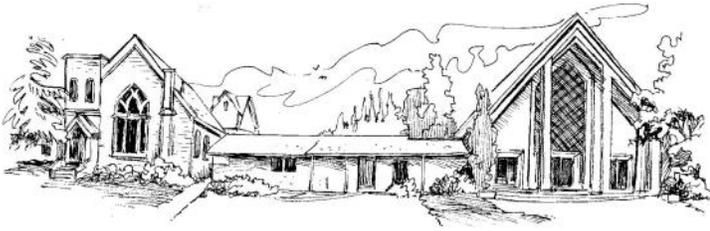


Mission Statement: Magnolia strives to share God's love with all and grow spiritually in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.



Unity Service and Annual Volleyball Picnic Sunday, May 20

Wear your casual clothes to worship at 10 am.... and then all ages are invited to join us right after.

We'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks and ask you to sign up to bring a large side dish or dessert. There will be nets set up along with plenty of chairs and tables for those who prefer to relax and enjoy good food and fellowship!



This is a great event for old and new members! Invite your friends! Don't miss out on the fun. More information and sign-ups will be coming soon.
PS: Grillers/Bar-B-Quers needed - Contact Heather Dickenson at 688-6582 to volunteer.

Tokyo Joe's Fundraiser May 6th

**It's a Dine for
Dollars
Fundraiser!!**



Do you enjoy Sushi or Poke? Chicken or Veggie Bowls? Bento Boxes?

By participating in a fundraiser at Tokyo Joe's, 25% of all revenues will go toward Magnolia's General Fund.

Invite your Friends and Family.

Thanks for Supporting Your Church!

Date: Sunday – May 6th

Time: All Day

Where: Tokyo Joe's
3747 Central Avenue, Riverside

Also on **MAY 20 at 9:45 am**: Called Congregational Meeting to elect an Elder and a Deacon. Please attend this short but important meeting.

Do you have a graduate in your family? Send a nice jpg and a short bio to church@magpres.com for inclusion in next month's UpLook.



**MagPres 4th
Graders through High School:
Get your camp registration and
scholarship forms. See Pastor
Claire for more info!
Claire@magpres.com**



*Encounter God Sundays — 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)*

A Pastor's Ponderings

This pondering is adapted from a sermon I preached at the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Riverside on March 24, 2018.

"No one pours new wine into old leather wineskins; otherwise, the wine would burst the wineskins and the wine would be lost and the wineskins destroyed. But new wine is for new wineskins." Mark 2:22

I have been privileged over the last year to observe and participate in the winemaking process. A good wine has complex flavors that meld together well and this wine that I got to observe and participate in the making of has about 229 distinct flavors. When this wine first touches your palate, there are hints of the Grants, Nelsons, and Gale Teunissen. As it continues onto the palate, there are flavors of the Cohens, Bowers, and Kirbys. As it gets to the rear of the pallet, the flavors of the Smiths, the Lewises, and Wrights come out. As you swish it back and forth in your mouth, you get the flavors of the Alford, Williamses, Stiffles and Dickensons. Depending what part of the batch you got, you might even have hints of the Vegas, Bob Lewis, and Nita Fages. In case you missed it, yes, I am describing the membership of MagPres. I name a few families as representatives of the whole and if I didn't mention your family by name, I apologize.

I have seen some really great things happen in this congregation over the last year:

- the start of a new era of ministry with Pastors Claire and Paul as Co-Pastors
- the growth of the children's program
- a re-created and energized 9am worship service that meets in the Fellowship Hall
- a re-evaluation of our outreach to those who are shelter insecure and an unfinished exploration of our approach to reach the materially poor and those in poverty
- the growth of the youth group
- the approval and formation of Ecophillians, an educational and encouragement group focused on being good stewards of the earth (cont. page 5)

A Minister's Musings

"Don't remember prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I am doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? Isaiah 43:18-19

This verse from Isaiah has the potential of bringing up all sorts of feelings; excitement, anticipation, hope, fear, sadness, and probably even anger. Whenever something new is being attempted there is risk involved and with that risk most often comes anxiety. Tod Bolsinger in his book *Canoeing the Mountains*, says that the response to that anxiety can be to either go back to what has already been done or do nothing. He states that when anxiety comes, "we have to resist the temptation to fight, flee, or freeze...deliberately resisting our default reaction to repeat what we have already done, hoping this time it will have a different result."

When it was decided that Pastor Paul and I would lead our Jr. and Sr. High youth groups while we looked for a new leader, I have to say this "new thing" caused me some anxiety; would the youth accept me, would I have anything to offer them, could I keep up with them? One of the things we do each week in youth group is go around the circle and share our "highs and lows," and what I have discovered in this time is that most often the "highs" of my week have centered on sharing in leadership of the youth and interacting with them. Youth leadership at this stage of my life was never something I even remotely anticipated and yet it has been one of my joys in the last 8 months and has sustained me through some of the more challenging times. Now we are looking forward to something new for the youth in hiring a new youth leader, Chris Stanley. I am excited for what God is going to do with and for our youth in this new relationship, even as I am a bit sad that I will not be involved as much.

Just as youth leadership was not on my radar when I felt called to ministry, neither was Co-Pastoring. Recognizing that in the past year there have been some highs and lows through this transition, working with Paul as a Co-Pastor has also been one of my joys. I give thanks for the partnership and willingness of this congregation to trust us as we try new things and new ways of being, recognizing that it has not always been comfortable for some. I look forward to more "new things" with excitement and hope, believing that our God has amazing things in store for MagPres.

In Christ,
Pastor Claire

Deacon's Corner

What is a deacon? A person who is a "servant" or "minister". In the New Testament, Paul describes himself and other Christians as servants or ministers. Deacon was an office in the early church ministry.

Who were the first deacons? In Acts 6:2-4, Paul talks about the Apostles gathering the disciples together to choose seven men to carry out the responsibilities of serving and caring for the widows.

What type of person is suited for the office of deacon? Acts 6:3-4 says those "who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom." Also, in 1 Timothy 3:8-9 "Deacons are to be men of worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience." In G-6.0401 of The Presbyterian Church USA Book of Order "The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office."



What did the first seven deacons do? They distributed food to the widows daily, took care of the need of the early church members and proclaimed the gospel.

What are the responsibilities of deacons today? In G-6.0402 of the Book of Order "It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers if intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people, and assisting with the Lord's Supper."

What are some of the responsibilities of deacons at MagPres? They contact church members in their flocks; find people to be greeters at each church service; help with bereavement of members; call on members in the hospital; prepare elements and assist with communion; send cards to members in distress; collect canned food for Lutheran Social Services; write a monthly UpLook article; put together Giving Baskets; keep the electronic pray chain up dated; coordinate the church's part of the Care Portal program; contact their special friends; prepare food boxes at Christmas time.

Submitted by Danielle Good

Youth Group meets every* Sunday evening.

Middle School (grades 5 to 8) meets from 5 to 6:30 pm.

High School (grades 9 to 12) meets from 7 to 8:30 pm.

First Sunday of each month there is a meal for the combined groups.

COME TO YOUTH GROUP—BRING A FRIEND

*Schedule may change due to holidays, church events or offsite activities.

Pastor's Ponderings, Cont. from page 3

- the influx of new visitors, a number of whom are now members
- the start of a new fellowship group called Prime-Time
- substantial participation in growth groups
- Pastor Claire going down the water slide :-p

On the other hand, there are things that might cause some to pause:

- saying goodbye to staff who have transitioned away from MagPres
- over 10 memorial services
- “too much change too quickly”

So in the last year, we have had these excitement building, life giving experiences and we have had the opposite too. And the tension that these poles have created in proximity to each other has made it a little awkward. No, that's not the right word. The tension that these two opposites has created in proximity to each other...the result of this tension is energy, and in the wine making business, that is called fermentation.

Imagine if this fermentation process, this energy creating process happened a number of years ago, amidst conflict and people leaving MagPres. This process could have burst the fabric of this congregation. Imagine if this fermentation or energy creating process happened a few years ago during an interim and/or waiting period. This could have caused us to burst.

By the grace of God, we have created a new wineskin (structure) that can handle our current fermenting. Praise be to God that you had the foresight to transition to this Co-Pastor model. Praise be to God that you called Pastor Claire and Pastor Paul as shepherds of this congregation. Praise be to God that we have been put together for such a time as this.

One day, when people visit the winery called the Presbytery of Riverside, they will look for the best bottle available. They will look for the one labeled MagPres, vintage 2018.

Friends, let's work to make this the best tasting vintage yet.

In the name of the Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. Amen.

May this adapted message bring hope and peace.

Your oenology curious Co-Pastor, Paul

Our conversation continues....

If you did not attend the April Town Hall meeting on how we can meet the needs of those in poverty, please join the online forum by emailing Deanna Cohen at dncohen@hotmail.com



**2018
“Our Year of Commitment”
March Financial Report**

The March 2018 Treasurer's report indicates \$92,819.04 in income and \$91,842.50 in expenses. The result is a current positive balance of \$976.54 for the month of March.

This is good news.

Also, if we consider the \$3,491.25 of endowment interest and \$272.39 of deficit reduction funds



that were budgeted to meet expected shortfalls, our adjusted balance for March is \$4,740.18.

Thank you for supporting your Church's 2018 budget with your Per Capita giving of \$35.00 and staying current with your pledge.

A Rich Tradition...

TIME and TALENT in Stewardship

A personal story from two MagPres members

Giving Something Back to the Church

When we moved to Riverside from Redondo Beach in the 80's we were looking for a church so we could re-do our 25th wedding vows. A member of Magnolia Presbyterian Church who lived down the street from us told us we should talk to Pastor Brad Copeland. We called to make an appointment with Pastor Brad but he was not available at that time so we talked with Rev. Bob Byrd if he could do our 25th wedding vows and he said he would be happy to do them. In time we became members in the church. We made a lot of friends and joined the Mariners group. We enjoyed every minute of it.

After six years we had to move back to the beach area because of our work. The drive of 65 miles one way was taking a toll on us health wise. We moved back to Riverside in 2004 after our retirement and so glad we did. Eventually we got back to Magnolia Presbyterian.

In 2007 we asked Pastor Brad if he would do our 50th anniversary vows for us and he said he would love to but on that day he called us and told us that he couldn't do our vows for us because he was in San Diego having back surgery. He asked us if Pastor Karn Griffin could take his place and of course we said yes. Pastor Karn came and

renewed our vows for us. Thank you, Pastor Karn!

As time went by we felt we needed something to do for our church so we started folding the Sunday Bulletin and the monthly Uplook. We totally enjoy doing this. Having Amanda Schlegel working with us, we have become quite a team. Amanda is such a beautiful young lady and we love her very much.

We were asked to become Deacons but at the time because of Gary's health we had to refuse. We felt we couldn't commit to it 100%. Finally after the third time we said yes and we are so glad we did. It is a very busy but rewarding position in the church. We also enjoy being greeters on Sunday morning. We enjoy getting hugs and smiles from our Church members.

We also are doing the position of 2 Can Sunday and delivering them to The Lutheran Social Services. We feel so blessed to **be able to give something**—however small it might be—**back to our Church**. The Pastors and the people of Magnolia Presbyterian have enriched our lives tenfold.

Blessings to you all. Gary and Edith Grant



STATER BROS "OPPORTUNITY"

HEY, DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK OR CASH TO CHURCH NEXT WEEK!!!!!!

- ♥ Stater Bros. script cards are available every Sunday in Café Magnolia from 10:00 to 11:00.
- ♥ You purchase cards in increments of \$25, \$50, or \$100. When you shop for your groceries – at any Stater Bros. store - you get full value for the card you purchase.
- ♥ Your church gets **6%** of every card purchased!

What an "opportunity" to donate to your church!!!

Month	Sales	MPC Profit
January	\$1,025.00	\$61.50
February	\$3,150.00	\$189.00
March	\$1,275.00	\$76.50
APRIL	??	can we raise more money in April than in March??



Time and Talent Recognitions

- † For Erin Gettis and Social Programming for arranging a great “Game Night”.
- † For our membership committee in helping with set up and clean-up for the Town Hall potluck.
- † For Judy O’Bier and Linda Bingham filling in for the Office Administrator.
- † For Tom Safford and all his tinkering around campus.
- † For Dan Brooks and John Wright leading worship at 9am.
- † For the Deacons who helped with the reception after Greg Carrasco’s Memorial Service.
- † For those who walked in the Walk to End Homelessness.
- † For the youth who attended and the adults who accompanied them at March Madness Camp.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY REPORT
78 Cans Collected in April
 Bring your two cans of food on
 Sunday, **May 13**
 for distribution to Lutheran
 Social Services. What we give is
MATCHED by a grant!
 So give generously.



MAY Birthdays

- David King, May 1
- Marjorie Ludwig, May 1
- Jo Alford, May 2
- Melissa Holden, May 2
- Loretta Ward, May 2
- Brian Thornton, May 5
- Amy Stratton, May 11
- Janet Field, May 13
- Cole Gettis, May 14

- Mark Brooks, May 15
- Caitlin Hutchinson, May 17
- Nancy Poor, May 17
- Sarah Ward, May 17
- Olive Watson, May 17
- Konrad Reidman, May 18
- Donna Crossen, May 19
- Judith O’Bier, May 21
- Sharon Reinhardt, May 22
- Ida Craft, May 22

- Anderson Duncan, May 25
- Marshall Lee, May 29
- Liam Vega, May 30
- Brenda Wynsma, May 30
- Neil Cohen, May 31



MAY Anniversaries

- Vasquez, Cesar & Tamie — May 4 — 22 years
- King, David and Claudia — May 5 — 22 years
- Welman, Gary & Linda — May 28 — 7 years
- Crowley, David & Margy — May 30 — 36 years



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

By the time this Uplook edition comes out, the Session will have held their annual retreat. On a Saturday in April, they discussed Tod Bolsinger's Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory.

Some of the questions covered were:



Why do we exist as a congregation, institution or organization?
What would be lost in our community, in our field or in our world if we ceased to be?
What purposes and principles must we protect as central to our identity?
What are we willing to let go of so the mission will continue?

Stay tuned to upcoming issues to learn more on this topic...

*“There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God”.*

1 Samuel 2:2

Session Meetings and Minutes

As a reminder, 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 to listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are also available in the office, or by email request.



KIDS' PRODUCE MARKET at Madison Elementary is in need of a few good volunteers! In partnership with Feeding America, Madison Elementary distributes fresh produce to families every month. HELP is needed from 12:30 pm when the truck arrives, until 2:30, when distribution is over. COME FOR ALL or PART of the time and contribute to our local community.

Friday, May 11

Madison Elementary, just around the corner at 3635 Madison. Check in at the front office and bring your ID.

The Mission Interpretation Committee is partnering with Ramona High School in collecting full-size, new, unopened toiletries for their clothes closet. Most needed items are shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. A container marked with the Rams mascot is in the narthex. If you have sample-size, unopened toiletries, the Monday Morning Bible Study Group is collecting them for a Women's Shelter. A basket is also in the Narthex with a sample of the bags we give them. *Thank You for your Mission Support.*

Men's Group meets Monday, May 14 at 7 pm at the home of Brian Nelson. They meet regularly on the second Monday of each month.

Women's Bible Study
9:30—11 am, every Monday in the Christian Education Building, Room 3.

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

www.magpres.com



MAY
2018

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Co-Pastor

Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

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Music Director/Organist

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Saw Shein
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Leader

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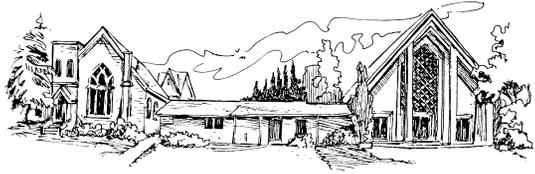
A merry heart does good ...



EVERYBODY ELSE MERELY TALKS ABOUT
SURVEYING THE WONDROUS CROSS ... HE
ACTUALLY DID IT

MagPres Master Calendar

May 2018 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>30</p> <p>All Dates, Times, and Locations are subject to change. See www.magpres.com/calendar for the most current calendar.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5:45pm - CE Committee 6pm - MEW Committee 7pm - BaG Committee 7pm - MIT Committee</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - EEEAC 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Fundraiser at Tokyo Joe's @ 9am - Worship w/ Communion 11am - Worship w/ Communion + 5pm - MS Youth 5-6 6pm - Combined Youth Dinner 6- 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Stewardship Committee</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 12:30pm - Kids' Produce Market 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various 10am - Sack Lunch Prep @ 12pm - Sack Lunch Serve @ 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and</p>
<p>13</p> <p>TWO-CAN Sunday 9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall 7pm - Men's Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>UpLook Articles Due 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:45 am - Called Cong. Mtg. 10am - Unity Service 11am - Volleyball + Picnic 5pm - MS Youth 5-6:30 7pm - HS Youth 7-8:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 9:30am - Women's Monday 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Session Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 5pm - EEEAC Worship-S</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8am - EEEAC-S and FH, various</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am - Worship + SS 11am - Worship + SS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed - Memorial Day 7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building,</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 7pm - Presbytery Discernment</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 1pm - Tai Chi @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30am - MPBSP @ CE Building, 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Choir Rehearsal - C</p>		

MagPres Prayer Calendar

May 2018

May 2018							June 2018						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY Prayers For those renting and utilizing our buildings		May 1 John and Connie Jackson	2 Barbara Johnson	3 Dave and Mary Josselyn	4 David and Claudia King	5 Jim and Julie King
6 Young Life	7 Dick and Bonnie Kirby	8 Paul and Michelle Knopf	9 Lowell and Dee Lacy	10 James and Ann Laudermilk	11 Mary and Marshall Lee	12 Tim and Diana Lewis
13 RCC Tai Chi Class	14 Flora Livingstone	15 Margaret Long	16 Ann Lowry	17 Jeff and Laurie Ludwig	18 Marge Ludwig	19 Liberty and Andi Mabena
20 Blanco School	21 Lisa and Craig MacDougall	22 Peter and Michelle Manley	23 Julia Marken	24 Adam Martinez	25 Jody McDonald	26 Cathy McGraw
27 Immanuel Remnant Church	28 Steve and Jan McKee	29 Laura Medrano	30 Bill and Ruth Megenney	31 Eleanor Miller		

Pray for the groups and individuals listed each day.