

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

March 2018

To know to love and
serve Jesus Christ

1883 - 2018



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Pastor's Perspective

Did you know.....

Elaina Diaz's FCCLA project was chosen to go to STATE? And....her Foods Team also had their cupcakes chosen so they get to go to Cupcake Wars against students from other schools?

Elma Life Group had potluck dinner with Delores at Channel Point on February 21st?

Mercedes Morrill is teen contestant #7 in the Miss Grays Harbor and Outstanding Teen Pageant?

Emily Wills was the queen in Missoula Children's Theater Montesano production on Saturday, February 24th?

While we always look forward to the future, we never do so without looking to the past and remembering with gratitude, the faithfulness of God and his people who have brought the church into the present. The Montesano Presbyterian Church has had a long and storied presence in Montesano and Grays Harbor. Organized as a Territorial Church in 1883, it has left an enduring imprint on the local community and its residents. MPC has engaged in numerous ministries down through the years, all the while, we have been uncompromising in our theology and un-vacillating in our compassion for our neighbors here in Grays Harbor. The church has faithfully preserved the presence of Jesus Christ in its proclamation and service. As I John 1:17 says, "For while the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Christ Jesus."

We are now entering our fourth year as an ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) church. We have had to adjust to a different polity (church structure) and a new mission emphasis. As the Apostle Paul says in Philipians 3:13b-14, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal...." In the year 2018 before us, we will be continuing to press on toward the goal of becoming a Missional Church

Palm Sunday

March 26

Maunder Thursday Service

March 29

Good Friday Service

Church of God

March 30

Easter Sunday

April 1

Community. With the Incarnation of God in Christ as our model, we will be learning how we can incarnate ourselves into the community we serve. In addition to supporting various missions, we ourselves will become missionaries. To that end, we agreed to partner with Family Promise to reach out and incarnate our lives into the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community. In fulfilling the words of our Lord, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these, I will consider as done unto me." I believe that the "least of these" in our community are those families who are homeless. This year over 2.5 million children and their parents will experience homelessness. Many of these families will find themselves homeless because of a single catastrophic event such as medical bankruptcy or sudden un-employment. These families are not among the chronically homeless, but rather they constitute the newly homeless. With quick intervention and help/encouragement they are the most likely to climb out of homelessness. We believe that the Lord has called us to provide, Help, Hospitality, and Hope to these families. We, along with Family Promise, believe that "every child deserves a home".

Won't you join with us in this challenging and exciting adventure. There is a place for you to help whether it is tutoring, fixing meals, bagging school lunches, providing a listening ear or spending the night at the church with these families. There is a place for you. Today we stand on new ground with a new vision....where we join hands with each other to continue the work of Christ's Kingdom and fulfill the Calling to which we have been called; to proclaim Jesus Christ full of grace and truth.....to the Glory of God!

We have been blessed to be a Blessing.
In Christ, together with His Saints,
Pastor Steve



Who's Doing What & When

Welcome Team

March 04	Wright family
March 11	K. Hughes & A. Royce
March 18	D. Chambers & R. Toyra
March 25	J. Grenon & P. Willis
April 01	P. & S. Hildreth
April 08	L. & B. Taylor
April 15	S. & J Dameron
April 22	Kaivo family
April 20	L. & T. Bullington

Worship Leader

March 04	P. Woodruff
March 11	L. Taylor
March 18	P. Hildreth
March 25	J. Gillespie
April 01	P. Gillespie
April 08	P. Woodruff
April 15	L. Taylor
April 22	A. Oestreich
April 29	P. Hildreth

Church 4 Kids

March 04	J. Wright
March 11	K. Cristobal
March 18	P. Gillespie
March 25	E. Meier
April 1	Easter
April 8	No Church 4 Kids
April 15	S. McCombs
April 22	J. Wills
April 29	C. McCullough
	C. Fischback

Coffee Hour

March 04	Napiontek & Toyra
March 11	Anderson & Woodruff
March 18	C. & B. McDougall
March 25	S. & Jim Dameron
April 01	Easter Sunday
April 08	S. & M. Gurney
April 15	E. & B. Mier
April 22	Grenon, Wedekind, Willis
April 29	Soup & Bread

Music Ministry

We are so thankful for the opportunity to work with **Sandy Spearin** in the music ministry. Sandy comes to us with significant experience having played piano in church for much of her adult life. She will be accompanying the choir as well as sharing offertories and expressing her gift in our worship services in various ways. We look forward to Holy Week and Pentecost with thanksgiving that we have a gifted hand on the keyboards. **The party, canceled due to the Super Bowl, will be rescheduled.**



Presbyterian Women

PW received eight applications for the \$100 scholarship from local schools. Applications were reviewed, without teacher names revealed, and the scholarships were awarded to:

- The Third Grade Classes at Simpson (writing project)
- Cindy Smith - Special Ed at Beacon
- Maria Hoffman - Jr/Sr High Band

Those reviewing the applications were unanimous in expressing their wish that all the applicants could have been honored. PW thought you might like to know where some the money you donate for Soup and Bread goes.

Nursery Helpers

March 4 - Joan Tanner
March 11 - Deb Chambers
March 18 - Virginia Twedt
March 25 - Pam Hildreth
April 1 - Open
April 8 - Karen Jarvis
April 15 - Rene Dalan
April 22 - Peggy Gillespie
April 29 - Joan Tanner



Missions and Outreach

The Uganda team is leaving Mach 1st and will be returning March 16th. The team is made up of Jim and Sammie Dameron and John Villevik will be returning for this trip. They will be doing much the same as usual visiting about 17 churches. One new addition is they will visit four boarding schools where seven children live who are sponsored by members of Monte Pres. John is planning to send picture back on Facebook during the trip.

Maundy Thursday

We will observe Maundy Thursday with a meal in remembrance of the Last Supper. The service will explain the meaning of some of the elements typical of the Seder meal and will conclude with communion. A potluck dessert will be part of the meal. There will be a sign-up for the meal so those preparing will know how many to plan for and so that you can indicated whether you plan to bring a dessert. The Nursery will be available.

Please plan to come and be a part of this Maundy Thursday service. March 29 at 6 pm.

Worship Committee

The committee would like to brighten up the nursery and is looking for a framed picture of Jesus with the little children. If you can help with this project give Peggy Gillespie a call (249-5601).



Carpet and Pews Work

Folks that ventured out on a snowy Sunday morning last week were greeted by the beauty of our sanctuary. The warm, soft hews of the new pew upholstery and carpet was all we expected and more. Many contributions made this possible, thanks to all those that gave. **Our hearty thanks to John Gillespie and his crew who spent many hours**

removing and installing to make this possible.

New Address

Kris and Dennis are staying with their son in Kelso WA so Dennis can be nearer to family and hospital facilities. A card or note will be a blessing to them letting them know their church family knows where they are and are lifting them to God in prayer.

Kris and Dennis Aaron
1426 Travis Court
Kelso, WA 98626

Birthday Lunch

March birthdays will be celebrated on March 5. Those celebrating are Sue Gurney, Gale Broughton and Pat Willis. The lunch will be 11:30 at the Bee Hive.

Happy Birthday ladies!



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Mission Meals

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		

April 17

Session conduct services

Pam Hildreth	482-3514	Hot Dish for 20
Sue McCombs	249-3338	Hot Dish for 20
Peggy Gillespie	249-5601	Hot Dish for 20
Carol Fischback	589-1755	Salad & Dressing for 20
Sharon Royce	249-4262	Salad & Dressing for 20

Jan Morrill	249-6171	Salad & Dressing for 20
Linda Anderson furnishing dessert for 60		

Life Group Schedule

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

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

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

Other Scheduled Activities

Men's Breakfast	Mar 03	8 am
*Bell Choir	Mar 04	6 pm
*Choir	Mar 04	7 pm
*Awana	Mar 06	6 pm
Prayer Shawl	Mar 08	1 pm
Leadership Retreat	Mar 10	
Bible Study	Mar 13	10 am
Awana	Mar 20	6 pm
Bible Study	Mar 27	10 am
Maundy Thursday	Mar 29	6 pm
Good Friday Service	Mar 30	7 pm

*Meets weekly

Office Hours

Monday (closed)

Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - 4 pm

Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5pm

(Susan is in the office Wednesday & Friday)

