

Magnolia Presbyterian Church

The Uplook

October 2021



Pastor's Pondering

*There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens:
...a time for tearing down and a time for building up...
...a time for crying and a time for laughing...
...a time for mourning and a time for dancing...
...a time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces...
...a time for tearing and a time for repairing...
God has made everything fitting in its time, but has also placed eternity in their hearts, without enabling them to discover what God has done from beginning to end. ~Ecclesiastes 3 (CEB), selected verses*

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This is an exciting season in the life of MagPres. We are preparing for 2022, and we think it'll be an extraordinary year. A word that bubbles up as we plan for next year is "together" as we look forward to doing things together in new and significant ways.

In 2022, MagPres will transition to a group centered church, where we do faith and life together. Everyone, attender or member, newly joined or well established, just reached adulthood or more seasoned, will be invited to join a life group. For 10 weeks, we'll explore our own faith with others through a study called Rooted. After that, each group will figure out their own plan for gathering and sharing life together.

In 2022, MagPres will begin construction on our new sanctuary, to finally replace our sacred space that was damaged by fire and demolished. Our plan is to gather together, in-person, inside our new sanctuary before the end of next year. Although our previous sanctuary housed many and meaningful memories, we look forward to creating more.

In 2022, MagPres will fully open, post-pandemic, hosting groups, bible study, in-person youth and children's activities, community events, and our own site of Family Promise of Riverside. And while we return to in-person activities, we won't lose what we learned over the last two years: we'll continue to provide worship online and offer hybrid meetings, allowing any who want to participate.

Even in this season of preparation for 2022, we can't turn the page on 2021 too soon. Over the month of October, we'll explore ways of being community together in a sermon series called: Together for Joy. The first Sunday of this series, October 3rd, is also World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with siblings around the world.

At the end of November and into December, we'll prepare for the coming, and return, of Jesus through an Advent series entitled "What are You Waiting For." This series culminates in our Christmas Eve, Candlelight Worship Service on Friday, December 24th.

This is indeed an exciting time in the life of MagPres and I look forward to experiencing and participating in this season, with you, together.

Your season(ed) Co-Pastor, Paul

DEACON'S CORNER

My daughter Becky started her last year of college this past week. In one of her classes, they had to do a reflection on the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). When she was describing the parable to me, I found it to be inspiring. To summarize, a master has three servants. He gives one servant five talents, another servant gets two talents, and the last servant gets one talent. The master sends the servants away, entrusting them with his property. The master eventually returns to his servants to see how they did. The servants who were given the five talents and two talents, ended up doubling their talents. The master is pleased with them. When the master gets to the servant who was given one talent, it turns out that the servant took his talent, dug a hole, and hid the talent. The master reprimands him, takes his talent away, and commands the servant to leave.

After my daughter told me about this parable, it got me thinking about what God is trying to convey to his followers. We as Christians are given responsibility from God, and in return, God has promised that one day he will return to us. Our responsibilities as followers of Christ include to spread the gospel, love one another, be an example, etc.. God has entrusted us with these tasks. We all have the ability to spread God's word. No matter how little or how much we know about Christianity, we have to at least try our best to accomplish them. If we don't try, then you may not know your full potential of your talents.

Blessings,
Janet Doshier

THANK YOU



To all of my Magnolia family, our Mission Committee, Session, and congregation members, I would like to thank you for your support of my journey in answering God's call. Your gift and continued prayers are greatly appreciated. ~ Yours in Christ, Eric

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial Service for
Rev. Diana Wright

When: Saturday, October 9, 2021

Time: 12:30 pm

Where: Foothills United Methodist
4031 Avocado Blvd, La Mesa, CA.

**Reception Immediately following
service.**

ACCESS WORSHIP ONLINE

You can participate in worship by going to magpres.com/watch or by visiting our Facebook page (facebook.com/magpres).

Services are archived for you to watch later (or again!)

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Ahh...Fall...

Cooler weather, football season, back-to-school, harvest time, baking...

Here's a fall preview of what Session committees have in store for fall:

Christian Education: Starting up virtual Sunday School program; along with Personnel, looking into an intern-ship possibility for a Youth Leader.

Fellowship, Membership, Outreach: New Member Class

Worship: Choir practice started up in September; Co-Pastors finished sermon series on Job; recommended to Session to stay with one service for worship.

Mission: Gave grant to our very own Eric Brandenberger, Inquirer to the ministry, to help with his educational expenses.

Stewardship: Campaign beginning with new theme.

Buildings and Grounds: Gearing up for the fall work party.

Design Team: Sanctuary design plans were presented to and approved by the Riverside Cultural Heritage Board .

*“ If the Lord delights in a man’s way,
he makes his steps firm; though he
stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord
upholds him with his hand.” Psalm 37:23-24*

Melanie Nelson, Clerk of Session



YOUTH GROUP

Welcome back Youth Group!

NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2021

Please keep our leaders and youth in your prayers.

Contact: Eric Brandenberger at ubsouthernca@gmail.com for more info.

**exceptions for holidays and other events **

COVID-19-UPDATE

COVID-19-News update from the Re-opening Committee

In compliance with CDC guidance, masks should be worn indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

This includes during in-person worship services. If you come for in-person worship and do not have a mask, one may be provided.

Please make sure masks are worn appropriately, covering both the nose and mouth, to prevent droplets from spreading.

Let's be safe and stop the spread!

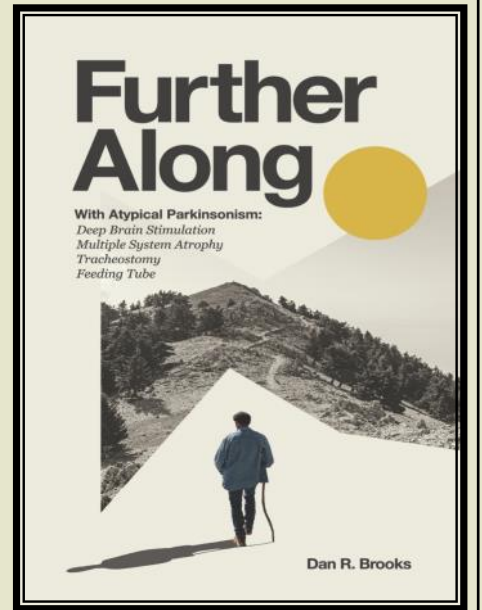
Further Along by Dan Brooks

As you may know, in January 2020 I went through a near-death emergency during which I was unable to get a breath and was intubated, saving my life. This was due to a degenerative brain disease called multiple system atrophy (MSA). MSA causes Parkinson's like movement problems, and autonomic dysfunction such as low blood pressure, swallowing trouble, vocal cord paralysis, eye movement issues, breathing, digestion, heart rate, and urinary system difficulties. On January 3, 2020, my vocal cords became paralyzed and Karrie called 911 leading to hospitalization.

Intubated and unconscious, I waited three days for lifesaving tracheostomy and feeding tube surgeries. After being released from the post-acute care facility in late February 2020, I wrote my second book **FURTHER ALONG: WITH ATYPICAL PARKINSONISM**.

It is available at Amazon Books or can be ordered in person at Barnes & Noble here in Riverside. My first book was entitled *I WILL GO ON* (2009). In **FURTHER ALONG**, I relate the experiences Karrie, my family and I went through with all of the perils of ICU and serious infections during a 5 to 6 day period of unconsciousness. My prayer is that it reaches patients and families who are facing a degenerative brain disease, or other perils, to share how faith in God may lead them. My wife Karrie, our sons, their spouses, and our grandchildren want to thank our Magnolia Church family for helping to make this transition more possible.

In Christ,
Dan Brooks



FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2021 August-October

Income - \$291,533.75

Expense - \$288,718.58

Difference - \$2,815.17

HOW TO GIVE

Please take advantage of these Giving Opportunities

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

◇**MOBILE** via text Text "magpres" to 77977

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

◇**U.S. MAIL**

Send a check via US Mail to our mailing address:

7200 Magnolia Avenue | Riverside CA 92504

Questions? Email stewardship@magpres.com



CHOIR REHEARSALS

After over a year off due to the pandemic, our chancel choir has returned to in-person rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7 pm. Masks should be worn during rehearsals and "singing masks" will be purchased for choir members. Interested in joining the choir? Talk to John Wright- Choir Director at music@magpres.com.

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study/Lectio Divina

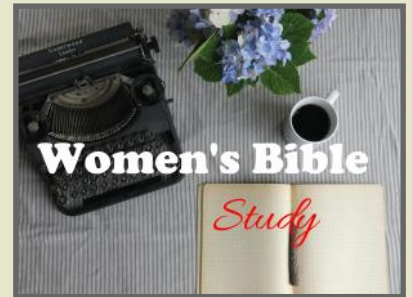
Monday's beginning October 25, 2021

Where: In the Church Library & Via Zoom

Time: 9:30 AM to 11:00AM

Zoom Community Group link: 259 885 602 PW 7200

Contact Laurie Mordue for more info at: luluherndes@msn.com.



PEACE & GLOBAL OFFERING

Peace & Global Witness Offering **October 3, 2021**. Embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

You may purchase Stater Bros gift cards.

Monday - Thursday, anytime between 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Buy yours in \$25, \$50, and \$100 cards and the church receives 6%!

☼ **NEW directories are available in the Worship Center and the church office.**

☼ **OR - call the office to have one mailed to you.**

☼ **OR - visit www.magpres.com/people (call the office for the password).**

Always - if your address, phone, or email changes, notify church@magpres.com



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.

Our Daily Bread quarterly booklets are available in the Worship Center foyer and in the church office. Pick one up for yourself - and for a friend or stranger.

ce. Alternative times will be published later.



Halloween Popcorn Pumpkins

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| 5 cups of popped popcorn | 4 tootsie rolls sticks |
| 1 cup candy corn | 4 small fondant leaves |
| 1 cup chopped salted peanuts | 4 drops of food coloring |
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine | |
| 3 cups of miniature marshmallows | |

Grease a muffin pan and set aside. Place popcorn, candy corn and peanuts into a large bowl and set aside. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in marshmallows, orange food coloring, adjust food coloring to the desired shade of orange. When the marshmallows are completely melted, pour over the popcorn and stir evenly distribute the candy, nuts and marshmallow. Use a greased spoon to fill the muffin cups. Insert a piece of tootsie roll to act as the stem, add fondant leaf, mold the popcorn around it. Let stand until firm 10-15 minutes. Remove pumpkins from muffin pan carefully by the stem. Enjoy your pumpkin patch!

Membership Orientation

WHAT: New Member Orientation

WHEN: October 3rd from 11:30 am -1:30 pm.

WHERE: Worship Center Fireside Room & on Zoom

HOW: RSVP to Claire@magpres.com, or call the church office at (951) 684-7200

Family Promise of Riverside

Will you represent your Riverside faith or community group? Please come to the Family Promise Community Engagement Meeting at 7:00 pm, to learn the scoop! All are welcome to attend via Zoom. **Monday, October 11, 2021.** Family Promise is an interfaith community-based approach to helping families experiencing homelessness. Learn more at fpriverside.org.

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 6559 7053

Passcode: Family

The Buddy Holly Story

The Buddy Holly Story is **Tuesday, October 12, 2021.** This is the performance that has been chosen by the few people who have contacted Heather. The second balcony has seats that are **\$40+fees.** So far we have all chosen row MM. The Fox has implemented a "clear bag" policy as one of the safety precautions. Visit the Fox website for additional safety information.





OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

You Matter!

We want you to experience this truth and become a more fully formed follower of Jesus Christ by being a part of a life group. To join a life group, you first have to go through Rooted.

ROOTED provides the opportunity to **connect with God, the church community, and your purpose** in unexpected life-changing ways. This 10-week series is one of the most transformational experiences that we have at **MagPres**. Whether you have been following Jesus for years, or you are new to the faith, this is the perfect place to jump in!

visit magpres.com/rooted to sign up

We will have an initial meeting on [Sunday, January 30th at 5pm](#) where we'll get oriented to Rooted and meet our group for the first time. Want to know more? Visit magpres.com/rooted





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Website: www.magpres.com
Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8:30 am—3 pm

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Magnolia Staff

The Rev. Claire Schlegel
Co-Pastor

The Rev. Paul Knopf
Co-Pastor

Lorraine Chapa
Office Manager

James Walters
Music Director/Organist

Saw Shein
Contemporary Music Leader

John Wright, Choral Director

Cynthia Wright, Pianist

Allison Robinson
Nursery Attendant

Jeff Ludwig
Treasurer

[vacant] Youth Leader



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Monthly Calendar



October



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed	2
3 Communion Sunday Peace and Global 10am - Worship 6:30pm - Youth Group 11:30am-Member Orien	4	5 6pm - CE-Cmte 6pm - Mission Cmte 6:30pm - FOM Cmte 7pm - Bag Cmte	6 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	7 7pm - Choir Practice	8 Office Closed	9 4pm - Path of Life Meal Prep & Serve
10 10am – Worship 2pm – Two Can 6:30pm – Youth Group	11 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u> Columbus Day 7pm Family Promise-Zoom	12 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u> 6:30pm Stewardship Cmte 6:00pm Worship Cmte	13 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u> 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	14 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u> 7pm - Choir Practice	15 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u> Office Closed	16 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u>
17 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u> 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	18 <u>Pastor Claire Study leave</u>	19 7pm- Deacon Meeting	20 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	21 7pm - Choir Practice	22 Office Closed	23
24 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group	25 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u> 9:30am-Women’s Bible Study	26 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u> 7pm – Virtual Session Meeting	27 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u> 3pm - Crossways #1 7pm - Crossways #2 7pm - Troop 16	28 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u> 7pm - Choir Practice	29 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u> Office Closed	30 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u>
31 <u>Pastor Claire Vacation</u> Happy Halloween 10am – Worship 6:30pm – Youth Group						

Prayer Calendar

October



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Alice Ehlers	2 Joyce Ehlers
3 World Communion Day	4 Carol Farmer	5 Bruce Ferrel	6 Janet Field	7 Jerry Fisher	8 Brenda Flowers	9 Leah French
10 World Mental Health Day	11 Aaron & Erin Gettis	12 Zach & Maddy Gipson	13 Steve & Jeanne Gold	14 Danielle Good	15 Holly Perez Goulet	16 Ilene Gradney
17 Family Promise of Riverside https://www.facebook.com/familypromiseriverside	18 Gary & Edith Grant	19 Karn & Suzanne Griffin	20 Sandra Griffith	21 Everal Hathaway	22 Tom & Marti Hendrix	23 Melissa Holden
24 Lutheran Social Services https://www.lsssc.org	25 Krista Hollenhorst	26 Richard & Jeanne Hood	27 Tom & Julie Hutchinson	28 John & Connie Jackson	29 Barbara Johnson	30 Dave & Mary Josselyn
31 MagPres Deacons						