

Magnolia Presbyterian Church

UpLook
December 2020



News You Can Use

- **Family Promise** is looking for people to help with our golf tournament. We have an experienced chair that has secured the date and location but he needs some helpers. If you are able to help, please contact Deanna at dncohen@hotmail.com or 951-295-0787. The tournament will be Monday, April 26th at Victoria Country Club.
- **TWO CAN SUNDAY** is December 13, 2 - 3 pm in the front parking lot. Bring TWO CANS (or boxes) of food for distribution through our friends at Lutheran Social Service. They need a LOT of food.
- An exciting opportunity is coming in 2021! MagPres will have a Bible listening group with the intent for individuals **to LISTEN to the entire Bible in a year.** Interested? Contact Eric Brandenberger at magnoliahas ears to hear@gmail.com. He has the Bible on CDs (or you can listen through an app of your choosing). There will be a blog for participants to communicate with one another. That's magnolia has ears to hear@gmail.com. (no spaces between words)
- **MISSION COMMITTEE** is soliciting donations for grocery gift cards for those in need.
GOAL: \$1875 == 25 gifts of \$75 each.
YOU can give through check or online giving, noting "food box" in the memo line.

ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

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

ZOOM GROUPS

Meeting ID for all Meetings

259 885 602 (password 7200) or use the link

<https://zoom.us/j/259885602?pwd=VUJQMxR0SVZ3My91amMyaGpQQk9QQT09>

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



This Christmas season looks a little different at Magnolia...

Even though there won't be poinsettias decorating the Sanctuary; the Progressive Dinner taking place; Lessons and Carols service to enjoy in person; and the Christmas Eve service will be a different experience, there are ways to incorporate these in unique ways.

You can donate money for the Christmas Food outreach through the Mission Committee; bring an appetizer, main dish and dessert for someone alone this holiday; put on some Christmas Carols and read the passages that are shared during the Lessons and Carols service:

Genesis 3:8-15; Isaiah 11:1-4; 6-9; Isaiah 9:2,6,7; Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:26-35, 38; Luke 2:1-7, 8-16; Matthew 2:1-11 and John 1:1-14

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

Session Meetings and Minutes

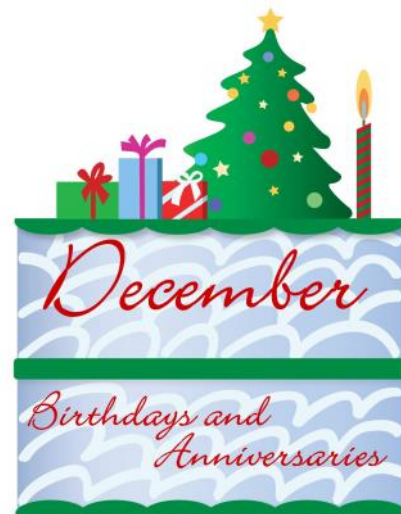
Session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday* of every month at 7 pm via Zoom.

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.

Eric Brandenberger	December 3
Claire Schlegel	December 7
AJ Knopf	December 12
AJ (Adrian) Belangeri	December 19
Chris Cox	December 19
Brenda Flowers	December 22
Thomas Thornton	December 24
Paul Knopf	December 25
Ann Brady	December 28
Kristina Andrew	December 30

Brooks, Dan and Karrie	Dec. 19
Simmons, Roger and Susan	Dec. 19



Deacon's Corner

How Can We Transcend The Challenges We Face in These Uncertain Times?

This year has been extremely challenging with all that's happening in the world. The holidays will be very different in that we can't gather in groups, no special church services in person and no progressive dinner party, which is always a highlight of the Christmas season. Of course, the pastors and musicians will do a wonderful job of putting together the services on the internet. We are grateful for that! With God's help, we can find joy in different ways this year celebrating the birth of Jesus..

I'd like to share a few excerpts from a poem called "Continue" by Maya Angelou.

During this time of crisis, we have a chance to get in touch with our true selves If ever we need to do that, it is now.

My wish for you is that you continue, continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness.

Our true selves are grounded in love, the ground of our being, a life of gratitude, trust, humility, confidence, mutual flourishing. It is through this mutual flourishing and thoughtful togetherness that we will survive.

*We must be an instrument, a chalice, a vessel through which
God's amazing work can flow.*

Continue to remind the people that each is as good as the other and that no one is beneath or above you

Continue to remember your own young years and look with favor upon the lost and the least and the lonely..

Submitted by Flora Livingstone, Deacon

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

- ◇ ONLINE: Visit our website at www.magpres.com/give
- ◇ MOBILE via text Text "magpres" to 77977
- ◇ MOBILE via app -- Download our church app - COMING SOON!
- ◇ U.S. MAIL

Send a check via US Mail to our mailing address
7200 Magnolia Avenue | Riverside CA 92504

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Questions? Email stewardship@magpres.com



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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Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday

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

[vacant] Youth Leader

AJ Belangeri
Interim Media/Audio Coordinator

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant



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Magnolia Presbyterian Church Prayer Calendar

December 2020							January 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	1	2
13	14	8	9	10	11	12	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	15	16	17	18	19	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	22	23	24	25	26	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 29	30	Dec 1 Sandy Cooper	2 Brad and Lori Copeland	3 Chris and Marge Cox	4 Donna Crossen	5 Kayla Crossen
6 2021 Stewardship Campaign	7 Dave and Margy Crowley	8 Sharon DeLeal	9 Anne Denham	10 Hannah Dickenson	11 Richard and Heather Dickinson	12 Mike and Janet Doshier
13 Crossways Bible Study, Leaders and Participants	14 Rebecca Doshier	15 Tammy and Chris Duncan; Anderson and Jackson	16 Alice Ehlers	17 Joyce Ehlers	18 Carol Farmer	19 Bruce Ferrel
20 Angels and Shepherds	21 Janet Field	22 Jerry Fisher	23 Brenda Flowers	24 Leah French; Travis and Nicholas	25 Erin and Aaron Gettis; Estella, Cole	26 Zach and Maddy Gipson
27 Counting Your Blessings in 2020	28 Danielle Good	29 Holly Goulet-Perez; Marcus, James	30 Ilene Gradney	31 Edith and Gary Grant	Jan 	2