



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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The Presbyteries of Riverside and San Gabriel,  
with Magnolia Presbyterian Church  
invite you to the  
Ordination of Paul Knopf  
as Minister of Word and Sacrament  
and the Installation of  
Rev. Claire Schlegel and Rev. Paul Knopf  
as Co-Pastors  
of Magnolia Presbyterian Church

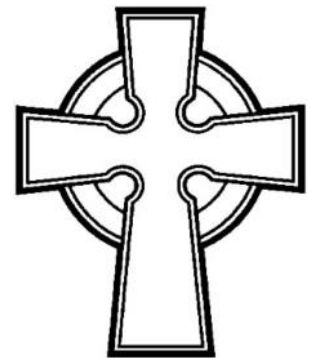
Sunday, April 30th, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The worship service will be held at

MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7200 MAGNOLIA AVENUE RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

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*A Rich Tradition ... A Bright Future*

# Stewardship Update

2017

“Our Year of Trust”

## February Financial Report

The February 2017 Treasurer’s report indicates an income of \$60,315.04 and \$62,199.92 in expenses. The result is a current negative balance of **\$1,878.88** for the month of February. However, please note that this is much better than at this time last year (negative balance of **\$5,442.72**).

Reminder:

Per Capita (method of funding some of the essential functions of the Church both locally and nationally) for 2017 is \$35.00 per church member.



Thank you for supporting your Church’s 2017 budget with your Per Capita giving and staying current with your pledges.

### Magnolia Men’s Group

Recently the Magnolia men’s group met at my house. This group rotates from house to house giving all a chance to host and prepare a program followed by some snacks. For our meeting, I thought it would be interesting to talk about the purpose of the group and perhaps write a collaborative mission statement. It was not very long into the program that I realized this was not something that could be completed in an hour, about the amount of time we usually spend on discussion.



What I did learn, is that the group meets many needs, but that a common belief is that this is a group of men who share a common faith gathered together for fellowship in a non-threatening environment. Through lively discussion we grow in our faith as we share our opinions and real life experiences. At the end of every discussion we have a time for prayer where we can pray for each other and our church. If you would be interested in joining us and growing in your faith as well as build on the relationships you have with the men in our the church, please don’t hesitate to reach out to one of the members below. The group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00.—*Jeff Ludwig*  
Members: Brian Nelson, Tim Lewis, Marshall Lee, Bruce Ferrel, Ken Andersen, Earl Nelson, Peter Manley, Merle Clark, Chris Nettles, Jason Nicholson, Zack Gipson, Jeff Ludwig



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Half-Day Women’s Retreat

Cost \$20.00 includes lunch

Sign-ups begin in April.

If you’d like to help, please contact Pastor Claire for more info.

## Session Highlights

We've all heard the expression "If I could only be a fly on the wall..." Usually, this is meant to hear something in secret, those you're listening to are not aware of your presence. On the last Saturday of February, your Session held a retreat. I was able to be that fly on the wall, although they all knew I was there. Pastor Tim led the Elders on a prayer walk in to the Sanctuary building and had open prayer in the following physical areas. I am humbled to highlight these poignant, emotional, powerful and joyous prayers that were shared:

### Narthex

~~the visitors and members to feel welcome, coming and going

~~the broken pieces of tile, put together to make the beautiful cross

~~the many emotions coming through the door

~~the children and missionaries we support around the world

### Sound board

~~may we hear His word being spoken

~~the volunteers that devote their time

~~giving the ability for all to hear, with the need being greater for some.

### In the pews

~~the people we know and do not know, the homeless who come in, and extended family members who come in support of our members – may they all be open to receiving the Word of God.

~~the people in these pews, may they embrace the changes that may occur with our new Co-Pastor model of ministry

~~the rich history of the sanctuary

~~people to have a sense of God's spirit as they sit

~~the welcome pads that connect us to visitors

~~the prayers that come through on the prayer cards

### Pulpit

~~words being spoken from it, whoever may be speaking, and that people hear the message, not just the words

~~prayers for pastors, as their job can be weary at times

~~Tim's transition and Claire and Paul's ministry

### Baptismal font

~~reminder of renewal

~~baptisms make us a family

~~reaffirmation of our own baptisms

~~all those who have received baptisms here and those yet to be baptized

~~Pastor Brad's skill and time put in to making the pulpit, the baptismal font and the Communion table

### Choir loft

~~for the ministry, preparation and faithfulness of our music directors and musicians as they lead us in worship through music

~~the hymn choices relating to the message

### Communion Table

~~spiritual nourishment

~~open table

~~Jesus broke bread as a reminder that we all come to this table broken to receive His grace.

*"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding" Colossians 1:9*

Melanie Nelson

Clerk of Session

## Session Meetings and Minutes

**As a reminder, session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the church library. These meetings are open, so if you would like to attend to listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are also available in the office, the narthex, or by email request.**

## Deacons' Corner

It is my pleasure to serve on the Board of Deacons for Magnolia. Over the years the work of this team has had a positive impact on many members of our congregation, (myself included). During our last monthly meeting our guest who was visiting from session was interested to find out how we operate.

Much like any meeting there is somebody that must facilitate and for us that person is Jody MacDonald who is the moderator of the board. Pastor Claire is also part of the board and plays a significant role in what we do. The meeting is opened with a prayer and short devotion, the welcoming of guests and followed by the Pastors report. From there we go into normal business which includes: treasurer's report, card ministry, two can Sunday, and deacon commitments for greeters, session, communion, and hospital visitation. This is followed by any new or old business.

Although all of those things are necessary, the most important aspect of our meeting is that of deacon concerns. This is where the deacons can share the needs of the congregation and rejoice in the blessings that we have received through prayer. If you have been struggling or celebrating one of life's milestones there is a good chance that we have been praying for you.

*Your faithful and humble servant, Jeff Ludwig*

Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:19-20



**Fantastic!!!! 102 Cans Collected in March**

Let's beat that in April so make sure you bring your two cans of food on **April 9.**

All items go to support the work of **Lutheran Social Services.**



### **Work Party: Saturday, April 8, 8:00-12:00**

We will spruce up the campus for Palm Sunday and Easter. Some of the tasks will be general cleaning in sanctuary and walkways around building, spreading additional mulch around the fruit trees, or organizing the attic in fellowship hall. This "party" can be a great time to develop relationships by working together for a common goal. Light refreshments will be provided.



## Buildings and Grounds

### **Who We Are**

The Building and Grounds Committee, (BAG), has been hard at work already in 2017. We welcomed Tom Hutchinson and John Reinhardt to be part of our team. Both of these men have served the church for many years with Tom coming back to BAG after a long layoff and John after serving many years on stewardship. Also this year we welcome elder Laurie Ludwig who has agreed to be chair for this committee. If there is anybody who would like to be part of the team or who has specific skills that can help us with the caretaking of the church, please do not hesitate to ask somebody from the committee or the Pastors if you can join our committee or come by the church library the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, you would be most welcome.

Your BAG committee, Jeff Ludwig, Margy Crowley, Tom Safford, John Peden, Gary Welman, Tom Hutchinson, John Reinhardt, Pastor Tim, Pastor Claire, Elder Tim Lewis & Elder (Chair) Laurie Ludwig

One Great Hour of Sharing is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through this program to share God's love with people experiencing need.

\*Victims of the Flint, Michigan water crisis  
\*Victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti

\*Victims of the Tennessee Wildfires  
\*Victims of the devastating floods in West Virginia

\*Victims of the crisis in Aleppo....



These are only a few of the disasters in which your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars were needed and used in 2016. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance began immediately working alongside established partners to help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities. People, supplies and resources were in place to respond early and trained professionals were available to monitor what is needed- where, when, and how.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program 36%  
Self-Development of People 32%

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32%

During this Lenten Season, please give generously, as we give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice and our Father's gifts to us of forgiveness of sin, grace in spirit, and eternal life.

To learn more, please visit the OGHs website: [specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs](http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs)

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
will be taken on Palm Sunday, April 9,  
2017**

~~ Your Mission Interpretation Committee

## Did You Know?

We at Magnolia Presbyterian have four teams who take turns feeding up to 120 homeless at the Path of Life shelter in Riverside? Every second Saturday of each month, a meal is prepared and served to a group of very appreciative people. This has been going on for years, and if you would like to help, give Flora Livingstone a call at (951) 782- 8602.

Also, every second and fifth Sat., a simple lunch is prepared at the church for the homeless and delivered outside Calvary Presbyterian Church. If interested in helping, contact Laura Medrano.

*The question was asked, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink?"*

*The Lord said, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me".*

Mission Interpretation Committee

### ***Send-off for Pastor Tim***

**Bring a dish to share and a wish for a bright future for Pastor Tim to a potluck “THANK YOU” meal on Sunday, April 23, noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up in the courtyard or call the church office.**



## ***Holy Week Services***

### **Palm Sunday, April 9**

- \* Children process with Palms
- \* Communion
- \* 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- \* 11:00 am Traditional Worship

### **Maundy Thursday, April 13**

- \* Soup Dinner at 6pm
- \* Tenebrae—Service of Darkening 7pm
- \* Communion

### **Good Friday, April 14**

- \* We are invited to share in the service at Calvary Presbyterian, 7 pm

### **Easter Egg Hunt, April 15**

- \* 9 –11 am
- \* Egg hunt for kids
- \* Coffee bar and Danish for adults
- \* Photo booth with props. Bring your own camera, phone and/or selfie stick.

### **Easter Sunday, April 16**

- \* Flowering of the Cross
- \* 9am Contemporary Worship
- \* 11am Traditional Worship



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Timothy Avazian, April 1  
Samuel Lee, April 1  
John Jackson, April 2  
David Josselyn, April 4  
Kylee Stiffler, April 6  
Timothy Lewis, April 8  
Alene Ward, April 8  
Earl Nelson, April 9  
Joy Bower, April 11

William Megenney, April 13  
Aaron Cohen, April 16  
Robert Lewis, April 19  
Dee Lacy, April 21  
Addison Nicholson, April 22  
Julianne Schlegel, April 23  
Sydney Smith, April 26  
Gwenyth Manley, April 27  
Susan Simmons, April 27  
Chanda Vega, April 28

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**Doshier**, Mike and Janet, April 4, 1992  
**Smith**, Shawn and Robin, April 7, 2001  
**Nicholson**, Jay and Katie, April 8, 2007  
**Lacy**, Lowell and Dee, April 8, 1988  
**Grant**, Gary and Edith, April 26, 1957

### High Five Corner

Those who participated in the  
**DON JOSE FUNDRAISER!**

Walkers in the CROP WALK,  
spearheaded by Laura Medrano

ROOTHOUSE worship led by Tavo  
Vega and family.

Young Life Round-up Fundraiser  
on March 23. Chris Gutierrez was  
a great emcee!

Pastor Nominating Committee  
(PNC) for spiritual discernment  
(and a lot of hard work) in bring  
Paul Knopf to MagPres!  
Members: Dick Kirby, Moderator;  
Laurie McCormick, Secretary;  
Ken Eberwein; Caitlyn  
Hutchinson; Dan Brooks; Kendall  
Rinker; Jan McKee

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Come help out at Kid's Produce  
Market on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> at  
12:45-2:30pm at Madison  
Elementary. Come meet the children  
at Madison and also interact with  
other volunteers from our  
community. It is a wonderful time of  
community and getting to know our  
neighbors. Park on the street.

FYI from the Financial Secretaries: Please use the correct envelope for your giving. Without a note on the check, the check (or cash) will be credited toward what is on the envelope (Deacon, Per Capita, etc.). Thanks.

### **Magnolia Presbyterian Church has a Facebook page!**

Use these steps to find the page:

Log onto Facebook and search for Magnolia Presbyterian Church. You must spell it out or you will get a MagPres group. Check to make sure it our church and not the Mag Pres in Washington state! Enter site and starting liking and sharing. More interaction means higher visibility on the net.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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**Staff**

Rev. Tim Avazian,  
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Rev. Claire Schlegel,  
Associate Pastor

James Walters,  
Music Director/Organist

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Tavo Vega,  
Contemporary service Music  
Leader

Allison Robinson  
Nursery Attendant

Andrew Buchanan,  
Middle & Sr. High Youth Director

Media/Audio Coordinator  
Hannah Dickenson

Diana Lewis  
Administrative Assistant

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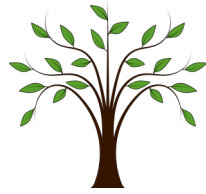


Thanks to Richard Germain

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I REALLY LIKE YOUR BIBLE, DAD ... HOW  
DO YOU TURN IT ON?





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Zach and Maddy Gipson
<b>2</b> Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 & 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am Middle School Youth: 5–6pm All Youth Dinner 6–6:30 pm High School Youth 6-8 pm <i>Financial Secretaries</i>	<b>3</b> Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH)  <i>Josie Gonzalez</i>	<b>4</b> Session Team Meetings 7pm (various locations)  <i>Danielle Good</i>	<b>5</b> Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH)  Growth Group 2:30 pm  <i>Holly Goulet-Perez</i>	<b>6</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music)  <i>Ilene Gradney</i>	<b>7</b>  Office Closed  <i>Gary and Edith Grant</i>	<b>8</b>  Work Party 8 am– Noon  <i>Karn and Suzanne Griffen</i>
<b>9</b> Two-Can Sunday Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am Middle Sch. Youth 5-6:30pm /HS 7-8 High School Youth 7–8 pm <i>Nursery Attendant</i>	<b>10</b> Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Men’s Group 7 pm <i>Sandra Griffith</i>	<b>11</b>   <i>Beverley Guidero</i>	<b>12</b> Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH)  Growth Group 2:30 pm  <i>June Hall</i>	<b>13</b> Maundy Thursday Service Soup Supper 6 pm (FH) Tenebrae—7 pm (S) <i>Everil Hathaway</i>	<b>14</b> Office Closed  Good Friday Service: Calvary Presbyterian, 7 pm <i>Dick Haynes</i>	<b>15</b> Easter Egg Hunt 9 -11 am  <i>Tom and Marti Hendrix</i>
<b>16</b> EASTER SUNDAY  Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 & 11 am (Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am No Youth Groups <i>Board of Deacons</i>	<b>17</b> Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3)  <i>Betty Hillebrand</i>	<b>18</b> Deacons Meeting 7 pm (L)  <i>Melissa Holden</i>	<b>19</b> Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH)  <i>Richard and Jeanne Hood</i>	<b>20</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music Room)  <i>Toni Hopkins</i>	<b>21</b> Office Closed  <i>Melba Hube</i>	<b>22</b> Earth Day  <i>Tom and Julie Hutchinson</i>
<b>23</b> Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am Middle School Youth 5-6:30pm High School Youth 7–8 pm <i>Project Team / Work Ability</i>	<b>24</b> Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH)  <i>John and Connie Jackson</i>	<b>25</b> Session 7 pm (L)  <i>Leroy and Denise Jackson</i>	<b>26</b> Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH)  <i>Pedro and Kathleen Jaramillo</i>	<b>27</b> Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music)  <i>Barbara Johnson</i>	<b>28</b> Office Closed  <i>Lisa Jones</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Dave and Mary Josselyn</i>
<b>30</b> Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 & 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am Middle School Youth 5-6:30pm High School Youth 7–8 pm Ordination and Installation Service 3 pm (S)	Location Legend: CE = Christian Education Building; FH = Fellowship Hall; L = Library; S = Sanctuary  Pray for the <i>group</i> or <i>individuals</i> listed for each day					