

# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## UpLook August 2020



sabbatical [sə'badək(ə)l]

NOUN a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher or other worker for study or travel, traditionally one year for every seven years worked.

### The History of *Sabbatical* and *Sabbath*: Take a Break

We tend to think of *sabbatical* in academic terms, as a school year free from teaching duties that can be devoted to research, travel, and writing. Traditionally, this occurs every seventh year. Because of this scholarly context, we may easily miss what is hiding in plain sight: that *sabbatical* is related to *Sabbath*, which refers to the Biblical day of rest, or the seventh day. We trace the origins of both *sabbatical* and *Sabbath* to the Greek word *sabbaton*. *Sabbaton* itself traces to the Hebrew word *shabbāth*, meaning "rest."

The Old Testament refers to God's "day of rest" most famously in Genesis, but *Sabbath* referring to an entire year of rest is mentioned in Leviticus (25:3-5):

<sup>3</sup> You will plant your fields for six years, and prune your vineyards and gather their crops for six years. <sup>4</sup> But in the seventh year the land will have a special sabbath rest, a Sabbath to the LORD: You must not plant your fields or prune your vineyards. <sup>5</sup> You must not harvest the secondary growth of your produce or gather the grapes of your freely growing vines. It will be a year of special rest for the land.



All this is to say I will be taking my Sabbatical, no not for a year, but for the month of August. It's hard to believe it has been almost 8 years since my Ordination and Installation. What a jam-packed time it has been! One of the things I will be doing during my time away is participating in a week long Spiritual Journey Retreat offered through an organization called Stillpoint. As a part of this week I will be meeting with a cohort group online to practice, discuss, study, and discern the discipline of Spiritual Direction. I will also be spending some time at the beach and possibly playing my guitar, creating mosaics or exploring other art mediums.

While I will miss everyone, I am also looking forward to this time of study and renewal. In order for me to decompress and completely disengage from my job duties I am going to set some boundaries for myself such as staying off email, Facebook, and anything else relating to MagPres. I imagine this will be very difficult for me and because of that I am asking for your support. It would be helpful to me for you all to not only hold me accountable, but to refrain from contacting me for any reason. Pastor Paul has been very supportive about me taking this time especially considering the time we're in. Please check-in on him from time to time-

**I will see you in September! Pastor Claire**

INSIDE: Zoom Meetings, Birthdays, Prayer Calendar.

## Deacons Corner

“Reach out, reach out and touch someone...give them a call” was a slogan in the 1970’s for the Bell System telephone company and thankfully today, your Deacons still have this form of communication to check in on members of our congregation.

I have found, in my year and a half as a Deacon, a simple call can mean so much. There doesn’t need to be a big occasion to reach out to a church member, although, especially now when so many major celebrations are unable to take place, knowing there are leaders in our church who take the time to make that call and rejoice with you goes such a long way.

So let’s all keep the switchboard operators busy and make some calls!!

(For you “young’uns” that do not know what this picture refers to... Google it!)

Melanie Nelson  
Deacon



## ZOOM GROUPS

Meeting ID for all Meetings

259 885 602 (password 7200) or use the link

<https://zoom.us/j/259885602?pwd=VUJQMxROSzZ3My91amMyaGpQQk9QQTo9>

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](https://magpres.com/watch) or by visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://facebook.com/magpres)).**

## Session Highlights

- Session was dark in July...
- Session Highlights will return in September!

*“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.*

Genesis 2:2

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session



## 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.

## WHAT'S ONLINE -- [www.magpres.com](http://www.magpres.com)

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

**Watch our services** live on <https://magpres.online.church>

# YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will not meet in July or August –  
SEE you in September.

**FAMILY PROMISE** is going strong this summer.  
From their Facebook Page ...

<https://www.facebook.com/FamilyPromiseRiverside>

August 7 (Friday), 4 pm through August 8 (Saturday), 10:30 am

- ◆ Experience a night in your car
- ◆ Raise Awareness for the 2.5 million kids in America who experience homelessness.
- ◆ Teach your kids empathy (and/or learn it yourself)

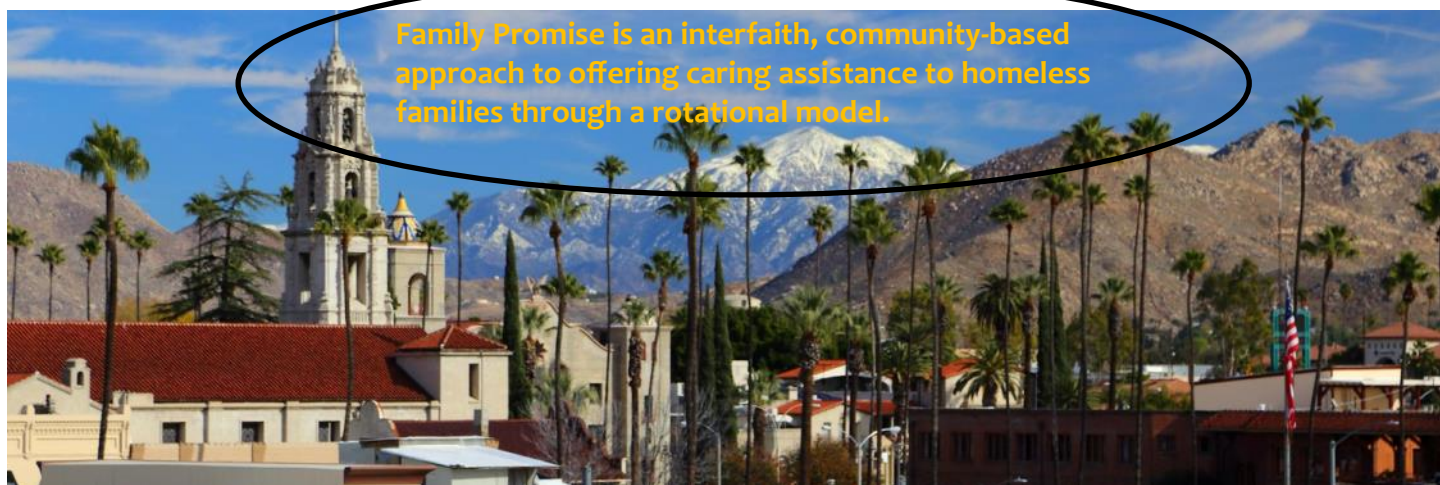
What to do:

- Share this with friends and challenge 3 others to participate in this experience
- Sleep in your car 1 night on or before August 7th
- Post a picture on our Facebook page with # NightInYourCar and [#FamilyPromise](#)
- Donate to Family Promise of Riverside to help families in need at [Magpres.com/give](https://magpres.com/give) (put: "Night In Your Car" in the memo line)

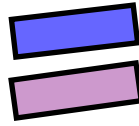
Core Meetings (via Zoom) are still happening! The most recent was July 27 and featured a “graduate” for the Family Promise program.



Need more info? Contact Deanna Cohen , [DNC@hotmail.com](mailto:DNC@hotmail.com); 951/295-0787







Do you ever wonder "What Can One Person Do?" Here's your answer:

We are continuing with our TWO-CAN Sundays.

Bring two cans (or boxes) of food (per person in your household)  
SUNDAY, August 9, to the front parking lot, between 2 -3 pm.

Donations go to our partners at Lutheran Social Services, where it is distributed to local residents.

(for the time being we are discontinuing the clothing drive)

JULY was a great success with over 175 cans and boxes. We can do this again!

## SCOUT CORNER

Troop 16, your chartered Boy Scout Troop, has been meeting via Zoom. Most recently they finished the requirements for the Art Merit Badge. It has been fun to watch them increase in "presentation value" as time passes. Their next goal is to combine 3 Eagle Required Merit Badges: Physical Fitness, Personal Management, and Family Life. Each week they will discuss requirements and progress. They will need to keep a Log for each Merit Badge over a 3 -month period. They are also planning a "Virtual Campout " for August. That intrigues me.

We still meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm via Zoom, if you know of anyone who would like to join. My cell is (909) 856-4772.



Tim Lewis, Your Chartered Organization Representative

## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

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

◇ MOBILE via text Text "magpres" to 77977

◇ MOBILE via app -- Download our church app - COMING SOON!

◇ U.S. MAIL

Send a check via US Mail to our mailing address

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Questions? Email [stewardship@magpres.com](mailto:stewardship@magpres.com)



## Anniversaries

<b>Cohen, Kathy &amp; Neil</b>	August 14
<b>Dickenson, Richard &amp; Heather</b>	August 14
<b>Copeland, Rev. Brad &amp; Lori</b>	August 20
<b>Platner, Gary and Pat</b>	August 30



## Birthdays

<b>Marge Cox</b>	August 9	<b>Beverley Guidero</b>	August 24
<b>Jimmy Doshier</b>	August 9	<b>Jerry Fisher</b>	August 27
<b>Bruce Ferrel</b>	August 10	<b>Barbara Johnson</b>	August 28
<b>Gary Grant</b>	August 14	<b>Marti Hendrix</b>	August 29
<b>Mike Doshier</b>	August 15	<b>Robin Smith</b>	August 29
<b>Taylor Stiffler</b>	August 17	<b>Sheila Roche</b>	August 31
<b>Bev Williams</b>	August 19		
<b>Kathy Safford</b>	August 20		
<b>Linda Welman</b>	August 22		

## Thank you to--

- ⊗ Gary and Linda Wellman for the 2 can collection.
- ⊗ David King for clothing drive.
- ⊗ General helpers: Dick Kirby, Clarke and Jeannette Prescott. Pastor Paul.
- ⊗ Ann Laudermilk for jobs here and there like sprinkler maintenance
- ⊗ Covid Re-opening committee (Ann Laudermilk, Sherry Nettles, Claire Schlegel, Brenda Flowers, David King) for protocols to keep staff and visitors safe.
- ⊗ Laura Medrano for spearheading sandwich making and distribution July 11.
- ⊗ Chris and Sherry Nettles and Tim and Diana Lewis for meal prep and delivery to Path of Life Hulen Center July 11.




### 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!

# Prayer Calendar

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MagPres Volunteers Serving Sandwiches to the Hungry (August 8),...	Dick and Bonnie Kirby	Paul and Michelle Knopf, Paul Jr, AJ	James and Ann Laudermilk Family	Lowell and Dee Lacy, Deanna	Marshall and Mary Lee Family	Tim and Diana Lewis	Pastor Claire's Sabbatical (August 1 - August 31)	Flora Livingstone	Adrien Lowery	Mrs. Ann Lowry	Jeff and Laurie Ludwig	Marge Ludwig	Liberty and Andi Mabena; Precious and Liberty	MagPres Deacons and Moderator (Mary Lee) Meeting August 18	Jody Macdonald	Craig and Lisa MacDougall	Dennis Mackey	Steve and Jan McKee	Peter and Michelle Manley; Gavin, Allison, Gwennyth	Dorothy McLaughlin; Arlo and Norah	MagPres Session and Clerk of Session (Melanie Nelson) Meeting August 25	Adam Martinez	Laura Medrano	Bill and Ruth Megenney	Eleanor Miller	Gale Mitzer	Lance and Laurie Mordue	MagPres Music Staff (James W., John W., Cynthia Wright, Saw S.) Meeting often	Kathleen Murray
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**A Merry Heart...**



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