

Magnolia Presbyterian Church March 2021 UpLook



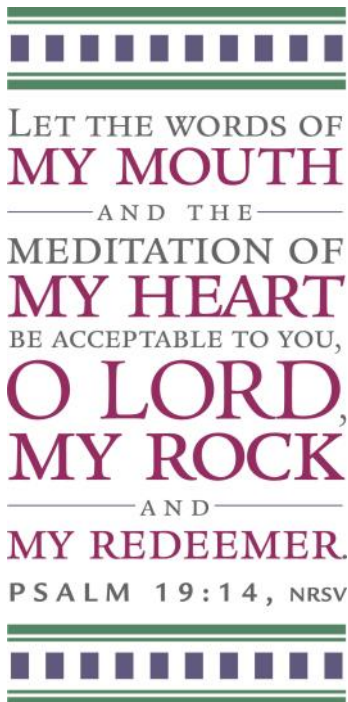
Good News about Giving

In February

- ◇ 85 meals were prepared and delivered to the Hul-
len Center, Path of Life Ministries
- ◇ 48 Sack Lunches were prepared and served on the
second Saturday, under the arch at Calvary Pres.
- ◇ 387 food items were donated by generous Mag-
Pres members to be distributed by our partners at
Lutheran Social Services.



Minister's Moment will return
in April.



FOR KIDS - OF ALL AGES

When was the last time you colored Easter eggs? The Fellowship, Outreach and Membership team is offering an egg coloring event via Zoom on March 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Michelle Knopf and Katie Nicholson will facilitate the event. To participate, you gather eggs, vinegar and food coloring or dye tablets, boiling water and fun! Even if you don't plan on coloring eggs, join the event to see what pretty eggs are made! Zoom meeting number: 259 885 602, passcode 7200.



After the eggs are eaten, use the shell pieces to create art! You will find a template for a cross on the MagPres Facebook page and website or make your own masterpiece and submit a picture to Heather Dickenson at hdickenson61@gmail.com for publishing on the church Facebook page for all viewers to enjoy!

DEACON'S CORNER

Were you one of those children who asked a lot of questions? Did you receive, as I did, a lot of unsatisfying answers? Some were intentional conversation enders by question-weary adults. Too many “whys?” evoked *that’s just how we do it*. Perceived disrespect might end a query with *because I said so*.

As I got older, another pat answer became *why don’t you go look that up?* Referring, of course, to the ubiquitous set of World Book or Britannica Encyclopedias that everyone had courtesy of door-to-door salesmen. At least that led to real answers!

Perhaps my least favorite answer of all occurred when my numerous theological questions overwhelmed the Sunday School teachers and they felt compelled to respond with *because that’s what the Bible says*, even though they could not always cite a verse to prove it. To their credit, they required us to memorize 5 verses a week, and how to use a concordance. Eventually, the *go look it up* became my own automatic response to questions about God and His will.

We deacons have been encouraging you this month to read and meditate on the Lenten Devotional. It is available online at:

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/

or the church office will mail you a hardcopy if you wish. The devotional theme is

The Way of Shalom: A Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness.



So, of course, I had to look up the word shalom to refresh my memory, because I knew it meant more than just “peace.” (Thank you, Lord, for the newer version of the encyclopedia called the Internet. It spares others my obsession with facts and details.)

Shalom refers not only to peace, but also wholeness, harmony, completeness, prosperity, welfare, tranquility; and also hello and goodbye. It applies to implementing social justice. Understanding and living shalom is a spiritual endeavor that will take a lot longer than 40 days to achieve, for certain. We deacons invite you to participate in this series of reflections for Lent. Each day offers a short passage of scripture that reveals one of the many aspects of living shalom, accompanied by a prayer for achieving it in our lives.

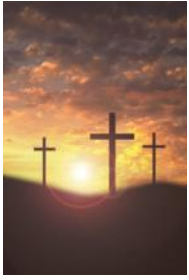
There is so much to learn, so many questions to be answered... .. Shalom!
Laurie Mordue, MagPres Deacon

MAUNDY

Thursday



Maundy Thursday, April 1, Time To Be Announced



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Lent, a period of 40 days, is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter.

Several Session committees are focusing their attention on Lent:

✝ **Christian Education** Committee making available Lenten Devotionals, “The Way to Shalom”.

- ✝ **Worship** Committee developing spiritually meaningful worship services throughout the Lenten season and holding Communion at the Ash Wednesday on-line service
- ✝ **Fellowship** providing fun with the opportunity to participate in a virtual scavenger hunt and also involving church members to video tape a Bible verse reading for each day of Lent
- ✝ **Buildings and Grounds** isn’t able to hold its traditional work party to spruce things up for Easter, yet they have many hands working behind the scenes to keep the campus spiffy. And not just for Lent, the ADA ramp is in and ready for use when we get back to in-person worship as well as an updated kitchen remodel!
- ✝ **Stewardship** Committee continuing its Thrive! Campaign and looking in to starting an Impact Analysis study.
- ✝ **Mission Committee** participating in the virtual CROP Walk and will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday
- ✝ **Nominating** beginning their work in seeking those called to the ministry of Deacons and Elders



“He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.’ Mark 16:15

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

ZOOM GROUPS

Meeting ID for all Meetings 259 885 602 (password 7200) or use the link

[https://zoom.us/j/259885602?](https://zoom.us/j/259885602?pwd=VUJQMXROSZ3My91amMyaGpQQk9QQTog)

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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**

ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

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

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.



CROP WALK

Be sure to check out the enclosed flyer!

FAMILY PROMISE is in need of a few good people to serve on its Board of Directors. It might be you or someone you know. The enclosed flyer has all the details.



GIVING MADE EASY.

You can now give simply and easily using Pushpay for your tithes, offerings, and special gifts! To start, access our newest online giving page: www.magpres.com/give. Or you can **text magpres to "77977"** and follow the prompts to give through your smartphone! Pushpay currently accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover, as well as ACH (bank account) gifts! For more info, watch this short clip: <https://vimeo.com/234563307>.

THE CHURCH APP HAS ARRIVED!

Magnolia Presbyterian Church is now on the Apple App store. Go to your device's AppStore and search "Magnolia Presbyterian Church" and hit *download now*. This is going to be a place where you can go to connect with everything "MagPres" Google Play Store download coming soon.

CROSSWAYS

We have two sessions every Wednesday. You can still join! Call the church office 951-684-7200.

MAGNOLIA HAS EARS TO HEAR!

Bible Listening Program. Contact Eric Brandenberger at magnoliahasearstohear@gmail.com.

A group of people listening individually, at their own pace, to personally hear God, then interacting with the group as they feel comfortable for support and fellowship.

Blog: www.magpres.com/ivegotears

YouTube listening link: <http://youtu.be/B2tLR3nfzjQ>



TWO-CAN SUNDAY

Bring TWO cans or boxes of food for distribution through our partners Lutheran Social Services. Breakfast items, protein sources, easy to open cans are most needed.

WHEN: SUNDAY, March 14, 2 - 3 pm
In the front parking lot.



- ⊗ Dick Kirby for overseeing ramp installation.
- ⊗ Linda Bingham and FOM for mystery boxes and Lenten readings.
- ⊗ David King, Missions; and Zach Gipson, CE, for Lent booklets.
- ⊗ Deanna Cohen for dozens (hundreds?) of hours steering Family Promise of Riverside forward.
- ⊗ Our music and pastoral staff for months of exceptional music and worship experiences.
- ⊗ Gary Welman and Dick Kirby for transporting cans and boxes to Lutheran Social Services.



SCOUT CORNER

Troop 16 is looking forward to meeting in person again around tables in the CE Courtyard on Wednesdays in March. Meetings will include woodcrafts, a presentation by and elections for the Order of the Arrow (the national Scout Honor Society), group study for the Citizen in the World Merit Badge. On March 17 will have our Court of Honor celebrating rank advancements, earned Merit Badges, and more.

In addition the parents will meet on the first Wednesday for their Troop Committee Meeting to help coordinate support for the activities that the Troop itself plans for in the coming months. We welcome interested youth and adults to join us (masks, social distancing, etc. required.)

Tim Lewis

Charter Organization Representative

Magnolia Presbyterian Church, Prayer Calendar

March 2021

April 2021

March 2021

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 28	Mar 1 Gio and Monica Perez; Dominic, Donovan, Olivia, Gideon	2 Ron and Cornelia Phifer	3 Susie Phillips	4 Gary and Pat Platner	5 Clarke and Jeanette Prescott	6 Rosie Quinones
7 World Day of Prayer, March 5, wdp-usa.org	8 Charles and Carolyn Roughley	9 Mel and Rhonda Rehnke	10 John and Sharon Reinhardt	11 Dave and Sandy Richards	12 Jeannie Riggs	13 Kyle and Kendall Rinker; Liam, Payton, Blakelyn, Jamesyn
14 Mr. Rogers Day, March 20; pcusa.org/christianformation	15 George Robbins	16 Jaeson and Allie; Jaeson and Sofia	17 John and Becky Robledo	18 Claudia Roman; Christian, Catelyn, Bella	19 Tom and Cathy Safford	20 Claire Schlegel; Amanda, Julianne
21 Young Life, local organization sponsored by Magpres	22 Alli Shaff	23 Evelyn Shea; Kris Shea	24 Saw Shein	25 Diane Sieckmann	26 Roger and Susan Simmons	27 Ramsey and Abby Sindaha; Canon
28 Holy Week Activites	29 Phil and Sally Smith	30 Sawn and Robin Smith; Sydney	31 Cynthia Spring Pearson; Adrineh, Emile	Apr 1		3

BIRTHDAYS

Raymond Ward — March 1
Lucas Wynsma — March 2
Mary Lee — March 3
Bradley Belangeri - March 3
Nick French—March 4
Jackson Duncan — March 6
Allie Manley—March 7
Ann Lowry — March 9
Pat Platner—March 9
Adrineh Spring—March 9
Janet Doshier — March 12
Kendall Rinker — March 12
James Perez - March 12
Marcus Perez- March 12
Gary Platner—March 16
Dennis Mackey - March 16
Eleanor Miller — March 17
John Reinhardt — March 23
Kathy Cohen — March 26
Amanda Schlegel — March 28
Michelle Manley — March 29



ANNIVERSARIES

Griffen, **Karn and Suzanne** - March 1
Kirby, **Dick and Bonnie** - March 3
Cox, **Chris and Marge** - March 11
Williams, **King and Bev** - March 15
Prescott, **Clarke and Jeanette**- March 17
Lewis, **Tim and Diana**- March 22

NEWS ITEMS

Daylight Saving Time

begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 A.M. on Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.” ...

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Have you changed your address/email/cell phone? Call the office or email church@magpres.com with updated stuff. If you need to check what’s there, call the church office for the password to view the current directory at www.magpres.com/people.

BUILDING UPDATE

Nothing new to report, but there is plenty of behind-the-scenes work going on.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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

March 2021



A Merry Heart...



Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

The 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

Jeff Ludwig
Treasurer

Diana Lewis
Administrative Assistant

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**ENDING
HUNGER**
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK



Roniel and his grandma, Ramona, are excited to show their pig farm to you!

RAISING *animals,* **GROWING** *communities.*

“It is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.”

— ECCLESIASTES 3:13 NRSV

FARMS, FAMILIES AND YOU...

a life-saving combination

Roniel loves his family's piggy bank even though it doesn't look - or sound - like your average one. For starters, it's loud. Really loud. And it comes with a...unique smell. You see, Roniel's piggy bank holds actual pigs. And just like their plastic counterparts, these pigs represent change!

Roniel's grandma, Ramona, invested in this change several years ago. She grew up seeing hunger hurt her community in the Dominican Republic. It's not a future she wanted for her children, her grandchildren...anyone. So she asked for one small pig.

CROP Hunger Walkers helped put that pig in Ramona's care. Now, she has dozens of healthy pigs - meaning food, income and nutrient-rich soil! With the money she's earned, she's even opened a grocery shop so her community has local access to affordable food.

Ramona is sharing her gifts with Roniel and her neighbors. She knows that ending hunger takes hard work, compassion and some investment. **And she knows that a healthier future for kids like Roniel only comes when someone steps up.**

Will you step up alongside her, Roniel and so many others who are ready for thoughtful, long-lasting solutions to hunger? Add your change to "piggy banks" around the world today!



\$20

**200 baby fish
for a fish pond**



\$60

**A pig for a
family farm**



\$90

**Coffee beans for a
resilient crop**



\$120

**Construction of
a fish pond**

RAISING *animals;* **GROWING** *communities.*



Interested in being on the 2021 Board of Directors for Family Promise?

Are you passionate about serving our **unhoused neighbors**? Do you believe that every child should have a safe place to call home? *Consider joining our Board of Directors today.*

We are in search of 4-8 new members that possess specific skills and experiences to include but not limited to:

- Financial Management and Controls
- Bookkeeping experience
- Fund Development/Fundraising
- Board Development
- Marketing & Communications
- Facilities/Building Structure
- Real Estate - residential rental market, multi-family property management
- Homeless services / underserved youth services program administration
- Lived experience with homelessness/past program participant
- Legal – specific to housing, real estate, and property management
- Information Technology
- Human Resources

We are looking for new Board Members that have connections in the below areas:

- Corporations
- Small Businesses
- Philanthropy
- Media
- Social Services
- Education

Board Member Expectations:

The FPR Board meets at 4pm on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and December. We ask our members to commit to at least 8 of these 10 meetings. The meetings typically run about two and a half hours. The Board is also made up of 5 subcommittees and we require that each Board member participate on at least one of these committees:

1. Fund Development
2. Day Center Development
3. Transportation
4. Advertising and Communications
5. Host Team Recruitment and Coordination

Interested in learning more? [Fill out THIS application today!](#)

Deadline to apply: March 31st or until positions are filled.

Email FPofRiverside@gmail.com with questions or call 951-684-7200.