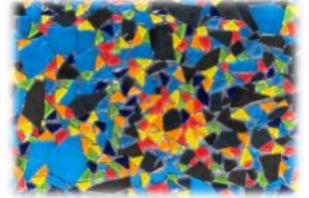


Magnolia Presbyterian Church

UpLook

April 2020



NEW HOMEPAGE -- www.magpres.com

- kids activities
- a link to the directory, Facebook, prayers
 - Zoom info, and worship services

Watch our services live on www.magpres.com/watch and access our archive of services.

Listen to recent sermons at magpres.com/sermons

Guest Columnist

Diana Lewis, Admin. Asst.

What's it like to be WFH (working from home)? It's lonely! I miss my Tai Chi buddies, my Blanco School helpers, Women's Bible Study, all of you who come in to drop things off and pick things up. I miss when you say "I hate to bother you..." because ya know, you never "bother" me.



Your co-pastors, Claire and Paul, are working hard these days. Their creativity and dedication never cease to amaze me. They remind me that our strength does not come from us, but from a gracious and loving God who counts the (increasingly natural color) hairs on our head.

There are many others in our church and beyond who are still working hard in this wilderness not of our own doing. You may be discouraged but Isaiah gives us hope and for that I am really grateful.

Isaiah 43:19: Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.



Family Promise

Is not meeting at the church this month - their work goes on!

You can still pray - You can still donate !

Visit them at www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside

SERMON SERIES

March 1 - April 5: *Messy People, Merciful God*

April 19 - May 24: *Prayerful Practices*



One Great Hour of Sharing offering to be collected

April 5, 2020

For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work toward a better world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Make checks out to Magnolia Presbyterian and note "OGHS" in the memo line.

Position Open

Our Youth Leader job opening is online at <https://www.churchjobs.net/jobs/openings/youth-leader-in-riverside-ca-10034/>

and also at <https://www.indeedjobs.com/magnolia-presbyterian-church/jobs/84b67c09320852ddcde1>

Or call the church office for the link!

Deacon's Corner

As I was calling my new flock for Ash Wednesday, I reached a member of our church family who was so pleased that someone had called to notify them of the soup supper and Ash Wednesdays service to follow. This individual was wondering who was going to be her new Deacon. I mentioned to her that one of the responsibilities of a Deacon was to reach out to our church family and make sure they have a dedicated person to reach out to for their spiritual and physical needs beside the pastors.

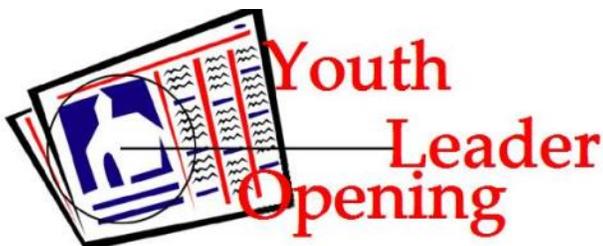
As I return to the roll of being a Deacon and the responsibilities this position requires, I look forward to the next three years of service to not only my flock but our church family as well. One of these responsibilities include 2 Can Sunday, the counting and delivery of the food donation to Lutheran Services. For the Month of March, we had 75 units accounted for and delivered. Thank you for all your efforts and donations, they were so thankful and blessed to help fill their empty shelves.

On March the 6th the Deacons where responsible for the memorial of Thea Reed where approximately 90 some guests attended this service with the reception which followed. Thank you to all the Deacons who assisted and served on this function.

I am so thankful for my biological family members but equally so my church family and I try to thank God daily for these relationships and all his wonderful blessing.

I would like say a pray full thank to all of you here at Magnolia for continuing to join together as we have in the past to lift up those in need by calling, texting, or emailing your friends and family just to let them know they are loved and to reach out a caring and supporting hand, but more importantly they are loved by our Lord and Creator.

Please be safe.
Your Deacon
Gary Welman





April showers...

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the February Session meeting, Elder Ann Laudermilk shared her “star” word -- “perseverance”. For her, the definition: “staying steadfast in purpose”, has certainly been true as she has led the Fire Contracts Committee in their efforts to secure contracts with both a contractor and architect, despite roadblocks from the insurance company.

Discussion took place at this same meeting on how to move forward with the Sanctuary re-build... the hold-up for the last few months has been the Insurance Company rejecting the bid submitted by the Riverside architect chosen by the Contracts Committee. Until there is an architect’s drawing, nothing else can move forward. Your Session prayerfully considered proposing a future Capital Campaign to cover any extras for the re-build or contractor/architect expenses, giving Magnolia the control. Several other Elders then shared their “star” words... “faith”, “trust”, and “guidance.” With those spoken, the Session voted to have the Contracts Committee sign with their chosen architect.

and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Romans 5:2-4

Melanie Nelson

Clerk of Session

...**bring May flowers**



Session Meetings and Minutes

Session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday* of every month at 7 pm in the church library.

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.

Youth Group will not meet in its regular fashion -
But you can participate in enrichment activities at
<https://www.magpres.com/students.html>

**YOUTH
GROUP**

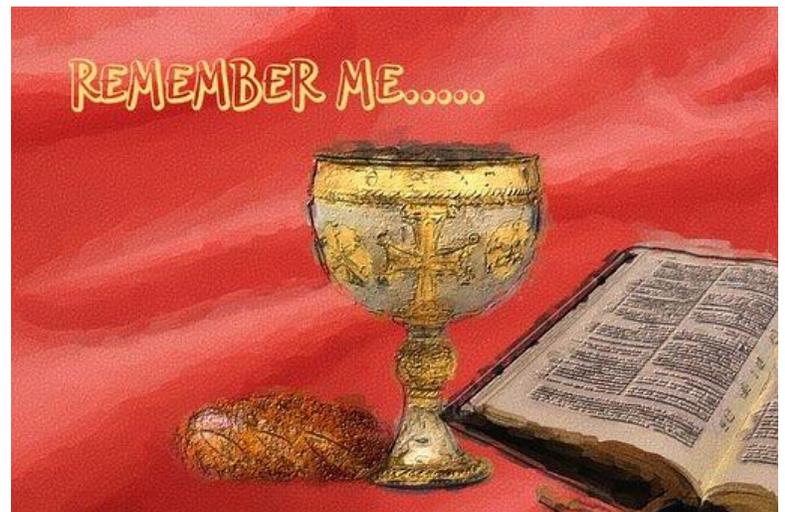
Palm Sunday Worship



**Sunday, April 5
9 am and 11 am
Virtual worship
You are encouraged
to find a palm branch
or something similar
to wave.**

**Maundy Thursday
Worship
Thursday, April 9, 7 pm**

**We will be meeting virtually
(link on the Facebook page
or www.magpres.com/watch)
Tenebrae Service of Shadows**



Our pastors will lead us in Holy Communion. If you wish, prepare your own communion elements (crackers, bread, matzoh, grape juice, wine) so we may partake together.

Alleluia

The Lord Is Risen!



Easter Services
9 am and 11 am
(online format)

**Please send a
photo of you
with a flower or flowers to
church@magpres.com
(by Wednesday, April 8)**



Indeed, Alleluia!



CROP WALKERS in March.
Thanks, Team Leader, Carol Young,
and all who walked and donated!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Samuel Lee, April 1
- John Jackson, April 2
- David Josselyn, April 4
- Kylee Stiffler, April 6
- Timothy Lewis, April 8
- Alene Ward, April 8
- Joy Bower, April 11
- Bill Megenney, April 13
- Ramsey Sindaha, April 13
- Kaycie Belangeri, April 16
- Brian Laudermilk, April 16
- Aaron Cohen, April 16
- Robert Lewis, April 19
- Liberty Mabena, April 20
- Dee Lacy, April 21
- Lex Mabena, April 21
- Addison Nicholson, April 22
- Julianne Schlegel, April 23
- Sydney Smith, April 26

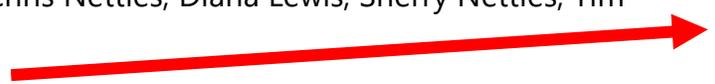
- Gwenyth Manley, April 27
- Susan Simmons, April 27
- Belated:
- Clarke Prescott, March 27

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- Doshier, Mike and Janet, April 4
- Smith, Shawn and Robin, April 7
- Nicholson, Jay and Katie, April 8
- Lacy, Lowell and Dee, April 8
- Grant, Gary and Edith, April 26—63 years



We look like medical workers, but we were just at Hulen Center feeding about 125 people in mid-March.
L to R, Chris Nettles, Diana Lewis, Sherry Nettles, Tim Lewis



April 2020

MagPres Prayer Calendar

Please pray for the individuals listed.

April 2020							May 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4
			Ron and Cornelia Phifer	Susie Phillips	Gary and Pat Platner	Clarke and Jeannette Prescott
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/offerings/One Great Hour of Sharing	Rosie Quionones	Charles and Carolyn Raughley	Doug Reed	Mel and Rhonda Rehnke	John and Sharon Reinhardt	Jeanie Riggs
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Pastor Claire and Pastor Paul and their families	Kyle and Kendall Rinker Family	George Robbins	Jaeson and Allison Robinson; Jaxson	Sheila Roche	Claudia Roman Family	Tom and Kathy Safford
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Our Music Staff: James, John, Saw, Cynthia	Claire Schlegel; Amanda, Julianne	Alli Shaff	Evelyn Shea; Kris Shea	Saw Shein	Diane Sieckmann	Roger and Sue Simmons
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	
Someone You've Missed at Church	Ramsey and Abby Sindaha; Canon	Phil and Sally Smith	Shawn and Robin Smith, Sydney	Cynthia Spring Pearson; Adrineh, Emile		



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

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Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday



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Staff

Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

James Walters
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright
Choral Director

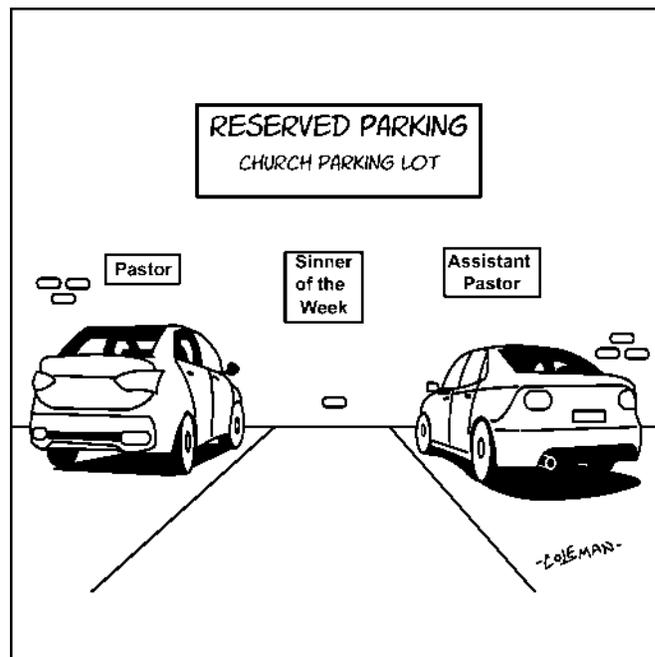
Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Tessa Islas
Interim Youth Leader

AJ Belangeri
Interim Media/Audio Coordinator

Diana Lewis



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