



Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The UpLook

JUNE 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE ~ Sundays @ 10:00am - in person and online
COMMUNION & DEACON OFFERING ~ 1st Sunday of the month
TWO-CAN SUNDAY ~ June 14th - Food donations collected for LSS Pantry
SOLSTICE PROGRESSIVE DINNER ~ Saturday, June 20th, 5pm



A PASTORS PONDERING



By the time you read this article, I'll be on a beach in Waikiki, with my toes in the sand, listening to the waves crash softly onto the sand. I am on vacation and am grateful for it. Jesus often took time away to rest (Luke 9:10, Mark 6:32, Matthew 14:23). Jesus taught that we should rest (Mark 2:27). Rest is a part of the rhythms of human life. And I am grateful for the rest I am experiencing as you read this.

Later this month, Elder Ann Laudermilk and the Rev. Dr. Frances Lin (our Presbytery Leader and guest preacher on June 7th) will be attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is the highest council/governing body in our church and it meets every two years (the other councils include a Session which oversees an individual congregation, a presbytery which oversees the churches and pastors within its bounds, often a geographic region, and a synod which oversees the presbyteries in a particular geographic region). In my role as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, I will be attending too.

As I prepare to enter the month of June with these two contrasting events (vacation and the General Assembly), it occurred to me that the Holy Spirit speaks through both these activities. As I am relaxing and enjoying nature, I often feel the Spirit's presence and gain wisdom from that time. As I observe Ann, Frances, and 500 other individuals discern the future of the church, I also will hear the Spirit speak.

I have shared with you some of my plans for this month. I don't know what each of you will be doing, but I hope and pray that you might be tuned into the Spirit in whatever you are doing.



Your Spirit seeking pastor,
Paul

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



June is a month filled with graduations, weddings and anniversaries, Father's Day, vacations, and simple summer pleasures...

June is also filled with Session activities:

- † *Summer Youth Camp*
- † *Landscaping and parking lot improvements*
- † *Receiving new members into the congregation*
- † *Solstice Progressive Dinner*

Continued work through the Good Futures Accelerator Curriculum; mission outreach programs; consideration of members to elect as Elders and Deacons; and overall care-taking of the people of Magnolia.

So as we all look forward to busy summer events, please take time to pray for your Elders and the future ministry of the church.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.” James 1:17

Melanie Nelson ~ Clerk of Session



MAGNOLIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - TREASURERS REPORT

“Abundant Life”

General Fund

04/30/26

	<u>Apr</u>	<u>Ytd</u>
<i>2026 Income</i>	<i>\$32,054</i>	<i>\$ 156,815</i>
<i>2026 Expense</i>	<i>\$27,208</i>	<i>\$ 112,895</i>
<i>Surplus/(deficit) *</i>	<i>\$ 4,846</i>	<i>\$ 43,920</i>

** A surplus in simple terms means we realized more income than we had in expense. A deficit would indicate we spent more money than we recognized as income.*

Upon review of the April operating results, (a surplus of \$5k), it has been determined that the variation from what was expected is due to a decrease in expenses.

1 - Expenses were favorable to budget by \$5.7 coming primarily from wages and Building and Grounds.

God is Good - All the Time!

Jeff Ludwig ~ MagPres Treasurer

MAGPRES CONGREGATION

On June 28th after church, we need your help!

By doing this activity you are helping our church figure out and follow Gods plan for our church. The Good Futures Committee with session will be conducting a data collection of our Riverside Community. After Magnolia Café, where you will load up on snacks and protein, we will break you up into small groups of 2 or 3. You will complete an “I Spy” activity where you will canvas an assigned neighborhood collecting data while you observe. You will also ask a passerby or business owner a few questions about their neighborhood. If you cannot walk a neighborhood, that is okay. You can drive through with your group. After 30 to 60 minutes of collecting data, you will return to church to debrief and turn in your groups sheet. Please help us discern God’s plan for our church.

The Good Futures Committee





Deacons Desk

The summer season, my favorite, is coming up soon. Half of 2026 is nearly over. I don't make New Year's resolutions, but how are you doing with yours? Something I do instead is focus on my Star Word. I keep it in plain sight as a constant reminder. This year my word is PURSUE. An interesting side story: My daughter, Ann, had PURSUE last year. My word for 2025 was GENEROSITY. Ann drew that one for this year. What are the odds of that happening? Anyway, PURSUE is a verb requiring action. My first thought was to ask what a person my age has left to pursue in a world view. But Star Words are meant to help us grow in our Christian walk. AI tells me that 27 scripture verses directly reference pursuit. In reading through these, the Old Testament often talks about pursuing in battle or pursuit of people, usually for a negative reason. The word pursue in the New Testament takes on new meaning. I remembered a verse I memorized as a child from the King James Version. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. Psalm 34:15. Verses about pursuit in the New Testament have a theme of actively seeking many virtues like peace, righteousness, love, faith, and godliness. As a result of achieving these pursuits, the Bible says we can love life and experience good days with honor. I came to realize that God pursues us too giving us goodness and mercy.

The pursuit of peace stands out for me. I would like to achieve an inner peace, to be free of worry and anxiety. Philippians 4:6-7(NIV): Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. The asking part of this passage is easy. The second part about letting the peace of God take over and trusting that His peace will guard your heart and mind is not easy. I'm still in pursuit.

Being a Deacon gives me opportunities to practice other pursuits. During the last year of my previous 6 year term as a Deacon, the Board voted to contribute \$300 a month to Lutheran Social Services and \$500 a month to Family Promise. We were warned that giving \$800 a month was not sustainable. We took a leap of faith and did it anyway. When I came back on the Board a year later, I found that bank balances were the same and are holding, even after the giving. This is made possible by your generous contributions to the monthly Deacon offering. The Lord will provide. Pursue faith! Deacons do good for others by meeting needs of the congregation and community showing kindness and caring. I'm honored to be part of this ministry.

**Barbara Johnson
Deacon**



MAGPRES CHURCH PICNIC PICS

Thank you to the FOM Committee and Deacons, and all who helped to make this picnic full of Fun, Food, & Fellowship - A great time was had by all !!!



MAGPRES YOUTH

CALLING ALL YOUTH !!!

**Link to Magpres Youth Group
BAND APP [Band Invite]**

**Accept the invite and join the
group to see what youth events are
coming up!**

<https://band.us/n/aaabb9S0Pab6w>

SAVE THE DATE for SUMMER CAMP!!!

BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

***SUN. JUNE 28th - SAT. JULY 4th, 2026**

High School & 4th-6th Grade

***SUN. JULY 5th - SAT. JULY 11th, 2026**

High School & 6th-8th Grade

Biblical teaching and solo spiritual exploration,

Creative Games, arts and crafts, and activities,

Group discussions and authentic worship,

Lifelong friendships, unforgettable memories, and a week of fun!

For more detail visit:

<https://www.bigbearlakechristianconferencecenter.com/our-program>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade is offered In-Person and via Zoom during our 10:00am. worship service. In-person children will meet in Rm 8 and Nursery in Rm 9 at 10:20am. To join the fun via Zoom simply sign in to Zoom and use the Meeting ID: 259885602 and the Password 7200.

Sunday School includes: Bible lessons, Songs, crafts, and play time.

JUNE MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 27:14

Hope in the Lord! Be strong!

Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!

SHORTENED PASSAGE:

Hope in the Lord! Be Strong!



ALL AGES VBS + DINNER KIDS, TEENS, & ADULTS

July 13-16, 6-7:30 PM

*sign up at
magpres.com/vbs*

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH



CHILDREN / YOUTH PERMISSION FORMS

Do you have a child/youth? We are accepting updated Student Permission forms for the 2025-2026 school year. To download a form please visit www.magpres.com/permission

Contact Michelle Knopf or Jason Robinson if you have any questions

CHOIR PRACTICE: Meets Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the choir room

SCOUT TROOP 16: Meets Monday nights at 6:45pm in the Fireside Room. Our Charter Organization Rep is Tim Lewis (webelewis@gmail.com).

YOUTH GROUP: meets on Sunday from 11:30-1:30 in the Youth Room.

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 559885602 Password:7200**

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!)*

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Keep up the good work as we continue loving our neighbors who are hungry!

STATER BROS. GIFT CARDS: Gift cards in the amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 are available to purchase in the church office. Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm (closed 12-1pm). 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" (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 neighbor.

...making fully formed followers of Jesus Christ

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

7200 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504-3829
Phone: 951-684-7200
Email: church@magpres.com
Website: www.magpres.com
Worship Service 10am Sun.
Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:00pm
Closed 12-1pm Lunch
Closed Friday



**Magnolia Presbyterian
Church Staff**

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Pastor

Lisa Gulino
Administrative Assistant

John Wright
Minister of Music

Cynthia Wright
Pianist/Accompanist

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Michelle Knopf
CE Leader

Jaeson Robinson
Youth Leader

Robbie Yates,
Audio-Video Tech



6/7 - Frances Lin, Presby. Leader

6/14 - Cynthia Wright

6/28 - Nobie Hill

**Pastor Paul Out of Office:
6/1 - 6/14 and 6/25 - 7/2*

SUNDAY ~ JUNE 14th

Every 2nd Sunday of the month MagPres collects non-perishable food donations for Lutheran Social Services local food distribution.

*We donated **116** items in May!
Thank you all for your generosity!*

Donations may be dropped off during Sunday Service or during the church office hours Mon-Thur.



MagPres June 2026 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
10am - Worship/Communion 10:15am - Sunday School 11:30am - Youth-Top Golf	Pastor Paul Vacation >					
	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	6pm - CE Cmte. 6:30pm - FOM Cmte. 7pm - BaG Cmte. 7pm - Mission Cmte.	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	7pm - Crossways Bible Study	Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pastor Paul Vacation >						
10am - Communion Sunday 10am - Deacon Offering 10am - Worship/Communion 10:15am - Sunday School	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	4pm - Worship Cmte 7pm - Stew_Fin Cmte	7pm - Choir Rehearsal		Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC 4pm - Path of Life Meal
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Pastor Paul Vacation	9am UpLook Mat'ls Due	7pm - Deacon Meeting	Session Mat'ls Due 9am		Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC 5pm - Progressive Dinner
10am - TWO-CAN Sunday 10am - Worship/Communion 10:15am - Sunday School	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16		7pm - Choir Rehearsal			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day	6:45pm - Scouts - Troop 16	7pm - Session Meeting	7pm - Choir Rehearsal	Pastor Paul Study Leave >		
10am - Worship/Communion 10:15am - Sunday School				Office Closed 5pm - EEEAC	9:30am - EEEAC	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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JUNE 2026 PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Bruce Ferrel	2 Janet Field & Eleanor Miller	3 Jerry Fisher & Danielle Good	4 Brenda Flowers	5 The French Family	6 Catelyn Garcia
7 Riverside City Council	8 Christian Garcia	9 The Gettis Family	10 Stephanie Gibbs	11 The Gipson Family	12 The Gold Family	13 The Gonzales Family
14 Personnel Committee	15 The Goulet-Perez Family	16 Ilene Gradney	17 Gary & Edith Grant	18 The Rev. Karn & Suzanne Griffen	19 Everal Hathaway	20 Tom & Maritza Hendrix
21 Lake Arrowhead Comm. Presb. Church	22 Patty Hernandez	23 The Holden / Campos Family	24 Richard & Jeanne Hood	25 Tom & Julie Hutchinson	26 John & Connie Jackson	27 Barbara Johnson
28 Habitat for Humanity	29 Dave & Mary Josselyn	30 David & Claudia King				



BIRTHDAYS

1 Jaeson Robinson
 3 Cornelia Phifer
 4 Emile Spring-Pearson
 5 Parker Cohen
 6 Jeanne Hood
 10 Emerson Gipson

11 Stephanie Gibbs
 13 Delores Tobin
 14 Phil Smith
 16 Lee Lewis
 17 Jena Bowman
 19 Katie Reinhardt

20 Daniel (Dan) Brooks
 20 Sally Smith
 25 Hannah Dickenson
 25 Johannah Dickenson
 26 Beth Zarecki
 26 Destiny Nicholson
 27 Saw Shein

ANNIVERSARIES

12 Dave & Mary Josselyn
 15 The Rev. Chris & Sherry Nettles
 17 John & Cynthia Wright

22 Brian & Melanie Nelson
 23 Tammy & Chris Duncan
 28 Marshall & Mary Lee

29 Aaron & Deanna Cohen
 29 Tom & Kathy Safford
 30 Bobby & Kriss Menosky

