

Mission Statement: Magnolia strives to share God's love with all and grow spiritually in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

### Holy Week Activities

April 14: Palm Sunday. Children process with palms at both services (9 and 11 am)

April 18: Maundy Thursday

Light meal at 6 pm; Worship with communion at 7 pm

April 19: Joint Good Friday service,

with youth participating, at Calvary Presbyterian, 7 pm

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am—noon, Front Lawn

April 21: Easter Sunday

Bring fresh flowers for flowering of the cross. Services at 9 am and 11 am



## Holy Week



Donations of **wrapped** candy still needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Bring them to the church office by April 17.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received April 14. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world—

- ✚ Natural disaster relief
  - ✚ Food for the hungRY
  - ✚ Support for the poor and oppressed.
- If we all do a little , it adds up to a lot.

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

# Co-Pastors Page

*“Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying.” Romans 12:15 (CEB)*

There are generally two different and distinct comments I have heard from many over the last month:

*“I love what is happening at our church. Even though I go to the 11am service, I show up at 10 because I get to see the 9am people because they are staying after service and get to interact with them. What a blessing it is.”*

*“I struggle coming onto the church campus because every time I am there, I have to go by the building where there were so many great memories and see it destroyed by the fire. It is hard and I still can’t believe this happened.”*

Do you resonate with one or both of these statements?

Encapsulated in both these comments are joy and grief; and there is room for both these feelings and more at MagPres. If you need help processing the feelings you are experiencing, Pastor Claire and I are available. We believe wholeheartedly that “you matter” and we would be glad to offer a listening ear and/or an encouraging word.

It occurs to me that later this month, we will experience these feelings as part of the seasons of the church. On April 18, we will remember and commemorate Maundy Thursday and the final meal in the upper room. On April 19, we will experience a Friday called “good,” remembering the darkest hours in human history. But the story doesn’t end there...on Sunday, April 21st, we will celebrate and experience new life and resurrection in Easter.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, we remember that Christians long ago and throughout history continue to experience grief, loss, even bewilderment. But the story doesn’t end there. There is resurrection and new life!

For many of us, the feelings of grief and loss will intensify as contractors begin taking down portions of our burnt sanctuary in order to rebuild. Don’t forget, the story doesn’t end there. We believe in resurrection and new life!

No matter what we are experiencing, may we continue to hold and share with others this Easter hope: There is resurrection and new life!

May you experience hope as we approach Easter.

Your hope-bearing Co-Pastor, **Paul**



Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate! *Psalm 96:12*

Several weeks ago, I had the crazy idea to go see the Poppy Super-bloom in Walker Canyon-on a Saturday! As my daughter Julianne and I approached the exit, there were signs directing us toward a shuttle the next exit down. We pulled into the parking area that crisp morning and there was already a long line for the shuttle. As we stood and waited, there was palpable excitement in the air. People were happy, friendly, and chatty. There was a sense of community and bonding that frankly took me by surprise.

When we arrived at Walker Canyon some 45 minutes later, the traffic was absolutely nuts and there were people everywhere. We became a horde of people of every age, race, social status, and religion walking up this fire road together all to see flowers. As we walked, people for the most part talked quietly. They were respectful of others taking photos and offered to take each other’s photos. There were of course some who went off the path in an effort to get the best picture and as a result, trampled the vegetation. But mainly people were respectful of each other and the creation around them. The further we walked, the more the crowd thinned out and it became quieter.

Two thoughts struck me about this experience. First was the sheer number of people willing to go to such lengths; crowds, waiting, traffic, all to be a part of this phenomenon of nature. There is something, I believe, deep within us that craves a connection to the creation and thus the Creator. No matter whether we recognize it or not, God has created everyone on this planet for this very thing. Second, I was filled with hope. In the midst of a world filled with divisions, violence, poverty, and hate, there was on that morning, a sense of unity brought about by a little orange flower. Praise be to God!

In Christ, Pastor **Claire**

*A Rich Tradition...*

# News Around the Church

Men's Group meets the second Monday of every month. Their next meeting will be April 8 at 7 pm, location TBD. All men are welcome for lively discussion!

## TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT

215 Cans Collected in March

Fantastic! Keep it up.

Bring your two cans of food on Sunday, April 14 for distribution to Lutheran Social Services. What we give is MATCHED by a grant! So give generously.  
most needed: breakfast foods, protein sources.



The Women's Bible Study group meets Mondays 9:30-11:00 am in the Christian Education Building.

**April Meetings:  
April 7, 14, 21, 28**

For updates on the aftermath of the Sanctuary Fire, please visit [www.magpres.com/fire-updates](http://www.magpres.com/fire-updates)  
**If you would like a printed update, please contact the church office and we will send you the latest news.**

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.

## Scout Corner Troop 16 Request

Even though we have permission to park the Scout trailer next to the Fellowship Hall, we are looking for options that may be required due to the reconstruction of the sanctuary. If you have a larger lot, please consider.

We meet every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. If you know a potential scout—come on by!



Tim Lewis, Charter Organization Representative

The Building and Grounds (BaG) Committee needs your help on SATURDAY, APRIL 6, at the annual Spring Work Party. There are all kinds of jobs! Indoors, outdoors, fixing, organizing, group projects, individual projects, tools, no tools... You get the idea, there will be something for everyone!

Let's work together to get the grounds ready for Easter and Spring!  
8am to 12 noon



2019

## “Fearless Generosity”

February Financial Report:  
The February 2019 Treasurer's report indicates an income of \$87,490.37 and \$72,972.06 in expenses. The result is a current positive balance of \$14,518.31 for the month of February.



Thank you for your fearless generosity by supporting the Church's 2019 budget by staying current with your pledges and your Per Capita giving of \$36.22.

### Deacon's Corner

Hello, my name is Edith Grant and I am a deacon. My first two years have gone by so fast! When I was first asked to become a deacon, I



was a little hesitant, thinking maybe I wasn't up to the task. I am so happy I said yes because it has been a **joy** to work with our team of Deacons during this time. It has been a great way to give

back to the church for what the church does for me. I have met so many wonderful people in our congregation and I feel so blessed. Thank you for asking me to be a Deacon.

Your Church Deacon,  
Edith Grant

### GOLF CART NEEDED!

**Do you have a golf cart?  
Is it infrequently used?  
Would you be willing to loan it?**



We need a golf cart to help transport those with mobility challenges from the church parking lot to the sanctuary. It will be stored in a safe location when not in use and the church will keep up with all required maintenance. If you have one you are willing to loan, please call Laurie McCormick at 714-315-9110.



**CROP WALK REPORT:** Over \$5800 was raised to end hunger here and abroad. That is amazing. Thank you, all!



April 27: BRUSH WITH KINDNESS (a Habitat for Humanity project). We are looking for Volunteers for a Painting Party! Sign-ups will be coming. This is a fun project with immediate results.  
Time: 8 am—noon



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

*"I've seen fire and I've seen rain" James Taylor*

We too, at Magnolia have seen fire and rain. Yet even experiencing both in the last months, there is a feeling of hope and a sense of opportunity as your Session begins another year. One new focus this year is the idea of MagMel and MagMax. MagMel (not named for this writer) are those of us who have been at Magnolia for a long time...we are familiar with things like work parties, Vacation Bible School, Communion, and the volleyball picnic. We know where things are located around the church - Sunday school rooms, restrooms, the library and Narthex; and most of us know what our many acronyms mean (VBS, CE)! MagMax, on the other hand, are the visitors to our campus, who may not know where their children go after the children's story, which local missions we support and why, or what goes on at the Progressive Dinner. Each Session committee is being asked to look for ways to provide for a MagMax...Buildings and Grounds, for instance, can look at signage and how adequate it is to get a young family directed to the nursery; Mission is working on brochures to get MagMax involved in mission work; and Fellowship will be describing social events that are clearer to a MagMax...these are just a few ideas being brainstormed at committee meetings and at session. You, too, can be looking for ways to make a MagMax feel welcomed and plugged in.

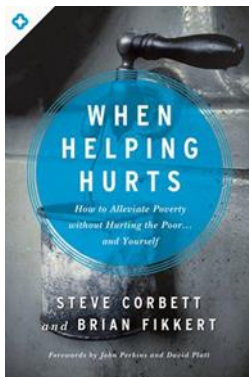
Welcome

*"Won't you look down upon me, Jesus  
You've got to help me make a stand  
You've just got to see me through another day"*  
James Taylor

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

### When Helping Hurts- Growth Groups Live On

Many participated in the Town Hall and Google Classroom Forums that followed our Growth Groups on When Helping Hurts. All of the information discussed and ideas brainstormed throughout these groups are actively being discerned. **The Missions Committee**, along with **session** and **other committees** at church are working through ideas discussed. Some great ideas have come out of those platforms, including Outreach Nights. The premise of this study was to learn how to help others through relationship building rather than simply with a handout. If you would like to know more, want to help our efforts or want to add to our brainstorming please talk to one of our Mission Committee Members or contact Deanna Cohen [@dncohen@hotmail.com](mailto:@dncohen@hotmail.com)



### 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.

## Time and Talent Recognitions

### Thank you to...

- ✦ Erin Gettis for organizing Game Night on March 17. It was grrreat!
- ✦ Bill Megenny Jr. for playing bagpipes on St. Patrick's Day.
- ✦ Deanna Cohen for putting on the first of our Outreach Nights.
- ✦ Carla Carrasco for providing the youth meal on March 3. Yummo!
- ✦ Carol Young and Flora Livingstone for organizing our walkers and givers for the CROP Walk.
- ✦ Aaron Cohen for arranging the Ontario Fury soccer game.
- ✦ Lisa MacDougall, Jeannie Belangeri, and Michelle Knopf for support for the Women's Retreat.
- ✦ THE YOUTH (and Tessa Islas and Chris Stanley) for the car wash.
- ✦ Peter Manley and Aaron Cohen for driving youth to Big Bear.
- ✦ The Deacons for the lovely reception and support at the Bower memorial.
- ✦ Jaeson Robinson, Janet Field, Chris Nettles, Tim Lewis, Brad Copeland, Dick Kirby, Jeannie Riggs, Dave Crowley, Gary Platner, Pastors Claire and Paul for moving 90+ new chairs into the Fellowship Hall Sanctuary.
- ✦ Gary Welman and Aaron Cohen for painting the Fireside Room.



**Samuel** Lee, April 1  
**John** Jackson, April 2  
**Brenda** Walton, April 3  
**David** Josselyn, April 4  
**Kylee** Stiffler, April 6  
**Timothy** Lewis, April 8  
**Alene** Ward, April 8  
**Earl** Nelson, April 9  
**Joy** Bower, April 11  
**Bill** Megenney, April 13

**Ramsey** Sindaha, April 13  
**Aaron** Cohen, April 16  
**Robert** Lewis, April 19  
**Liberty** Mabena, April 20  
**Dee** Lacy, April 21  
**Addison** Nicholson, April 22  
**Julianne** Schlegel, April 23  
**Sydney** Smith, April 26  
**Gwenyth** Manley, April 27  
**Susan** Simmons, April 27



**Doshier**, Mike and Janet — April 4  
**Smith**, Shawn and Robin — April 7  
**Nicholson**, Jay and Katie — April 8  
**Lacy**, Lowell and Dee — April 8  
**Grant**, Gary and Edith — April 26—62 years

Floral arrangements for worship 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.



**Save the Date! Saturday, May 4, 2019**  
**CINCO de MAYO POTLUCK at the Home of Carla Carrasco—4:30 pm —??**



A Rich Tradition...

**What is the EASIEST way to contribute to MagPres?  
Buy some Stater Bros. gift cards.**

Stater Bros. script cards 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.

We still have a few copies of *Why?* By Adam Hamilton. Even if you didn't attend a growth group, you will find it an interesting book, easy-to-read, and available for \$12.

Call the church office during regular hours.

**TWO PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S EVENTS**

1. *Presbyterian Women 2019 Summer Conference (Synod of Southern California and Hawaii July 19—21 at Chapman University*
2. *USA Mission Experience Afternoon TEA Saturday, April 13 at Beaumont First Presbyterian Church (Presbytery of Riverside).*

Call the church office for information.

**Conference Opportunity**

Magnolia Pres received a \$2000 Grant to send members and friends to two different Conferences this summer in Los Angeles:

**Holy Currencies: July 26 10-5:30, July 27 9:00-3:00** -\$150-300: "Holy Currencies is a holistic model for stewardship and congregational vitality, moving beyond "time, talent, and treasure" to create missional and sustainable ministries. This model with its processes, enables church leaders to understand, develop, and utilize five other kinds of currencies besides money that are essential for creating sustainable and missional ministries. These currencies are: *Time & Place, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, and Wellness.* These currencies flow and recirculate to form a Cycle of Blessings which empower congregations to strengthen their internal relationships as well as reach out and connect with the diverse populations in their neighborhoods."



**Building Bridges Conference: July 25, 2019, 9:00– 3:00**-\$150-300 -"In an increasingly polarized and violent world, there are few places where people can have a reasonable and constructive dialogue about race relations and other important issues of our time. Imagine the churches in your neighborhood having the ability to provide gracious time and place for truth-seeking dialogue that can achieve non-violent mutual understanding."

More info at: <http://www.kscopeinstitute.org/summer-institute>

Please email [DNCOhen@hotmail.com](mailto:DNCOhen@hotmail.com) by June 1 if you are interested in attending.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm

Closed Friday

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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 ...***



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 	1 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Growth Group/Field-Kirby 7pm - Young Life @ Young Life	2 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5:45pm - CE Committee 6pm - FOM Committee 7pm - BaG Committee 7pm - MIT Committee	3 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 2:30pm - Growth Group/Church 6:30pm - Growth 7pm - Growth Group Lee- 7pm - Growth Group Nelson- 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	4 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 10am - Riverside Presbytery 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	5 Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship	6 8am - All Church Work Party 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
7 Stater Bros. Cards For Sale, 9am - Deacons Door Offering 9am - Worship w/ Communion @ 11am - Worship w/Communion + 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	8 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 7pm - Men's Group 7pm - Young Life @ Young Life	9 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5:30pm - Stewardship 6pm - Worship Committee	10 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - MagPres Session Study 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	11 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	12 Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship	13 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @ 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
14 OGHS Collection TWO-CAN Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 12:30pm - MagPres Staff 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	15 Tax Day 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Young Life @ Young Life	16 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Deacon Meeting	17 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 6pm - MagPres Session Study 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	18 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 6pm - Maundy Thursday Service 7pm - Choir Practice	19 Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship 7pm - Good Friday Service @	20 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Easter Egg Hunt @ Front
21 Easter Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 	22 Pastor Claire Vacation Easter Monday 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Young Life @ Young Life	23 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Session Meeting-L	24 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 6pm - MagPres Session Study 7pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	25 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Alleluia Ringers 7pm - Choir Practice	26 Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship	27 8am - Brush With Kindness @ 8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
28 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	29 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Young Life @ Young Life	30 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,	All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please see <a href="http://www.magpres.com/calendar">www.magpres.com/calendar</a> for the most current activities.			



# MagPres Prayer Calendar

April 2019

April 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	1	2	3	4	5	6
14	8	9	10	11	12	13
21	15	16	17	18	19	20
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	29	30				

May 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	1	2	3	4
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			29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Apr 1 Tim and Diana Lewis	2 Flora Livingstone	3 Mrs. Ann W. Lowry	4 Jeff and Laurie Ludwig	5 Marge Ludwig	6 Liberty and Andi Mabena Family
7 Area Hospitals and Care Facilities	8 Jody Macdonald	9 Lisa and Craig MacDougall	10 Dennis Mackey	11 Peter and Michelle Manley Family	12 Julia Marken	13 Adam Martinez
14 One Great Hour of Sharing 	15 Catherine McGraw	16 Steve and Jan McKee	17 Dorothy Laughlin Family	18 Laura Medrano	19 Bill and Ruth Megenney	20 Eleanor Miller
21 Habitat for Humanity 	22 Lance and Laurie Mordue	23 Monique Mowry	24 Marilyn Nail	25 Brian and Melanie Nelson Family	26 Earl Nelson	27 Rev. Chris and Sherry Nettles
28 MagPres Elders and Clerk of Session	29 Jay and Katie Nicholson Family	30 Janet Nicks	Please pray for the organizations and people listed.			