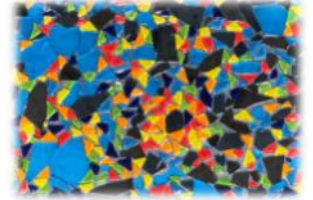


Magnolia Presbyterian Church

UpLook

March 2020



Minister's Moment

On February 24, as part of my study leave, I had the privilege of attending a one-day retreat called "Listening for the Heartbeat of God." The retreat was held in an incredibly



beautiful setting at Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel and those gathered were there to learn about and practice Celtic Spirituality. Our speaker was renowned Celtic Theologian John Phillip Newell who is based in Edinburgh, Scotland. John Phillip began the retreat talking about Da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. He pointed out that prevailing thought

is that the disciple leaning over on Jesus is John, the beloved. As John the disciple leans over he rests his head on Jesus' chest, listening for the heartbeat of God. He went on to say that when we listen for the heartbeat of God we listen to the glory, the beauty, and also the pain. All of it is necessary. It is in that place that we begin to understand our own yearnings. We then had our own time with God beginning with a five minute chant,

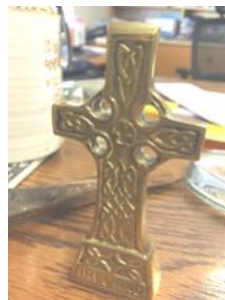
*"Let me hear what you will speak,
when I turn to you in my heart."*

We were then asked the question,

"What are the yearnings of your heart? What are the deep desires that have brought you here today?"

As we begin the season of Lent this week, I wonder what it would be like if we all started each day listening for the heartbeat of God; if we spent time meditating on and listening to the yearnings in each of our hearts.

Pastor Claire



March 7
Saturday, 6:05 pm
Ontario Fury
Indoor Soccer
TICKETS:
\$5/person
\$20/ maximum for family
Citizens Business
Bank Arena
Sign up now!

LENT 2020

Living into Lent -

Devotional Book by
Donald K. McKim

Purchase online or a
Kindle/Nook version

(some may be available at
church).

Read along with others in
church - strengthen your
walk with Jesus.

**MESSY PEOPLE
MERCIFUL GOD**
A Lenten Sermon Series
on the Book of Judges

Lenten Sermon Series:

Messy People,
Merciful God

A Journey through the Old
Testament Book of Judges

March 1 - April 5

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

SCOUT CORNER

At the end of January the Scouts went to Klondike, a winter snow camp at BSA Camp Emerson in Idyllwild. Alas, no snow, but fun was had by all.

Then a second campout over the three-day Presidents Weekend.

On March 14 there will be an Eagle Court of Honor for Ian George & Angel Rodriguez, our latest Scouts to attain the Eagle rank.

Our Quarterly Troop Court of Honor will be on Wednesday March 26, recognizing rank advancements and Merit Badges earned.

We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7 o'clock and boys age 10-17 and their parents are welcome!



Tim Lewis,

Charter Organization Rep.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11

Tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers



**Save
the Date**

Spring All-Church Work Party

Saturday, April 4
8 am to noon

Family Game Night

Friday, April 24

One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be collected

April 5, 2020

For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work toward a better world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

A Rich Tradition...

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Inspiration
Ministry
Altruistic
God-centered
Involvement
New Life
Enthusiasm

imagine

“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” Mark 10:27

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

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.

*Adjustments made for holidays.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets every* Sunday evening.

Middle School (grades 6 to 8) meets from 5 to 6:30 pm.

High School (grades 9 to 12) meets from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. **NEW TIME**

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.

If you want an easy way to give to MagPres, consider purchasing Stater Bros. Gift Cards...

They are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments on the first Sunday of every month after each service. 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.

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GOOD NEWS AROUND MAGPRES

February Two-Can Sunday Donations: 102.

Next time to give: March 8

Family Promise Invites You

Our next meetings are
March 2, April 6, and May 4
7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Even if you have not attended
previous meetings, you can
offer your God-given talents to
our ministry.

See our Facebook page
[www.facebook.com/
familypromiseriverside](http://www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside)



We're making a difference.

MagPres will participate in the CROP Walk, March 15, 2020, 1:30 pm to 3 pm.

Be a walker! OR: Sponsor a walker. See Carol Young for either one.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



STREAMING SERVICES

We have a new website! Visit www.magpres.com to keep up to date on the latest happenings, to re-cap Sunday's worship and sermon, and to get all the info you need on anything church-related.

By the way, did you miss worship on Sunday? Are you going to miss this coming Sunday? You can watch our service live on www.magpres.com/watch and access our archive of services.

Only interested in hearing audio of the sermon? Visit magpres.com/sermons to listen to recent sermons. Sunday sermons are usually posted to the website by the following Tuesday.

A Rich Tradition...

Church News

March 20 -22 Senior High Camp at Big Bear

If you're a high school student, see Pastor Paul or Pastor Claire.

All others: pray for the leaders and participants!

Next (and last) Confirmation Class

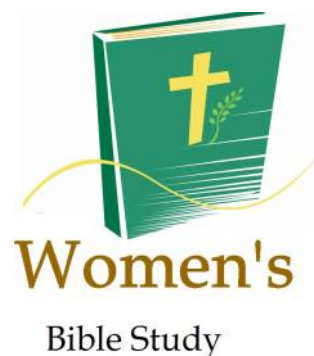
March 15, 2020

Class Members will meet with The Session on March 24, 2020.



Women's Monday Morning Bible Study

9:30 - 11 am,
Christian Education
Building
March 2, 9, 16, 23 and
30



Lent and Easter Dates:

Palm Sunday, April 5
Maundy Thursday Service, April 9
Easter Egg Hunt, April 11
Easter Services, April 12, 9 am and 11 am



Position Open

Our Youth Leader job opening is online at <https://www.churchjobs.net/jobs/openings/youth-leader-in-riverside-ca-10034/>

and also at <https://www.indeedjobs.com/magnolia-presbyterian-church/jobs/84b67c09320852ddcde1>

Or call the church office for the link!

🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸 You can purchase a floral arrangement to celebrate a person or event. 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

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FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Per Capita Apportionment

It is that time of the year where our church pledges to the Presbytery of Riverside to support their mission. This year our assessment is \$36 per person for 206 members with a grand total of \$7,416. Your help in paying the per capita apportionment for your membership will help us meet our budget projections. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*“In a connected church such as ours, per capita is the responsible way of sharing costs that equitably belong to the whole Presbyterian community.”
(From former Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons)*

The General Assembly Per Capita budget provides the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly as well as funding for the administration of mission for the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Break down of per capita

\$ 8.95 General Assembly
\$ 2.85 Synod
\$24.20 Presbytery of Riverside



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Raymond Ward — March 1
- Lucas Wynsma — March 2
- Mary Lee — March 3
- Bradley Belangeri - 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
- Kendall Rinker — March 12
- James Perez - March 12
- Marcus Perez- March 12
- Gary Platner—March 16
- Dennis Mackey - March 16
- Eleanor Miller — March 17
- John Reinhardt — March 23
- Kathy Cohen — March 26
- Amanda Schlegel — March 28
- Michelle Manley — March 29



Griffen, Karn and Suzanne
 March 1 (34 years)

Kirby, Dick and Bonnie
 March 3 (41 years)

Cox, Chris and Marge
 March 11 (14 years)

Williams, King and Bev
 March 15 (40 years)

Lewis, Tim and Diana
 March 22 (40 years)

Deacon's Corner

It is fitting to devote this month's Deacons' Corner to Cathy McGraw. She died unexpectedly on February 3, 2020. Cathy served Magnolia as a Deacon, financial secretary, and choir member. She was part of the Monday morning Bible study. I'm sure there were many little things she stepped up to do in her quiet, unassuming way. In particular, I remember a poem written as a prayer that Cathy shared to close one of our Deacon meetings. The prayer was for our country. It reflected Cathy's patriotism and service in the Navy.



Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 says: There is a time for everything and a season for everything under the heavens: a time to be born, a time to die.

Because of the horrific helicopter crash that suddenly took nine lives, I had already been pondering the fragility of life. Cathy's sudden passing also shows us that death is part of God's plan for our life. These are some questions that have come to my mind:

How do you live each day as if were your last?

Am I in a good place with all my relatives and friends?

Have I actually told these people I love them?

Most importantly, am I in a good place with God?

Cathy spent the better part of her last day at church. She got to church probably around 8:00 AM to prepare and then serve Communion at the 9:00 service. She sang in the choir at the 11:00 service. It's rather ironic that she heard Pastor Claire's sermon on suffering and the character traits that are blessed twice. Many of the traits describe Cathy. When we were cleaning up Communion after the 11:00 service, Cathy came in to help. When I showed surprise and thanked her, she said, "I got the things out earlier and wanted to see that it all got put away." I remember thinking, "Who does that?" We were joking about my grape juice mishaps and how I could do something so stupid two times in a row. From there I don't know how her day went. Maybe she watched the Super Bowl.

Cathy will be mourned as a Deacon and part of the Magnolia family. But we know she is at home with our Lord and Savior. For by the grace of God, believers have the promise of eternal life.

Deacon Barbara Johnson

Time and Talent Recognitions

- ✝ Sunday School kids for sending special Valentines
- ✝ Fire Contracts Committee for their hard work and perseverance
- ✝ Aaron Cohen for the RING system.
- ✝ John Reinhardt for arranging tree trimming.
- ✝ Tim Lewis/Ann Laudermilk arranging new refrigerator and freezer
- ✝ Deacons for McGraw, DeLeal, and Reed receptions
- ✝ BAG thanks Emeka Kalu and Mohsin Sabrin for helping remove and install refrigerators and freezers.
- ✝ Our Café Magnolia servers in February: the FOM Committee (Kris S., Heather D., Melissa H., Laura M., Donna C.)



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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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Closed Friday



March 2020

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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

Tessa Islas
Interim Youth Leader

AJ Belangeri
Interim Media/Audio Coordinator

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Deacons Door Offering Stater Bros. Cards For Sale. 9am - Worship w/ Communion + 10am - Nominating Committee 11am - Worship w/ Communion + 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	2 Pastor Claire, Companions on the Way Retreat DLewis Vacation 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm Family Promise	3 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	4 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	5 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	6 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC Worship	7 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 11am - Thea Reed Memorial 6pm - Ontario Fury Indoor 
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS (Sat) TWO-CAN Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 12:15pm - MagPres Staff 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	9 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Men's Group	10 5:30pm - Stewardship Cmte.	11 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	12 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	13 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC Worship	14 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 9:30am - Presb. of Riverside Std. 10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @ 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
15 UpLook Articles Due 9am - Worship + SS 10am - Conf.Class12 11am - Worship + SS 1:30pm - CROP Walk @ Temple 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	16 Pastor Claire Vacation SessionPacket Materials Due 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall	17 7pm - Deacon Meeting	18 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	19 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	20 Youth Camp Big Bear Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC Worship	21 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
22 Youth Camp Big Bear 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	23 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall	24 7pm - Session Meeting-L	25 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	26 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	27 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC Worship	28 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
29 Confirmation Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	30 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall	31	1 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	2 10am - Rvsd. Presby. Personnel 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	3	4 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 8am - Work Party

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.



March 2020



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April 2020						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Mar 1 Mag Pres Custodian (Mark Huff) and Gardener (Nick Santiago)	2 Marge Ludwig	3 Liberty and Andi Mabena Family	4 Jody Macdonald	5 Lisa and Craig MacDougall	6 Dennis Mackey	7 Peter and Michelle Manley; Gavin, Allison, Gwenyth	
8 MagPres Vendors and Suppliers	9 Adam Martinez	10 Steve and Jan McKee	11 Dorothy McLaughlin; Arlo and Norah	12 Laura Medrano	13 Bill and Ruth Megenney	14 Eleanor Miller	
15 Local Hospitals and Care Facilities	16 Gale Mitzner	17 Lance and Laurie Mordue	18 Monique Mowry	19 Kathleen Murray	20 Marilyn Nail	21 Brian and Melanie Nelson; Makenzie	
22 MagPres Youth at Camp	23 Chris and Sherry Nettles	24 Zach Ni	25 Jay and Katie Nicholson; Destiny, Addison	26 Janet Nicks	27 John and Jane Peden	28 Gio and Monica Perez; Donovan, Dominic, Olivia	
29 Cancer Patients and Survivors	30 Judy O'Bier	31 Lila O'Dell	Prayer Calendar Please pray for the groups and individuals listed.				