



Co-Pastor Candidate Sunday

10:00am Unity Service

Come hear Paul Knopf, the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee's Co-Pastor nominee, preach and meet his family, at our Unity Service on Sunday, March 12 at 10:00am.

At the conclusion of the service a Called Congregational Meeting will take place to approve the establishment of the Co-Pastor leadership of Rev. Claire Schlegel and Paul Knopf. More details will follow in regard to Paul's start date, ordination and installation services and times in which you can get to know him and his family better.

Exciting Time Ahead

It has been a long process but with the invitation of a candidate to preach from the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee a new and exciting chapter in the life of Magnolia Presbyterian is about to unfold. Over the next few months a variety of changes will be taking place in the life of the church and with these changes, your prayers will be appreciated.

Be Praying For

The final steps in the process of calling Co-Pastors.

The welcome of the Knopf family to Magnolia and to Riverside.

The adjustments as we embrace the new Co-Pastor model of pastoral leadership.

The discernment of our Session as they, with the Co-Pastors lead Magnolia Presbyterian Church.

The transition of Pastor Tim's ministry as Interim Pastor.



March Events:

Ash Wednesday Evening Service— *March 1st*
World Day of Prayer— *March 3rd*
Time Change— *March 12th*
Roothouse Concert— *March 19th*
Church Fundraiser - *March 20 & 21st*
Cropwalk— *March 26th*



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



2017

"Our Year of Trust"

January Financial Report:

The January 2017 Treasurer's report indicates an income of \$30,512.40 and \$30,252.78 in expenses. The result is a current positive balance of \$259.62 for the month of January.

Reminder:

Per Capita (method of funding some of the essential functions of the Church both locally and nationally) for 2017 is \$35.00 per church member.

An Initial Offering of \$3.00 will help us defray the cost of the 2017 offering envelopes.

Thank you for supporting your Church's 2017 budget with Per Capita giving and defraying the cost of the envelope boxes.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



A recurring focus for Session has been providing opportunities for our congregation to reach out to our local community... and each Session Committee strives to meet this vision in various ways through-out the year. Your Session invites you to try one out this year, whether you've participated before or want to for the first time...

“But when you give to the needy,
do not let your left hand know
what your right hand is doing,
so that your giving may be in secret...”

Matthew 6:3-4

Melanie Nelson
Clerk of Session

P.S. Oh, did I forget to tell you what those opportunities are?

To learn more about any of the Session Committee out-reach programs, watch for upcoming bulletin and Uplook articles, announcements or please feel free to talk to one of your Elders:

Session Committee Elders (*designates Chair)

Mission: Brian Nelson*, Flora Livingstone, Donna Crossen

Membership: Heather Dickenson*, Cherylyn Thornton, Judy O'Bier

Stewardship: Marshall Lee*, Ken Eberwein, Sheryel Eberwein

Buildings & Grounds: Laurie Ludwig*, Tim Lewis

Session Meetings and Minutes

As a reminder, session meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the church library. These meetings are open, so if you would like to attend to listen to the conversation, you are most welcome. Copies of all session minutes are also available in the office, the narthex, or by email request.

A Bright Future

Deacons' Corner

A Deacon Is . . . More Than A Plate Of Cookies!

This is my second term serving the Office of Deacons. It has been a privilege and a blessing! There are 12 Deacons at our church - each having approximately 12 families in our Flocks.

Deacons provide Meals for families in crisis. Deacons coordinate Bereavement receptions following funeral services. I am currently serving the position as Card Ministry, which I love. The Deacons provide Christmas Baskets for 50 families in need during the Christmas Season. Deacons prepare and serve Communion. Deacons arrange for and schedule volunteers to be Greeters at each service throughout the year. Would you like to be a Greeter? Please contact your Deacon. We also do Hospital Calling on members in the Hospital or Convalescent Facility. The Deacons serve Cafe Magnolia, and recently provided our Pancake Breakfast on Jan. 29th serving 50-80 church family members. A great time was had by all!

If you would like to be a part of our ministry as a Deacon, you will enjoy a unique and sustaining fellowship with your Deacon Colleagues, our Church Staff, and be richly rewarded for your faithful service to our Lord.

In Christ's Love,

Jo Ann Alford



Fantastic!!!! 94 Cans Collected in February

Let's beat that in March so make sure you bring your two cans of food on **March 12th** All items go to support the work of Lutheran Social Services.

A Bright Future



One Great Hour of Sharing is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through this program to share God's love with people experiencing need.

**Victims of the Flint, Michigan water crisis
Victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti
Victims of the Tennessee Wildfires
Victims of the devastating floods in West Virginia
Victims of the crisis in Aleppo....**

These are only a few of the disasters in which your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars were needed and used in 2016. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance began immediately working alongside established partners to help provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities. People, supplies and resources were in place to respond early and trained professionals were available to monitor what is needed- where, when, and how.

**The Presbyterian Hunger Program 36%
Self-Development of People 32%
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 32%**

During this Lenten Season, please give generously, as we give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice and our Father's gifts to us of forgiveness of sin, grace in spirit, and eternal life. To learn more, please visit the OGHS website: specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs

**The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017
~~ Your Mission Interpretation Committee**



Don't forget to 'Spring Forward' your clocks by one hour before you go to sleep! Daylight Savings Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 12.



If It's March It's Time to CROP Walk!

Want a great way to get some light exercise, enjoy your Christian community AND raise some funds for those that need some help? As usual, our Riverside CROP Hunger Walk event will again kick off at Temple Beth El at the corner of Central and Victoria. This year it will take place on Sunday, March 19, starting at 1:00 p.m. Most of the funds are used for international relief and development, but twenty-five percent (25%) of the money donated for the walk is returned to some of our local food assistance programs.

On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry – and that event has been continuous since 1970. Internationally, the CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs. Please plan to participate in this worthy event, either by being a walker yourself or by donating to a walker. Look for the sign-up table each Sunday to pick up your form or donate to a walker. We are SO blessed; let's pass some of our blessings on to others in need.

MPC Fiesta Fundraiser!!

Join Magnolia Presbyterian Church by eating at Don José and 20% of all revenues will go toward Magnolia's General Fund.

Enjoy a tasty Enchilada, Chimichanga, Chile Relleno, or their award winning Sizzling Fajitas while helping our General Fund. Not hungry for Mexican Food two nights in a row, how about Don José's Delicious Pork Chops or a Grilled Citrus Chicken Salad instead?

Flyers will be available on Magnolia's website, in Bulletins, and in the Narthex. Just present the flyer at the Riverside Don José between 3:00pm and 9:00 pm, on March 20 & 21, and 20% of your food and beverage check will go toward Magnolia's General Fund!

Thanks for Supporting Your Church!

Date: Monday and Tuesday – March 20 & 21

Time: 3:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: Don José Mexican Cafe

3848 La Sierra Avenue, Riverside (On the corner of La Sierra and Magnolia)

Invite your Friends and Family – Get a to-go order for lunch the next day.

Muy Delcioso!



A Rich Tradition...

March Birthdays

Raymond Ward March 1
Lucas Wynsma March 2
Mary Lee March 3
Malcolm Lambert March 7
Bradley Ward March 8
Melba Dunlap March 9
Ann Lowry March 9
Janet Doshier March 12
Kendall Rinker March 12
Dennis Mackey March 16
Rosaura Escobedo March 17
Eleanor Miller March 17

John Reinhardt March 23
Kathleen Cohen March 26
Amanda Schlegel March 28



Happy Anniversary

Griffen, Karn* & Suzanne March 1, 1986

Kirby, Dick & Bonnie March 3, 1979

Bower, Jim & Joy March 10, 1960

Cox, Chris & Marge March 11, 2006

Williams, King* & Bev (Birchi) March 15, 1980

Lewis, Tim & Diana March 22, 1980

Sunday, March 19th @ 6pm



Want to listen to some great Roothouse Worship Music? Come!!!!

All are welcome to join us for a relaxing time and remember to invite your family and friends!

High Five Corner

- To Robin for helping during the search for a new Administrative Assistant.
- Big thank you to Laurie McCormick for donating blankets for our homeless community that come to the Church for help!
- Many, many thanks to our CPNC; Dick Kirby, Dan Brooks, Ken Eberwein, Caitlin Hutchinson, Laurie McCormick, Jan McKee, and Kendall Rinker, for all of their dedication.
- Thanks to Bev Williams for her wonderful testimony for Black History Month. We all learned a lot!
- Thanks to Heather Dickenson for driving High School youth up and back to Winter Camp.
- Thanks to Andrew and Callie for their leadership of our youth not only at camp but every week as well.
- For Chris Nettles and all of the photos he takes at various events celebrating MagPres life.

Ash Wednesday March 1st 6pm

Please Join us for a delicious soup supper followed by meaningful and reflective worship with the imposition of ashes to begin the Lenten Season.

Lenten Growth Groups Sign-Ups have Begun

We will be re-forming groups for the Lenten Season beginning the week of March 5th for 5 weeks.

Join us as we study *John: The Gospel of Light and Love*. Groups are a great way to not only get to know people grow deeper in faith.

Food for Thought

You Were Never Created To Live Depressed, Defeated, Guilty, Condemned, Ashamed or Unworthy. You Were Created to Be Victorious!

A Rich Tradition...

MISSION STATEMENT: Magnolia strives to share God's love with all and grow spiritually in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

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WANT TO GIVE ME ANOTHER GO-AROUND

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Ash Wednesday Service @6pm Andrew Buchanan	2 Choir Practice 7:00pm (Music Room) Judy Buehler	3 Carla & Greg Carrasco	4 Isabel Chambers
5 Contemporary Communion Service 9 am Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool – 5 th (CE#7) Traditional Communion Service 11 am (S) Merle Clark	6 Monday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Cohen Family	7 Session Team Meetings* 7pm Sandy Cooper	8 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Copeland Family	9 Choir Practice 7:00pm (Music Room) Chris and Marge Cox	10 Alyson and Bryon Cram	11 Donna and Kayla Crossen
12 Two-Can Sunday Unity Service @ 10 & Congregational meeting Daylight Savings Crowley family	13 Monday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Claudia Crump	14 Lea Dawson	15 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Gene and Sharon	16 Choir Practice 7:00pm (Music Room) Phil and Anne Denham	17 Deon Family	18 Dickenson Family
19 Contemporary Service 9 am (S) Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool – 5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am (S) Roothouse Music @6pm Crop Walk @1- Mike and Janet Doshier	20 Monday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) MPC Fiesta Fundraiser Duncan Family	21 MPC Fiesta Fundraiser Eberwein Family	22 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Joyce Ehlers	23 Choir Practice 7:00pm (Music Room) Escobedo Family	24 Nita Fages	25 Peggy Farmer and Family
26 Contemporary Service 9 am (S) Sunday School 9 and 11 am Preschool – 5th (CE#7) Traditional Service 11 am (S) Bruce Ferrel	27 Monday Morning Women's Bible Study 9:30 am (CE#3) Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Janet Field	28 Session 7 pm (L) Brenda Flowers	29 Tai Chi 1-2:30pm (FH) Leah French	30 Choir Practice 7:00pm (Music Room) Gipson Family	31 Mollie Gainey-Stanley	

Meet Our Pastoral Candidate

Paul Knopf - A Biographical

One of the staples of church youth group ministry is the game "two truths and a lie." Each participant is invited to share three statements about themselves, two which are true and one which is not. The rest of the group then tries to figure out which of the three statements is not true. Now it's my turn:

- I am a relative/descendent of the creator of the "shaka" or "hang loose" sign
- I am a lifelong Presbyterian
- I was born on Christmas Day

I've always found that game to be silly but helpful in getting to know other people. Much of my identity, who I am, is informed by the truths that I am a loved child of God, that I am called into ministry in the church, and that I was created to share God's love with others.

I grew up in a reformed church in Hawaii where my grandfather served as pastor (he also preached at four different churches every Sunday). In that church I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, was baptized, and first professed a call to ministry. Intending to pursue a calling into ministry, I left Hawaii to attend Azusa Pacific University and where I graduated with a degree in Biblical Studies and Theology. While pursuing an undergraduate education at APU, I met Michelle, who was studying Social Work and Spanish. We eventually got married and are blessed with two boys: Richard Paul Knopf, III (he also goes by Paul or the name Ekolu which is the number "3" in Hawaiian) and Andrew James (who goes by AJ). I later earned a Master of Divinity from APU's Haggard Graduate School of Theology. I have worked in multiple church environments, primarily pastoring youth, but also have experience as a Pastoral Associate and as a hospital chaplain intern. I have contributed to the greater church by: co-moderating the Tapestry Youth Collective; chairing the San Gabriel Presbytery Education Committee; co-chairing an ecumenical Christian education conference called Pneuma (formerly the Western Christian Educator's Conference); and serving on the board of the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, Inc.

When I am not working in a local congregation or for the greater church, I spend my time caring for my two boys, coaching their sports teams (Ekolu's soccer team went 9-0-1 this past Fall), enjoying music (including playing the trumpet), and exploring modern technology trends, especially document image processing (think scanning books and turning them into digital ebooks) and Over The Top (OTT) digital video services (aka Cord Cutting).

I am currently “Certified Ready to Receive a Call” meaning I have completed the preparation for ministry process in the PC(USA) and when a church calls me to a pastoral role, I will then be ordained. I began searching for open pastoral positions and became aware of the open Co-Pastor position at Magnolia Presbyterian Church. I was intrigued by the idea of a Co-Pastor position. A colleague and friend transitioned as an Associate Pastor to a Co-Pastor (Rev. Erin Thomas) and shared lots of wisdom and advantages of a Co-Pastorate. I applied and after lots of prayer, interviewing, and numerous conversations with Pastor Claire and the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee, my family and I are excited about the possibility of joining Mag Pres. What I like about Mag Pres is that it is a family. While other churches describe themselves as being like a family, the impression I get about Mag Pres from the stories I hear is that Mag Pres is a family. I hope to be a part of the family and to join with Claire in shepherding Mag Pres into a new chapter of ministry in Riverside, sharing God’s love with all, and growing spiritually in relationship with Jesus Christ and each other.

So which of the three initial statements were untrue? I hope you’ll be able to discern which it is as we spend time together getting to know each other more.

The Knopf Family

Paul, Michelle, Paul III a.k.a Ekolu, and Andrew James a.k.a AJ.

