



# Magnolia Presbyterian Church

## The UPLOOK

APRIL  
2023

**All Church Work Party:** Help spruce up the grounds: April 1st (no foolin')

**Easter Eggs needed...**donations welcome on April 2nd for Easter's Egg Hunt!

**Maundy Thursday:** Supper (6pm) & Communion Service (7pm), April 6th

**One Great Hour of Sharing and Children's Fish Banks,** Sunday, April 9th



### Minister's Musing

Since announcing my retirement two months ago, and with a month to go, I am being asked two questions more than any other; "What are you going to do with your free time?" and "You'll still be able to come to church here right?" A third question I am also asked is, "Are you going to stay in the area?"

As I think about what I will do with my free time, I am trying to remain open. I imagine I will sleep a lot the first 6 months. I'd like to start exercising regularly and being out in nature. I need to clean out closets and my garage- again! I have a trip to Scotland planned in October that I am looking forward to. I will still be involved at the Presbytery level, at least for a while. As I mentioned in my letter to you all, I would like to concentrate on developing a Spiritual Direction practice. That being said if you know of anyone who is searching for a deeper understanding of themselves and their relationship to God, I hope you will direct them my way. In March of 2022, I received my Certificate in Spiritual Direction after 2 years of study. It is something to which I feel called and believe fits my gifts.

As far as coming to church here at MagPres, I will be signing a covenant outlining boundaries that I agree to keep when I retire. One of those boundaries is to not attend church services or functions for at least one year after my retirement. If or when a new pastor is called, the one year will start over. This is to ensure that Pastor Paul and you, the congregation, can adjust to this new transition. The Ministerial Ethics Guidelines Policy states the pastor shall fulfill these guidelines "by declining all requests from members of that church to conduct baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other pastoral duties." Two exceptions will be a wedding in June that I am co-officiating with Pastor Paul that I committed to prior to my announcement, and the grand opening of the new Sanctuary, if the darned thing is ever built! Amanda also is choosing to leave with me so please keep her in your prayers as this is also a transition for her. She has felt very welcomed and loved here and has thought of MagPres as her church home.

As my time here is coming to a close, I find myself realizing how difficult it will be to not be with you all. I said in my initial letter that you are very dear to me and we have been through a lot together. The reality of how much I will miss you is becoming more apparent every day and yet I trust that God will be with us both and has a wonderful future ahead for MagPres.

May God be with you,  
~Pastor Claire



### Holy Week Calendar



#### Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd, 10am



#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6th  
Supper 6pm, Service 7pm



#### Good Friday

Friday, April 7th, 7pm



#### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9th, 10am

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## ALL CHURCH WORK PARTY!

Join us on  
Saturday,  
April 1st  
(no foolin')

7:30--Noon

(or any time in between)

We'll tidy, clean, and fix small projects around the church. Supplies & tools provided. No skills required...there's a project for everyone!



Sunday nights  
from 6-8 p.m.

Both Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8)  
and High Schoolers (9-12) welcome.

**Meet us in the youth room**

(enter off Potomac St, through the gate  
on the left, and use the first door).

**Meets Every Sunday in April except the 9th & 30th**



You shall  
be called  
Repairers  
of the  
Breach

Isaiah 58

One  
Great  
Hour of  
Sharing

This year's theme is "You shall be called Repairers of the breach" Isaiah 58. Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Everyone deserves access to food, clean water, and a safe home. Offering banks and envelopes can be found in the pews and in the church office. We will collect them all on Easter April 9<sup>th</sup>.



**FISH BANKS  
ARE HERE!**

Fish Banks are a great way to help children to get involved in the One Great Hour of Sharing and live out their Faith during Lent! Pick one up and let them know their coins & change can multiply like fishes and loaves!

## DEACONS' CORNER

Several months ago, Prevention magazine published an interesting article on the ways our lives have "pivoted" due to COVID-19.

We, at Magnolia, have also had to pivot a lot in our lives these last few years, starting when we had to go to a single service in the "little" church when our sanctuary burned.

Then when COVID hit, we pivoted to being "shut-ins," wearing masks, and fearing the unknown: living a new lifestyle of working from home, attending church and committee meetings on Zoom, our children being taught at home via computers, having our meals and groceries delivered to our doors, etc.

Now we have pivoted again, venturing out of our homes, returning to church, school, work, and seeing our family and friends in person again. Basically learning all over how to be "civilized."

But during all this time, the one thing you as members of Magnolia have never had to worry about pivoting is the dedication of your Deacons. They have steadfastly remained by your side, ready to be of service whenever or however needed.

Do not hesitate to call your Deacon: they are here to serve you.

In Christ, Judy O'Bier, Deacon





# Holy Week

Join us for Holy Week Worship  
and Fellowship Opportunities



**Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10am, Communion will be served**

We will be collecting donations of filled Easter Eggs for our Egg-citing Egg Hunt on Easter morning. Donations of 2 dozen filled plastic eggs are welcome today (filled with individually wrapped candy) or stay after service to join our Egg Stuffin' Party. You may bring any donations of filled eggs to the office Mon--Wed, 8:30am--3:00pm.



**Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 7pm, Communion will be served**

Please join us before the service for fellowship over a **Soup Supper at 6pm**. If you would like to contribute a soup (meat, vegetarian, or vegan are welcome) that serves 7-10 people, that would be great! Contact Linda Bingham to sign up at [wbingham@charter.net](mailto:wbingham@charter.net) or sign up on Sunday morning.



**Good Friday, April 7th, Worship at 7pm**

Join us for an Experiential service Reflecting on the Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the Cross.



**Easter Sunday, April 9th, Worship, Communion will be served  
9am Contemporary Service or 11am Traditional Service**

Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at either of two services...

Then...at 10am between services join us for two fellowship opportunities:

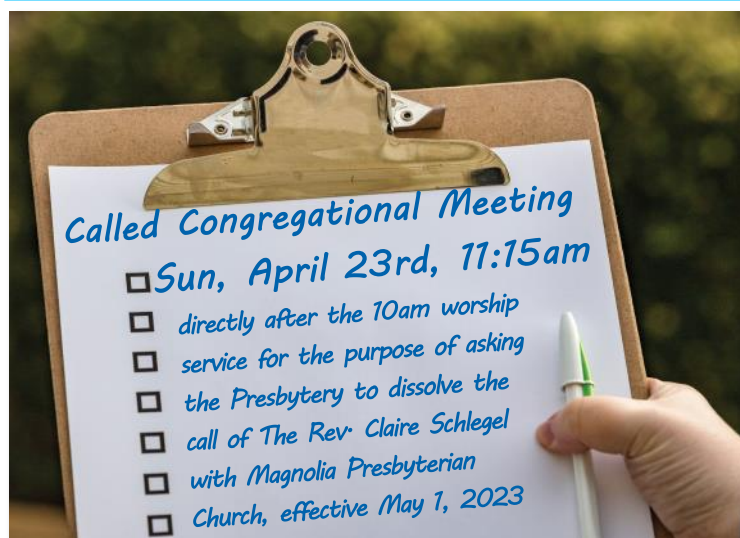
Egg Hunt on the church grounds AND Café Magnolia coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall

# Calling all Eggs-perts

We need your help filling Eggs for our Egg Hunt Eggs-travaganza on Easter morning so we are not *scramblin'* for more eggs at the last minute.

You can help us get this task *over easy* by bringing a couple dozen filled plastic eggs (individually wrapped candy inside) on **Sunday, April 2nd**.

Also, before you eggs-it the Worship Center, you can be a part of our Egg Stuffin' Party after church on Sunday, April 2nd at 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We eggs-pect we'll have a good time together!



Save the Date...

**Sunday, April 30th, 4pm**

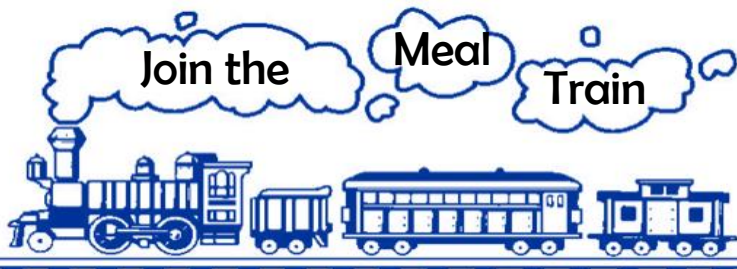
Help us celebrate the dedicated service and well-earned retirement of our own Pastor Claire!  
More details to come...



Join the

Meal

Train



April 2023



california  
pizza kitchen

## PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

Show this flyer or mention the organization listed below on your visit, and California Pizza Kitchen will **DONATE 20% OF ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES** on your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, take-out, catering, and online orders at CPK.com when you enter **BACK20%** at checkout.

Fundraiser in support of:  
**Magnolia Presbyterian Church**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**(All Day)**

Valid at the following location

**CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN**  
Riverside Plaza  
3540 Riverside Plaza, Suite 308, Riverside, CA 92506  
**cpk.com**

Fundraiser valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location(s) identified on this flyer. Only 501(c)(3) organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for orders placed or fulfilled through third-party delivery. Void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501(c)(3) organizations participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly. Not valid at franchise locations in Guam, stadium, university, international, airport locations, or the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.

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Join us for Café Magnolia Coffee hour  
between the 9am and 11am Easter  
morning services on April 9th...  
and after the 10am service on  
April 16th

**COFFEE  
HOUR**



**Family Promise of Riverside** is hosting families, and we have the opportunity to provide the guests with meals and fellowship. If you can provide a meal, please sign-up at the link below...April's calendar will be available in just a few days! Consider dining with the families too! <http://mealtrain.com/z301y>



Rewired...

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



... not Retired!

Magnolia is embarking on a new era as Co-Pastor Claire retires, her last day being April 30, with her retirement date of May 1, 2023.

At February's Session meeting, Lee Ireland, from Presbytery's Healthy Pastors and Congregations Commission (HPCC) attended. He presented the following questions to Session as a guide moving forward in deciding on a Pastor model:

What is your membership now as compared to when you first started the co-pastor model?

How has COVID affected your church's ministry? What adaptations have you made that would impact what capabilities and talents you want in a pastor?

How has giving changed over the last 3 years? Can you still 'afford' the co-pastor model?

Is the aging of your congregation going to affect the ministry you have now? Will different capabilities and talents be needed in your church than what you have now – not just pastors, but deacons and elders in ministry?

If you intend to go to a solo pastor, does the pastor need support in certain areas since the co-pastor model you had covered all areas of ministry? For example, as your congregation ages and congregants need more hospital and home visits, can the deacons effectively support the pastor in this area – if they are not already doing so?

Would additional staff, part-time ordained or staff that are not a minister of word and sacrament, be needed to accomplish your ministry goals?

What are your ministry goals for this church reaching others for Christ?

He also outlined the following:

As of May 1, 2023, Paul Knopf is still Magnolia's pastor.

It is Session's responsibility to decide on a pastoral model, and lead the process. It is important to share information with the congregation to discuss support of the model, and to be as transparent as possible.

Congregational input is up to the Session.

Once the model decision is made, a formal letter from Magnolia's Clerk of Session needs to go to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery (our very own Co-Pastor Paul Knopf) to inform Presbytery of the decision. The HPCC will then advise Magnolia's Session on how to proceed.

A Mission Assessment could still be done, however, because Paul is still the pastor, it is not required.

Session in their planning, may find it useful to meet without the Pastor. They should work with the Pastor to accomplish this.

"I've got pieces of April, I keep them in a  
memory bouquet; I've got pieces of April,

but it's a morning in May" Lyrics by Dave Loggins/Recorded by Three Dog Night

Melanie Nelson  
Clerk of Session

## WHERE YOU CAN HELP...



### HELP NEEDED FOR GUEST CHEF

Would you like to be a team lead or help cook and serve a meal at the City of Riverside Emergency Shelter Cabin Village at Hulen Place? The commitment would be three times a year for a team of four to prepare, bring, and serve a meal at Hulen Place. If interested please contact Barbara Johnson.

### 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](mailto:hdickenson61@gmail.com) or the church office. Thank you all for your prayerful consideration.



### HOW TO GIVE TO MAGPRES

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities.

**ONLINE:** Visit our website at [www.magpres.com/give](http://www.magpres.com/give) **MOBILE:** Text "magpres" to 77977

**MOBILE:** Download our church app through Apple App Store or Google Play. Search for "Magnolia Presbyterian Church"

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

# April 2023 Prayer Calendar

**SUNDAY**      **MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**      **SATURDAY**




<b>30</b> Worship Committee						<b>1</b> Rosie Quiñones
<b>2</b> Christian Education Committee	<b>3</b> Charles & Carolyn RAughley	<b>4</b> Mel & Rhonda Rehnke	<b>5</b> Laurie, Jeff, Evangeline, & Konrad Reidman	<b>6</b> John, Sharon, & Katie Reinhardt	<b>7</b> Dave & Sandy Richards	<b>8</b> Jean Riggs
<b>9</b> Fellowship, Outreach, & Membership Committee	<b>10</b> George Robbins	<b>11</b> Jaeson, Allie, Jaeson, Sofia, & Isabella Robinson	<b>12</b> John & Becky Robledo	<b>13</b> Claudia Roman	<b>14</b> Beverly Rounsaville	<b>15</b> Claire, Amanda, & Julianne Schlegel
<b>16</b> Mission Interpretation Committee	<b>17</b> Alli Shaff	<b>18</b> Evelyn Shea	<b>19</b> Kris Shea	<b>20</b> Saw Shein	<b>21</b> Diane Sieckmann	<b>22</b> Roger & Susan Simmons
<b>23</b> Stewardship & Finance and Endowment Committees	<b>24</b> Abby, Ramsey, & Canon Sindaha	<b>25</b> Phil & Sally Smith	<b>26</b> Shawn, Robin, & Sydney Smith	<b>27</b> Cynthia, Senanu, Adrineh, & Emile Spring-Pearson	<b>28</b> Krysten, Lance, & Abygail Stiffler & Brielle Wenze	<b>29</b> Kylee & Taylor Stiffler



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### April Birthdays

Sam Lee	1st	Tim Lewis	8th	Dee Lacy	21st
Bev Rounsaville	2nd	Joy Bower	11th	Liberty (Lex) Mabena	21st
John Jackson	2nd	Bill Megenney	13th	Addison Nicholson	22nd
Dave Josselyn	4th	Ramsey Sindaha	13th	Adrien Lowery	22nd
Kylee Stiffler	6th	Aaron Cohen	16th	Julianne Schlegel	23rd
Alene Ward	8th	Bob Lewis	19th	Sidney Smith	26th
<b><u>April Anniversaries</u></b>					
Mike & Janet Doshier	4th	Lowell & Dee Lacy	8th	Gwenyth Manley	27th
Jason & Katie Nicholson	8th	Edith & Gary Grant	26th	Susan Simmons	27th
				Dorothy McLaughlin/Sachs	28th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>1</b> <b>7:30am - All Church Work Party</b> <b>9:30am - EEEAC</b>						<b>8</b> <b>9:30am - EEEAC</b> <b>4pm - Path of Life Meal</b>
<b>2</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10am - Communion 10am - Deacon Door 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 5pm - Rooted Celebration 6pm - Youth Group!	<b>3</b> 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,	<b>4</b> 9:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>MAUNDAY THURSDAY</b> 6pm - M. Thurs Dinner 7pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Maunday Thursday	<b>7</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC 7pm - Good Friday	
<b>9</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's	<b>10</b> 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,	<b>11</b> 9:30am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_F in Cmte	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>14</b> Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	<b>15</b> 9:30am - EEEAC
<b>16</b> 10am - Compassion 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 6pm - Youth Group!	<b>17</b> 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,	<b>18</b> 9:30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Deacon Meeting	<b>19</b> Session Mat'ls 9:00 am	<b>20</b> 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>21</b> Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b> 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 6pm - Youth Group!	<b>24</b> UpLook Articles 9am 9:30am - Women's Bible 6:30pm - Boy Scouts,	<b>25</b> 9:30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Session Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7pm - Choir Practice	<b>28</b> Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	<b>29</b> 9:30am - EEEAC
<b>30</b> 10am - Communion 10am - Worship Service 10:15am - Children's 4pm - Church Gathering						



## Team MagPres Does It Again!

On Sunday, March 26th, a dozen and a half of MagPres faithful were one of 373 teams registered for this year's CROP Hunger Walk here in Riverside to "end hunger one step at a time."

A nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service, the CROP Walk raises funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. So far in 2023, CROP Walks have raised \$255,036 nationwide. A big "Thank you" to all who donated, supported, and walked in the CROP Walk, Team MagPres Riverside Mission. We have raised over \$5,000 towards fighting hunger! Final total to come.



## Power Ministries and Path of Life

Senda Da Vida is a refugee camp in Reynosa MX. I first visited this camp in 2013 and learned their story. Senda Da Vida means "Path of Life." The founder, Hector, is from El Salvador. He saw a need for a place for people trying to get into the U. S. but that were stuck at the border with nowhere to go. He approached the mayor of the city and said he wanted to help. The mayor donated some land to him that was previously a landfill. Hector took that "dump" and changed it into a place where people could get help. At that time the place was built to house about 250 people and he had about 85 there.



*Inside the Senda Da Vida facility.*

In 2022 we visited and they were housing about 2500 people at that time, with tents everywhere and people stacked on top of each other. This year we visited and they have about 4500 people at the facility (opened a second facility nearby to help with the crowding) and there are about 1000 people on the street outside trying to get in when there is room for them. When we asked Hector how he feeds all of these people everyday he said, it's a miracle from God because we don't know where the food is coming from.



*Inside the Senda Da Vida facility.*



*Those camping outside for a place inside the camp*



*One of the families living in the Senda Da Vida facility*

They have people here from all over the world using phone translators to communicate. The rules are simple, you live here, you work to help keep the place clean, you work to help prepare food, you work to help maintain the place and you attend worship. The kids all go to school on site (again, taught in several languages). And there is no fighting. There are lots of little kids living here with their parents, hoping for a better life someday.

**--John W. Wright**

*Mission is contributing to this organization within Power Ministries. If you feel called to help, please mark your checks Magnolia Presbyterian Church and in the memo write Refugee camp.*

## Compassion Sunday: April 16th

Jeff and I sponsor a compassion child in Peru. We signed up to sponsor Reyna when she was 4 years old, she is now 21 and in college. The money each month provided food, clothing, and a Christian school upbringing that taught her skills she could use to support herself and a family one day. We wrote each other and sent pictures back and forth. We attempted to visit her in 2020. COVID had other plans and the trip was postponed until 2022. We went to Peru, but still were unable to see her because of recent outbreaks in the country. Marge Ludwig also sponsored a boy for for many years and aged out of the program. Several years after she received a phone call from him and told her what the mentorship meant to him. Just 38 dollars a month can ensure a child in poverty is known, loved, and protected. The money provides educational assistance, tutoring, life skills, career development, nutritional support, sanitation and medical care, opportunity to love Jesus, mentorship, and Christian teaching and love. We will have a booth set up April 16<sup>th</sup> with pictures of children you can sponsor. Please pray about how you can help a child today!

*~Jeff and Laurie Ludwig*



# Doin' Our Homework

## A Capital Campaign Update

Our Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) has launched the campaign for the rebuilding of our new sanctuary! We began with 11 donations of approximately \$65,000, and by mid March, we have already increased that to \$75,000! What a blessing it is to see our time, talents, and treasures already being so generously shared.

Pastor Claire has received approval for a synod grant for \$87,000, which should be awarded to us in June. She has also applied for a Presbytery Reserves grant, for possibly up to \$200,000. We await the results of drilling by Western Municipal Water District in our parking lot, which could provide \$100,000.

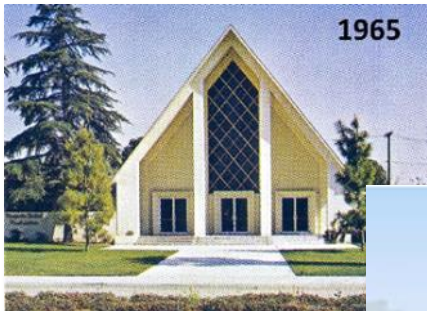
Our Treasurer, Jeff Ludwig, is working on an application for a low interest "Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (P.I.L.P.)" loan, which would be similar to a mortgage. He is also monitoring the status of an Employee Retention Credits (ERC) refund that we applied for in the midst of COVID.

Also, our committee has been brainstorming ideas for major fundraising. In conjunction with our Stewardship Theme this year to "Think Differently," we have discussed projects like restoring a car to raffle (we have a donation of time from one of our members who has an auto repair business – we just need a car); posting our story on a variety of social media (Facebook, Instagram, Next Door); and encouraging our members to buy Stater Brother cards – they don't cost the buyer anything, but the church receives 5% of each card sold. So if you buy a card for \$100, you still get to spend the entire \$100, and the church receives \$5. It's a win-win for everyone.

At our last meeting, our chair, John Reinhardt, gave the CCC members "homework." We are to (1) pray for the sanctuary rebuild, and (2) share the "Rising from the Ashes" article with people and businesses with whom we are in contact. We can share hard copies, located in the narthex, or send digital copies by email. **WILL YOU HELP US WITH OUR HOMEWORK?** We want to do all we can to get the word out. We would also love to hear any major fundraising ideas from the members of our congregation. Just as in raising a child, "it takes a village" to raise a church from the ashes.

Bless you all for your part in the life of our church. May we do all things to the glory of God.

### *The Capital Campaign Committee*



You can help us **Rise from the Ashes** as we move from what we have lost to the future God has for us in a new worship space.



Magnolia Presbyterian Church  
Rising From The Ashes Campaign  
<https://ppay.co/17DtU2Lo1Uj>



Please consider how you can support the Rising from the Ashes Capital Campaign, while we watch with grateful anticipation as the new sanctuary takes shape! You can also give through our website at [magpres.com/give](https://magpres.com/give), or use the QR code to the left. Thank you for your support.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Every Monday!

The Women's Bible Study meets every Monday morning at 9:30 am in the Church Library. Join us for a great discussion of the previous Sunday's scripture passages as well as prayer and fellowship. All women are welcome!

## NEWS YOU CAN USE!

**CHILDREN'S 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 will meet in the Fireside Room 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 April is Matthew 21:9**

"Hosanna in the highest!" *For more advanced Bible scholars, the full verse is:*

"The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"



**CAFÉ MAGNOLIA** will be offered on Sunday, April 9th & 16th right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Join us in the Fireside Room for Java and Treats...and stay for Fellowship and Conversation! Please sign up on the kitchen counter on Sunday if you think you can occasionally bring treats, help set up or clean up.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY...ONLINE

View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app. Go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://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](mailto:paul@magpres.com)).

## Calling all keys!



*If you have a #20 Key that you are not using...  
please return it to the Church Office  
or to Ann Laundermilk (our chief chatelaine).  
Thank You!*

## Say It With Flowers!

If you would like to donate a flower arrangement to display in the Sanctuary to honor a special occasion or person, please email the Church at [Office@MagPres.com](mailto:Office@MagPres.com) to receive a Flower Request Form.

Arrangements are \$60 each\*



\*Butterflies Not Included

## Treasurer's Report General Fund as of 1/1/2023



Balance Jan. 1, 2023	\$0.00
2023 Income	\$ 72,150.32
2023 Expense	\$ 70,163.22
Balance Jan 31, 2023	\$ 1,987.12

*Session will meet again in May  
Giving Info for 2023: Per Capita = \$40, Envelope Costs = \$5*



# REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Come lend your voice to the Chancel Choir! Rehearsals are Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Have Questions? Email John Wright at [music@magpres.com](mailto:music@magpres.com)

**WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Monday mornings 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library (main office building). Join us for a relaxing time to delve into the previous Sunday's Scripture, pray, and fellowship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children in grades Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade is offered in-person & via Zoom during our 10am worship service. In-person will meet in the Fellowship Hall. 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](https://magpres.com/watch) or visiting our Facebook page ([facebook.com/magpres](https://facebook.com/magpres)). *Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)*

**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.

**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. In March, we collected 157 food items. **Keep up the good work(!)** as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry! Our next Two-Can collection date will be **April 9th**.

**DEACONS DOOR OFFERING:** The first Sunday of every month, we collect the DEACONS DOOR 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.

**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:** Directories are available in the church office, or you can have one mailed to you. 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 with an email to [church@magpres.com](mailto:church@magpres.com)**

**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.

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**The Peace of Wild Things**

By Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



*Celebrate God's Creation  
on Earth Day, April 22nd*

