Magnolia Presbyterian Church
The UpLook

APRIL 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE ~ Sundays @ 10:00am - in person and online
COMMUNION & DEACON OFFERING ~ 1st Sunday of the month
MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ Thur. Apr. 2nd-Supper 5pm-Service 6pm
EASTER SERVICE & EGG HUNT ~ Sun. Apr. 5th-Egg Hunt after Service
TWO-CAN SUNDAY ~ Apr. 12th-Food Donations collected for LSS Pantry
CROSSWAYS BIBLE STUDY ~ Meet online Thursdays 7pm-No mtg. Apr. 2nd & 9th

A PASTOR'S PONDERING

Then Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all." ~Mark 16:15 (The Message)

As I sat down to write my pondering for the month, I was distracted by a survey that I was invited to fill out. As I was filling out the survey, I came across a question that struck me: Can a person be a Christian/Christ follower without sharing the Gospel with others?

Inherit in this question is a lot of theology (during the reformation came the proclamation: salvation is by faith alone). How would you answer this question? Are you a true Christ follower if you do not share Christ with others?

On April 5th, we celebrate Easter Sunday. We celebrate the greatest event in history. Before the resurrection, death was undefeated. But after, anyone can defeat death. And this is Good News. Death doesn't have to be the final word in anyone's life. Death is no longer a finish line. Instead it is the starting point for eternal life. And this is good news. This is news that everyone needs to hear. But who will tell them?

As we celebrate Easter, I hope you will be moved by the music, the message, the grandeur of the Easter service. I also wonder, after the service is over, what will you tell people? Will you tell them about how wonderful the service was? Will you tell them how much you enjoyed the music? Will you tell them about the plethora of easter eggs that were found by our children? Or will you tell them the reason we do all of this?

Your Jesus-following Pastor,
Paul

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
April 2026

By Melanie Nelson ~ Clerk of Session

At. the. February. Session. meeting? it. was. approved. to. move.forward.with.the.» Good.Future.Accelerator‹ .self-guided.curriculum? developed.by.Rooted.Good.in.collaboration.with.the.Presbyterian. Church.(USA)¡..According.to.PC(USA)?it.» is.a.dynamic.and.proven.course.designed.to. help.congregations.creatively.use.their.church.buildings.and.property.to.align.money. and.mission¡. By.utilizing. this. curriculum? congregations. discover. innovative. ways. to. further. their. mission. while. building. financial. resilience. and. ensuring. a. sustainable. ministry.future¡‹ .A.steering.committee.was.formed.including.Elders.Mary.Lee? Laurie. Ludwig? Lauren. Rogers? Rosie. Quinones? and. Brenda. Wynsma? to. go. through. the..... curriculum.and.report.steps.back.to.Session¡.Please.feel.free.to.speak.to.one.of.these. Elders.should.you.have.any.questions¡…

.....» The.earth.is.the.Lord"s?and.everything.in.it¡‹ ..Psalm.80¿7

MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ TREASURER'S REPORT "ENOUGH"

GENERAL FUND		2/28/2026	
		Feb	Ytd
Balance			
2026 Income		$58,223	$ 88,664
2026 Expense		$26,500	$ 53,344
Surplus/(deficit) *		$31,723	$ 35,320

*** A surplus in simple terms means we realized more income than we had in expense. A deficit would indicate we spent more money than we recognized as income.**
The responsibility of the Stewardship & Finance team is to review the finances on a monthly basis and understand any significant differences generated in the reporting. This review is helpful so that we can be good stewards of God's abundance and along with Session, caretakers of all that has been entrusted to us. For the month of February charitable giving, which is used to support the many programs of the church, has experienced a significant increase. This can be attributed to some specific instances:

1. On two occasions in February, members have given what we believe is their entire pledge for the year, which added a little over $15k to income.
2. An unexpected gift from an estate was received in the amount of $10k.

God is Good - All the time!
Jeff Ludwig - Stewardship & Finance Committee - Treasurer@magpres.com

DELL MAJOCCHI GREAT COMMISSION ENDOWMENT

On February 26th , Ramona High School Christian Club hosted a lunch-time outreach event, titled "Jesus Changes Everything". Laurie, Jaeson & I, as well as almost two hundred students, (and another 25 adults) had the privilege to hear speaker, Youth Pastor Bryant Trujillo, 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 he gave an Altar call for those who wanted to commit their lives to Jesus Christ. The call was answered by more than 80% of those who attended, who came forward and surrounded him while he prayed for them.

Mag Pres and a couple of other churches were able to play a small part in the success of this event. This year Magnolia was able to donate 30 Pizzas, 40 bottles of water, and 300 keychain crosses for the event.

Magnolia's donations were possible because of the Dell Majocchi Great Commission Endowment Funds, furthering the spread of Gods word. Mag Pres was also able to provide a QR code flyer for the students to scan, which led them to the Mag Pres youth ministry activities calendar, as well as contact information for Jaeson Robinson, who is our Youth Leader.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Ludwig – Endowment Committee

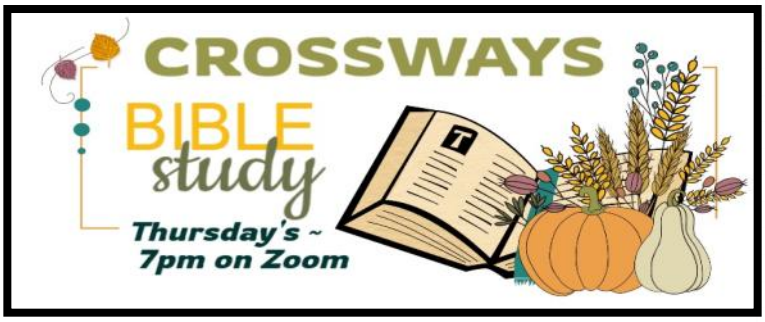
Deacons Desk

By Cherylyn Thornton

As the year started out I stepped up and the star word I chose (or that chose me) was *serve*. I currently serve as the Deacon Treasurer. One of my duties is to shop for the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry every other month and purchase $300 of food to restock it. As I shop for the items I talk to everyone in the store and let them know I am purchasing food for LSS on behalf of my church.

As I contemplate my star word I reviewed all the ways God has called me to serve at Magnolia and I see the many amazing ways I have been able to share God's love. Teaching Sunday School, VBS, Craft lady for Women's Retreats, singing in the Choir, Bell Choir, Leading Monday Morning Bible Study, Quilting Group, Several terms as Deacon and Elder, C.E. Committee Chair, Mission Committee Chair, Personnel Committee, FOM Committee, Mission Trips to Peru, Commissioner to Presbytery, Treasurer of Presbytery, Commissioner to General Assembly. I am truly blessed by God's Love and this Church.

How did I come to Magnolia? A neighbor invited me as a nine year old and it's been my home ever since!!!



Good News! Session has received the Good Futures curriculum to guide us in exploring ideas on Magnolia's Mission and what we want or could have on our campus. After, Session will decide if we want to continue down this path with developers and the city.

The curriculum will take several months to go through and you, the congregation, will be informed and at times involved. Soon, some of you will be getting a phone call or asked for a story of change that happened in the past, when the church tried something new. Please continue to pray for session discernment and what God wants for Magnolia.

In Christ,
Laurie Ludwig

2026 CROP HUNGER WALK

The Mag Pres Team walk was a success despite the hot temp on March 22nd! We had 31 walkers & the donations are being tallied! (its not too late get your donation in!) See our Facebook page for more photos of Team Magnolia in action! Thank you to Mary, Sharon, and the Mission Committee Team for hosting this annual fundraising event!

SAVE THE DATE for SUMMER CAMP!!!

BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

*SUN. JUNE 28th - SAT. JULY 4th, 2026
4th-6th Grade

*SUN. JULY 5th - SAT. JULY 11th, 2026
6th-8th Grade

Biblical teaching and solo spiritual exploration,

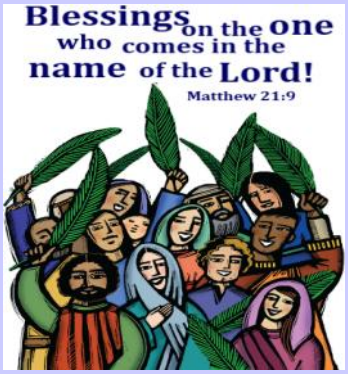
Creative Games, arts and crafts, and activities,

Group discussions and authentic worship,

Lifelong friendships, unforgettable memories, and a week of fun!

For more detail visit:
https://www.bigbearlakechristianconferencecenter.com/our-program

SUNDAY SCHOOL



for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00am. worship service. In-person children will meet in Rm 8 and Nursery in Rm 9 at 10:20am. To join the fun via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259885602 and the Password 7200. Sunday School includes: Bible lessons, Songs, crafts, and play time.

APRIL MEMORY VERSE : Matthew 21:9

The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted,"Hosanna to the Son of David Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

SHORTENED PASSAGE:

Hosanna in the highest!

YOUTH BOWLING OUTING MARCH 2026

* PALM SUNDAY *

MAG PRES YOUTH

CALLING ALL YOUTH !!!

Link to Magpres Youth Group BAND APP [Band Invite]

Accept the invite and join the group to see what youth events are coming up!

https://band.us/n/aaabb9S0Pab6w

YOUTH APRIL CALENDAR

APR. 5th - Egg Hunt following Easter Service

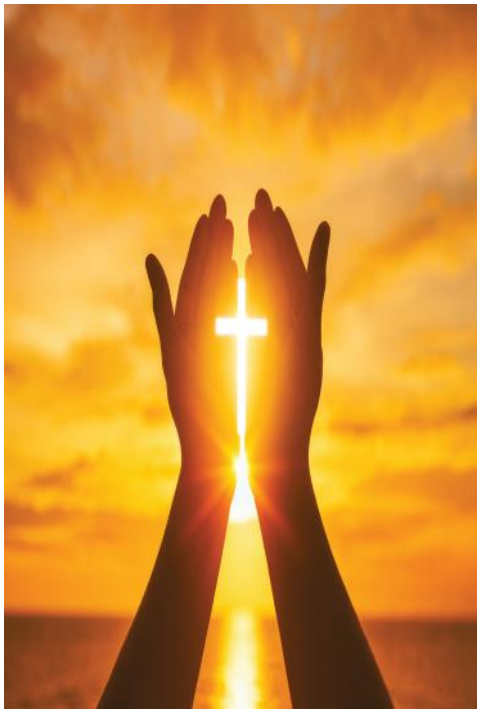
APR. 11th - Hulen Place Feeding Program 5pm

APR. 12th - No Meeting

APR. 19th - Doubts, Questions & Faith; JOHN 20:19-31

APR. 26th - Mini-Golf / Escape Rm

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



CHILDREN / YOUTH PERMISSION FORMS
Do you have a child/youth? We are accepting updated Student Permission forms for the 2025-2026 school year. To download a form please visit www.magpres.com/permission
Contact Michelle Knopf or Jason Robinson if you have any questions

CHOIR PRACTICE: Meets Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the choir room

SCOUT TROOP 16: Meets Monday nights at 6:45pm in the Fireside Room. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis (webelewis@gmail.com).

YOUTH GROUP: meets on Sunday from 11:30-1:30 in the Youth Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5th 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 559885602 Password:7200**

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!)*

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 9:00am - 3:00pm (closed 12-1pm). 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" (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

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 neighbor.

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Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm
Closed 12-1pm Lunch
Closed Friday

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SUNDAY ~ APRIL 12th

Every 2nd Sunday of the month MagPres collects non-perishable food donations for Lutheran Social Services local food distribution.

We donated 235 items in March!
Thank you all for your generosity!

Donations may be dropped off during Sunday Service or during the church office hours Mon-Thur.

MagPres April 2026 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	2 Maundy Thursday 5pm - Maundy Thur. Supper 6pm - Maundy Thur. Service	3 Good Friday Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	4 9:30am - EEEAC
5 Easter Service / Egg Hunt 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Offering 10am - Easter Worship 10:15am - Sunday School 11:30am - Egg Hunt	6 6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	7 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	8 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	9	10 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	11 9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life-Youth Meal Prep / Serve
12 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	13 6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	14 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	15 Session Mat'ls Due 9am 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	16 9am UpLook Mat'ls Due 7pm - Crossways Bible Study	17 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC 6:30pm - YoungLife Banquet	18 9:30am - EEEAC
19 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School 11:15am - Blessing Bag Project	20 6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	21 7pm - Deacon Meeting	22 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	23 7pm - Crossways Bible Study	24 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	25 9:30am - EEEAC
26 Youth Mini-Golf/Escape Rm. 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Sunday School	27 6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	28 7pm - Session Meeting	29 7pm - Choir Rehearsal	30 7pm - Crossways Bible Study	1 Office Closed	2

APRIL 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Diane Sieckmann	2 Roger & Susan Simmons	3 The Sindaha Family	4 Bob & Carla Smith
5 Riverside Police Dept.	6 Phil & Sally Smith	7 Shawn, Robin & Sydney Smith	8 The Spring Pearson Family	9 The Stifler Family	10 John Swearingen	11 Thomas & Cherylyn Thornton
12 Worship Committee	13 Alyssa Timoschuk	14 Chuck & Delores Tobin	15 Chris Tolleson	16 Phyllis Townsend	17 Alma Vierich	18 James & Susan Walters
19 First Presbyterian of Hemet	20 Ray & Loretta Ward	21 John Wayne	22 Linda Welman	23 Bev Williams	24 Kit & Dee Wilson	25 John & Cynthia Wright
26 Path of Life	27 Brenda Wynsma	28 Carol Young	29 John & Beth Zarecki	30 The Zwart / Skipper Family		

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

1 Sam Lee
2 Beverley (Bev) Rounsaville
2 John Jackson
4 Dave Josselyn
8 Timothy Lewis
13 Ramsey Sindaha
14 Calvin Gipson
16 Aaron Cohen
19 Bob Lewis
21 Dee Lacy
21 Liberty (Lex) Mabena
22 Addison Nicholson
22 Adrien Lowery
23 Julianne Schlegel
26 Sydney Smith
27 Susan Simmons

April Anniversaries

4 Mike & Janet Doshier
8 Lowell & Dee Lacy
8 Jason & Katie Nicholson
26 Edith & Gary Grant
28 Dorothy McLaulin/Sachs