



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UpLook

September 2022

Youth Group Returns on Sunday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Youth Room

Beautify Riverside on Saturday, August 27 at 8:00 a.m. to 11:00

Coffee Fellowship Returns on Sunday, September 11 right after the 10 am service

Save the Date...Family Camp in Big Bear is coming this November!

Minister's Musings

*"There's a season for everything and
a time for every matter under the heavens..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*



I love fall! Yeah, yeah, I know we live in SoCal, we don't have REAL seasons like in other parts of the country. I would argue that we do though, they are just a lot more subtle. We can go up to the mountains or to Oak Glen to see the fall colors--not East Coast fall colors, but they are there if you look closely. Soon, when we walk out in the morning, we will sense a difference in the air, a crispness, a thinness; almost imperceptible, but there nonetheless.

Sometimes that is what our spiritual life can be like. We can have seasons where God is so in our face that it just blows us away like a Santa Ana wind and other times God is like a whisper or feels very, very far away. St. John of the Cross, a 16th century Spanish mystic calls this distant feeling "the dark night of the soul." If you have ever experienced this darkness, this seeming separation, you know it can be a bit disconcerting. Like many people of faith, there have been times in my life where I have wondered if God was there. I have felt that in times of grief, in times of stress, and in times of boredom.

Recently, I had an in-your-face experience of God when I went to Cardiff State Beach on my day off. I walked around a rock jetty that was jutting out into the ocean and around the bend there was a lagoon or estuary that ran out to meet the ocean.

I found a quiet place in the sand, nestled in the rocks, just big enough for me and started praying the Lovingkindness Prayer for each of my friends and family, for you my church, for

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**Saturday, August 27th
8 -- 11 a.m.**

**Marcy Branch Library
6927 Magnolia Ave.**

Join our fellow Magnolia Center neighbors and the mayor and get involved in beautifying our local community. More info inside -->

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the surfers and people walking their dogs, for the families on the beach. I closed my eyes and sat in quiet, breathing in deep salt air, feeling the breeze, hearing the sounds of the gulls and children playing in the distance. After about an hour (I prayed for a lot of people!), I opened my eyes to the lagoon in front of me in time to see a young blond boy of eight or so swimming toward me and as I looked at this boy, tears started to flow. Even now as a recall this time and sit with it, I can feel the pinprick of tears forming. I do not know what it all means. I do not fully know yet what God was revealing to me in that moment but what I do know is that God's Spirit touched me in a simple, poignant and profound way.

My prayer for you is that as we transition into this autumn time, you will spend time in quiet; noticing, letting go, and resting with expectation of what new thing God is birthing in you.

May God Bless you,
Pastor Claire



DEACONS'

ORNER



Stepping out of one's comfort zone can be daunting. So, why do it and what does this have to do with Mag Pres? I am glad you asked. Stepping out of your comfort zone would indicate change and many people do not like change. One tends to question whether the change will backfire or what if it fails.

In Luke 5:4-6 (NIV), Jesus asks Simon to pull away from the shore and into deeper water. Simon made excuses as to why he didn't want to stating that he and fellow fishermen had worked hard and had no success. By trusting in Jesus and doing as commanded, Simon cast out his nets into deeper water. We all know how this parable ends. Bottom line or fish net in this case, we all think we know what is best for us based on what patterns and habits made us comfortable whether successful or not. We continue to do what we are familiar with because it is safe.

Change can lead to healthier lifestyles and better mental health. The pandemic has led many of us to find that comfort zone in our homes. Society has taken to working, schooling and worshipping on line and has diminished our sense of belonging. As the pandemic has lessened, many have returned to the office or school but the environment is not the same; it has **changed**. The sense of belonging has changed with it because the routine changed and adjustments were needed to adapt. Belonging to a group or in a particular setting or environment is essential and fundamental. It is craved. A University of

Michigan study revealed that the lack of belonging is a predicator to depression. The pandemic, as many have noted, has created many more cases of depression than ever before.

Now that MagPres has returned to worshipping in person, there are several ways to slowly re-adjust to the changes created by the pandemic and foster the need to belong again. A fun way to dip your toe in the water (not the deep waters and Simon did) is perhaps change where you sit. We all have our favorite parking spaces or favorite pew. By changing where you sit, you may find a different perspective or even meet some one new. Another way to establish a sense of belonging is by considering your talents. We all have an untapped talent that yearns to shine. Fear holds us back. By volunteering at Mag-Pres, you will discover the deep sense, the true sense of serving our Lord and the meaning of fellowship.

Jesus said, "Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the One who sent me" (Matthew 10:40; NIV)

This ad presented to you by: Usher Coordinator and Deacon Moderator, Anna Brandenberger



LUKE 5:10, NRSV

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Session Committee highlights continue...
this month, Endowment

Who's Who on Endowment?

Chaired by Elder Jay Nicholson, Jeff Ludwig,
Jan McKee, Pastor Claire, and Pastor Paul.

Roles and Responsibilities (as stated in the Standing Rules of Session):

1. Promote and administer the Magnolia Presbyterian Church program of wills, gifts, memorials, and other gifts that are placed with the Endowment Fund
2. Inform the congregation about Christian stewardship, promote the MagPres Endowment Fund as an ongoing means for supporting the mission of the church, and administer the Endowment Fund
3. Maintain the integrity of the Endowment Fund by preserving Fund principal and expending only investment income
4. Ensure Endowment Fund disbursements are utilized for their expressed purpose
5. Maintain the endowment records and/or notebook, listing those who have created endowment funds and update it as new funds are started, to acknowledge our heritage and to encourage new gifts.
6. Receive requests for disbursements of Endowment investment income
 - Adjudicate requests for disbursements of Endowment investment income of less than \$1,000
 - Make recommendations to Session regarding requests larger than \$1,000
7. Develop an annual committee budget in coordination with the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and manage committee budget on a monthly basis
8. Oversee other funds related to its work, in conjunction with the Stewardship and Finance committee

The purpose of this committee is to "Encourage Christian Stewardship of accumulated resources."

"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury."

Mark 12:41

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

Combined Endowment Funds – Spotlight on Those Who Made Them Possible

In the April 2022 Uplook, we listed four new endowment funds that had recently been created by combining funds in each category. In May, we highlighted the four donors who contributed to the Where Most Needed combined fund. This month (September), we would like to spotlight the two donors who made up the Great Commission combined fund. In October, we will spotlight those who made up the Youth Ministries combined fund, and in November, the Christian Education combined fund. Their foresight and generosity continue to bless our church.

The following information is printed below as it was originally submitted by the donor(s) for our Endowment Registry Notebook, which is kept in the church office, and maintained and updated by the Endowment Committee for all of our funds.

Helen Wallace



Helen joined Magnolia Presbyterian Church as member #1865 on February 24, 1963. Her parents were also members of the church. She lived behind the church on Potomac and enjoyed walking to worship services on Sunday mornings.

Some members might also remember her driving a 1960 green and white Rambler from time to time. Helen was founder of the church's Telecare outreach program that lasted from 1972 to 1999. In addition to her devotion to church work, Helen was also very devoted to other causes, as well. On numerous occasions, she went door to door collecting money for the American Heart Association. The City of Riverside honored Helen in 1984 for her Volunteerism. Helen Wallace died on December 17, 1997, at the age of 98, and was the oldest member of the church at that time. She had been a member of Magnolia for 34

years and had been dearly loved and respected by everyone in the congregation.

Del Majocchi *(Edited from Cornerstone Magazine - Spg 2005):*



"My husband passed away at the end of 2001. While he was living, we invested a lot in real estate," Majocchi said. "I hadn't realized,

and I'm sure that he hadn't either, that our estate would be worth so much."

The Majocchis had no children; therefore she wanted to make sure that her estate would be used in a way that would support the charities that she holds dear. Her attorney suggested several avenues of charitable giving and she wanted to also provide for her Church. So she consulted with her local pastor, Reverend Dr. Bradley C. Copeland, at Magnolia Presbyterian Church, in Riverside, California.

"She has a heart of giving," said Copeland. "I listened to her and pointed her in the right direction." Copeland put her in touch with John Turner, development officer for the area's Presbyterian Foundation.

"At first she wasn't sure what she wanted to do," said Turner. "We talked about a couple of options when I met with her and her attorney, and we thought the gift annuities would be attractive to her."

"I knew nothing about annuities, nothing at all," said Majocchi. But the more she learned about gift annuities, the more she realized that she was making the right decision.

"The Presbyterian Foundation was the one I chose because, as a Christian, I felt that they would do what I want with my money," said Majocchi. "Also, I would like to honor my husband's wishes."

Turner worked very hard to find ministry uses in the areas that she wanted to support. "She liked the idea that our General Assembly agencies could do an as-good or better job than other non-profits," said Turner. He also brought Environmental Justice, the African American Leadership Advancement Program, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program to Majocchi's attention. Majocchi was impressed with the mission of these agencies and elected to establish a permanent endowment fund with the Foundation for their benefit, with the charitable remainder interest of one of her gift annuities. The Della Majocchi Fund will provide perpetual income to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), restricted for these agencies.

Copeland believes it was not just the Foundation's expertise, but also Turner's responsiveness and trusting manner that ultimately brought Majocchi to the Foundation. "John has such a pleasant and caring personality about him," said Copeland. "He is interested in doing what the donor wants, and it comes across loud and clear. I think that's why she went with the

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REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



CHOIR REHEARSALS: The Chancel Choir will resume on September 8. Interested in joining the choir? Talk to John Wright – music@magpres.com

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: On summer break; returning this Fall. Join us then for a relaxing time to delve into Scripture, pray, and fellowship.

TROOP 16: Meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis (webelewis@gmail.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th 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

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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. In July, we collected 179 food items. **Keep up the good work(!)** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be August 14th.

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 DIRECTORIES: Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you. Instructions on downloading the app to our "Instant Church Directory" are on page 5 (great way to keep up with birthdays and anniversaries in our church family!)

As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know at church@magpres.com



DEACONS DOOR OFFERING: 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.

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 & wine" elements at home and join in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the whole congregation.

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.

YOU CAN HELP...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

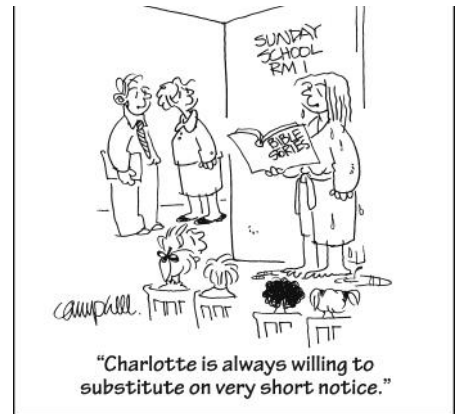
Dear Church Family,

WHAT: The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School. It can be for one week at a time or more.

WHO: individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18.

Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Zach Gipson, at zachwgipson@gmail.com or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.



COMING UP SOON!

SAVE THE DATE! Family Camp Nov. 11-13th
Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center
More information is coming...stay tuned!

Community Clean-up Saturday, August 27 8--11 a.m.

Get involved with our Magnolia Center neighbors **THIS SATURDAY** and help make our community a more beautiful place to live, work, and worship. Meet at the Marcy Branch Library to work with other volunteers to collect litter and remove weeds. Wear closed-toe shoes, bring water and gloves. Other necessary supplies will be provided.

For more information, check out:
RiversideCA.gov/BeautifyRiverside



HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities.

ONLINE: Visit our website at www.magpres.com/give

MOBILE: Text "magpres" to 77977

MOBILE: Download our church app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"

U.S. MAIL: Send check via US Mail to our address at 7200 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504



Kick off your Fall with our MagPres Youth Group!

Sunday night, August 28, from 6-8 p.m.

for both Middle School (grades 6-8)
and High School (9-12) students.

We will be meeting in the youth room (enter off Potomac St, through the gate on the left, and the first door is the Youth Room). Hope to see you there! ~ Pastor Paul
Check the Calendar for September's meetings and events!

DON'T FORGET...



COFFEE TIME is coming back **weekly** on September 11, right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Join us in the Fireside Room for Java and Treats... and stay for the Fellowship and Conversation!



CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE!

View our director online or via the FREE mobile app.

Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now." Confirm your email address to sign in. Download the free mobile app at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create your log-in. Need help or have any questions? Please contact Pastor Paul (paul@magpres.com).



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Foundation; she met people who cared about her and cared about what she wanted to do."

Majocchi also liked the opportunity she had to continue to give to her favorite causes. In total, she has created five gift annuities in a two-year span.

Majocchi will also be providing support for her beloved Magnolia Presbyterian Church in Riverside. "I've been a member for ten years, the Reverend Brad Copeland has been there for 25 years, and the church just celebrated its 125th anniversary here in Riverside," she said.

"She is an extremely active member here," said Copeland. "She became involved in Bible study and is very biblically-literate. She also has a real love for children....She is a very thoughtful, deep woman. She has a lot of friends here in this congregation."

A former elementary school teacher, Majocchi works regularly in the church's after-school program and is involved at the tutoring center. She began her career as a teacher in the early 1940s and then World War II began. She enlisted in the 9th Air Force and was attached to the communication corps. "I was in England before D-Day in the 9th Air Force. After D-Day, we went to France and Germany," said Majocchi. "We were scared to death because we were in France during the Battle of the Bulge and that was a very tricky situation."

After the war, she took advantage of an opportunity to spend time in the Belgian Congo teaching at a boys' school for bi-racial young men who were not accepted by any other schools. From 1948 to

1954, she taught children ages 6-18. She taught all of the children enrolled at that school. "The Eastern Congo is absolutely beautiful. There was a church already established there, and the Christians were just wonderful. Even as simple as their life was, they understood the gospel message," said Majocchi.

Even though Majocchi is happy that she is able to provide such support for her favorite causes, she remains humble about her giving. "I don't like to feel like I'm bragging, and I don't go around telling people what I am doing," she said. "I grew up during the Depression, and everything was very difficult. I think the Lord has really blessed me that I am able to do this." Certainly the Presbyterian mission activities that Majocchi will support for many years feel blessed the she is such a giving person.

"It's wonderful," said Majocchi. "It's more blessed to give than to receive, I'm telling you."

Treasurer's Report General Fund as of 7/31/2022



Balance Jan. 1, 2022	\$0.00
2022 Income	\$229,626.57
2022 Expense	<u>\$247,406.36</u>
Balance June 30, 2022	(\$17,779.79)

Session will meet again in September

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

In-person will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:20 a.m. Those attending via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259 885 602 and the Password 7200 to join the fun.

This Fall we will study the story of Joseph, Jacob's son. Sunday School includes Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and play time.

Our memory verse for September is Genesis 39:2

"The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man and served in his Egyptian master's household."

The shortened memory verse for younger Bible scholars is "The Lord was with Joseph."



Craig MacDougall	Sept 1
Jason Nicholson	Sept 1
Laura Medrano	Sept 1
Ruth Megenney	Sept 2
Allie Robinson	Sept 5
Andi Mabena	Sept 5
Kierstyn Cohen	Sept 5
Mel Rehnke	Sept 6
Janet Nicks	Sept 12
Melanie Nelson	Sept 12
Peter Manley	Sept 12
Alma Vierich	Sept 13
Dave Richards	Sept 14
Shawn Smith	Sept 14
Becky Doshier	Sept 15
Caitlyn Cohen	Sept 15

Jan & Steve McKee	Sept 1
Erin & Aaron Gettis	Sept 6
Laurie & Jeff Ludwig	Sept 8
Kristina & Wayne Andrew	Sept 9
Loretta & Ray Ward	Sept 9
Laurie & Lance Mordue	Sept 11

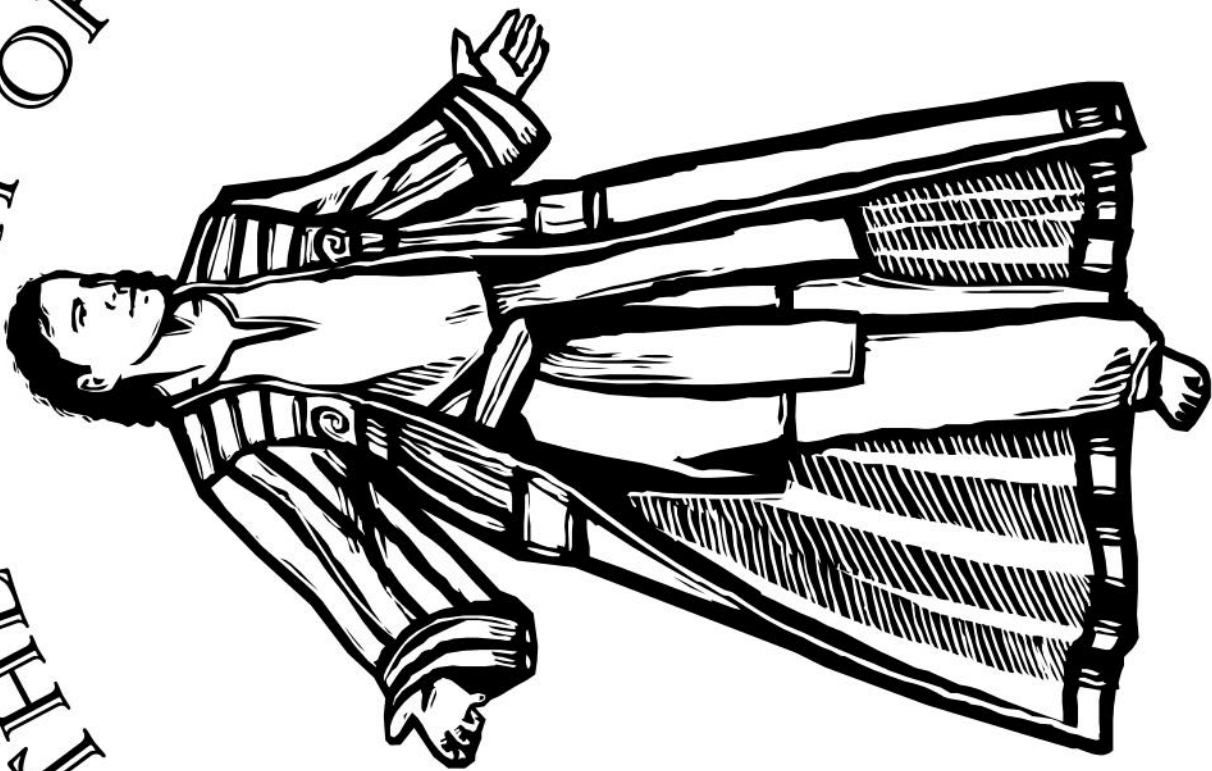


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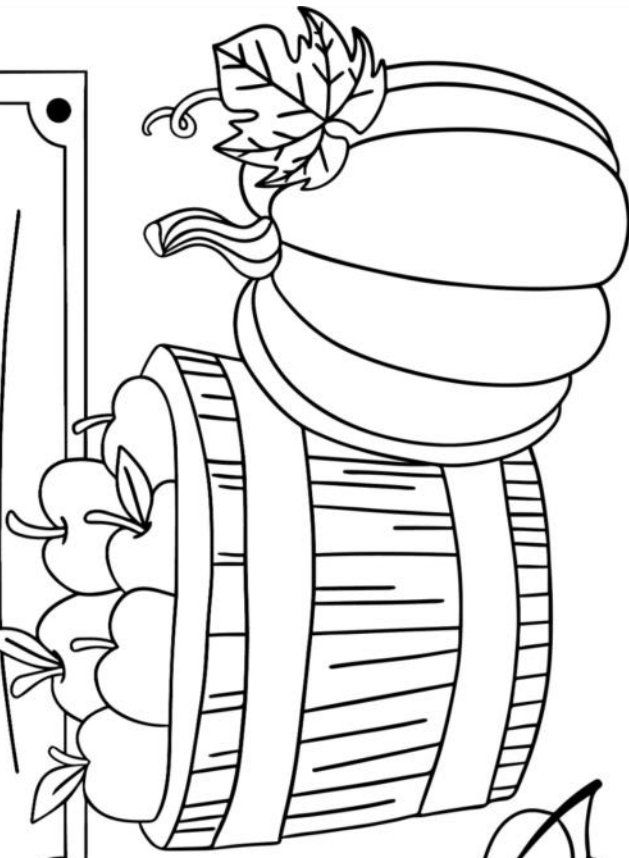
Cherylyn Thornton	Sept 17
Joseph Contreras	Sept 19
Norah Sachs	Sept 19
Adam Martinez	Sept 21
Diana Lewis	Sept 26
Edith Grant	Sept 30
Janelle Anderson	Sept 30

Get out your colored pencils and crayons and enjoy a little rest time in this busy season as you let your child (or your inner child) color in these images. Stay connected with our Children's Sunday School as they study the story of Joseph and Welcome a bit of Fall cheer!

THE STORY OF





JOSEPH



September 2022 Events Calendar

Sep 2022 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Door Offering 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	5 LABOR DAY Office Closed	6 6pm - CE Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	7 7pm - Troop 16	8 7pm - Choir Practice	9 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	10 9:30am - EEEAC 10am - Presbytery of 5pm - Path of Life GUEST
11 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group! @ Youth	12 Pastors' Retreat		13 6pm - Worship Cmte 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	14 Uplook Articles Due 7pm - Choir Practice	16 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	17 9:30am - EEEAC
18 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group! @ Youth	19	20 Session Materials Due 7pm - Deacon Meeting	21 7pm - Troop 16 	22 7pm - Choir Practice	23 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	24 Teen Challenge Walk 9:30am - EEEAC
25 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:15am - Coffee and 6pm - Youth Group--Life	26	27 7pm - Session Meeting	28 7pm - Troop 16	29 7pm - Choir Practice	30 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	1

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>  <div>SEPTEMBER</div> </div>						
4 Students and Teachers returning to school	5 Bonnie & Dick Kirby	6 The Rev. Paul, Michelle, Paul, and Andrew Knopf	7 Ann, James, Michelle, & Ryan Lauder milk	8 Mary & Marshall Lee, Sam Lee	9 Lee & Bob Lewis	10 Diana & Tim Lewis
11 Boy Scouts of America and Troop 16 <div>  <div>PATRIOT DAY</div> </div>	12 Flora Livingstone	13 Adrien Lowery	14 Laurie & Jeff Ludwig	15 Marge Ludwig	16 Andi, Liberty, Precious, & Lex Mabena	17 Jody MacDonald
18 Buildings & Grounds Committee	19 Lisa & Craig MacDougall	20 Michelle, Peter, Allison, Gavin, & Gwenth Manley	21 Adam Martinez <div>  <div>First Day of Autumn</div> </div>	22 Jan & Steve McKee	23 Dorothy, Norah, Arlo McLaughlin/Sachs	24 Laura Medrano
25 Fellowship, Outreach, & Membership Committee	26 Ruth & Bill Megenney	27 Laurie & Lance Mordue	28 Monique Mowry	29 Melanie, Brian, Christopher, and Makenzie Nelson	30 The Rev. Chris & Sherry Nettles	Oct 1

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday


September
2022

Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

Adrien Lowery
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

