



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UPLLOOK

JUNE 2023

A Pastor's Pondering

Your Spirit is everywhere I go. I cannot escape your presence. If I go up to heaven, you will be there. If I go down to the place of death, you will be there. If I go east where the sun rises or go to live in the west beyond the sea, even there you will take my hand and lead me. Your strong right hand will protect me. Psalm 139:7-10 ERV

You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time. Matthew 28:20 ERV



As part of an icebreaker for a meeting, a group of us were asked to consider which we liked better: mountains or beaches/oceans. As I considered my response, I was taken back to my childhood days of playing at the beach but also playing in the mountains.

Some who answered this question noted that in Southern California, we have both the beaches and the mountains in such close proximity to each other. Maybe we don't have to choose either.

Now that school is out for summer (and all the school-aged children rejoice) you might be faced with a similar question: should we go to the beach or to the mountains. Wherever you go, remember that you do not go there alone: God is with you.

May you be encouraged by these words.

Your beach and mountain preferring pastor,
Paul

pops, daddy, dad, father, pops, dadd
R, PC, FATHER, P
father, pop:
DAD, DAD
pops, dadd
R, PC, ER, P
father, pops, dadd, pop:
DAD, FATHER, POPS, DADDY, DAD



**Help us Celebrate
our Fathers on
Sunday, June 18th**
**We will have a special
recognition of Fathers in
the 10 am Worship Service.**

JUNE WORSHIP

Sunday, June 4 - Communion Sunday
Trinity Sunday
Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16-20
MagPres Cafe after worship

Sunday, June 11 - Two-Can Sunday
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day
Reflections on Father's Day
Recognition of Fathers
MagPres Cafe after Worship

Sunday, June 25
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer 20:7-13; Matthew 10:24-39

PICTURES FROM PENTECOST PICNIC



DEACON'S CORNER

I'm beginning the last half of my sixth year on the Board of Deacons. Each Deacon writes an Uplook article during the year. In my last two articles, I wrote about my remembrances of Cathy McGraw and Gary Welman. Both were Deacons lost through their passing. Again I'm writing about loss, but of a joyous kind. I'd be remiss not thanking Pastor Claire for the support and encouragement she so generously gave to the Deacons. She attended every meeting providing us with information about the church at large through her Pastor Reports. Her guidance and direction were invaluable. She also did a lot behind the scenes to help meet needs of congregants and others who came to the office door for help. She will be missed.

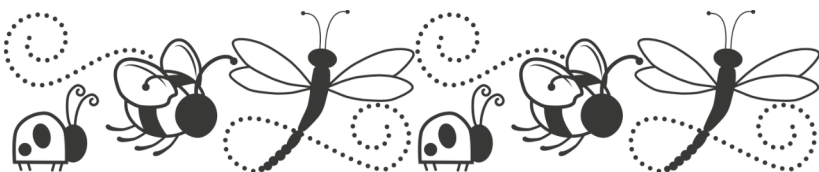
I have been the Treasurer during my time on the Board. I would also like to thank the congregation for your generous giving for the work of the Deacons through the offerings taken on Communion Sundays. Three hundred dollars a month of this money goes to help the food bank run by Lutheran Social Services. Odd months we give a cash donation. Even months I buy food at Costco. This job has been the most fun I've had as a Deacon. I've made a game out of coming as close to \$300.00 as I can. April I came in at \$299.96. At our last meeting, the Deacons voted to make a one time donation of a \$1000.00 to Family Promise to help them provide meals for the families under their care. Your donations have also supported the food boxes assembled during the Christmas season.

Back to Lutheran Social Services. The church also collects food items for them on Two- Sunday. It's been fun watching Gary Grant, Gary Welman, and now Lance Mordue take leadership of this program. They set a yearly goal for number of cans collected and all have taken it personally if donations don't meet their goals. So keep those cans coming!

While I have this platform, I'm going to solicit your service for a couple of other food related ministries that fall under the Mission Committee. The first is the feeding program at the Hulen Center homeless shelter. We provide dinner on the second Saturday of the month. This food is funded through a Stater Bros grant. We have four great team leaders that prepare the food. The last Rooted group stepped up to take the fourth spot. During Covid, team leaders dropped food off. We would like to be able to go inside and serve the food again. That interaction is a big part of the ministry. Volunteers are needed to help do this. It's not a huge time commitment, just 5:30 to 7:00 PM on a Saturday evening three times a year. Let me know if you would be willing to help. Finally, meals are needed nightly for families being supported by Family Promise. Mary Lee is the contact person for information regarding meal train sign ups.

I have a running joke with my sister. She's Mary and I'm Martha at all of our family gatherings. I guess it's evident that my niche is feeding hungry people who a lot of the time go without food.

~Barbara Johnson



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Recently, there have been some major decisions made by Session:

- With the final construction bid topping \$4.4 million, your Elders decided the current design is untenable, and voted to investigate other architects, to go ahead with the foundation as designed, and to pour the slab. Detailed building information from Elder Ann Laudermilk and Pastor Paul, is available on the May 11 and 18, 2023 E-Blast.
- Session is nearing a decision on the pastoral model moving forward, having taken a straw poll at their May 10 workshop, and weighing all options available. Another workshop is scheduled for June 4, 2023.
- Approved being a host site for a Family Promise family in June or July

worship, and know how to Also noteworthy, is the hiring of Catelyn Garcia, Magnolia member, as Youth Leader, and an update on the well-drilling project is also available from Tim Lewis on the above-mentioned E-Blasts.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances, for This is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

MISSION UPDATES

On behalf of the Mission committee, I would like to Thank You for your kind and generous donations to the following organizations and your continued support. You have supported the causes of hunger, thirst, disaster recovery, refugee assistance, education, spirituality, youth, and community development. Magnolia Presbyterian has given:

- Compassion Sunday children: 3 children's packets and many went online to choose
- Crop Walk: \$5,000 to feed many
- One Great Hour of Sharing: \$1,001.00
- Power ministries Refugee Camp: \$1,000.00
- Young life: \$500.00
- Path Of Life, Hulen Place: You have cooked and serve meals as well as change the lives of at least 2,228 people

~Laurie Ludwig

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

MISS THE BUILDING UPDATE?



WATCH IT HERE:
[VIMEO.COM/825895960](https://vimeo.com/825895960)

MISS THE WELL UPDATE?



WATCH IT HERE:
[VIMEO.COM/825991097](https://vimeo.com/825991097)

Join us for Café Magnolia
Coffee & Fellowship on
June 4th and Jun 18th
after the 10am Service.



REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Our memory verse for June is Psalm 27:14

Shortened: Hope in the Lord! Be strong!

Full Verse: Hope in the Lord! Be strong!
Let your heart take courage!
Hope in the Lord!

WOMEN'S MONDAY STUDY: returns in October; enjoy Summer!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th 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 or visiting our Facebook page (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 May, we collected 55 food items. **Let's see if we can get up to 200 in June** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be **June 11th**.

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 DIRECTORY ONLINE: View our directory online (go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now." You can also download the mobile app at the Apple® App store, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create a log-in. **As always - if your address, phone, or email changes, let us know with an email to 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.



...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

7200 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504-3829
Phone: 951-684-7200
Email: church@magpres.com
Website: www.magpres.com
Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday



Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Pastor

Lisa Gulino
Admin. Assistant (temp)

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Leader

James Walters
Trad. Music Director/Organist

John Wright
Choral Director

Cynthia Wright
Pianist/Accompanist

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Catelyn Garcia
Youth Leader



Volunteers
Needed.

**Family Promise
of Riverside
MEAL TRAIN**

We have the opportunity to provide FPR's guest families with meals and fellowship. If you can provide a meal, please sign-up at the link below...Help them fill June's calendar! Homemade, DoorDash, or Donation options at <http://mealtrain.com/z301y>

HOSTS

MagPres will be the shelter site for the month of July. Needed are meals (see mealtrain above) and hosts to be present overnight on campus. Talk to Mary Lee to find out more or to sign up: mmbleslee@gmail.com

Big Bear Lake Presents

SUMMER CAMP



Registration Form

JR. CAMP (4TH-6TH GRADE) WEEK 1: JULY 2ND - 8TH
JR. HIGH (7TH-8TH GRADE) WEEK 2: JULY 9TH - 15TH
HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH GRADE) BOTH WEEKS!

@ BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER
575 Prairie Lane, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

CHECK IN AT 2PM IN THE LODGE

Join us for summer camp designed for grades 4th - 12th. Enjoy one of the longest running summer camp programs as we continue the tradition of summertime fun and worship. We offer several outdoor activities such as rock wall, zipline, leap of faith, and many more.

GAMES. WORSHIP. OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL UNTIL MAY 30TH!

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JUNE 2023 MAGPRES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	7pm - Choir Practice	1 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	2 9:30am - EEEAC
4 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Door Offering 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 12pm - Session Workshop	5 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	6 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	7	7pm - Choir Practice	8 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9 10 9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep
11 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	12 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	13 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	14 Flag Day	7pm - Choir Practice	15 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	16 17 9:30am - EEEAC
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	Paul on Vacation Juneteenth 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	7pm - Deacon Meeting	Session Mat'ls 9:00 am	7pm - Choir Practice	Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	Wedding (time TBA) 9:30am - EEEAC
25 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday	26 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop	27 7pm - Session Meeting	28	7pm - Choir Practice	29 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	30 1

June 2023 Prayer Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
				1 Ruth Bender	2 Debbie & Bret Benninger	3 Bill & Linda Bingham
4 MAGPRES Session	5 Joy Bower	6 The Bowman Family	7 Ann Brady	8 Eric & Anna Brandenberger	9 Dan & Karrie Brooks	10 Carla Carrasco
11 Christian Ed Committee	12 Carlos Castro	13 Martina Catton	14 The Cohen Family	15 Kathy & Neil Cohen	16 Sandy Cooper	17 Brad & Lori Copeland
18 Endowment Committee	19 Chris & Marge Cox	20 Donna Crossen	21 Kayla Crossen	22 David & Margy Crowley	23 Sharon DeLeal	24 Anne Denham
25 Fellowship, Outreach & Membership	26 Hannah Dickenson	27 Heather & Richard Dickenson	28 Becky Doshier	29 Jane & Mike Doshier	30 The Duncan Family	



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



June Birthdays

Sandy Cooper	1st	Stephanie Gibbs	11th	Katie Reinhardt	19th
Cornelia Phifer	3rd	Monica Perez	12th	Daniel (Dan) Brooks	20th
Emile Spring-Pearson	4th	Delores Tobin	13th	Sally Smith	20th
Parker Cohen	5th	Phil Smith	14th	Hannah Dickenson	25th
Jeanne Hood	6th	Lee Lewis	16th	Beth Zarecki	26th
Giovanny Perez	8th	Jena Bowman	17th	Destiny Nicholson	26th
				Saw Shein	27th

June Anniversaries

Dave & Mary Josselyn	12th	Brian & Melanie Nelson	22nd	Marshall & Mary Lee	28th
Chris & Sherry Nettles	15th	Tammy & Chris Duncan	23rd	Aaron & Deanna Cohen	29th
John & Cynthia Wright	17th	Rick & Colleen Allert	28th	Bob & Kriss Menosky	30th