

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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To know to love and
serve Jesus Christ

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Did you know.....

Nathaniel Wright was on the first semester honor roll at Miller Junior High?

It was reported there is no, emphasized, no dust in Edie Johnson's attic?

Pastor Steve and Carol are on an extended trip to Thailand and Cambodia?

John Gillespie is looking for a work crew to remove the pews from the sanctuary and take up the old carpet the week of February 12th?



Mark your Calendars

Congregational Meeting

February 11

Uganda Auction & Lunch

February 25

God's Math

Whatever our gifts, education, or vocation might be, our calling is to do God's work on earth. If you want, you can call it living out your faith for others. You can call it ministry. You can call it every Christian's day job. But whatever you call it, God is looking for people who want to do more of it, because sadly, most believers seem to shrink from living at this level of blessing and influence.

For most of us, our reluctance comes from getting our numbers right, but our arithmetic is completely wrong. For example, when we're deciding what size territory God has in mind for us, we keep an equation in our heart that adds up something like this:

My abilities + experience + training
+ my personality and appearance
+ my past + the expectations of other
= my assigned territory.

No matter how many sermons we've heard about God's power to work through us, we simply gloss over the meaning of that one little word **through**. Sure, we say we want God to work *through* us, but what we really mean is *by or in association with*. Yet God's reminder to us is the same one He gave the Jews when they returned from captivity to a decimated homeland "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

Our God specializes in working through normal people who believe in a supernatural God who will do His work through them. What He's waiting for is the invitation. That means God's math would look more like this:

My willingness and weakness
 + God's will and supernatural power
 = my expanding territory.

When you start asking in earnest--begging--for more influence and responsibility with which to honor Him, God will bring opportunities and people into your path. You can trust Him that He will never send someone to you whom you cannot help by His leading and strength. You'll nearly always feel fear when you begin to take new territory for Him, but you'll also experience the tremendous thrill of God carrying you along as you're doing it. You'll be like John and Peter, who were given the words to say at the moment they needed them. **He will never send someone to you whom you cannot help.**

Bruce Wilkinson - *The Prayer of Jabez*



Let's have a PARTY!



Who doesn't like banana splits or ice cream sundaes? If you are one of **those people** who don't, you are out of luck. I would like the **Bell Choir** to be at the church as **5 pm** on February 4th and the **Choir** to be there at **6 pm** and we will spend an hour partying before choir practice at 7 pm. There will be a special event that you won't want to miss (seriously you don't want to miss this!) and on a more serious  we will talk about and go over music for Easter. There is some beautiful music written for the season and it will be a joy to share it with our church family and friends.

**THIS IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME
 EVENT!**

Who's Doing What & When

Welcome Team

February 04	K. Jarvis & S. McCombs
February 11	L. & B. Taylor
February 18	S. & J. Dameron
February 25	L. & T. Bullington
March 04	
March 11	
March 18	
March 25	

Worship Leader

February 04	P. Hildreth
February 11	J. Gillespie
February 18	P. Gillespie
February 25	A. Oestreich
March 04	P. Woodruff
March 11	L. Taylor
March 18	P. Hildreth
March 25	J. Gillespie

Church 4 Kids

February 04	C. McCullough
February 11	C. Fischback
February 18	E. Meier
February 25	K. Ewen
March 04	J. Wright
March 11	K. Cristobal
March 18	K. Ewen
March 25	E. Meier

Coffee Hour

February 04	T. & D. Bingham
February 11	C. & S. Fischback
February 18	P. & J. Gillespie
February 25	Uganda Auction
March 04	Napiontek & Toyra
March 11	Anderson & Woodruff
March 18	C. & B. McDougall
March 25	S. & Jim Dameron

Presbyterian Women

Sue McCombs reports that she is getting ready to send a **Valentine care package to Jeremy Wright**, who is deployed to Afghanistan. If you would like to take part in this ministry you can make a donation marked Valentine Care Package and drop it in the offering plate by February 4th. Presbyterian Women will take care of the postage. Let's let Jeremy know Monte Pres knows where he is and remembers him in prayer. **A huge thanks to Sue** for taking charge of this ministry, to date preparing and shipping three care packages to Jeremy.

Nursery Helpers

Feb 4th Rene Dalan
Feb 11th Penny Woodruff
Feb 18th Sandy Thomas
Feb 25th Pam Hildreth
Mar 4th Joan Tanner
Mar 11th Debbie Chambers



Christian Education

CE is looking for someone to take a few of the Jr. High Sunday school classes when Emily is out of town. If anyone has this on their heart, they can talk to either Emily or Lori. Curriculum is available and easy to follow. CE will present a Bible to Joel McCullough during service on March 11th.

Friends of Schafer and Lake Sylvia (FOSLS)

This is a bit of secular information, but many from this church contributed to the effort to build a beautiful all weather pavilion at Lake Sylvia State Park, and we want to say thank you. Jan.18, the stalled WA State budget that put many projects on hold after the last session, was revived. With the help of all 4 of our legislators, the pavilion survived and became part of the new budget - a 3 to 1 grant from the state! This on-site classroom, retreat/wedding/reunion venue, scouting and youth gathering place, will be a welcome addition to our community.

Missions and Outreach

Uganda Auction

The Uganda Mission Team is getting ready to make the Uganda trip again in early March. That means it is time for the annual auction which will be held on February 25th following morning services. A typical African lunch will be served by the team and their helpers and following lunch the auction will begin. The following items have been donated so far this year:



- Two tickets to Tim McGraw and Faith Hill concert at Key Arena July 13th tickets were purchased for \$240 each
- One week stay at the Lindley's condo in Arizona
- Sammie's sister is donating her timeshare in Club Trinidad Resort -in Palm Springs. Check out their website
- Another sister is donating a quilt
- Ocean fishing with Bob Morrill
- Julianne is donating a stay at her Ocean Shores house
- Pam Hildreth is providing a fajita dinner for four
- Truckload of topsoil - Dan's Trucking
- Load of Gravel

Just to name a few!



Carpet and Pews work days

Keep the week of February 12th open to join in a work party. The pews and carpet will be removed, new carpet installed and the pews reupholstered and replaced. The goal is to have all the work done in time for Sunday services on the 18th. Contact John Gillespie (360-249-5601) if you are able to give a few days to work.

Birthday Lunch

Blanche and Louise. are birthday lady's for February and the birthday lunch will be held at Gepettos 11:30 am on February 5th.

Happy Birthday ladies!



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Mission Meals

February 20

Elma Life Group conduct services

Penny Woodruff	590-4902	Hot Dish for 20
Rogene Moser	249-4855	Hot Dish for 20
John Davis	249-4670	Hot Dish for 20
Karen Hughes	249-3295	Salad & Dressing for 20
Wilma Cornwall	249-8297	Salad & Dressing for 20
Jean Grenon	329-2607	Salad & Dressing for 20
Diana Hill furnishing dessert for 60		

March 20

Monte 2 Life Group conduct services

Carol McDougall	249-8143	Hot Dish for 20
Emily Meier	249-4224	Hot Dish for 20
Alletia Simons	249-3535	Hot Dish for 20
Sheena Wilson	249-6945	Salad & Dressing for 20
C. McCullough	249-2862	Salad & Dressing for 20
Renee Dalan	249-8527	Salad & Dressing for 20
Earlene Chamber furnishing dessert for 60		



Family Promise News

"Family Promise of Grays Harbor" where to watch:

Comcast Cable Channel 20 Most of Grays Harbor and Raymond-South Bend

Stream: ChristianCableMinistries.com

Start Date Friday Jan 26, 2018

Monday 11:30 am, 5pm

Tuesday 3 am

Wednesday 3 pm

Friday 3 pm

Saturday 10 am



Life Group Schedule

Monte 1 Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on Feb 12 and Feb 26

Monte 2 Life Group will meet a 7 pm on Feb 5 and Feb 19

Elma Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on Feb 7 and Feb 21

Other Scheduled Activities

Deacon's Mtg	Feb 01	7pm
Congregational Rpt due	Feb 02	
Men's Breakfast	Feb 03	8 am
*Bell Choir	Feb 04	6 pm
*Choir	Feb 04	7 pm
*Awana	Feb 06	6 pm
Prayer Shawl	Feb 08	1 pm
Session	Feb 08	7 pm
Bible Study	Feb 13	10 am
Bible Study	Feb 27	10 am

*Meets weekly (No Awana on Feb 13 due to carpet and pew project)



Don't forget the Annual Congregational Meeting February 11th