



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UpLook

October 2023

Autumn Family Fun on Sunday, October 29, Trunk or Treat & a Haunted House!
Stewardship Month join us for a month of reflection & Oct 22 Stewardship Sunday
Fall Work Party church campus clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 18
A Harvest of Gratitude Thank you to our many generous, hard-working volunteers

A Pastor's Ponderings

Exile - Homecoming - Sending

These themes are present throughout scripture. It starts in Genesis when God's people are exiled into slavery in Egypt, and after the exodus and wandering, they return home, and are blessed to be a blessing to others.

These themes continue through the prophets when God's people are sent off (some to Assyria) to Babylon, then return home and become a light to the nations.

These themes reappear in the New Testament in the life of Jesus, and is present in Paul's theology through his letters to churches in the First Century.

These themes continue to be present with us today (maybe with COVID, national division, broken relationships, etc.). This month, during worship, we will be exploring these themes as part of a series called, "A Future with Hope." We will explore the themes as they appear in scripture and God's people responded and we will consider our own responses to exile, homecoming, and sending.

Jeremiah 29:11 says: "I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope."

May you experience hope as we explore these themes together.

Your holding hope Pastor,
Paul



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1

Celebrated by Christian churches around the globe, World Communion Sunday promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation between denominations.

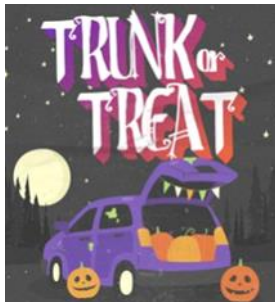


BUILDING DESIGN TEAM UPDATE

The design team (Tim Lewis, Ann Lauder milk, David King, Meilssa Holden, Brenda Flowers, Pastor Paul and Heather Dickenson) is excited to announce that work with the architect has progressed to the point that he is ready to go to the city planners and seek approval for the design revisions and exterior elevations. If the approval is given, the next step will be forwarding the conceptual designs and floor plans to the engineers for cost analysis. Please pray for the city to accept the revised plans as submitted without revisions.



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Autumn Family Fun Sunday, October 29

TREATERS:

We need 12+ Trunks for our parking lot "neighborhood"

Let your creative flag fly & come set up your trunk at 4:30 p.m.

(electricity will not be available except from your car).

Bring plenty of individually sealed treats
(sealed, not just wrapped, please).

TRICKERS:

Break out the costumes & join the Costume Parade at 5:30 p.m.

Then let the treating begin!



Our Youth Group has dug up a scary good time. Join us for the thrills & chills in our very own...

Haunted House!

The tour begins in the Christian Education building
Doors Open at 6pm...
enter if you dare!

Both Events are FREE

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

'Tis the Season...no, not that one, it's football season!! Which means your Session committees are in an all out "blitz" with fall plans that have started or will be coming soon:

Christian Education is "Kicking Off" its fall Sunday School program. A slate of teachers and Youth Groups are in "motion" for a successful year. And with a "snap", have approved a small group book study utilizing Adam Hamilton's The Walk.

Buildings and Grounds will "tackle" all those little projects around campus at the annual fall work party and have added extra "safety" to the campus by installing security cameras.

Fellowship, Outreach, and Membership always prepared for a welcoming "reception" before and after worship service.

Stewardship continues to "carry" out the financial health of the church.

Mission Committee is now accepting donations for the Ramona High School Closet "drive", and continues their "goal" of working closely with Family Promise in their ministry, including the "Night Without a Bed" event later this month.

With the "Formation" of a new Design Team, they are making "forward progress" with a new architect for the Sanctuary Re-Build.

Worship Committee is considering a "Return" to 2 services on Sundays.

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

Join us for Fall fun with

MAG PRES YOUTH

Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m.

for both Middle School (grades 6-8)
and High School (9-12) students.

Oct 1 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 8 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 15 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 22 Youth Group Meeting

Oct 29 Youth Group Haunted House!

We will be meeting in the youth room
(enter off Potomac St, through the gate
on the left, and the first door is the
Youth Room). Hope to see you there!

~ Catelyn



CLOTHING Drive
Filling Ramona Closet

Warm clothes, blankets, gently used or new shoes, professional attire (to use for interviews, church, or prom), toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, mouthwash, lotion, etc.

TWO-CAN SUNDAY

Every 2nd Sunday of the month MagPres collects non-perishable food donations for Lutheran Social Services local food distribution. Last month we collected 182 items! Let's see if we can top that for October!



Two-Can Sunday!

The next TWO-CAN Sunday is on OCTOBER 8th.

Donations may be dropped off during Sunday Service or in the church office.

FAMILY PROMISE
~ NIGHT WITHOUT A BED FUNDRAISER ~



1 in 30 children
experience
homelessness in the
U.S. annually



Join in an experience that will help you (and your family) build empathy for unhoused children and their families. Your "Night Without a Bed" will support families with children as they work towards sustainable independent housing.

REGISTRATION INFO:

- Overnight Individuals \$40/person*
- Overnight Family/Team \$100 (max. 5 people)*
- Non-Overnight participants \$25/person**

**Dinner, late night snack and breakfast for Overnight participants included*

*** Only Dinner included*

*****CORPORATE/COMPANY SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE*****



OCTOBER 21, 2023 - 6PM
to
OCTOBER 22, 2023 - 8AM
MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
7200 MAGNOLIA AVENUE,
RIVERSIDE, CA 92504

Register here: <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/fpr-nwab23/>
For any questions, please email boardpresident@fpriverside.org

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir !

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Have Questions? Email John Wright at music@magpres.com

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Will resume Monday, October 23rd.

Join us then for a relaxing time to delve into Scripture, pray, and fellowship.

TROOP 16: Meets every Monday night at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis (weblewis@gmail.com).

YOUTH GROUP: meets on Sunday from 6-8pm

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: 259885602 Password: 7200**

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!)

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. We collected 182 items in Sept. Let's see if we can top that this month! Keep up the good work as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! **Our next Two-Can collection date will be October 8.**

STATER BROS. GIFT CARDS: Gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available to purchase in the church office. Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 3:00pm. 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" are on page 7 (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 stranger.

YOU CAN HELP...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dear Church Family, The Christian Education Committee is seeking volunteers to teach Sunday School. It can be for one week at a time or more.

Individuals / couples or friends / youth under the age of 18--all are welcome.

Contact Christian Education Committee Chair, Heather Dickenson, at

hdickenson61@gmail.com or the church office.

Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Those of you who have always dreamed of a career of stuffing newsletters and applying address labels--*your time has come!*

Our trusty Office Admin could use the help of a rotating crew of volunteers one morning a month to get out the *UpLook* newsletter, and other fantastic activities you can do while seated in the most comfortable chair in the office!

If you think you could offer your help monthly or even just occasionally, please email Church@MagPres.com and let us know your possible availability (best days of the week & times). Thank you!!



Remember Your Offerings



HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these convenient Giving Opportunities:

DONATE: Check or cash in offering plate or dropped off in the office

BANK: Set-up one-time or recurring donations with your bank bill pay

ONLINE: Visit our website at www.magpres.com/give

U.S. MAIL: Send check via US Mail to our address at 7200 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504



SUNDAY SCHOOL for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

In-person children will meet in Rm 8 and Nursery in Rm 9 at 10:20 a.m.

Those attending via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259 885 602 and the Password 7200 to join the fun.

Sunday School includes Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and play time

Our memory verse for October is Samuel 16:7

"The Lord sees into the heart."

For more advanced Bible scholars, the full verse is:
But the Lord said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart."



DON'T FORGET...

Mag Café will be available October 1st & 8th right after the 10:00a.m. worship service.

Join us in the Fireside Room for Java and Treats... and stay for the Fellowship and Conversation!



CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE!

View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app.

Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com & follow the "Sign In" prompts to "Create a login now." Confirm your email address to sign in. Download the free mobile app at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store, and the Amazon Fire App Store. Use your email (as listed in our directory) to create your log-in. Need help or have any questions? Please contact Pastor Paul (paul@magpres.com).



Family Promise of Riverside FUNDRAISER

at

PIER 76 Fish Grill

3555 Riverside Plaza Drive 108
(Next to The Habit)
951-341-9297

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023
From 12 noon to 8 pm

🐟 INVITE FRIENDS ~ EAT HEALTHY ~ RAISE FUNDS 🐟

20% of sales back to your organization
No Soliciting on Site on Day of Event

Menu at www.pier76fishgrill.com

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"Sustainable, Responsible, Delicious"

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

7200 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504-3829
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Email: church@magpres.com
Website: www.magpres.com
Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm
Closed Friday



OCTOBER 2023

Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Pastor

Lisa Gulino
Administrative Assistant

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Director

James Walters
Trad. Music Director/Organist

John Wright
Choral Director

Cynthia Wright
Pianist/Accompanist

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Catelyn Garcia
Youth Leader



October 2023 Prayer Calendar

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
1 Riverside Neurology	2 the Reidman family	3 John & Sharon Reinhardt	4 Katie Reinhardt	5 Dave & Sandy Richards	6 Jean Riggs	7 George Robbins
8 FP of Riverside	9 the Robinson family	10 Becky & John Robledo	11 Tom & Lauren Rogers	12 Claudia & Isabella Roman	13 Betty Rosenthal	14 Bev Rounsaville
15 Habitat for Humanity	16 Tom & Kathy Safford	17 Amanda Schlegel	18 Julianne Schlegel	19 Claire Schlegel	20 Alli Shaff	21 Evelyn Shea
22 Path of Life	23 Kris Shea	24 Patrick Shea	25 Saw Shein	26 Diane Sieckmann	27 Roger & Susie Simmons	28 the Sindaha family
29 Riverside Interfaith Council	30 Bob & Carla Smith	31 Phil & Sally Smith				



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



October Birthdays

Mary Josselyn	2nd	Jaeson Robinson	10th	Lisa MacDougall	22nd
Ron Phifer	3rd	Carol Young	12th	Michelle Knopf	22nd
Heather Dickenson	4th	Chris Duncan	12th	King Williams	22nd
Bonnie Kirby	4th	Jeff Ludwig	14th	Linda Bingham	28th
Jody Macdonald	7th	Brian Nelson	15th	Liberty Mabena	29th
Margy Crowley	7th	Carla Smith (Carrasco)	16th	Jeanette Prescott	29th
Karn Griffen	9th	Ken Anderson	17th	David Crowley	30th
Dan Skipper	9th	Kayla Crossen	19th	Candy Bowman	31st

October Anniversaries

Giovanny & Monica Perez	5th	Tessa & Daniel Paredes	20th	John & Connie Jackson	21st
Peter & Michelle Manley	17th	Eric & Anna Brandenberger	21st	Ron & Cornelia Phifer	22nd

OCTOBER 2023 MAGPRES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Door Offering 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 11:15am - Congregational 11:30am - Mag Cafe 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	2 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	3 Paul on Study Leave 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	4 7pm - Choir Practice	5	6 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	7 9:30am - EEEAC
8 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	9 Paul on Study Leave 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	10 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	11 7pm - Choir Practice	12	13 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	14 9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep and
15 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's Sunday 6pm - Youth Group Meeting	16 6:30pm - Boy Scouts, Troop 16	17 7pm - Deacon Meeting	18 Session Mat'ls Due 9am 1pm - EEEAC Funeral 7pm - Choir Practice	19	20 Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	21 9:30am - EEEAC
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