



# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## UpLook

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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### Ending Homelessness in Riverside

There is a manageable way Faith Organizations can work together to make a big impact to help families facing homelessness.

Come hear **Stacy Pollard, the Regional Director of Family Promise** discuss how congregations in **Riverside** are exploring networking together to provide, on a rotating basis, services for homeless families. The meeting will be held at:

**Magnolia Presbyterian Church**  
**Monday August 26, 2019**  
**7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**7200 Magnolia Ave, Riverside CA 92504**

Please RSVP by August 19th to:  
951-684-7200

**Email: [Church@MagPres.com](mailto:Church@MagPres.com)**  
(Direct Questions to Deanna Cohen at [DNcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:DNcohen@hotmail.com))



Learn more at: [www.FamilyPromise.org](http://www.FamilyPromise.org)

**Please plan to attend and spread the word to others.**

### Regatta and End-of-Summer Barbecue August 31 (Labor Day weekend) beginning at 3 pm.

Join the fun on August 31 at the home of Wayne and Kristina Andrew. This is an excellent way to end the summer, with swimming, water volleyball, boat races, good food, and great fellowship.



If you haven't started building your boat, here are the requirements:

1. All boats must be homemade (no kits).
2. Boats must be smaller than 3' x' 3' x' 3'.
3. Boats must be able to run at least 2 heats.
4. Prizes are given for fastest sailboats, powerboats, rocket boats, and the most unique boat (whether it floats or not)
5. The competition gets tougher every year, so start your boat building now. Watch your bulletin for sign-up dates.

If boat building is not your thing, come and cheer for your favorites. Bring a swimsuit and towel as the pool is open until the races begin.



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

## A Minister's Musing

### 10 Things I Learned at Triennium (PYT2019)

1. It is indeed miserably hot and humid in Indiana in the summer.
2. Taking a shower becomes moot five minutes after stepping outside.
3. It won't kill me to walk 5 miles a day in said heat and humidity.
4. Young people care about our planet and its people.
5. Youth are way more accepting and non-judgmental of others than adults.
6. Advocating for the poor, outcast, immigrant, and disenfranchised is #1 for them.
7. Our youth love to worship if it's authentic and spirit-filled-even meditative works.
8. They are passionate!
9. They want to change the world. If we can hold on to them, the PC (USA) has a very bright future.
10. I knew most of this already but it felt good to have it confirmed. God is good!



Pastor Claire

## A Pastor's Pondering

Every time I return to Hawaii to visit family, I am usually asked some form of this question: Why are you Presbyterian? My usual answer is, "For me, this flavor of Christianity is closest to what I envision God's Church to be; specifically, no matter how far left (liberal, progressive, etc.) or how far right (conservative, fundamentalist, etc.), there is room at the table. Not only room, we value including all voices."

Last month, the dramatic saga of US politics added another chapter as Robert Mueller was questioned by Congress for all the world to see. Interestingly, the political divide seemed to widen as different sides, looking at the same testimony, came to vastly different conclusions. Each side tried to drown out the other side's narrative with their own perspective.

Also last month, I had a memorable experience at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium held at Purdue University in Indiana. On one evening, I found myself surrounded by high schoolers, most of whom were from the Presbytery of Riverside, but a couple were from another presbytery. We played a few games together to keep ourselves entertained and as those who were from another presbytery were preparing to leave, one of them said, "There is something different here. There is something alive and active. In this group you have a Trump supporter, a gay [person], a transgender person, different races, and it doesn't matter, you get along anyway. That is not like any church I've ever been to."

I wonder if the church that this high school student experienced on this particular evening could be found here on the campus of MagPres? I wonder if this type of church actually exists in Southern California? I wonder what would happen if the label Presbyterian meant one could experience this regularly?



"I am Presbyterian because for me, this flavor of Christianity is the closest to what I envision God's Church to be..." I pray that you might experience this too.

Your Proud Presbyterian Co-Pastor,  
Paul

## DEACON'S CORNER

*Deacon:* “The ministry of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.”  
*Book of Order (The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church)*

Having sat as Clerk of Session for 9 years and before that, served a 3-year term as an Elder, Chairing both Membership and Social Programming Committees, I put my organizational, marketing and time management skills to good use.

So when I was asked to become a Deacon by a member of the Nominating Committee, I thought and prayed long and hard over whether I had the traits or abilities, as outlined in the above definition, to fulfill the role. I came to realize that God was calling me to stretch myself and be uncomfortable for a while in serving Him. Serving at Bereavement receptions, making a hospital call, or making phone calls and sharing in very personal moments, has definitely had a spiritual impact.

And in so doing, I find myself being very conscientious of wearing my Deacon “hat” more often.



As the Nominating Committee starts to make their calls to members to also serve, I hope you, too, will ask yourself if God wants you to stretch yourself and serve MagPres. in a new way. You may find a renewed spiritual growth serving with and for amazing people.

Melanie Nelson  
Deacon

## Sunday Activities in August

### Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show

**Sunday, August 4,  
beginning at 6 pm.**

Proceeds from dinner go to the Youth Fund for Camp Scholarships. Talent! There will be talent!

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**Sunday, August 18  
Unity Service  
10:00 am.**

**Youth will participate in worship.  
SUPPORT our youth!**

**Followed by ICE CREAM SOCIAL.**



Church Office Closed  
Monday, September 2,  
in observance of  
Labor Day.



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.



Finishing August 4:  
**Action Required**  
August 11 through  
Labor Day:  
**Pillars of Faith**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 at  
the Unity Service (10 am)**

**Blessing of the Backpacks  
(during Time for Children)**

If you're an educator,  
school support staff, or  
student, bring your  
backpack, book bag, or  
rolling cart to be blessed  
before the school year  
begins.



Returning in September

Men's Group

Monday, September 9, 7 pm  
location TBD

Women's Monday Morning  
Bible Study

September 9, 9:30 - 11 am  
Christian Education Building

Call the office for more info.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Saturday, August 17th  
Game Begins at 7:05 pm  
Fireworks after  
the game!  
Sign up in the  
Fellowship Hall or  
call the office.



Tickets are only \$9. Sign up by August 4.



Faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for,  
the conviction  
of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1, NRSV



### You Are All Invited (A special event for one of our members)

**John Wright** has been chosen by the American Cancer Society, Inland Empire Region, as their *Cancer Survivor of the Year*. He will receive this honor at a Gala to be held on **September 7 at 6 pm** at White Park, downtown.



John would like to invite all of his church family to attend who wish too. As John says, *“my church family helped me to get through this cancer, so this award is just as much theirs as mine.”* You may find details of the event on the American Cancer Society web page: [www.acswhiteparty.org](http://www.acswhiteparty.org)

Keep in mind, this is a fund raising event for the American Cancer Society, and the tickets to the event are not inexpensive, so no pressure if you choose not to attend. God Bless you all!



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# News for You

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## TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT

108 Cans Collected in July

This program needs more!

This food is distributed through Lutheran Social Services. What we give is MATCHED by a grant!

So give generously on August 11.

Most needed: breakfast foods, protein sources.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session was dark in July...

Session Highlights will return in September!



*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*  
Matthew 11:28

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

**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.



Our Daily Bread is available. Pick one up for you and a friend.

## SCOUT CORNER

...will return in September.

As a skilled inventor, John Muir was a prized factory employee in Indianapolis. If not for an industrial accident in his 20s, he may have spent his life making things indoors. But after recovering from being temporarily blinded, Muir headed on a 1,000-mile walk to “consider the lilies.” He then began doing that literally, as a botanist.

To his résumé, the 19th-century Renaissance man added naturalist, glaciologist, conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and Father of National Parks. Yet when Muir was asked what he did, he replied simply, “I study the inventions of God.”

*A Rich Tradition...*



Cohen, Kathy & Neil: August 14  
 Dickenson, Richard & Heather: August 14  
 Copeland, Rev. Brad & Lori: August 20  
 DeLeal, Gene & Sharon: August 20  
 Platner, Gary and Pat: August 30



Marge Cox: August 9  
 Jimmy Doshier: August 9  
 Bruce Ferrel: August 10  
 Evie Reidman: August 12  
 Gary Grant: August 14  
 Mike Doshier: August 15  
 Ryan Rehnke: August 16  
 Taylor Stiffler: August 17  
 Bev Williams: August 19  
 Kathy Safford: August 20  
 John Coolidge: August 22  
 Linda Welman: August 22  
 Beverley Guidero: August 24  
 Jerry Fisher: August 27  
 Barbara Johnson: August 28  
 Marti Hendrix: August 29  
 Robin Smith: August 29  
 Sheila Roche: August 31

### Time and Talent Recognitions

- † Gary Welman for securing the construction fence.
- † Kris Shea for general spiffing up of gathering space in the Fellowship Hall.
- † David and Claudia King for hosting Prime Time Fellowship.
- † VBS thanks to Margie W. and Carolyn R. for extra elbow grease in the kitchen; and for Tim Lewis getting the front lawn green.
- † Deacons for providing food after the Sieckmann/Smith and Earl Nelson memorial services.

### A BIG thank you to all who helped directly or indirectly with making VBS a success!

AJ Belangeri  
 Gary Belangeri  
 Jeannie Belangeri  
 Kaycie Belangeri  
 Jena Bowman  
 Joy Bower  
 Carla Carrasco

Aaron Cohen  
 Deanna Cohen  
 Kathy Cohen  
 Kierstyn Cohen  
 Becky Doshier  
 Brenda Flowers  
 Catelyn Garcia  
 Danielle Good  
 Holly Goulet-Perez  
 Michelle Knopf  
 Paul Knopf  
 Diana Lewis



Tim Lewis  
 Flora Livingstone  
 Lisa MacDougall  
 Laurie McCormick  
 Carolyn Raughley  
 Saw Shein  
 Alyssa Timoschuck  
 Cherylyn Thornton  
 Margie Wilkerson

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Closed Friday

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August  
2019

**Staff**

Rev. Claire Schlegel  
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

Youth Leader (vacant)

AJ Belangeri  
Interim Media/Audio Coordinator

Diana Lewis  
Administrative Assistant

***A merry heart does good ...***





All dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please see [www.magpres.com/calendar](http://www.magpres.com/calendar).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Big Tent, General Assembly @ Baltimore, MD, USA		
				10 am - Riverside Presbytery 6 pm - Alleluia Ringers 7 pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 5 pm - EEEAC Worship	8 am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pastor Claire Study Leave @ VCI Training				Office Closed		8 am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
Deacons Door Offering	Diana L Vacation					10 am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12 pm - Sack Lunch Serve @ 4 pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
Stater Bros. Cards For Sale, 9 am - Worship + SS / 11 am - Worship w/ Communion + 6 pm - Talent Show/Dinner	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Young Life @ Young Life	5:45 pm - CE Committee 6 pm - FOM Committee 7 pm - BaG Committee 7 pm - MIT Committee	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	6 pm - Alleluia Ringers 7 pm - Choir Practice	5 pm - EEEAC Worship	
						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MagPres Staff Meeting	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Young Life @ Young Life	5:30 pm - Stewardship 6 pm - Worship Committee	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	6 pm - Alleluia Ringers 7 pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 5 pm - EEEAC Worship	8 am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 7:05 pm - Quakes Game @ 
TWO-CAN Sunday 9 am - Worship + SS 11 am - Worship + SS 5 pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7 pm - HS Youth 7-8:30						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 am - Unity Service* SEE NOTE 11 am - Ice Cream Social 5 pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7 pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Young Life @ Young Life	7 pm - Deacon Meeting	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	6 pm - Alleluia Ringers 7 pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 5 pm - EEEAC Worship	8 am - EEEAC-S and FH, various
						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9 am - Worship + SS 11 am - Worship + SS 5 pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7 pm - HS Youth 7-8:30	2 pm - Tai Chi 2:30 pm - Family Promise setup  7:00 Family Promise Community Meeting	7 pm - Session Meeting-L	1 pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7 pm - Troop 16 @ FH, CE 4	6 pm - Alleluia Ringers 7 pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 5 pm - EEEAC Worship	8 am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 3 pm - Pool Party and Boat Race 
						



Boat Race

# MagPres Prayer Calendar

## August 2019

August 2019							September 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Please pray for the groups or individuals listed.</p>				Aug 1 Joyce Ehlers	2 Carol Farmer	3 Bruce Ferrel
	4 MagPres Committee: Fellowship, Outreach, and Membership	5 Janet Field		6 Jerry Fisher	7 Brenda Flowers	8 Leah French; Travis and Nick
11 MagPres Committee: Stewardship	12 Danielle Good	13 Holly Goulet-Perez; James and Marcus	14 Ilene Gradney	15 Gary and Edith Grant	16 Karn and Suzanne Griffen	17 Sandra Griffith
18 MagPres Committee: Worship	19 Beverly Guidero	20 June Hall	21 Everal Hathaway	22 Tom and Marti Hendrix	23 Nobie and Carol Hill	24 Betty Hillebrand
25 MagPres Committee: Mission	26 Melissa Holden	27 Krista Hollenhorst; Sean and Sara	28 Richard and Jeanne Hood	29 Dave and Cyndee Hurlebaus	30 Tom and Julie Hutchinson; Caitlin	31 Tessa Islas