

# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## UpLook

### October 2020



### Minister's Musing

I have always loved the fall season. I remember as a child in Connecticut jumping in piles of leaves and listening to the crunch under my feet as we walked along. Of course, the colors go without saying-absolutely amazing. Another aspect of fall though, is that some of the plants die and never come back if they are annuals, and others seem to die, if they are perennials, but come back stronger and more beautiful in the spring. This past August, as you know, I was able to take a one-month Sabbatical in which for one week I participated in a virtual retreat alone in a cabin in the mountains. I wasn't sure what it would be like being alone and I was not sure how it was going to work as I had only been on in-person retreats. I had questions about how personal or deep we would be able to get being total strangers. I truly wondered if I would be able to get anything out of it. One of the things I knew was that the facilitators of the retreat had already been praying for us and trusting in God's vision for each of the eight participants, including me.



As it turns out I had nothing to worry about. It was a bit strange and unfamiliar in the beginning, as anything new and different tends to be, but it ended up being a very meaningful learning experience for me. What helped make it work was setting aside my disappointment in not being able to be at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, and opening myself up to how God was going to work in me and through me that week. I trusted and God renewed me and taught me things about myself I didn't know before. It was good.



We at MagPres are entering into yet a new season of sorts with moving forward with the new Worship Center and the demo of our old Sanctuary. Your Session, Design Team, and Pastors have been praying for God's vision for our church moving forward and also for our congregation for almost two years now. Most of you have probably seen the preliminary plans and some of you have responded to the survey and we are grateful for your feedback. Your input will continue to inform many of the design decisions yet to be made or changed. At the same time, we also recognize that this may be a time of grief and anxiety for some of you. Please know that you can reach out to the Session and the Pastors with your concerns. We also ask that you would continue to pray

for the direction for MagPres and be open to where God may be leading us.

*May God go with us on our way,  
Pastor Claire*

***Look! I am doing a new thing; now it sprouts up;  
don't you recognize it? Isaiah 42:19***

## Deacon's Corner

A few months ago, I broke my foot/ankle and within a few hours my normal, every-day life changed. Things, routines that I normally did every day I suddenly had to rely on others to do for me. I went from being independent to being dependent. As I progress thru the healing process of my foot (which is a very long and somewhat painful process!) I came to realize more than ever how blessed and grateful I am to the people (especially my family) who helped me with the basics of everyday day life and how not to take the simple things in life not for granted. I learned to slow down a bit in life and to enjoy the things, people around me and not to try and get caught up in the craziness of life. Life is a precious gift from God and one that should be cherished and enjoyed. My hope and prayer is that someone will discover what I have discovered during the healing process of my foot (maybe another way, other than breaking your foot!). It is truly a blessing and a wonderful feeling!



Peace to all! Janet Doshier, Deacon

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## ZOOM GROUPS

Meeting ID for all Meetings

259 885 602 (password 7200) or use the link

<https://zoom.us/j/259885602?pwd=VUJQMxROSzVzMy91amMyaGpQQk9QQT09>

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](#)**

## 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

### THE DESIGN CONCEPT REVEALED

By now, your Session hopes you have had a chance to see the initial design concept draft the architect presented for the Sanctuary. If you were unable to see it on-line, please call the office and have a hard copy sent to you.

When this same presentation was made to Session in August, there was excitement to this first step in moving forward on re-building Magnolia's Sanctuary. The Design Team highlighted the inverted roof-line to look like an open Bible; the indoor breezeway connecting the Sanctuary to the office building; moving the building closer to Magnolia Avenue; the removal of the wall between the parking lot and the building; intentional design as both a Sanctuary and multi-use space; storage areas; and the small kitchen to continue the Magnolia Café ministry.



The Elders on Session expressed their excitement about the design of getting out of the box; not staying within any limitations; flipping the footprint ninety degrees; the contemporary feel to the design; and the cry room for parents with young children.

They also had questions as to what thought was given to the acoustics of the design; future worship style; long-term feasibility, compared to cost, of a pipe organ; and the decrease in seating capacity from 388 to 300.

Now it's your turn to respond to the survey questions with your input and comments. Once the city of Riverside approves the initial footprint, demo of the old building and fine-tuning of the plan can proceed.

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7:24*

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.

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

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# Exciting News from your Session!!! Sanctuary Design is here!!!

[www.magpres.com/building](http://www.magpres.com/building)

The Session of Magnolia Presbyterian has revealed the proposed Sanctuary Design! They are super excited to share this initial design concept with you and get your feedback. Please view the presentation, and give feedback via electronic survey:

- 1) What do you see in the plan that excites you?
- 2) What questions do you have?
- 3) What do you want Session to know going forward?

(You may also call the office to receive a hard copy of the survey.)

To get to this place, there were many steps involved. The basic time-line was this:

April-June 2019: Elders on Session participated in "Rooted"- a 10-week book study in which they explored their visions for Magnolia and the missions of the Church.

Following the study, 2019: Information gathering took place, asking for input from all Committees and Deacons - wish-lists, ideas, design elements, etc.

July 2019: Session took all of that information and prioritized the pieces they felt were of vital importance to meeting their vision and mission for Magnolia.

Design Team then took that information to the Architect and he incorporated those ideas/wishes into an initial design.

August 19, 2020: The design concept was presented at Session for approval, so it could go to the City for their approval...without this step of City approval, nothing else could take place (ie: demo, fine-tuning of plan).

This design concept is only a start; Session only approved the basic foot-print, or shell of the building. Almost anything can be up for discussion. The Session wants to be sure to have a full understanding of both the city and congregations' input before moving to the next stage of the design.

Please watch the video presentation if you haven't already and keep an open heart for this initial phase! The Session thanks you for your prayers and grace during this exciting process!

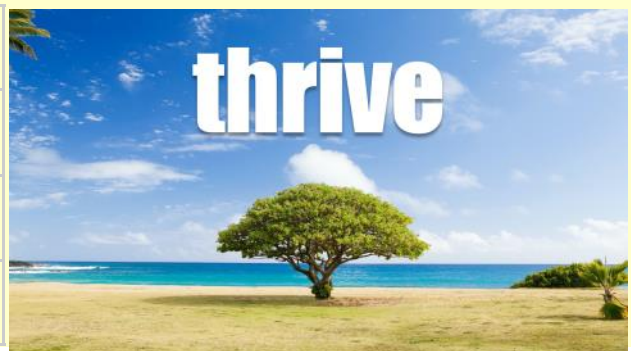
Please submit your feedback by October 14.

October Sermon Series



## October Sermon Series: Thrive!

|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| October 4  | Accounting for the Harvest |
| October 11 | Building Faithfulness      |
| October 18 | God's Imprint              |
| October 25 | Win-Win-Win                |



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, October 11 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/backpack drive)

We had our first Parents meeting in person in a while in early September. We circled our vehicles in the parking lot and sat on chairs or tailgates and social-distanced. The sun gradually set and the parking lot lights did not come on until 8:30 as we were breaking up! However, we made do and discussed the annual calendar year recharter, new BSA Covid-19 procedures and policies, and troop activities. While the adults were meeting, the Scouts, in a separate circle, reviewed the Merit Badge Book library that the troop has and decided to cull out the older version of books that have since been updated. That gave them the chance to see books and topics for this sequestered time. Their second "Virtual Campout" was planned for Friday night the 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Adventure continues.



By Tim Lewis, Charter Organization Rep.

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# OCTOBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

|                   |            |                             |            |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Mary Josselyn     | October 2  | Michelle Knopf              | October 22 |
| Ron Phifer        | October 3  | King Williams               | October 22 |
| Heather Dickenson | October 4  | Lisa MacDougall             | October 23 |
| Bonnie Kirby      | October 4  | Ruth Baker                  | October 24 |
| Colton Reidman    | October 5  | Merle Clark                 | October 24 |
| Margy Crowley     | October 7  | Linda Bingham               | October 28 |
| Jody Macdonald    | October 7  | Zach Ni                     | October 28 |
| Karn Griffen      | October 9  | Liberty Mabena              | October 29 |
| Dan Skipper       | October 9  | Laurie McCormick            | October 29 |
| Jaeson Robinson   | October 10 | David Crowley               | October 30 |
| Chris Duncan      | October 12 | Lila Odell                  | October 30 |
| Carol Young       | October 12 | Candy Bowman                | October 31 |
| Jeff Ludwig       | October 14 |                             |            |
| Brian Nelson      | October 15 | Perez, Giovanni & Monica    | October 5  |
| Carla Carrasco    | October 16 | Manley, Peter & Michelle    | October 17 |
| Dave Hurlebaus    | October 16 | Jackson, John & Connie      | October 21 |
| Ken Anderson      | October 17 | Eric and Anna Brandenberger | October 21 |
| Robert Walker     | October 17 | Phifer, Ron & Cornelia      | October 22 |
| Kayla Crossen     | October 19 |                             |            |

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

**Family Promise Fundraiser - Friday, October 30 - Miguel's Jr. (Tyler Galleria) - 10 am to 9 pm**

**25% of the pretax food and beverage receipts will be donated to Family Promise of Riverside. Please support this organization!**



# October 2020

| October 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    | November 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Su           | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su            | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa |
| 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 1             | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  |
| 11           | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 8             | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 18           | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 15            | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 22            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |    | 29            | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |



| SUNDAY                           | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY                             | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Sep 27                           | 28                                | 29                                  | Oct 1                         | 2  | 3  |
| Worldwide Churches               | Claire Schlegel, Amanda, Julianne | Alli Shaff                          | Sheila Roche                  | Claudia Roman; Christian, Catelyn, Bella | Tom and Kathy Safford                    |
| 4                                | 5                                 | 6                                   | 7                             | 8  | 9  |
| Worldwide Churches               | Claire Schlegel, Amanda, Julianne | Alli Shaff                          | Evelyn Shear, Kris Shea       | Saw Shein                                | Diane Sieckmann                          |
| 11                               | 12                                | 13                                  | 14                            | 15                                       | 16                                       |
| Peace and Global Witness (PCUSA) | Ramsey and Abby Sindaha; Canon    | Phil and Sally Smith                | Shawn and Robin Smith; Sydney | Cynthia Spring-Pearson; Adrineh, Emile   | Krysten Stiffler; Taylor, Kylee, Abygail |
| 18                               | 19                                | 20                                  | 21                            | 22                                       | 23                                       |
| Stewardship Committee            | Cherylyn and Thomas Thornton      | Chuck and Dolores Tobin             | Chris Tolleson                | Alma Vierich                             | Robert and Louise Walker                 |
| 25                               | 26                                | 27                                  | 28                            | 29                                       | 30                                       |
| Buildings and Grounds Committee  | Alene Ward                        | Ray and Loretta Ward; Lucas (Sarah) | Margie Watson; Olive Watson   | John Wayne                               | Gary and Linda Welman                    |
|                                  |                                   |                                     |                               |  | 31                                       |
|                                  |                                   |                                     |                               |  | Bev and King Williams                    |



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