




# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The UpLook

January 2023

**Year End Giving** postmark your giving or deliver by Dec 31 for your 2022 taxes  
**New Year's Day: Epiphany & Communion Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**Blessing Bag Mini Work Party** on January 8th after service  
**Rooted 2023** begins Sunday, January 22, 2023, with an initial gathering



### Minister's Musings

*Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what is God's will; what is good and pleasing and mature. Romans 12:2*

Happy New Year! How are you with New Year's resolutions? Do you choose the standard ones of exercise more, eat less, drink less, get finances squared away, etc.? Or maybe your resolutions are a little less tangible. As I was considering what to write about for the first newsletter of the new year, I realized that our Stewardship Theme for 2023, "Think Differently", might be a good resolution. While this theme was specifically chosen in regards to giving, I wonder what would happen in our lives if we expanded this idea of thinking differently, and intentionally applied this principle to every aspect of our lives. What would happen if we saw any potential problem as a path to "think differently" or "think outside the box"? Richard Rohr (whom I quote a lot) says, "We do not think ourselves into new ways of living, we live ourselves into new ways of thinking." Interesting...I think there's a lot of truth to that. We all have a set of constructs about people, ideologies, money, religious beliefs, and societal norms to name a few, and I'd venture to say they are pretty set...until something comes along to shake those assumptions. Most of the time the thing that shakes us is something or someone who challenges us.

The pandemic was something recently that certainly challenged us and we all started living differently as a result. We lived differently mainly though because we didn't have much choice. Now that things have opened back up, I wonder how much of it has had staying power or have we gone back to the status quo. People, of course, give us another opportunity to examine assumptions. If we dig deep enough, we will most likely discover that we have formed assumptions about an individual or a group of people, usually without much data to back it up.

Sometimes we formulate assumptions about what people say or do without taking time to find out what they are really trying to say or what might be behind their words or actions.

What if instead we paused, took a deep breath, and decided to be open and grant people grace? I know I could use and practice a bit more grace in my life. One thing I do know about people and life in general is that there are always opportunities to practice grace. And so, this year I encourage us to take some time to reflect on some areas in our lives where we might "think differently."

May your year ahead be filled with hope, love, joy, peace, and grace,



Pastor Claire

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## You Matter!

Experience this truth in...



# ROOTED

Rooted Life Groups will begin on **Sunday, January 22**, with a kick-off event to meet your groups. Consider joining us in this 10-week life-changing experience and connect with God, the church community, and your purpose. Followers of Jesus, old & new, are welcome to join in and begin your Life Group journey. Questions: info & sign-ups at [magpres.com/rooted](http://magpres.com/rooted)



Join us **January 29th** at 11:15 am (right after the 10am services) for our annual Congregational Meeting.

Annual Reports will be available to pick up by Sunday January 15 (hard copy on the Welcome table, electronic copy in the weekly Eblast).

Looking forward to seeing you there!

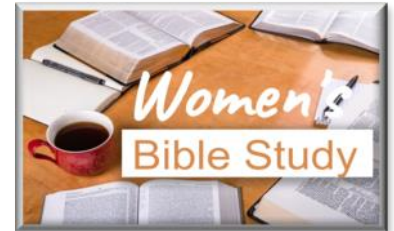
## You can help us fill Blessing Bags!

Be a part of our joyous assembly line right after the 10am service as we fill bags with snacks, water, and hygiene items to give to people in need as we encounter them. Also... if you have any drawstring backpacks that you can donate to the effort, that would be greatly appreciated.



## Women's Bible Study resumes Monday, Jan 9th!

Join us on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library (main office building) for Study, Fellowship, and Prayer. We discuss the week's Scripture Lessons from the previous Sunday and unpack them further. If you haven't had a chance to join us previously, please come and join the discussion and fellowship.



## Youth Group Resumes Jan 8th!

**Join us Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m.**

Both Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) and High Schoolers (9-12) welcome.

Meet us in the youth room (enter off Potomac St, through the gate on the left, and use the first door).

**Hope to see you there!**

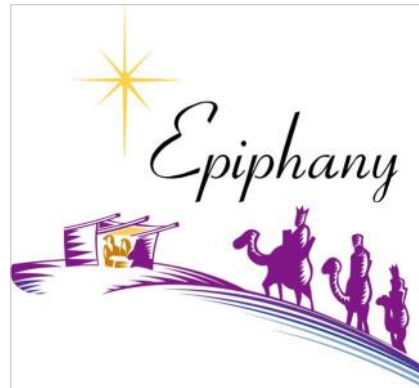
### For the Month of January...

January 8: Youth Group Meets

January 15: Youth Group Does NOT Meet

January 22: Youth Group Meets

January 29: Youth Group Meets



To all the Ladies of Magnolia Pres... you are invited to celebrate Epiphany on

**Friday, Jan. 6th at an Open House at Evelyn Shea's home from 2-6 pm.**

*6154 Clarendon Court, Riverside, 92506*

Stop by any time that afternoon or on your way home from work for fellowship and refreshments.

Please bring an appetizer or treats to share.

*And don't forget to invite your friends!*

# NEWS YOU CAN USE!

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. In-person will meet in the Fireside Room at 10:20 a.m. Those attending via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259 885 602 and the Password 7200 to join the fun. Sunday School includes Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and play time.

**Our memory verse for January is John 3:16**

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"

For more advanced Bible scholars, the full verse is:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life."



**COFFEE TIME** is every Sunday right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Join us in the Fireside Room for Java and Treats... and stay for the Fellowship and Conversation!

Please sign up on the kitchen counter on Sunday if you think you can occasionally bring treats, help set up or clean up.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE!

View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app. Go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now."



Confirm your email address to sign in. Download the free mobile app at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create your log-in.

Need help or have any questions? Please contact Pastor Paul ([paul@magpres.com](mailto:paul@magpres.com)).

## DEACONS' CORNER

The new year is traditionally a time for self-reflection, a time to make resolutions. It is a great time to resolve to grow spiritually, and the apostle Peter tells us how to do it in his second letter, versus 5-8. He writes: "...do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness add knowledge; to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add endurance; to your endurance add godliness; to your godliness add brotherly affection; and to your brotherly affection add love. These are the qualities you need, and if you have them in abundance, they will make you active and effective in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (*Good News Translation*)

Let us be challenged by his teaching.  
Happy New Year,  
Carla Carrasco, Deacon

## NEIGHBORS' CORNER

**BOY SCOUTS:** Be Prepared! That is the Scout motto. Troop 16 was prepared to dissolve after 100 years and merge with Troop 270. However, the parents there at Troop 270 had a change of mind and they will instead join our troop. So Troop 16 will continue into its second century! Beginning January 2023, we welcome new Scouts to Magnolia Presbyterian Church. Happy New Year to all!  
~Tim Lewis, Scoutmaster

**FAMILY PROMISE:** January 2023 will mark the grand opening of the Family Promise of Riverside based here on our own campus! The office will open on January 2nd and will begin serving families. Keep praying & consider how you might be able to lend a hand. **Use the link below to start your online training journey** (required of all volunteers--all the cool kids are doing it!) <https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/NuQYX18>

## A FLURRY OF THANKSGIVINGS!

As your Office Manager celebrates her six-month-aversary, she wants to offer a round of thanks to those who have helped get bulletins and newsletters out by folding, stuffing, and labeling (oh-my!) this Summer and Fall.

Dave King

Amanda Schlegel

Diana Lewis

Kris Shea

Heather Dickenson

Carolyn Roughley

Rosie Quinones

Lance Mordue

Linda Bingham

Have we Forgotten Anyone...?

We'd love to have you be part of the crew this Winter and Spring. Just let Adrien know your availability!

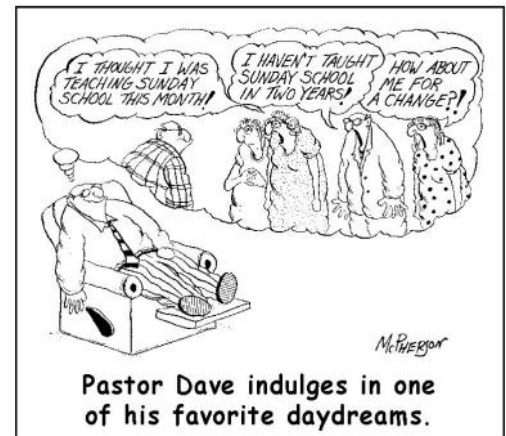
## WHERE YOU CAN HELP...

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Church Family, The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School.

It can be for one week at a time or more.

Individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18-- all are welcome. Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Heather Dickenson, at [hdickenson61@gmail.com](mailto:hdickenson61@gmail.com) or the church office. Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.




**Java Jake wants to know...**  
can you bring goodies or help set-up or clean-up to make our coffee hour a continued success?

If so, he would be glad if you could lend a furriently paw to the task & sign up on the kitchen counter! Thanks!

### HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities.

**ONLINE:** Visit our website at [www.magpres.com/give](http://www.magpres.com/give)

**MOBILE:** Text "magpres" to 77977

**MOBILE:** Download our church app through the Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"

**U.S. MAIL:** Send check via US Mail to our address at 7200 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504

## DID YOU KNOW...?

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www.FPRiverside.org

 Family Promise  
of Riverside

November 20, 2022

Dear Members of Magnolia,

Thank you for your donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Family Promise of Riverside. We are so grateful for your support. Changing lives takes time and dedication, and we are so thankful that you have given of your time and your resources to help make a difference.

Donations made to Family Promise are being used to help alleviate the problem of homelessness in Riverside, California. Family Promise is a nonprofit organization committed to helping low-income families achieve lasting independence. Families who need shelter, time, and support to get back on their feet again will be the benefactors of your donation.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful effort to transform the lives of children and families experiencing homelessness and give them hope for a home and a future.

Respectfully,  
Laura Robles  
President, Family Promise of Riverside

Every month, Magnolia Presbyterian Church receives this gracious letter thanking us for our ongoing donations from our Missions budget.

It would be easy to dismiss this as just one more form letter, but...

we *know* these folks (and some of us at MagPres are these folks).

Family Promise of Riverside is one of over 200 affiliates of the National Family Promise organization spread across the United States. In its 35+ year history, Family Promise has helped over a million people stabilize the housing situation for their individuals families. And Family Promise has more than an 85% success rate in helping families into permanent housing.

Besides receiving a safe, temporary place to stay, Families who are guests of Family Promise host sites receive mentoring support for job hunting, financial management, and parenting skills. And even more remarkable is the rate at which children in stabilized homes stay enrolled in school and succeed in their studies.

Our own Family Promise of Riverside affiliate is preparing to open its doors on our MagPres campus in less than a week to address the unending flood of calls it receives for help. Please consider how you might become involved and join dozens of your church family members who give of their time and funds on a regular basis. Can you give a small monthly donation or a one-time donation? Does your business match your donations or offer corporate donations-in-kind of supplies it manufactures or distributes that Family Promise could use? Would you like to be a volunteer to help with occasional events? Can you bring a meal to a family being hosted at MagPres and perhaps dine with them for fellowship and community?

Whatever way you can be a part of this ecumenical and community-based support for families in our own neighborhoods would be welcomed. When you have a moment, surf on over to their web-site at <https://www.fpriverside.org/> or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromiseRiverside/> to find out more. You can be a part of a successful effort and know that you helped a child and her family have a safe place to sleep at night.



# WHO • WHAT • WHERE • WHEN



## January Birthdays

Flora Livingstone	2nd	The Rev. Chris Nettles	8th	James Laudermilk	15th	Lowell Lacy	20th	
Margie Watson	3rd	George Robbins	10th	Michelle Laudermilk	15th	Makenzie Nelson	20th	
James Walters	4th	The Rev. Clarke Prescott	13th	Ryan Laudermilk	15th	Sherry Nettles	22nd	
Krysten Stiffler	4th	Dan Brooks	14th	Arlo Sachs	17th	Donna Nelson	23rd	
Precious Mabena	6th	Steve McKee	14th	Maddy Gipson	17th	Zach Ni	28th	
Susie Phillips	7th	Leah French	14th	Lance Alford	18th	Laurie Ludwig	29th	
Cynthia Spring-Pearson	8th	Wayne Andrew	14th	Deanna Lacy	19th	Tammy Duncan	29th	
							Rick Allert	30th

## January Anniversaries

Bill & Ruth Megenney 5th    Cherylyn & Thomas Thornton 15th    Mel & Rhonda Rehnke 17th

## January 2023 Prayer Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
<b>1</b> MagPres's Pastors, Staff, Deacons, Elders, Session, Musicians, & Choir	<b>2</b> HannahDickenson, Heather & Richard Dickenson	<b>3</b> Becky Doshier	<b>4</b> Mike & Janet Doshier	<b>5</b> Chris, Tammy, Jackson, & Anderson Duncan	<b>6</b> Alice Ehlers & Joyce Ehlers	<b>7</b> Carol Farmer
<b>8</b> Family Promise of Riverside	<b>9</b> Bruce Ferrel	<b>10</b> Janet Field & Eleanor Miller	<b>11</b> Danielle Good & Jerry Fisher	<b>12</b> Brenda Flowers	<b>13</b> Leah French	<b>14</b> Catelyn Garcia
<b>15</b> Boy Scouts of America	<b>16</b> Christian Garcia	<b>17</b> Erin & Aaron Gettis	<b>18</b> Stephanie Gibbs	<b>19</b> Zach & Maddy Gipson	<b>20</b> Steve & Jeanne Gold	<b>21</b> Holly, Marcus, & James Goulet-Perez
<b>22</b> Buildings & Grounds Committee & Capital Campaign Committee	<b>23</b> Ilene Gradney	<b>24</b> Edith & Gary Grant	<b>25</b> The Rev. Karn & Suzanne Griffen	<b>26</b> Beverly Guidero	<b>27</b> Everal Hathaway	<b>28</b> Tom & Marti Hendrix
<b>29</b> Christian Education Committee	<b>30</b> Patty Hernandez	<b>31</b> Melissa Holden, Sonia Campus, & Gio				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 10am - Communion 10am - Deacon Door 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 	2 Office Closed 	3 9:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	4 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	5 7pm - Choir Practice	6 Office Closed 2pm - Epiphany Open 5pm - BEEAC 	7 9:30am - BEEAC	
8 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - Blessing Bags 6pm - Youth Group!	9 9:30am - Women's Bible	10 9:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	11 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	12 7pm - Choir Practice	13 Office Closed 5pm - BEEAC	14 9:30am - BEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal	
15 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's	16 Office Closed 	17 9:30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Deacon Meeting	18 Session Materials Due 9: 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	19 7pm - Choir Practice	20 Office Closed 5pm - BEEAC	21 9:30am - BEEAC	
22 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 5pm - Rooted Kickoff 6pm - Youth Group!	23 UpLook Articles Due for 9:30am - Women's Bible	24 9:30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Session Meeting	25 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	26 6:30pm - Rooted #2 7pm - Choir Practice	27 Office Closed 5pm - BEEAC	28 9:30am - BEEAC	
29 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 11:15am - 12:30pm - Rooted #1	30 9:30am - Women's Bible	31 9:30am - Staff Meeting					Event Calendar

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Please join me in thanking our Elders who are going off Session—Zach Gipson, Dick Kirby, and Jay Nicholson. Over the last three years, they have given their time, talent, and energy in their ministry as Elders. As we greet the new year, we welcome back David King for a second term; Heather Dickenson, and Laurie Ludwig to another term on Session after a few years off, and Jeanette Prescott for her first term. Read on to find out more about our three in-coming Elders:

**Jeanette Prescott** is serving her first term on Session and has been a member of Magnolia for 3 years. She is married to Clarke, and has three sons, Nick, Tom, and Robert. She is retired from 27 years as an elementary school teacher, and 7 years as a principal. Her hobbies include photography, reading, sailing/boating, and cycling. Jeanette's favorite vacation destination is anywhere outdoors near water. If she had not been a teacher, she would have pursued a career as a photojournalist. She and Clarke used to own and fly private planes, but now they take it much slower and enjoy living part of the year on their boat on the East Coast. In September of 2021, they completed the Caminade de Santiago in Spain on their tandem bicycle! One of Jeanette's favorite books in the Bible is Philippians, especially Chapter 4. She says "Paul's exhortations to loving and righteous behavior, his encouragement, and his sharing of the peace has always been a comfort for me to read and re-read." She was attracted to Magnolia by the "warm welcome we received when we first attended, the encouragement/invitation to participate in a variety of ways, and the willingness of the pastors to nudge people out of their comfort zones." During the pandemic, she participated in the choir videos and she and Clarke helped with Two-Can Sunday collections. She answered the call to be an Elder because of "a need to 'give back' rather than 'sit back' and simply receive." She enjoyed "Rooted" as a way of getting to know people more deeply. It is Jeanette's hope that Magnolia continues to grow, not just in size, but in depth of commitment, in members' willingness to be honest and open with each other, and in the faithfulness to God's leading and direction.

**Laurie Ludwig** is serving her second term on Session and has been a member of Magnolia for 47 years!! She has been married for 38 years to Jeff, whom she met at Magnolia. She has two married daughters, and 5 grandchildren. She is a retired middle school teacher. Although she enjoyed teaching, she would have liked to be an entrepreneur. Laurie's hobbies include reading, gardening, camping, traveling, crocheting and crafts. Her absolute favorite vacation destination is Hawaii. She would love to see every state in the US, as well as travel the world. When asked what her favorite thing about MagPres is, she says "the people make the church." Over the course of her 47 years at Magnolia, she has been a Deacon, served on the Christian Education and Buildings and Grounds Committees and has taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and youth group. Laurie answered the call to serve again as an Elder because "I prayed to God to use me: make me comfortable in the uncomfortable, and to fulfill His purpose." The very next day she got an invitation to serve on Session. Her hope for MagPres' future is "to help the church gather more congregants and children." She would like to see Magnolia be an outreach to the community to draw in more members and fill our new building to meet God's purpose, being good stewards of God's money and resources to get there.

**Heather Dickenson** has been a member of Magnolia for 18 years and is in her third 3-year term on Session, believing that "with God anything is possible. She has been a Sunday School teacher, youth group advisor, and vacation bible school volunteer for most of that time. She has served on the Christian Education Committee and is currently active on the Fellowship, Outreach, and Membership Committee. Heather enjoys her position as an elementary school librarian and enjoys reading, and walking or hiking anywhere with trees!

Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session



## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

January is always such a nice time to sit back and reflect on the holidays. After all the hustle and bustle fades away, the true treasures of the holidays remain to warm our hearts over and over again through newly made memories. Time with family and friends, hugs and laughter, carols sung joyfully from the heart, the warm feelings that come from giving, and all that is good follows us into the new year.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee thanks each and every one of you, for the good with which you have touched our church in 2022. Your time, talents, and treasures truly brought us "Together for Joy," as we lived out our Stewardship theme in very real and tangible ways. We have created many special new memories with our church family this past year, and will hope to reach out even further into the community as our new place of worship begins taking form. What an exciting time!

With our new sanctuary will come new surroundings, new traditions, and hopefully some new faces with whom we can share new experiences in 2023. With Jesus leading us forward, we can go confidently to find out where our theme to "Think Differently" will take us.

May you enjoy peace and a closer walk with God as you create many more new and wonderful memories in the coming year.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee



### CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES for 2023

Ten years ago, I started a yearly recognition of our long-time members celebrating milestone years (in five year spans), starting at 40 or more. Please join me, as this tradition continues, in wishing these special members "well done good and faithful servant" for their priceless, loyal, and unwavering contributions to our Magnolia family.

*--Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session*

#### Magnolia's Milestone Members for 2023

<u>Member</u>	<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Date of Membership</u>
Marge Ludwig	55 years	March 31, 1968
Lance Alford	45 years	April 12, 1978
JoAnn Alford	45 years	April 12, 1978
Barb Johnson	45 years	November 5, 1978
Jane Peden	45 years	November 5, 1978
Kit Wilson	40 years	March 14, 1983
Dee Wilson	40 years	March 14, 1983
Jan McKee	40 years	May 22, 1983



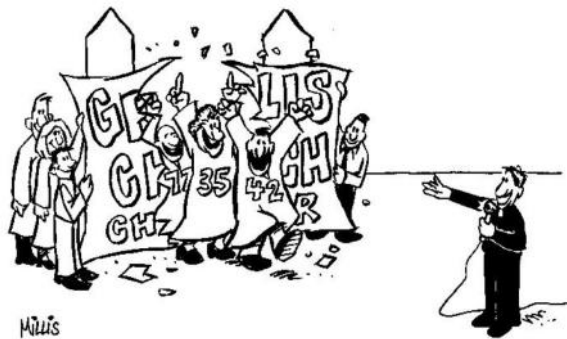
## Stewardship REPORT

### Treasurer's Report General Fund as of 11/30/2022

Balance Jan. 1, 2022	\$0.00
2022 Income	\$361,302.75
2022 Expense	\$393,376.43
Balance	(\$32,073.68)
Sept 30, 2022	

*Session will meet again in February*

# REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



"Introducing your MagPres Church Varsity Choir: Starting, at lead tenor, number 42..."

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir! Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Have Questions? Email John Wright at [music@magpres.com](mailto:music@magpres.com)

**WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library (main office building). Join us for a relaxing time to delve into the previous Sunday's Scripture, pray, and fellowship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered in-person & via Zoom during our 10am worship service. In-person will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use this link:

**Meeting ID: 259885602 Password: 7200**

## STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



**ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE:** You can participate in worship by going to [magpres.com/watch](https://magpres.com/watch) or visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://facebook.com/magpres)). Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)

**COMMUNION:** First Sunday of every month, communion is served as a part of the worship service. For those worshipping via Zoom, feel free to gather your own "bread & cup" elements at home and join in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the whole congregation.

**TWO-CAN SUNDAY:** On every 2nd Sunday of the month, we bring 2 Cans or Boxes of food to be donated to Lutheran Social Services of Southern California to help feed hungry neighbors in our community. In December, we collected 125 food items. **Keep up the good work(!)** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be January 8th.

**DEACONS DOOR OFFERING:** The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS DOOR OFFERING. This is a dedicated offering to help friends and family of MagPres members experiencing hardship. Your gift, large or small, is a gift of kindness.

**STATER BROS. GIFT CARDS:** Gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available to purchase in the church office. Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm. Whether you are buying as a gift or to do your weekly grocery shopping, the church receives 5% of every sale! How nice--give twice!

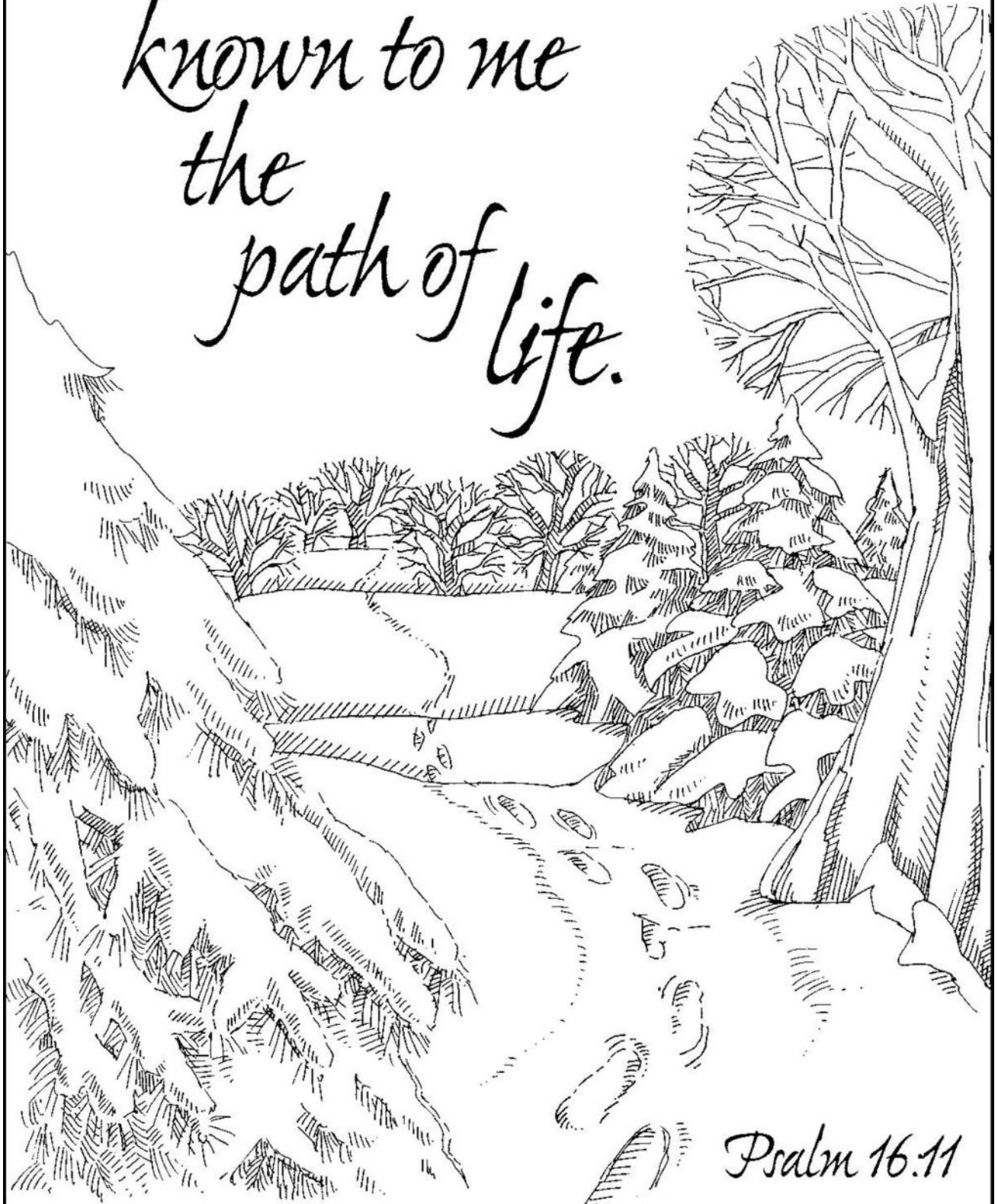
**CHURCH DIRECTORIES:** Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you. Instructions on downloading the app to our "Instant Church Directory" are on page 7 (great way to keep up with birthdays and anniversaries in our church family!)

**As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know with an email to [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)**

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL:** *Our Daily Bread* quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer (on the Welcome Table) and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself and for a friend or stranger.

Pause for a moment and color in your own path through the woods, hear the crunch of snow beneath your boots, & smell the crisp air.

You  
have made  
known to me  
the  
path of  
life.



Psalm 16:11

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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Email: church@magpres.com  
Website: www.magpres.com  
Church Office Hours  
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm  
Closed Friday



January  
2023

Magnolia Presbyterian  
Church Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel  
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Co-Pastor

Adrien Lowery  
Office Manager

James Walters  
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein  
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Allison Robinson,  
Nursery Attendant

Jeff Ludwig, Treasurer

[vacant] Youth Leader



fresh  
start

*Nothing is simple,  
not even simplification.  
Thus, in throwing away  
the mail, I exchange  
the complexity of duty  
for the simplicity of guilt.*

--Wendell Berry