

Magnolia Presbyterian Church

UpLook

September 2020



Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one! -Psalm 133:1 CEB

If you've participated in worship during the month of August, you've probably heard about a practice I've picked up during the pandemic: consuming Ice Cream Floats. While consuming ice cream floats is not ideal for me health-wise, I've also started a new practice during the month of August: bike riding.

Once a week I have been riding with Clarke Prescott, who is a retired Episcopal Priest, and one of MagPres' newest members. What is notable about our bike rides is that we ride a tandem bike together. Imagine, driving through the Southeast side of Riverside and seeing two men, one the size of your male co-pastor, riding on a tandem bike throughout the neighborhoods. It must be a sight, because people can't hide their reactions when we pass by. Often people's mouths will be open in surprise 😲 while others will smile at us while continuing their gaze for an unusually long time. Clarke has mentioned that tandem bike riding is a great metaphor for the church and is a great source of sermon illustrations. I'd like to share one that has come to mind over the last month.

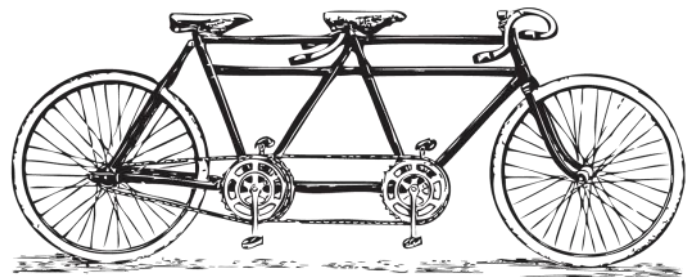


Riding a tandem bike involves reacting to another person's movements. When one rider shifts their weight, the other rider has to adjust. When one wants to pedal faster or slower, the other adapts. Both riders have to do their part to make the ride to be successful. This understanding also describes the Presbyterian way of doing ministry.

When one part of the church leans in one direction, other parts of the church have to adjust. When one part of the church gets excited about the progress of a new building, other parts adapt. It is when the church as a whole works together that the journey becomes successful.

I have experienced this co-pastorate in a similar way. Pastor Claire and I have formed a great team. But for the last month, as she has participated in a well deserved, month-long sabbatical, it felt at times, like I've been riding a tandem bike alone. It was a different experience. But we all adapted well.

I am grateful to have my co-pastor back in the saddle this month. I am looking forward to hearing about her sabbatical and excited to have her energy. I am eager to see her reactions to the building design concept, as I am eager to see yours as well. One lesson I've come to learn over the last month is that riding a tandem bike alone isn't very fun. I am excited to welcome Pastor Claire back and I hope you'll take the opportunity to welcome her back too.



Your tandem bike riding co-pastor,
Paul

Deacons Corner

Hi! I am Linda Welman, one of your deacons at Magnolia Presbyterian Church. I hope all of you are doing well and have been able to watch our services online. Pastor Paul (and the whole worship team) have done a great job keeping our Church family connected. They are very creative in the use of technology.

This is a very challenging time; more so for some than others, but we are so fortunate to have the Lord and our church family for support. The deacons are here for whatever your needs are. Just let us know. As human beings we need to feel connected. I truly miss you all, know that our Lord will have us together soon. My prayer for you:

When storms come your way, just remember you know the master of the wind, when sickness finds you, remind yourself you know the great physician, when your heart gets broken just say I know the potter.

It doesn't matter what we face or go through Jesus is everything we need.



MagPres Continues in Outreach!

So far in 2020, our giving to Presbyterian outreach are....

\$181.33 for the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and

\$2,854.84 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Our congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

ZOOM GROUPS

Meeting ID for all Meetings

259 885 602 (password 7200) or use the link

<https://zoom.us/j/259885602?pwd=VUJQMxROSzV3My91amMyaGpQQk9QQTo9>

Having problems with Zoom? Call the church office

(leave a message! if no one answers) and we'll help you during the week.

10 - 10:30 a.m. Time for Children

12:30 p.m. Zoom Community | Prayer Group



ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

You can participate in worship by going to magpres.com/watch or by visiting our Facebook page (facebook.com/magpres).

Session Highlights

Ah yes, September...
Back to School
Leaves turning
Football starting

Weather changing
My birthday



September signifies the end of summer vacation and the restart of many fall favorites. This September for Magnolia will look a bit different. Fall activities of your Session committees, whether it be the worship experience and Sunday School/youth groups being held virtually; mission projects being done remotely and with drive-by collections; and the annual work party projects being accomplished individually or in small groups, will continue.

As your Session committees gear up for fall, a few highlights of their summer activities include:
Mission Committee partnered with the Deacons' Two-Can Sunday drive-bys to include a clothing drive and collecting backpacks and rolling bags.
Nominating Committee fulfilled their ministry and has a full slate of Elders and Deacons.
Design Team (Sanctuary) presented the architects' first draft to Session for approval.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

Session Meetings and Minutes

Session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday* of every month at 7 pm via Zoom.

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.

*Adjustments made for holidays.

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- kids activities
- a link to the directory, Facebook, prayers
- Zoom info, and worship services

Watch our services live on <https://magpres.online.church>

Exciting News from your Session!!! Sanctuary Design is here!!!

On September 6, Session will have a video presentation available after 3 pm. at Mag-Pres.online.church, revealing the proposed Sanctuary Design! They are super excited to share this initial design concept with you and get your feedback. After the presentation, there will be two questions asked via electronic survey:

- 1) What do you see in the plan that excites you?
- 2) What do you want Session to know going forward?

(You may also call the office to receive a hard copy of the survey.)

To get to this place, there were many steps involved. The basic time-line was this:

April-June 2019: Elders on Session participated in "Rooted"- a 10-week book study in which they explored their visions for Magnolia and the missions of the Church.

Following the study, 2019: Information gathering took place, asking for input from all Committees and Deacons - wish-lists, ideas, design elements, etc.

July 2019: Session took all of that information and prioritized the pieces they felt were of vital importance to meeting their vision and mission for Magnolia.

Design Team then took that information to the Architect and he incorporated those ideas/wishes into an initial design.

August 19, 2020: The design concept was presented at Session for approval, so it could go to the City for their approval...without this step of City approval, nothing else could take place (ie: demo, fine-tuning of plan).

This design concept is only a start; Session only approved the basic foot-print, or shell of the building. Almost anything can be up for discussion. The Session wants to be sure to have a full understanding of both the city and congregations' input before moving to the next stage of the design.

Please watch the video presentation on Sunday and keep an open heart for this initial phase! The Session thanks you for your prayers and grace during this exciting process!

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### September Sermon Series:

## A Boy and a Fish

### *The Book of Jonah*

- Reluctance**
- Repentance**
- Obedience**
- Tantrum**



Do you ever wonder "What Can One Person Do?" Here's your answer:

We are continuing with our TWO-CAN Sundays.

Bring two cans (or boxes) of food (per person in your household)

SUNDAY, September 13 to the front parking lot, between 2 -3 pm.

Donations go to our partners at Lutheran Social Services, where it is distributed to local residents.

(for the time being we are discontinuing the clothing/backpack drive)

## SCOUT CORNER

Will return next month.

In the meantime,

Do a Good Turn Daily.

## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



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- ◇ U.S. MAIL

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Questions? Email [stewardship@magpres.com](mailto:stewardship@magpres.com)



## Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Craig MacDougall</b>  | September 1  |
| <b>Laura Medrano</b>     | September 1  |
| <b>Jay Nicholson</b>     | September 1  |
| <b>Ruth Megenney</b>     | September 2  |
| <b>Kierstyn Cohen</b>    | September 5  |
| <b>Andi Mabena</b>       | September 5  |
| <b>Allie Robinson</b>    | September 5  |
| <b>James King</b>        | September 6  |
| <b>Mel Rehnke</b>        | September 6  |
| <b>Peter Manley</b>      | September 12 |
| <b>Melanie Nelson</b>    | September 12 |
| <b>Janet Nicks</b>       | September 12 |
| <b>Alma Vierich</b>      | September 13 |
| <b>Dave Richards</b>     | September 14 |
| <b>Shawn Smith</b>       | September 14 |
| <b>Gary Welman</b>       | September 14 |
| <b>Caitlyn Cohen</b>     | September 15 |
| <b>Becky Doshier</b>     | September 15 |
| <b>Monique Mowry</b>     | September 15 |
| <b>John Peden</b>        | September 15 |
| <b>Josie Gonzales</b>    | September 16 |
| <b>Cherylyn Thornton</b> | September 17 |
| <b>Joey Contreras</b>    | September 19 |
| <b>Norah Sachs</b>       | September 19 |
| <b>Adam Martinez</b>     | September 23 |
| <b>Julie King</b>        | September 25 |
| <b>Diana Lewis</b>       | September 26 |
| <b>Janelle Anderson</b>  | September 30 |
| <b>Edith Grant</b>       | September 30 |

## Anniversaries

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| <b>McKee, Steven &amp; Jan</b>    | September 1  |
| <b>Smith, Phil &amp; Sally</b>    | September 2  |
| <b>Gettis, Aaron and Erin</b>     | September 6  |
| <b>Ludwig, Jeff &amp; Laurie</b>  | September 8  |
| <b>Ward, Ray &amp; Loretta</b>    | September 9  |
| <b>Mordue, Lance and Laurie</b>   | September 11 |
| <b>Bingham, Bill &amp; Linda</b>  | September 26 |
| <b>Andrew, Wayne and Kristina</b> | September 29 |

**Teach us to number our days  
so we can have a wise heart.  
---Fill us full every morning with  
your faithful love  
so we can rejoice and celebrate  
our whole life long.  
--From Psalm 90**

# September 2020

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| MONDAY                                                                                                                                               | TUESDAY                                 | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY                                                       | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY                                                       |
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|                                                                   | Sep 1<br>Marilyn Nail                   | 2<br>Brian and Melanie Nelson; Makenzie | 3<br>Chris Nelson                                              | 4<br>Chris and Sherry Nettles | 5<br>Zach Ni                                                   |
| 7<br>Jay and Katie Nicholson; Destiny, Addison                                                                                                       | 8<br>Janet Nicks                        | 9<br>Judy O'Bier                        | 10<br>Lila Odell                                               | 11<br>John and Jane Peden     | 12<br>Gio and Monica Perez; Dominic, Donovan, Olivia, Gideon   |
| 13<br>It's Grandparents Day                                                                                                                          | 15<br>Susie Phillips                    | 16<br>Gary and Pat Platner              | 17<br>Clarke and Jeanette Prescott                             | 18<br>Rosie Quinones          | 19<br>Charles and Carolyn Raughley                             |
| 20<br>Family Promise of Riverside<br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromiseRiverside/">https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromiseRiverside/</a> | 22<br>Mel and Rhonda Rehnke             | 23<br>John and Sharon Reinhardt         | 24<br>Dave and Sandy Richards                                  | 25<br>Jeanie Riggs            | 26<br>Kyle and Kendall Rinker; Liam, Payton, Blakelyn, Jamesyn |
| 27<br>Lutheran Social Services<br><a href="https://www.lssc.org/">https://www.lssc.org/</a>                                                          | 29<br>Jaeson and Allie Robinson; Jaeson | 30<br>John and Becky Robledo            | <h2>Magnolia Presbyterian Church</h2> <h3>Prayer Calendar</h3> |                               |                                                                |

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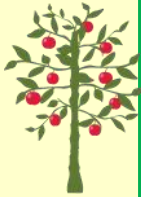
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Magnolia strives to share God's love with all and grow spiritually in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

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Co-Pastor

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Co-Pastor

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Saw Shein  
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright  
Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

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