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Pastors Paul and Claire

Going Down the Water Slide: Priceless

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A Minister's Musings

Rather, you will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. —Acts 1:8

One morning last week during my quiet time with God, a few questions began swirling around in my brain; "What if a church could be the place where you could be your authentic self; the place where you could grow into your best self; where you could become the person God designed you to be and others could help and support you along the way; a place where you felt accepted no matter what and could do all of that without judgement?" Nothing really revelatory I don't think, but maybe a continuation of some thoughts that Pastor Paul and I preached about a few weeks ago regarding what it takes to have a healthy and authentic church. I posted it on Facebook and received 45 likes and numerous comments.

One of the comments was from a good friend of mine who I have known since college. Her comment went something like "While reading scripture and prayer are important practices, we often fail to meet people in their pain, to get alongside them, to love them through the problem to the other side. They wind up feeling judged, or disinclined to share their vulnerabilities..." the other aspect of this is who do we conscious-

ly or subconsciously consider less than? Who are those we feel uncomfortable around? Are we open to have someone who looks or acts different be a part of Magnolia? This is what *koinonia*-that is "deep relationships" and inclusive table fellowship mean.

I have been a part of a church for most of my life, except for a few years of rebellion after High School, and I have seen the church at its best and at its worst. One thing I think we have a tendency to do is automatically say "That's not us!-we don't do that here" and dismiss it as irrelevant. Reflecting on what we can do better individually and as a congregation is an important part of being the church. And yet we don't really talk about this much let alone put it in the church newsletter.

If we as the church are to be a beacon of love, light, and reconciliation to the world and can't figure out how to have meaningful relationships in the church with Jesus as our guide, how can we expect to model that to the world? There is a phrase that goes, "more of you God, less of me." May that be our prayer at Magnolia and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. -



Pastor Claire



A joyful heart helps healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22

As Deacons we have the responsibility to the church and to the people in it. Our responsibility in the church is to pray for the church and the community that surrounds the church. In other words we pray for those we care about in and outside the church. Some of the other things that deacons do are getting ready for church events and give receptions for Memorial services. We call our flocks to see how they are doing and to let them know what is going on in and around the church. We care for the sick, the elderly, and the homeless. We also help with refreshments after church during the summer and we visit people who are in the hospital. One thing we have just started doing is to bring a special basket to someone who might need an extra touch of love and care. Our hope as deacons is to bring joy to those who need healing.

Amanda Schlegel, Deacon

134 Cans Collected in April

Let's beat that in June AND July so make sure you bring your two cans of food on **June 11 and July 9.**

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



July 22: Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show to raise money for Trails and Camp. Sign-ups to follow.



Save the Date! - Quakes Baseball Game - Saturday, August 5

A Pastor's Ponderings

*"But now, says the Lord...I have called you by name; you are mine."
Isaiah 43:1*

As I continue to transition into my role as Co-Pastor alongside Pastor Claire, a primary focus area for me is people's names. Many of us have been wearing our name tags in worship, and I am very grateful for that. A number of us introduce ourselves with our names (i.e., "Good morning, I am _____") which is also helpful. And as we begin worship each week, Pastor Claire and I have included our names as part of our welcome.

Nothing makes a person feel more included than when people know your name. Remember the song from the TV show *Cheers*:

Sometimes you want to go,
Where everybody knows your name,
and they're always glad you came.
You wanna be where you can see,
our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows Your name.



Names are significant in the Bible:

- Adam names the first woman Eve
 - God renames Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah
 - God gives Jacob a new name: Israel
 - Moses asks for God's Name
- and those are just a few examples from the first two books of the Bible.

Names also have meaning attached to them. What emotions do you feel when you hear the name Brad Copeland? What about Robert Byrd? Claire Schlegel? Paul Knopf?

Finally, what does it mean that God knows each of us by name? Does that bring you hope, joy, fear, or anxiety? May you be encouraged knowing that God knows your name because you belong to God and have been called by God, not only for salvation, but also to help make God's kingdom a reality for all of the people who pass us by on a daily basis, many of whose names we don't yet know.

I look forward to getting to know all of the names that make up the MagPres Community and also the meaning attached to each name; and I hope you will join Pastor Claire and I as we get to know the names of the people residing around our church campus.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...to teach summer Sunday School during the 9 am or 11 am service during June, July, or August for one or two Sundays. If you haven't taught before, you need to have a background check. Anyone who has not attended a child safety course needs to do so on June 25th at 10 am in between services before you can teach. Please let Pastor Claire know you will be attending.



PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Don't forget our to get your photo taken on **Sunday, June 11th.**

A new date for additional photos will be announced soon.

2017

"Our Year of Trust"

April Financial Report:

The April 2017 Treasurer's report indicates an income of \$126,421.82 and \$126,262.60 in expenses. The result is a current negative balance of \$159.22 for the month of April. This is good news. Additional, if we consider the \$5,209.00 of endowment interest and \$3,006.00 of deficit reduction funds of that were budgeted to meet expected shortfalls, our adjusted balance for April is \$8,374.22.

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.

From your Stewardship Team: Marshall Lee, Team Chairperson; Phil Smith, Ken Eberwein, Sheryel Eberwein, Dick Kirby, Chris Nettles, Jane Peden and Phil Smith

Stay Tuned...
for more about PRIME TIME
—a new social group at MagPres.

*Thank
You*

High Five Corner

Thanks to MEW, SPC and all who set up and cleaned up for the All-church picnic. Thank you to our amazing grillers Marshall Lee, Mary Lee, and Bill Bingham. Others who added their efforts: Sean Smith, John Reinhardt, Tom and Marti Hendrix and Kris Shea.

Thanks to John Coolidge and Flora Livingstone for Hosting Primetime and for Evelyn Shea and Chris Nettles' leadership in getting this group going.

Thanks to our amazing deacons for the lovely reception after Bill Good's Memorial Service.

Many thanks to Laurie McCormick, Brenda Wynsma, and Diana Lewis for their meaningful Mother's Day testimonies.

What a blessing to have John H. praying for each member of the congregation, and for cleaning up our grounds in preparation for the picnic.

June Birthdays

- Sandy Cooper, June 1
- Cornelia Phifer, June 3
- Jeanne Hood, June 6
- Rachel King, June 6
- Giovanny Perez, June 8
- Christopher Garcia, June 9
- Monica Perez, June 12
- Delores Tobin, June 13
- Phillip Smith, June 14
- Bill Kortsch, June 17
- Margaret Long, July 19
- Daniel Brooks, June 20
- Sally Smith, June 20
- Hannah Dickenson, June 25
- Destiny Nicholson, June 26



July Birthdays

- Thomas Allert, July 1
- Jenny Brooks, July 4
- Marilyn Nail, July 6
- Cynthia Wright, July 8
- James Bower, July 10
- Thea Reed, July 12
- Blakelyn Rinker, July 12
- Jean Riggs, July 13
- Sandra Richards, July 14
- Kristin Shea, July 14
- Harold Poor, July 15
- Brody Thornton, July 16
- Jeff Reidman, July 18
- Greg Carrasco, July 19
- Angel Campos, July 21
- Jane Peden, July 21
- Benjamin Lee, July 23
- Christopher Nelson, July 24
- Alli Shaff, July 24
- Dane Vega, July 27
- Deborah Benninger, July 27
- Francis Best, July 27
- William Bingham, July 31
- Kyle Rinker, July 31

JUNE AND JULY ANNIVERSARIES



- Josselyn, Dave and Mary—June 12
- Eberwein, Ken & Sheryel—June 16
- Wright, John & Cynthia—June 17
- Walker, Robert & Louise—June 18
- Nelson, Brian and Melanie—June 22
- Duncan, Tammy and Chris—June 23
- Belangeri, Gary & Jeannie—June 24
- Deon, Eddie and Amy—June 26
- Benninger, Bret and Debbie—June 29
- Cohen, Aaron & Deanna—June 29
- Denham, Phil and Anne—June 29: 67 YEARS!**
- Safford, Tom and Kathy—June 29
- Poor, Harold and Nancy—June 30: 71 YEARS!**
- MacDougall, Lisa and Craig—July 4
- Alford, Lance and JoAnn—July 18
- Sindaha, Abby and Ramsey—July 19
- Hutchinson, Tom and Julie—July 23
- Laudermilk, James and Ann—July 23

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

**A rich tradition ... a bright future
Elders on Session are excited to see what our
bright future holds — will you be ready?**

***“However, as it is written:
‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived what God
has prepared for those who love him’”
1 Corinthians 2:9***

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.

***Check the insert for
information about VBS
(and tell a friend)
and
pictures of our
graduates.***

Kid's Produce Market at Madison Elementary is on hiatus until September.



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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June/July 2017

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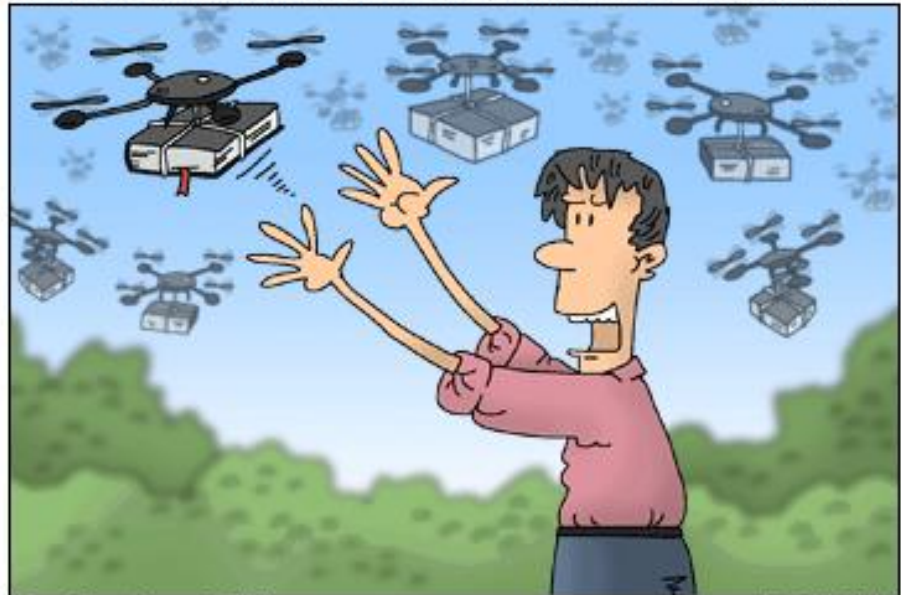
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(See Matthew 28:19)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Pray for the group or individuals listed for each day.			1 Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music Room) <i>Callie Meyers</i>	2 Office Closed <i>Jay and Katie Nicholson</i>	3 <i>Brian and Melanie Nelson</i>
4 Contemporary Service-Communion, 9 am Sunday School 9 & 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service-Communion-11 am Middle School Youth: 5–6pm All Youth Dinner 6–6:30 pm High School Youth 6-8 pm Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study	5 Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) <i>Chris Nelson</i>	6 Committee Meetings 7 pm (various locations) <i>Makenzie Nelson</i>	7 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) <i>Earl Nelson</i>	8 Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music Room) <i>Chris and Sherry Nettles</i>	9 Office Closed <i>Jay and Katie Nicholson</i>	10 <i>Janet Nicks</i>
11 Life Touch Photo Sessions /2-Can Sunday Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am Middle School Youth 5-6:30pm / HS 7-8 Youth Groups	12 Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study—Brunch Men’s Group 6 pm <i>Judy O’Bier</i>	13 Stewardship Committee Meeting 7 pm <i>Lila Odell</i>	14 <i>Nick Ortiz</i>	15 Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music Room) <i>John and Jane Peden</i>	16 Office Closed <i>Ron and Cornelia Phifer</i>	17 <i>Susie Phillips</i>
18 Contemporary Service 9 am Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool-5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am Path of Life Homeless Shelter No Youth Group	19 <i>David and Tammy Pickard</i>	20 Deacons Meeting 7 pm (L) <i>Harold and Nancy Poor</i>	21 <i>Justin and Kimberly Ragone</i>	22 Choir Practice 7:00 pm (Music Room) <i>Doug and Thea Reed</i>	23 Office Closed <i>Mel and Rhonda Renhke</i>	24 <i>Jeff Reidman and Laurie McCormick</i>
25 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 Church Session	26 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) <i>John and Sharon Reinhardt</i>	27 Session Meeting 7 pm (L) <i>Dave and Sandy Richards</i>	28 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) <i>Jean Riggs</i>	29 <i>Kyle and Kendall Rinker</i>	30 Office Closed <i>John and Becky Robledo</i>	

Location Legend: CE = Christian Education Building / FH = Fellowship Hall / L = Library / S = Sanctuary