

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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November 2018

All are welcome and invited to join in the fun and fellowship at the

Hanging of the Greens

Get in the holiday spirit and decorate the church worship spaces for Advent!

**Friday, November 30, 6 pm
Church Sanctuary, Office and Fellowship Hall
Pizza and drinks provided
All ages welcome**

Advent Party!

**Saturday, December 1
10am-1pm**

**We will have crafts for children and adults alike—
and goodies to eat, of course!**

Childcare will be provided

Contact Pastor Claire for more info at Claire@magpres.com



**Save the Date:
Progressive Dinner
Saturday,
December 15**

**Sunday, November 18, 10:15
am Congregational Meeting—
More on page 5**

**Don't forget
Saturday,
November 3
8 am—noon
ALL-CHURCH
WORK PARTY.**



**Daylight Saving
Time ENDS
Saturday,
November 3, so set
your clocks BACK
one hour.**



**Sunday
November 4
Thanksgiving
Dinner at 6 pm
Concert at 7 pm—
brought to you by
our own MagPres
musicians**



**The Church Office will
be closed Monday,
November 12, in
observance of
Veterans Day.**

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

A MINISTER'S MUSING

Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The holidays are coming! Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and will be here before we know it. The challenge for me has always been how to keep from getting caught up in the frenzy and stress. Because of that tendency I have decided that I'm going to practice 30 days of thanksgiving in November. Obviously we should do this every day as a regular practice but it is easy for us to let current events, struggles in our personal lives, or stress at work begin to affect our attitudes about everything.

Giving thanks on a consistent basis may not be second nature to some of us and yet the Bible is filled with passages about giving thanks. Many people keep gratitude journals and write down all the good things to be of which to be thankful. But what do we do when things aren't all peachy keen? Scripture tells us that we are to give thanks not only when things are going well but also when things are not so great. And yes, that one is not easy. A number of years ago a pastor named Merlin Carothers wrote a book called *Power in Praise* in which he talked about the amazing things that can happen as we give praise to God in all circumstances. He had this to say about praising God during difficulty,

"To praise God is to express our acceptance of something that God is permitting to happen. So to praise God for difficult situations, as sickness or disaster, means literally that we accept its happening, as part of God's plan to reveal His perfect love for us. *We can't really praise God without being thankful for the thing we are praising Him for. And we can't really be thankful unless we believe that an omnipotent, loving Father is working for our good. Praising, then, involves both gratitude and joy that God is keeping His Word to work all things together for good through everything if we love Him. (Romans 8:28).*"

As I begin this 30 days of thanksgiving, I invite you do so as well. In the words of the apostle Paul to the church in Corinth, "I thank my God always for you because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. That is, you were made rich through him in everything..."

In Christ, *Pastor Claire*

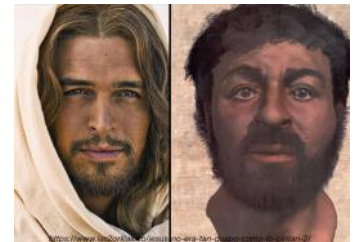
A PASTOR'S PONDERING

As we turn the calendar to the eleventh month of the year, there are some things that we can put away: Halloween decorations, stewardship drive stuff, summer clothes (no more 90 degree days ,right). There are also things to take out: thanksgiving decorations, the book of Ruth (our sermon series for November), and warmer clothes (because the overnight low is getting below 60 degrees). One thing that is now constant for me, meaning it doesn't get taken out or put away because it's always on my desk, is homework.

Last month I began my journey in the Doctor of Ministry Program at New Theological Seminary of the West which has already been both challenging and rewarding. One assignment in particular has caused me to think deeply about who we at MagPres are and what we do. The assignment was to respond to the question: What would Jesus do if he visited our congregation today? This really got me thinking.

If Jesus showed up on a Sunday morning around 9am or 11am, would he be embraced? Would someone greet him or grab him by the arm and say, "sit next to me?" Would someone offer to take him out to lunch after worship and set up a coffee visit later in the week? Would someone exchange phone numbers with him and text him periodically?

As you respond to these questions, what image comes to mind of the person identified as Jesus? Is it the traditional picture of Jesus, the skinny Anglo male with long brown hair and neatly trimmed beard, wearing a flowing tunic and rope belt? Do you envision the thicker, middle eastern man with bushy hair and a bushy beard? Do you see a gender un-identifiable, possibly shelter-insecure (homeless) individual, tattered clothes, smelly individual? Perhaps the question of greater significance is: would my reaction differ based on which Jesus showed up?



I hope you'll ponder this question along with me for the next few weeks and that we might be moved to change the way we do things for the better.

Your Pondering Co-Pastor,
Paul

The Biblical book of *Ruth* **BACHELORETTE**

*November Sermon Series:
The Bachelorette
(Biblical book of Ruth)*

November 4: Ruth 1:1-18 "Introduction"
November 11: Ruth 3:1-5 "The Final Rose"
November 18: Ruth 4:13-17 "After the Final Rose"
November 25: Christ the King Sunday

Join us and invite a friend for this provocative and meaningful study on Ruth.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT
156 Cans Collected in October

Bring your two cans of food on Sunday, November 11 for distribution to Lutheran Social Services. What we give is MATCHED by a grant! So give generously.

The Women's Study group meets Mondays 9:30-11:00 am in the Christian Education Building. We will explore the Old and New Testament Scriptures as listed in the 2018-2019 Presbyterian Planning Calendar. Come join us for fellowship, food, prayer and spiritual renewal.

Scout Corner

Thank you to the Scouts and Scouters who were a big help in unloading 500+ pumpkins for our pumpkin patch. Thanks also to Scouter Mark Hardy for fixing the light over the pumpkin patch. "Do a good turn daily" is the Scout Slogan. November outing to Rancho Jurupa Nov 30- Dec 2. See you Wednesday nights at 7 pm for weekly meetings and Merit Badge work!



Tim Lewis, Charter Organization Rep.

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.



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.

2018
 "Our Year of Commitment"
 September Financial Report

The Treasurer's report contains great news! It appears that many of you have taken our Stewardship theme for 2018 to heart, "Our Year of Commitment". Our income for September was \$308,872.93 and expenses were \$290,393.24. This results in a current positive balance of \$18,479.69 as of September 30th. Praise God!!

Also, if we consider the \$10,473.75 of endowment interest and \$7,567.16 of deficit reduction funds that were budgeted to meet potential shortfalls, our adjusted balance for September is \$36,520.60.



Thank you for supporting your Church's 2018 budget by staying current with your pledge. The Stewardship Committee is confident that our church family will stay committed to the use of their Time, Talent and Treasures

Deacons Corner

Although the deacons are involved in many activities during the year, the Christmas Box project is the most visible. Can you believe that it is getting to be that time of year, already? Soon you all will see the grocery cart in the narthex with red and green lists of food items which will be used to fill the food boxes to be given to those less fortunate than we. We hope to fill 50 boxes.

Please take one of the lists, look it over and donate what you can. It is not required that you complete the list. Bring the goods to the church office during the week or on Sunday mornings. The Christmas Box drive will be completed on **Tuesday, December 11th**. There will also be envelopes in the grocery cart for those who would rather donate funds for the boxes.

There will be the Two-Can Sunday on December 9th. This will be in addition to the Christmas Box collection.

The boxes will be divided between the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lutheran Social Services and friends of the church.

Thank you so much for your contributions to this most worthwhile project.
 Your Deacon, Jody Macdonald

BEAUTIFUL Poinsettias!

What a great way to honor or remember someone this Christmastide!! The MEW Committee will have sign-up sheets available between services for those of you who would like to reserve a live poinsettia. The poinsettias will beautify our sanctuary during the Yule services and will be available for you to pick up after the services on Christmas Eve. The price for each plant is \$10.00.

Please plan to pay for your plant when you order. Order taking begins November 18th.

Men's Group meets the second Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be November 12 at 7 pm at the home of Zach Gipson. Call the church office or see Zach for more info.

SHOPPING LIST

(No glass jars)

- 1 box of pancake mix
- 1 plastic bottle of syrup
- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of soup
- 1 pkg. of pasta
- 1 can of spaghetti sauce
- 1 bag of rice
- 1 bag of beans
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1 package of gravy mix
- 1 box of cereal
- 1 box of cake mix
- 1 tub of frosting
- 1 bag of flour (5 lbs.)
- 1 bag of sugar (4 lbs.)
- 1 plastic jar of peanut butter
- 1 plastic jar of jelly



Session Highlights

November 2018



Cornucopia: an abundant supply of good things of a specified kind.

Your Session is joyfully aware of their abundant offerings:

Abundances of finances, of children participating in Sunday School, of toiletry items given to Ramona students in need, of pumpkins on the playground, of projects to offer at the work party, of Growth Group participants and the discussions taking place, pajamas given for Fosterall, of Boy Scouts calling MagPres home, of prayer warriors on the Day of Prayer, an abundance of children's books donated to Child Help, sack lunches provided for the homeless feeding program, and Endowment Fund interest monies and the ministries they help fund. And this was just last month...

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God" Mark 10:23

"But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny". Mark 12:42

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session



NOTICE: Please join us between services at 10:15 am on November 18, 2018 for the Bi-annual Congregational Meeting. The business to be conducted at this meeting is: to elect the new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons, provide congregational approval for the 2019 Terms of Call for the pastors, and to review the draft 2019 budget.

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.

Please note the following Church Office Hours

Wed., Nov. 21—We will be closing at noon

Thurs., Nov. 22 and **Fri., Nov. 23**—Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Time and Talent Recognitions

Thanks to...

- † The **Eberweins** for gracious hosting of Prime Time.
- † **Barbara Johnson and Ann Laudermilk** for preparing and serving the Youth Dinner.
- † **Heather Dickenson and Laura Medrano** for organizing and attending to all the details for the PUMPKIN PATCH; and for all the **salespeople** who greeted and served our customers.
- † **Social Programming Committee** for the TRUNK or TREAT event and the youth for the Haunted House. Also—**Janelle Anderson** and **Candy Bowman** for support for the Haunted House.
- † The **Stewardship Committee** for planning the Stewardship campaign for 2019.
- † **Leaders and Hosts** for the Growth groups (still going on).

November Birthdays

Dick Kirby	November 3
Bobby Doshier	November 5
Brad Copeland	November 6
Connie Jackson	November 6
Holly Goulet-Perez	November 11
Bret Benninger	November 12
Deanna Cohen	November 13
Richard Dickenson	November 15
Tom Safford	November 15
Dee Wilson	November 17
Doug Reed	November 18
Richard Hood	November 20
Danielle Good	November 21



Katie Nicholson	November 21
June Hall	November 24
Zach Gipson	November 25
Evelyn Shea	November 25
Laurie Mordue	November 28
Suzanne Griffen	November 29
Lori Copeland	November 30
John Wayne	November 30



November Anniversaries

Mabena, Liberty & Andi	November 14
Peden, John & Jane	November 27
Reinhardt, John & Sharon	November 30

Your shoebox can change despair to hope!

Operation Christmas Child, a Franklin Graham ministry, is being supported at Magnolia this year. Shoeboxes filled with small toys, hats, gloves, personal hygiene articles and school supplies are sent to needy children in developing countries. In the past our boxes have been shipped to the Philippine Islands.



The Missions Team is suggesting that all church committees and groups that meet in our church each fill a shoebox for the age group & gender of their choice. Shoeboxes need to be brought to the church **November 19th.** Pick up a box and gift suggestions sheet in the courtyard or church office. This is a great way for families to share the story of the Good Samaritan.

Contact Heather Dickenson at 688-6582 for more details. To read more about the Franklin Graham ministries, the website is: www.samaritanspurse.org. If an individual would like to make a donation towards the shipping costs, please designate "Operation Christmas Child" shipping in the memo line of the check. The shipping cost is \$9.00 per shoebox. Donations are also accepted for supplies in the same manner.

An Interesting Way to Support Magnolia: The Endowment Fund

A few years ago, we were attending a Mariners group – okay, maybe it was a few decades ago – and a discussion came up about the coffee fund. There was a need for more income to support that program every week between church services.

When we asked how we could help, we were told about the Magnolia Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund. We learned how it helps provide continuing income in eight areas of our church program:

***Christian Education
Capital Improvements
Great Commission
Youth Ministry***

***Church Family Ministry
Pastoral Needs
Fine Arts
Where Most Needed***

The money that goes into these funds stays there, but the earned interest is taken out to support programs designated by the donors. So it continues to be a source of funding indefinitely. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

The funds are invested and managed by the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation, which was established in 1799. The Magnolia Presbyterian Church Endowment Committee meets a minimum of four times a year and reviews how best to manage the earned interests from these accounts.

Gifts of \$100.00 or more can be made to any existing funds that are not named after a specific person. For a minimum of \$2,000, a fund can be established in a person or family's name, or as a memorial for a special purpose.

Cash donations may be made as a one time gift or on a continuing basis (weekly, monthly, or annually). Tangibles gifts (such as stocks, bonds, real estate) can also be made at any time.

Deferred gifts can also be made, through a will or trust. These might include cash, stocks, bonds, securities, real estate, an IRA, a Life Income Plan, an annuity, or some other plan. Other investment options, such as the Charitable Gift Annuity, are also available, and can be a tax advantaged gift vehicle. As you can see, there is much flexibility, allowing donors to find the best fit for their particular desires and circumstances.

Our church budget is greatly supplemented by the gifts that have been made to the Endowment Fund over the years. Especially in times of economic slowdowns, when our regular offerings tend to go down, the interest from the Endowment Fund continues to help us keep our programs going. It's a great way to support the church both now and in the future.

Please consider becoming a part of this ministry, either now or in the future. The Endowment Committee would be pleased to discuss the program further with you and answer any questions you may have.

***Blessings in Christ,
Steve and Jan McKee/McKee Hospitality Fund***



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

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November
2018

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 ...

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(See psalms 100)

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MOM SAYS WE SING HYMNS TO MAKE A
JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD ... I
PERSONALLY LIKE TO YELL "YIPPEE"
EVERY NOW AND THEN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="color: red; text-align: center;">All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. See www.magpres.com/calendar</p>				1	2	3
				Pastor Paul OUT 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 8am - Work Party
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Pastor Paul OUT 9am - Deacons Door Offering 9am - Worship w/ Communion @ 10am - Stater Bros. Cards For 11am - Worship w/Communion + 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 6pm - Thanksgiving Dinner and 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5:45pm - CE Committee 6pm - MEW Committee 7pm - BaG Committee 7pm - MIT Committee	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 6:30pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 10am - Riverside Presbytery 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	Youth Retreat (Tapestry) 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @ 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Youth Retreat (Tapestry) TWO-CAN Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Men's Group	Pastor Claire Out 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Stewardship Committee	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall	UpLook Articles Due 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Presbytery of Riverside
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Pastor Claire Out Begin Collecting Deacon Food 9am - Worship + SS 10:15am - Bi-annual 11am - Worship + SS	Operation Christmas Child DUE 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Deacon Meeting	7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 6:30pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	Office Closed  7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,	Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S	8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
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MagPres Prayer Calendar

November 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Nov 1 Laura Medrano	2 Bill and Ruth Megeney	3 Eleanor Miller
4 Operation SafeHouse, www.operationsafehouse.org	5 Lance and Laurie Mordue	6 Marilyn Nail	7 Brian and Melanie Nelson; Chris, Makenzie	8 Earl Nelson	9 Rev. Chris and Sherry Nettles	10 Jay and Katie Nicholson
11 Path of Life Ministries, http://www.thepathoflife.com	12 Janet Nicks`	13 Judy O'Bier	14 Lila Odell	15 John and Jane Peden	16 Gio and Monica Perez	17 Ron and Cornelia Phifer
18 Lutheran Social Services, www.lsssc.org	19 Susie Phillips	20 Harold and Nancy Poor	21 Rosie Quinones	22 Charles and Carolyn Raughley	23 Doug and Thea Reed	24 Mel and Rhonda Rehnke
25 Teen Challenge, www.teenchallenge.org	26 Jeff Reidman and Laurie McCormick	27 John and Sharon Reinhardt	28 Dave and Sandy Richards	29 Jean Riggs	30 Kyle and Kendall Rinker	

Please pray for the individuals and mission groups listed.