participants. Want to know more? Visit [magpres.com/rooted](http://magpres.com/rooted) or visit [magpres.com/rooted](http://magpres.com/rooted) to sign up.



# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sharon DeLeal February 1  
 Janis McKee February 5  
 Aaron Gettis February 6  
 Julie Hutchinson February 7  
 Paul Knopf III February 7  
 Christian Garcia February 8  
 John Wright February 8  
 Canon Sindaha February 10  
 Ann Laudermilk February 15  
 Abby Sindaha February 18  
 Karrie Brooks February 21  
 David Laudermilk February 22  
 Anne Denham February 23  
 Tom Hutchinson February 23  
 Louise Walker February 25

Anna Brandenberger February 26  
 Catelyn Garcia February 26  
 Sonia Campos February 28  
 Alyssa Timoschuk February 29

Chuck and Delores Tobin—February 7  
 Richard and Jeanne Hood—February 14



### FINANCIAL SUMMARY December 30, 2021

**Income-\$59,164.34**

**Expenses- \$38,972.70**

**Balance-\$20,191.64**

### HOW TO GIVE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities  
 ♦**ONLINE:** Visit our website at [www.magpres.com/give](http://www.magpres.com/give)  
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Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Co-Pastor

Lorraine Chapa  
Office Manager

James Walters  
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein  
Contemporary Music Leader

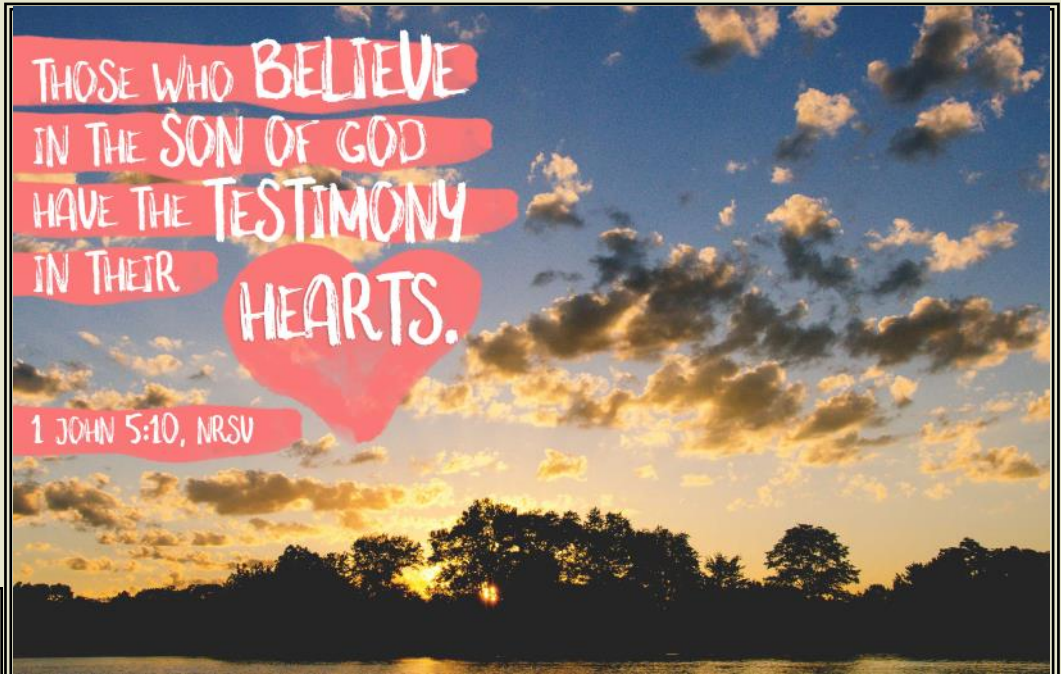
John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Allison Robinson  
Nursery Attendant

Jeff Ludwig  
Treasurer

[vacant] Youth Leader



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# Monthly Calendar

# February



# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6pm - CE-Cmte 6pm - Mission Cmte 6:30pm - FOM Cmte 7pm - Bag Cmte	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 10am-Worship Deacon Door Offering	7 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	8 6:30pm Stewardship Cmte 6:00pm-Woship Cmte	9 10-2pm-Facility Rental 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 10am – Worship Two Can Sunday	14 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 	15 7:00pm-Deacon Meeting	16 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	17	18 Office Closed	19
20 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	21 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	22 7:00pm-Session Meeting	23 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	24	25 Office Closed	26
27 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	28 9:30 am Women's Bible Study					

# Prayer Calendar

# February



**2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Linda Welman	2 Trisha Weston	3 King & Bev Williams	4 Kit & Dee Wilson	5 John & Cynthia Wright
6 MagPres Elders	7 Brenda Wynsma	8 Lance & Jo Ann Alford	9 Ken Anderson	10 Wayne & Kristina Andrew	11 Ruth Baker	12 Bill & Linda Bingham
13 Police Officers, Firefighters & First responders	14 Joy Bower	15 Ann Brady	16 Eric & Anna Brandenberger	17 Dan & Karrie Brooks	18 Dan & Jenny Brooks	19 Mark & Sarah Brooks
20 Counting your blessings in 2022	21 Carla Carrasco	22 Aaron & Deanna Cohen	23 Kathy & Neil Cohen	24 Sandy Cooper	25 Rev. Brad & Lori Copeland	26 Chris & Marge Cox
27 MagPres Deacons	28 Donna Crossen					