

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

Community Involvement Opportunities

PUMPKIN PATCH - Proceeds to Community Outreach

The first day of autumn is just around the corner! It is time for Magnolia's THIRD Annual Pumpkin Patch!

We are looking for volunteers to help **unload the truck on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.**

We will need many people (the more the merrier) plus wheelbarrows to unload the pumpkins and set up the patch.

We are looking for volunteers as salespersons and general helpers—

Sunday, October 15, 2017 through Tuesday, October 31, 2017— for various time slots.

PATH of LIFE Ministries has been selected to receive the proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch.

Magnolia Presbyterian has supported Path of Life Ministries for many years. It serves the homeless and poor in the City of Riverside with community shelters, family shelter programs, behavioral health programs, an employment pipeline and seven other programs for families and individuals in crisis.

Sign-ups will start on Sunday, September 24, 2017 after each service. LOOK for more information in the weekly Worship Bulletin.

KIDS' PRODUCE MARKET at Madison Elementary is in need of a few good volunteers!

In partnership with Feeding America, Madison Elementary distributes fresh produce to families every month. HELP is needed from 12:30 pm when the truck arrives, until 2:30, when distribution is over. COME FOR ALL or PART of the time and contribute to our local community.

Friday, September 8

Madison Elementary, just around the corner at 3635 Madison. Check in at the front office and bring your ID.

Solutions to Homelessness in Riverside

Wednesday, October 11, 7—8:30 p.m.
Calvary Presbyterian Church

The City of Riverside Development Department Team will present recommendations and ask for input. How can YOU be a part of this plan?

RSVP to church@CalvaryPresCh.com.

A MINISTER'S MUSINGS

THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

Remember when you were first in love? Or when a friendship was shiny and new? We often refer to it as the honeymoon period when everyone is on their best behavior and everything is going smoothly. But as we all know that usually doesn't last. Someone starts throwing their socks on the floor or leaving dishes in the sink or lets too much time lapse without checking in. We all know that relationships take work, whether it's a marriage, family, or friendship, and in the church it is no different.

Maintaining connections and care within our congregation takes time and intentionality. It is easy to let busyness or business take over from nurturing relationships. For those who are introverts or shy, establishing friendships take some work. Social events like the Regatta or Quakes game can help form and keep relationships but most of the time it is only surface level interaction. Exploring new connections takes breaking out of your comfort zone talking to someone new or maybe joining a growth group.

One way to a healthy church is to be more intentional about reaching out. Is there someone you haven't seen in church recently? Give them a call. Do you need a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen? Then call your Deacon or the office and ask to speak to Pastor. We are never too busy for you! We are committed to making this church a soft place to fall, a place where we can all grow into Christ's likeness.

Pastor Claire

Regatta and End-of-Summer BBO.

JOIN US for an afternoon of **fun, food,**
and **fellowship** at the home of
Wayne and Kristi Andrew

Saturday, September 9, beginning at 3
p.m.

No boat needed to attend. You're
welcome to come and cheer on your
favorites.

Bring swimsuits and towels as the **pool**
will be open until the races begin.

Here are the rules for boat building:

1. All boats must be homemade (no kits).
2. Boats must be no larger than 3' x' 3' x' 3'.
3. Your boat must be able to run 2 heats, if needed.

Prizes are given for sailboats, power boats, rocket boats, and the most unique boat (whether it floats or not).



DEACON'S CORNER

Yes, it's still hot...but September 22 will actually be the first day of fall! Fall season brings thoughts of harvest time, and the reaping of what has been sown and nurtured throughout the year.

The Deacons have planted seeds as we have made hospital visits, connected with our flocks, visited Special Friends, collected food cans for donation, prepared memorial services, sent cards, served communion, greeted, and done Café Magnolia duties. Through these opportunities, new friendships have started, new conversations have been initiated, and new witness to Jesus and the Good News has come about.

In 2 Corinthians 9:10, it says, "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." We are seeing the fruits of our labors through God. Magnolia has been recognized by Lutheran Social Services for community service. People who previously wanted nothing to do with church have asked the Deacons to pray for them. We have seen spiritual growth in ourselves and others. We have seen love bring hope to the sick and peace to the dying.

The Deacons have not labored in the fields alone. Matthew 9:30 tells us, "So ask the Lord who gives this harvest to send workers to harvest his crops." The congregation at Magnolia has been an answer to our prayers, as together we share the Good News of Jesus.

Bless you, Magnolia, for being an active part of the spiritual harvest of the souls of God's people this year!

- Jan McKee, Deacon

160 Cans Collected in August

Let's beat that in September bring your two cans of food on **September 10**. All items go to support the work of Lutheran Social Services.

Autumn is a season of transition from the lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer to school and upcoming holidays. Magnolia Pres will be observing a change in the soundbooth as Hannah Dickenson moves on to college and other members of the Senior high youth group take over computer and sound duties. AJ Belangeri is our Interim AV Coordinator. We are grateful for the giving of themselves and participating in worship!



Monday Women's Bible Study will

resume on September 11th

9:30-11:00 a.m. in CE Room 3.

We will be looking at hymns and scripture with stories from Then Sings My Soul by Robert J Morgan. Come join us!

Men's Group resumes Monday, September 11, at 7pm at the home of Brian Nelson. Zach Gipson will present the program.

A PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

"If you obey the Lord your God's commandments that I'm commanding you right now by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments, his regulations, and his case laws, then you will live and thrive..." Deuteronomy 30:16

On Sunday, September 3rd, we are concluding our summer sermon series: Peculiar Questions from a Peculiar People. The final question: what is MagPres going to do to avoid joining the statistical decline of other mainline denominations and our own denomination, the PC(USA)?

The question seems to echo a sentiment that has been presented around MagPres recently that I have engaged in too, asking, "what is it going to take to survive?" or stating, "if we do _____, we have a chance." Sometimes this sentiment carries over into our personal lives: "If I could just make it through the weekend," or, "If only _____ would happen, then things will work out." We are worried about survivability which displays a lack of hope.

As people of God, we are called to something greater. Instead of trying to survive, we are called to thrive. As Mark Hall, lead singer and songwriter for the band Casting Crowns puts it:

*We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive*

I wonder what might happen if we reflect the hope we have in the God who creates, sustains, and saves. I wonder what might happen if our language reflected the faith we talk and sing about every Sunday. I wonder what might happen if we ignore questions of survivability and truly began to thrive. Let's find out together.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul

YOUTH and PARENTS MEETING

**Sunday, September 3, 6 p.m.
Christian Education Building**

**Share your thoughts, hopes and dreams
for 2017-2018.**

**Pastor Claire and Pastor Paul will
facilitate. AND there will be food.**

People Helping People

In August, the Marshall and Mary Lee team served 73 including late plates & 3 staff at Hulen Center.

On August 12, Laura Medrano's team served 37 sack lunches under the arches at Calvary Presbyterian.

-- *Your Mission
Interpretation Team*

**100
MEALS!**

Thanks to the Wayne and Joyce Petrie Endowment Fund

On August 20th during the youth Sunday service, Pastor Claire and Pastor Paul awarded four youth from the congregation of Magnolia Presbyterian Church with a Bible. These youth have recently graduated from Arlington High School and were active participants in our youth program.

The Bibles were purchased with funds produced from the Wayne and Joyce Petrie Endowment Fund. Created in 1999 by Jeff and Laurie Ludwig in memory of Laurie's parents, this endowment fund was established to buy award Bibles for the youth and to keep the pew Bibles stocked. The Petrie family attended Magnolia Presbyterian Church from 1975 until Joyce's death in 1998. They had a deep faith in Christ and a strong belief in supporting Christian education, which has been passed on to Jeff and Laurie. The interest produced by this endowment fund will provide funds for Bibles at Magnolia Presbyterian Church into perpetuity. Jeff, Laurie and their two daughters continue to contribute to the Wayne and Joyce Petrie Endowment Fund on the anniversary of important dates. If you would like to learn more about establishing an endowment fund or wish to contribute to an existing fund, feel free to contact a member of the endowment committee or one of the Pastors.

Endowment Committee: Marshall Lee (Chair/Elder), Phil Smith, Bill Bingham, Jay Nicholson and John Jackson

Stewardship "Did You Know"

Tips for on-line giving...

Did you know that most banks and credit unions offer free bill pay, an on-line banking service for their account holders? This service is a fast and an easy way to pay your bills on time. The processing time for payment to your mortgage company, utility company or church is just a few days. When setting up a payment to your church or any charity, you are able to select a one-time payment or establish weekly/monthly recurring payments. You select the date(s) you want the bank to process the payment and choose when the payments end. Just remember to use the offering envelope number as your account number when setting up a contribution to Magnolia.

If your existing bank or credit union does not offer free on-line banking service or payment by credit card, Magnolia Presbyterian Church has an online giving option available to you. At our web site, www.magpres.com you can make a one-time contribution, pay for a designated event, make a recurring contribution (weekly, monthly or quarterly) or a combination of these. Encryption technology is used to ensure that your information is transmitted safely and securely. The information you provide is used solely for the purpose of processing your contribution. If you choose to give using a credit card, please know that our desire is not to promote debt, but rather to offer this method as a convenience to those who chose to do so. There is a 1%+\$0.30 convenience surcharge for bank check (ACH) transfers and 3.09%+\$0.30 convenience surcharge for credit or debit cards. This convenience surcharge does not go to Magnolia Presbyterian Church but to the company that processes your transaction. If you wish to ensure that the total amount of your donation goes to Magnolia, use your on-line banking service from your bank or credit union.

If you have any questions about these on-line banking options, feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship team.

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

High Five Corner

*Thank
you*

- * The Deacons for their help at Phil Denham's Memorial Service and reception.
- * John and Jane Peden for service above and beyond at John Cousins' Memorial Service and reception.
- * Andrew Buchanan for leading the youth for these past years. For Callie Myers's help too!
- * Chris Nettles for spearheading and his crew for fulfilling Care-Portal needs.
- * Social Programming Committee for the Ice Cream Social.
- * The Youth for Youth Sunday participation.
- * Tom Safford for continuing to work with the contractors who are building the cell tower.
- * Adam Martinez for his role in our Peculiar Questions Series—and for preaching!
- * The Personnel Committee for long hours and many meetings revamping policies and procedures.



September Birthdays

Craig MacDougall, September 1
Laura Medrano, September 1
Jason Nicholson, September 1
Ruth Megenney, September 2
Isabel Chambers, September 3
Kierstyn Cohen, September 5
Andrea Mabena, September 5
Allison Robinson, September 5
James King, September 6
Grace Sarring, September 11

Peter Manley, September 12
Melanie Nelson, September 12
Janet Nicks, September 12
Alma Vierich, September 13
Shawn Smith, September 14
Gale Teunissen, September 14
Gary Welman, September 14
Catilyn Cohen, September 15
Rebecca Doshier, September 15
John Peden, September 15
Cherylyn Thornton, Sept. 17
Joseph Belangeri, September 19
Adam Martinez, September 23
Julie King, September 25
Diana Lewis, September 26
Richard Vierich, September 28
Janelle Anderson, September 30
Edith Grant, September 30

September Anniversaries

McKee, Steve and Jan—September 1
Smith, Phil and Sally—September 2
Ludwig, Jeff and Laurie—September 8
Ward, Ray and Loretta—September 9
Bingham, Bill and Linda—September 26
Andrew, Wayne and Kristi—September 29



A special Happy Birthday to Gale Teunissen, who is celebrating her 90th birthday on September 14!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Recently your Elders and Pastors met for a Saturday morning retreat where they participated in worship, team building exercises, and looked at communication patterns which can derail conversations. Another portion of the morning focused on us identifying three things:

- * How we describe MagPres
- * How we think the homeless around the church describe MagPres
- * How we think the community describes MagPres

What came out of these lists was seeing a need to have a greater reach to the community and in so doing, MagPres would have a greater presence. Many groups of our church can be involved...mission, education, stewardship, prayer groups, youth, to name a few. In everything we do, should we be asking "will this make a difference?" By referencing the book, Helping Without Hurting by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert, Session hopes to explore ways MagPres can reach out to those in need right here in our surrounding community.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"

Matthew 25: 35

Melanie Nelson

Clerk of Session

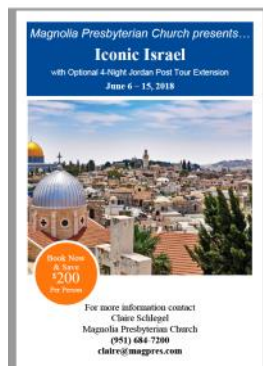
Session Meetings and Minutes

As a reminder, 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 to listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are also available in the office, or by email request.

The little lending library is now installed on Potomac Street in the lawn near the front doors of the Christian Education building.

Thanks go to Brad Copeland for building it, Wayne Andrew for making the post hole and Jeff Ludwig and John Wright for getting the pole into the ground and the library mounted on it.

Book donations for all ages and genres may be dropped off in the church library or given directly to Cherylyn Thornton or Heather Dickenson.



Jericho-Bethlehem-Jerusalem-and more!

Matt from Collette Tours will be here **Monday Sept 18th at 7:00pm** to talk about the Israel trip. Please join us for a fun meeting to hear about this trip.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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September 2017

Staff

Rev. Claire Schlegel,
Co-Pastor

Rev. Paul Knopf,
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James Walters,
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John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Tavo Vega,
Contemporary Service Music
Leader

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Interim Media/Audio Coordinator
AJ Belangeri

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...



Cow Chip Bingo

As part of the fall Festival this year, Mag Pres will be hosting our first annual Cow Chip Bingo Fundraiser.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards kitchen upgrades that will aid in Magnolia's mission work. Tickets will be provided in 3 suggested donations:

\$5 donation for a \$250 prize,

\$10 donation for a \$500 prize,

\$20 donation for a \$1,000 prize.



Each ticket sold will cover a designated parcel of land. Three cows will be

brought to the church on Sunday, October 15th. The cows will be allowed to walk about the designated area. When the cows plop, it will be determined which parcel the chip fell in. The individual holding the correct ticket for the designated plop and parcel will win the prize! You do not have to be present to win. You can get your tickets at Cafe Magnolia after each service. If you would like to help out and sell tickets please contact either Laurie McCormick or Jim and Joy Bower.

OUR GOAL: 775 tickets—which will raise \$6,000 for Magpres.

Part of the success of this project will be YOU selling tickets to friends, family, co-workers (as well as purchasing them yourselves). **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!**

COMING UP.... FUNDRAISER FOR MPC

Stater Bros Gift Cards...

Bring your checkbooks or cash --- Starting September 10 we will be selling Stater Bros Gift Cards during Café Magnolia. The cards will be sold in increments of \$25, \$50, and \$100. Buy as many as you want. When you buy your groceries the cards will be full value to pay for your items. The church will get 6% of all cards sold!!! Proceeds will go toward the church deficits.

Look for the Stater Bros table on the patio during Café Magnolia. Cards will be sold every Sunday through October 1st. From then on they will be sold the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. Just remember... Once you buy your cards they are just like cash. If lost they cannot be replaced! Sooooo, let's get shopping!!!



Directory Update - Last chance

If you would like for your photo to appear in the new directory but didn't have a chance to get your photo taken, September 10th is the LAST CHANCE for you to submit a photo to church@mapgres. Submitted photos cost \$10 so please remember to put that money in the collection plate and earmark it "Directory".

Thank you!

Magnolia Presbyterian Worship and Activity Calendar

September 2017

September 2017							October 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				31	Sep 1	2
Legend / FH=Fellowship Hall / S=Sanctuary / CE = Christian Education / L = Library					Office Closed	
OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.						
*= Indicates Communion Service						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 & 11 Sunday Sch.-CE						
9:00am Worship-FH	Office Closed/Labor Day		Pastor Claire Vacation (4-16)		Office Closed	
11:00am Worship-S		5:30pm Christian Ed Comm.	Love Your Neighbor Faith Summit		12:30pm Kids' Produce Market (3635 Madison St, Riverside)	
6:00pm Parents-Youth Plan		6pm M.E.W. Comm.	1:00pm Tai Chi (RCC)-FH		3:00pm BBQ and Regatta (Andrew)	
		7pm Mission Comm.				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 & 11 Sunday Sch.-CE						
Two-Can Sunday		7pm Bldgs and Grounds Comm.		Office Closed		
9:00am Worship-FH	9:30am Women's Bible	7pm Stewardship Comm				
11:00am Worship-S	10:00am Presbytery					
	1:00pm Tai Chi (RCC)-FH					
	7:00pm Men's Group					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 & 11 Sunday Sch.-CE						
9:00am Worship-FH	9:30am Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Deacons Meeting-L		Office Closed		
11:00am Worship-S	1:00pm Tai Chi (RCC)-FH					
	7:00pm Matt with Collette Tours					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 & 11 Sunday Sch.-CE						
9:00am Worship-FH	9:30am Women's Bible Study	7:00pm Session Meeting-L		Office Closed		
11:00am Worship-S	1:00pm Tai Chi (RCC)-FH					

Magnolia Presbyterian Prayer Calendar

September 2017

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Sep 1 Dan and Jenny Brooks	2 Mark and Sarah Brooks
3 CarePortal (www.careportal.org)	4 Riverside Neurology, 7172 Magnolia	5 Andrew Buchanan	6 Carla and Greg Carrasco	7 Isabel Chambers	8 Merle Clark	9 Aaron and Deanna Cohen
10 Presbyterian Disaster Relief (https://pda.pcusa.org/)	11 Barefoot Photography, 7211 Magnolia	12 Kathy and Neil Cohen	13 Sandy Cooper	14 Rev. Brad and Lori Copeland	15 Chris and Marge Cox	16 Alyson and Byron Cram
17 Doug Coult and Family Missionaries (www.facebook.com/drcoult)	18 Johnson's Orthopedic, 7254 Magnolia	19 Donna Crossen	20 Kayla Crossen	21 Claudia Crump David and Margy Crowley	22 Lea Dawson	23 Sharon DeLeal
24 Milestones Preschool (7200 Magnolia)	25 Akmakjian Spine, 7300 Magnolia	26 Anne Denham	27 Richard and Heather Dickenson	28 Hannah Dickenson	29 Mike and Janet Doshier	30 Tammy and Chris Duncan