



# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The UpLook

April 2024

**TWO-CAN SUNDAY** - non-perishable food collection on Sunday, April 14th

**MAGNOLIA CAFÉ** - coffee and fellowship after Sunday Worship Service April 14th

**NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASS** - after Sunday Worship Service April 14th & April 21st

**SPRING PICNIC** - Save the Date! - rain or shine - MAY 19th, 2024

### SPRING HAS SPRUNG

(on March 19th anyway)

By Anna Brandenberger

Spring is my favorite time of year. Spring not only represents the obvious, our Risen Lord, but it brings forth many beautiful things. Spring encourages the birth of babies great and small, by womb or by egg. Flowers, by bulb or by seed. Spring also allows animals, big and small, to shed the winter coat- literally and figuratively. Once the “coat” is shed, the mind and body are allowed to be born again as it were. Following the allegory here?

Two things have inspired me to share this article. Recently I began working for a woman who owns a company that places aviaries in retirement homes, healthcare and memory care facilities. I chose to join her because I adopted a pair of beautiful birds called Lady Gouldian finches. Through this jaunt, I have been able to, not only get to know more about my particular set of birds, but I have been able to occupy my relatively retired hands and body. It is a lot of work, making for a long and strenuous day but ultimately, fulfilling.

I wasn't able to put my finger on it until recently when my small group and I covered the chapter in our book study, “The Walk” by Adam Hamilton. The particular chapter that brought about my feelings for this task coming full circle was the chapter on “Study”. Particularly the section on Nature. If I remember correctly it talks about having appreciation for things that God created whether we recognize it being that by God or not. We reflected on sunrises, sunsets, the formation of clouds or rainbows or even the simplicity of what it takes for a dragonfly to be suspended in air. Coincidentally, or NOT, the woman I work with also was reflecting on the simple pleasures and beauties in life.

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Gouldian finch



\*\*\* SAVE the DATE \*\*\*

### SPRING PICNIC

(rain or shine)

### May 19, 2024



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Birds are those pieces of art that are designed to be appreciated whereby allowing us to drift off into the wonder of His majesty. I believe it renews our mind, body and soul as well.



One of the reasons that aviaries are so popular in senior, memory and healthcare facilities is that it enhances cognition. The ability to match bird songs with the type of bird or noticing the differences between male and female, all keep the mind agile. Watching birds also allows a person to focus on the beauty of nature and escape any stressful situation or anxiety. Spring brings us outdoors into warmer, sunnier weather allowing us to absorb the vitamin D from the sun and notice the smallest details in life and be grateful for the beauty in nature and actively improve the mood and fight anxiety and depression.

Matthew 6:26  
Anna Brandenberger



## NOW HIRING!!!

### **AUDIO-VIDEO TECH**

Do you know someone who is good with technology? Learns quickly? Available on Sunday mornings? We are looking for an A/V Tech to work 4-5 hours a week for \$20/hr.

### **K-5 CHILDREN'S EDUCATION LEADER**

At their March meeting, Session members approved creating a new paid staff position of K-5 Christian Education Leader. This person will help us achieve our goal of nurturing the children at MagPres and growing the numbers in our children's program. We need someone committed to that goal to be the coordinator, point of contact, and leader of the volunteers to make it happen.

Some of the responsibilities will include ordering and organizing curriculum and supplies, recruiting and scheduling Sunday School teachers, communicating with families and the wider community, and coordinating special events such as Vacation Bible School.

Compensation will be based on an expected average of 10 hours per week, some weeks less, some more.

If you or someone you know would like to interview for a position, contact:

Jeanette Prescott (Chair of the Personnel Committee) at 951-237-9031

or by email at [Personnel@magpres.com](mailto:Personnel@magpres.com).

# SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Now that the BIG game is over, my sport of choice to watch, is tennis. Your Session Committees are preparing their own “Grand Slam” events this Spring where you may be “Open” to participating:

- ◆ With the “Main Draw” of Easter behind us, “service” to and for others is available through many committee events.
- ◆ “Let” your spiritual journey continue with groups studying *The Walk*.
- ◆ “Rally” your friends and join the choir.
- ◆ There’s quite a “Racket” in the air during Sunday night Youth Group activities, score a “Point” with our youth and provide food for a “Single(s)” or “Double(s)” meeting.
- ◆ “Serve” others with the Path of Life Guest Chef homeless feeding program
- ◆ Take “Advantage” of the beautiful weather and participate in an up-coming Habitat for Humanity Brush with Kindness event.
- ◆ Show your “Love” for our neighbors at Family Promise, sign up for the Meal Train or Book Buddies
- ◆ Pick up some “Bagels” and share with Café Magnolia
- ◆ New Member Classes are sure to be “Winners”

***“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25***

Game, Set, Match...

Melanie Nelson - Clerk of Session

## DESIGN TEAM NEW BUILDING UPDATE...

We are in the process of removing weeds and refilling and re-compacting the soil in the trenches. The new sanctuary will have a similar footprint. However, because of the new design, the heavy-duty footing for steel will not be needed. The savings for the new building design means we will still not exceed our original "foundation" budget. The Architect is to submit our new design to the city shortly. *We are getting close!*



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER RESULTS...

*A big THANK YOU goes out to all who came out to support the latest fundraiser for the “Rising from the Ashes” Capital Campaign! Between lunch and dinner at CPK, we raised **\$403.00** towards the new building fund!*

*Stay tuned for another opportunity for fellowship and fun in the Spring!!*

## Endowment - The Great Commission

On March 8th, Ramona High School Christian club hosted a lunch time event called "Set Free". Brian Sumner, a skateboarding Christian Pastor and traveling evangelist, was there to give his testimony. ([www.briansumner.net](http://www.briansumner.net)). Before his talk, the crowd was entertained by Joseph Goulding a Christian rapper. Laurie and I, as well as almost five hundred students had the privilege to hear Brian testify to the saving grace and mercy of God. His ability to hold the attention with his message, to a bunch of high school kids was inspiring. At the end of his talk Brian gave an Altar call for those who wanted to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. The call was answered by more than 150 students, who came forward and surrounded Brian while he prayed for them. The facilitator of the event said that Ramona had the largest altar call at a high school that they had been part of.



MagPres and a couple of other churches were able to play a small part in the success of this event. We were asked if we could help by providing pizza for the students as the event was during lunch and strictly voluntary if they wanted to attend. In total there were 65 Pizzas donated and due to the success, there were no leftovers!

Magnolia's donations were possible because of the Dell Majocchi and Helen Wallace Great Commission Endowment funds furthering the spread of Gods word. MagPres was also able to provide a QR code flyer, for the students to scan, which took them to the MagPres youth ministries web page.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff Ludwig - Endowment committee

### \*\*\* ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR INTEREST POLL \*\*\*

The Endowment committee is considering holding a free estate planning seminar which will cover many topics. This poll is to determine if there is enough interest. The seminar can include the following topics along with a time for questions and answers.

- ⇒ Estate Planning
- ⇒ Legacy giving
- ⇒ RMD's
- ⇒ Beneficiary designations
- ⇒ Health Protecting your investments
- ⇒ Power of Attorney, Wills and Trusts

Please fill out the survey form found in the Narthex at Sunday Worship Service, or contact the church office at 951-684-7200 or email [Church@Magpres.com](mailto:Church@Magpres.com) if you would be interested in attending.

# 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, Eric Brandenberger, at [ebSoutherncal@gmail.com](mailto:ebSoutherncal@gmail.com) or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Those of you who have always dreamed of a career of stuffing newsletters and applying address labels--*your time has come!*

Our trusty Office Admin could use the help of a rotating crew of volunteers one morning a month to get out the *UpLook* newsletter, and other fantastic activities you can do while seated in the most comfortable chair in the office!

If you think you could offer your help monthly or even just occasionally, please email [Church@MagPres.com](mailto:Church@MagPres.com) and let us know your possible availability (best days of the week & times). Thank you!!



### HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these convenient Giving Opportunities:

**DONATE:** Check or cash in offering plate or dropped off in the office

**BANK:** Set-up one-time or recurring donations with your bank bill pay

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

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

**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 children will meet in Rm 8 and Nursery in Rm 9 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 **APRIL** is **ACTS 2:9**

***He is God's Son.***

For more advanced Bible scholars, the full verse is:

***Right away, he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's Son," he declared.***



# REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir ! Rehearsals are Wednesday 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:** Led by Laurie Mordue on Monday mornings at 9:30a.m. Join us in the Library for a relaxing time to delve into Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

**TROOP 16:** Meets every Monday night at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis ([webelewis@gmail.com](mailto:webelewis@gmail.com)).

**YOUTH GROUP:** meets on Sunday from 6-8pm in the Youth Room.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered during our 10am worship service in-person in Room 8 and via Zoom. Nursery is in Room 9. If you would like to connect on zoom, please use this link: **Meeting ID: 59885602 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!)

**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. Keep up the good work as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry!

**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:** 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 at [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)**

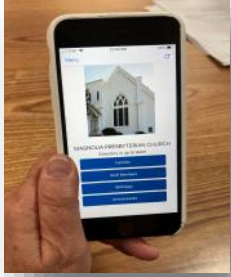
**DEACONS OFFERING:** The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS OFFERING. This is a dedicated offering to help friends and family of MagPres members experiencing hardship. Your gift, large or small, is a gift of kindness.

**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.

**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.

# DON'T FORGET...

Mag Café will be available Sunday, April 14th following the 10:00a.m. Worship Service. Join us in the Fireside Room for Java and Treats... and stay for the Fellowship & Conversation!



## CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE!

View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app.

Go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://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. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul.



## EASTER at MAGPRES



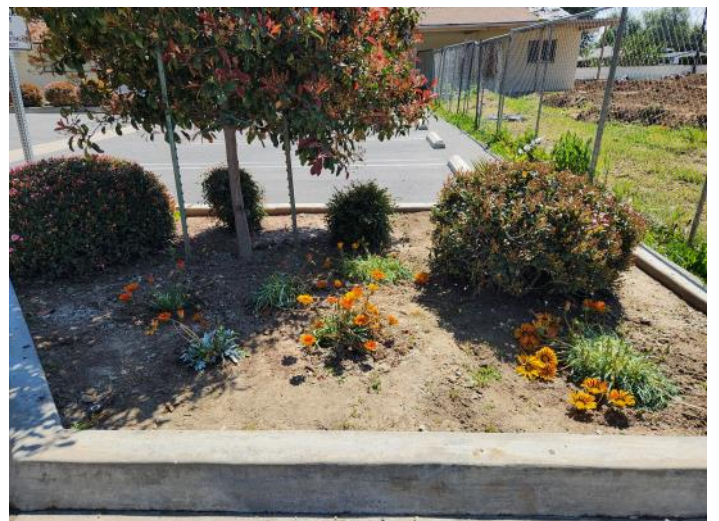
## BUILDING-FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION



## SPRING WORK PARTY VOLUNTEERS



## PERENNIAL TRANSPLANTS



...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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



April



Magnolia Presbyterian  
Church Staff

The Rev. Paul Knopf  
Pastor  
Lisa Gulino  
Administrative Assistant  
James Walters  
Trad. Music Director/Organist  
John Wright  
Choral Director  
Cynthia Wright  
Pianist/Accompanist  
Allison Robinson  
Nursery Attendant  
Catelyn Garcia  
Youth Leader

**TWO-CAN SUNDAY**



**APRIL 14th**

Every 2nd Sunday of the month MagPres collects non-perishable food donations for Lutheran Social Services local food distribution. Last month we collected \_\_\_ items! Thank you all for your generosity!

Donations may be dropped off during Sunday Service or in the church office.



Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m.  
for both Middle School (grades 6-8)  
and High School (9-12) students.

Apr 7	Meeting -Dinner
Apr 14	Meeting
Apr 21	Meeting
Apr 28	Meeting

We will be meeting in the Youth Room (enter off Potomac St, through the gate on the left, and the first door is the Youth Room).

Hope to see you there!  
~ Catelyn



# April 2024 MagPres Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:30am - Youth Egg-Hunt	1 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	2 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	3 7pm - Choir Practice	4	5 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	6 9:30am - EEEAC
7 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Door Offering 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	8 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Boy Scouts, Court of Honor 7pm - Presbytery Zoom Mtg.	9 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	10 7pm - Choir Practice	11	12 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	13 9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
14 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:15am - Membership 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	15 9am UpLook Mat'ls Due 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	16 7pm - Deacon Meeting	17 Session Mat'ls Due 9am 7pm - Choir Practice	18	19 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	20 9:30am - EEEAC
21 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:15am - Membership 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	22 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	23 7pm - Session Meeting	24 7pm - Choir Practice	25	26 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	27 9:30am - EEEAC
28 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	29 9:30am - Women's Bible Study 7pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	30	1 7pm - Choir Practice	2	3 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	4 9:30am - EEEAC

# April 2024 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> Katie Reinhardt	<b>2</b> Dave & Sandy Richards	<b>3</b> Jeanie Riggs	<b>4</b> Charles & Carolyn Raughley	<b>5</b> the Robinson family	<b>6</b> John & Becky Robledo
<b>7</b> Riverside City Council	<b>8</b> Tom & Lauren Rogers	<b>9</b> Claudia Roman	<b>10</b> Betty Rosenthal	<b>11</b> Bev Rounsaville	<b>12</b> Tom & Kathy Safford	<b>13</b> Amanda Schlegel
<b>14</b> Johnson Othropic	<b>15</b> Julianne Schlegel	<b>16</b> Claire Schlegel	<b>17</b> Alli Shaff	<b>18</b> Evelyn Shea	<b>19</b> Kris Shea	<b>20</b> Saw Shein
<b>21</b> Riverside Neurology	<b>22</b> Diane Sieckmann	<b>23</b> Roger & Susie Simmons	<b>24</b> the Sindaha family	<b>25</b> Bob & Carla Smith	<b>26</b> Phil & Sally Smith	<b>27</b> Shawn & Robin Smith
<b>28</b> Mission Surgical	<b>29</b> the Spring-Pearson family	<b>30</b> the Stiffler family				



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### April Birthdays

Sam Lee	1st	Ramsey Sindaha	13th	Adrien Lowery	22nd
John Jackson	2nd	Aaron Cohen	16th	Julianne Schlegel	23rd
Dave Josselyn	4th	Bob Lewis	19th	Sydney Smith	26th
Kylee Stiffler	6th	Dee Lacy	21st	Gwenyth Manley	27th
Timothy Lewis	8th	Liberty (Lex) Mabena	21st	Susan Simmons	27th
Joy Bower	11th	Addison Nicholson	22nd		

### April Anniversaries

Mike & Janet Doshier	4th	Jason & Katie Nicholson	8th	Dorothy McLaughlin & Joel Sachs	28th
Lowell & Dee Lacy	8th	Edith & Gary Grant	26th		