

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

Page ONE Happenings

Youth Group meets every* Sunday evening.

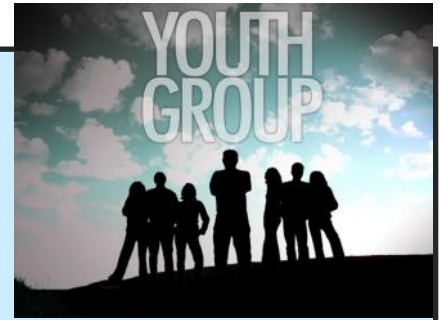
Middle School (grades 5 to 8) meets from 5 to 6:30 pm.

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.



The Pumpkin Patch Returns! Come Join the Fun!

Saturday, October 14th - The pumpkins arrive. We need volunteers and wheelbarrows to help unload the pumpkins, set up and decorate the patch.

Sunday, October 15th - The Pumpkin Patch officially opens during our Fall Festival.

We need volunteer salespersons in the patch every day from October 15th through October 31st. Signups for 2-hour time slots will be available after each worship service on every Sunday in October.

The proceeds from this year's patch will benefit Path of Life Ministries in Riverside.

Two Big ALL-CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday, October 15

UNITY SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Followed by Missions Fair And Cow Plop Fundraiser

Sunday, October 29

a fun-filled evening for you, your family and friends.

4 pm: Decorate your car for Trunk or Treat

5 pm: Costume parade and Trunk or Treating

6 pm: Youth Haunted House

Where ? CHURCH PARKING LOT

Solutions to Homelessness in Riverside

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

There is a time for everything and a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...a time to keep and a time to throw away... Ecclesiastes 3

Fall is in the air! I recently spent a day up in Big Bear where it was 40 degrees when I got up in the morning! It was brisk, I gotta say. It felt good to get bundled up in a jacket, hat and gloves that morning as we went on a walk. The air was crisp, the sky a brilliant blue, and the leaves were just starting to turn. Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. It is a time where the earth begins to prepare itself for a time of rest and rejuvenation. Trees shed their leaves and go dormant for a while to store up energy for new growth in the spring.

But even though it appears that things are dying or that nothing is happening, in the midst of that process, decayed grass and leaves are adding much needed nutrients to the soil. In Southern California it is

sometimes difficult to see this transition of seasons and as I think about MagPres in this new transition it can also appear as though we are not moving fast enough or that there isn't any new fruit yet to show for our labor. Did you notice the word "yet" in the above sentence?



Pastor Paul and I have been partnering for five months now and along with the Session, the Deacons, and committees, are spending time evaluating programs and the way we "do church." In the midst of some of these changes there will inevitably be growing pains and grief that go along with this process. However, we look forward and trust that God is in the midst of this time and that we will see something new born out of this season. I am excited about the possibilities and give thanks for what God is going to do in the future at MagPres!

In Christ,
Pastor Claire

Men's Group meets Monday, October 9, at 7pm at the home of Jason Nicholson.

Women's Bible Study meets every Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Growth Groups start the week of October 8. Books are available for purchase (\$8): Christian Community by Rob Suggs.

DEACON'S CORNER

We as Deacons cannot believe we are already into October!! Where is the year going?

Our year started out with our Pancake Breakfast. We look forward to this each year, to catch up with what you have been doing and to have breakfast with you!

We have helped with Celebration of Life services and visited people in the hospital. We enjoy talking to our "Flock Members" on the phone throughout year. We also oversee the Prayer Chain and Two-Can Sunday.

We are a close group and work well with each other.

We also help with **PSALM, People Serving A Loving Meal**. We take a meal to people that have had a baby, surgery, or just need a loving meal. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call your Deacon, Jody Macdonald, or the Church Office. You do not need to be a Deacon to help with this.

Right we are planning Christmas Baskets. You will hear the details next month.

Remember that we are praying for all of you and please call your Deacon if we can be of any help or if you need to just chitchat with a fellow Christian who cares and loves you.

With Christian Love,

Deacon Connie Jackson

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 1, and on Sunday, October 8. Look for the insert in your bulletin or contact the church office.



ICONIC ISRAEL

June 6-15, 2018

There is still time to sign up for this travel opportunity. A 10-day trip to notable places in the Holy Land. Get your best rate by booking before December 7.

Contact Pastor Claire for more information.



134 Cans Collected in September

Let's beat that in October.

Bring your two cans of food on

October 8.

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

A PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..." Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

During one week in September, I was alone in the office for most of the week. Through a myriad of circumstances, both Pastor Claire and Diana were off that week and in the past, my introverted self would have reveled in the alone time. On this particular week, I found myself missing my office companions and feeling somewhat alone.

As I reflected on my lonely experience in the office, it occurred to me that we often might feel lonely in our faith expressions. Sometimes it seems like we are the only one that cares about a particular position or the only one who recognizes or stands up to an injustice. Sometimes, something that is immensely important to us, seems unimportant to others. In moments like these, I am grateful I am a Presbyterian.

One of the hallmarks of the Presbyterian denomination is that we do things in community. We don't have private communion; we don't have private baptisms; we don't have private worship services; we don't make decisions in private; we do these things in community. This is demonstrated well in how we operate.

I am a Co-Pastor partnering with Pastor Claire; we are in constant communication about things happening in and around MagPres and making decisions together. Pastor Claire and I partner with the Session to lead and guide MagPres as we strive to share God's love with all and grow spiritually in our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. We partner with the Deacons in caring for those who call MagPres home and for those who show up on our campus needing help. And we partner with you, the congregation, equipping and encouraging each other to help make God's Kingdom a reality for those who call our city home. This is an ideal model of partnership.

If you are looking for ways to better express partnership in the routine of everyday life, consider the following acronym and at a minimum, choose one of these to focus on this week or month:

- Pray with and for each other
- Ask for help, whether you need it or not (include others)
- Reflect shared values
- Time together (spend time with each other)
- Negotiate disagreements
- Engage in action (work together)
- Review the partnership



Let's partner together, affecting this world positively for Christ.

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Paul

Stewardship Report Our Year of Trust

2017 has been "Our Year of Trust" as Magnolia continues to place our faith in the future in the hands of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Throughout this year of Trust, our church's mission has enriched and touched many lives from our **Treasures, Talents and Time**.

Your church leadership and Stewardship Committee want to continue to build on our "Trust" as we move into 2018: "Our Year of Commitment." Together let us "Commit" to grow spiritually and to share the love of Christ in our community by "Committing" to Magnolia's mission with our **Treasures, Talents and Time**.

Stewardship Sunday will be October 29th. Also, during each worship service in October, we will share how your serving and support have changed people's lives through the ministries of Magnolia Presbyterian Church.

Please pray about your pledge of **Treasures, Talents and Time** with deliberation. Also, we have set aside October 27th as a "Day of Prayer for Magnolia." As we did last year, this will be a 24-hour vigil where we will pray for the needs of our church, our city and our world. A sign-up sheet will be available each Sunday in October for you to participate.

Yours in Christ,

Your Stewardship Team

Marshall Lee, Team Chairperson; Ken Eberwein, Sheryel Eberwein, Dick Kirby, Chris Nettles, Phil Smith, Jane Peden

In 2015 in preparation for a ministry style change at Mag Pres, a Mission Assessment report was conducted. Question 14 asked "would you be willing to financially contribute to a facility improvement campaign?" 109 respondents answered "yes."

As you have heard, Cow Chip Fundraiser is being offered as a fundraiser on October 15th with the proceeds going towards the purchase a new stove for Fellowship Hall.

Also beginning soon will be a fundraising campaign to repair the stained glass windows in Fellowship Hall. The fundraising will be an "adopt a window or portion" style with each window having a repair cost assigned to it. Donor names will be put on plaques next to each window. This is a terrific way to remember loved ones! AND this donation is tax deductible. Look for information boards in the Narthex or see Heather Dickenson for details or call her at 951.688.6582.



High Five Corner

*Thank
You*

- * The Vega family for making the long drive to set up and tear down equipment and instruments for 9 am worship.
- * Heather Dickenson and Lisa MacDougall for helping with Youth Group in September.
- * Kristi and Wayne Andrew for hosting the Regatta in September.
- * Alyssa Timoschuk and Becky Doshier for assisting AJ Belangeri with sound and media.
- * Personnel Committee for ongoing work.
- * Deacons for assisting with the reception for Marlene Fisher's Memorial service.



October Birthdays

- Mary Josselyn, October 2
- Ronald Phifer, October 3
- Heather Dickenson, October 4
- Bonnie Kirby, October 4
- Colton Reidman, October 5
- Margy Crowley, October 7
- Jody Macdonald, October 7
- Karn Griffen, October 9
- Chris Duncan, October 12
- Callie Myers, October 12
- Carolyn Young, October 12
- Jeff Ludwig, October 14
- Brian Nelson, October 15
- Carla Carrasco, October 16
- Mollie Gainey-Stanley, Oct. 16

- Ken Anderson, October 17
- Robert Walker, October 17
- Kayla Crossen, October 19
- Catherin McGraw, October 19
- Michelle Knopf, October 22
- Cameron Stratton, October 22
- King Williams, October 22
- Lisa MacDougall, October 23
- Ruth Baker, October 24
- Merle Clark, October 24
- Peggy Farmer, October 25
- Pedro Jaramillo, October 25
- Linda Bingham, October 28
- Liberty Mabena, October 29
- Laurie McCormick, October 29
- David Crowley, October 30
- Lila Odell, October 30

October Anniversaries

- Perez, Giovanni and Monica—October 5
- Manley, Peter and Michelle—October 17
- Jackson, John and Connie—October 21
- Phifer, Ron and Cornelia—October 22 (50 years!)
- Carrasco, Carla and Greg—October 29



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Here are just a few of the things being discussed, started or developed in Session committees as we move forward in this new season in the life of MagPres. It is hoped you will find a way to become more involved.



RE-IMAGINE — Giving (outward focus) versus getting (inward focus)

REVISUALIZE — Church growth – thriving, not just surviving

REVITALIZE — Fellowship Hall updates

RE-INSPIRE — Encouraging participation in men’s group, growth groups, feeding programs or on a committee

RE-INVIGORATE — Youth programs

REFRESH — Website

RECONCEPTUALIZE — Fundraising Opportunities (Stater Bros. gift cards and Cow-Plop)

RE-INVEST — Helping, without hurting, the homeless population; and the Care Portal

RE-ATTAIN — Magnolia’s strong presence in the Riverside community

RE-EVALUATE — Prioritizing Capital Improvement projects

REACHING — Out to our community partners and neighbors

REWARD — Growing in our faith and bringing others to Christ

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6

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.

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, October 13

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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October 2017

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Co-Pastor

Rev. Paul Knopf,
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Music Director/Organist

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

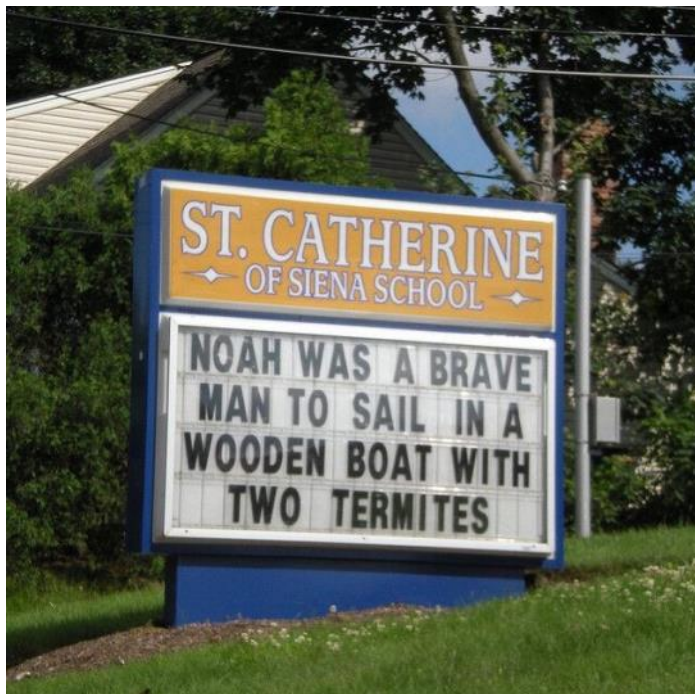
Tavo Vega,
Contemporary Service Music
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Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Interim Media/Audio Coordinator
AJ Belangeri

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

A merry heart does good ...



A Rich Tradition... A Bright Future



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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.	* = Communion is Served ** = Sunday School for Preschool-5th (CE#7) GG = Growth Group (<u>Christian Community</u> , author Rob Suggs)					
1 9 am Worship Service (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service* (S) with S.S.** <i>5 pm—6 pm Middle School Youth (YR)</i> <i>6:00 -7:00 Shared Meal (YR)</i> <i>7:00 - 8:30 pm High School Youth (YR)</i>	2 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	3 5:30 Christian Ed. Comm. 6:00 MEW Comm. 7:00 Mission Comm.	4 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	5 6:00 Handbell Choir (CR) 7:00 Choir (CR)	6 Office Closed	7
8 Two-Can Sunday 9 am Worship Service (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service (S) with S.S.** <i>5 pm - 6:30 pm Middle School Youth (YR)</i> <i>7:00 - 8:30 pm High School Youth (YR)</i>	9 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH) 7 pm Men’s Group, Host: Jay Nicholson	10 7:00 Stewardship Comm. 7:00 Buildings and Grounds Comm.	11 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH) 7 pm—Solutions to Homelessness (Calvary Pres)	12 6:00 Handbell Choir (CR) 7:00 Choir (CR)	13 Office Closed 12:30 pm, Kids’ Produce Market (Madison Elem.)	14 10:00 am Pumpkin Patch Delivery
15 10 am Unity Service (S) with S.S.** MISSIONS FAIR <i>5 pm - 6:30 pm Middle School Youth (YR)</i> <i>7:00 - 8:30 pm High School Youth (YR)</i>	16 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	17 7:00 Deacons Meeting (L)	18 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH) GG 2:30pm (L) 7 pm (Lee)	19 7:00 Choir (CR) GG 6:30 pm (Belangeri) 7 pm (Nelson)	20 Office Closed	21
GG 5 pm (L) <i>Pumpkin Patch Sales for Mission, October 15—31</i>						
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GG 5 pm (L) <i>Pumpkin Patch Sales for Mission, October 15—31</i>						
29 STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION 9 am Worship Service (FH) with S.S.** 11 am Worship Service (S) with S.S.** California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser 4pm Car Decoration for Trunk or Treat 5pm Trunk or Treat/Costume Parade 6pm Haunted House	30 9:30 am, Women’s Bible Study (CE) 1-2:30 pm, Tai Chi (FH)	31	Location Legend: CE = Christian Education Building L = Library CR = Choir Room FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary YR = Youth Room (CE)			
NO GG <i>Pumpkin Patch Sales for Mission, October 15—31</i>						

Magnolia Presbyterian Prayer Calendar

September 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1 Dan and Jenny Brooks	2 Mark and Sarah Brooks
3 CarePortal (www.careportal.org)	4	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

Pray for MagPres Groups and Ministries; our Neighbors; and Church Members