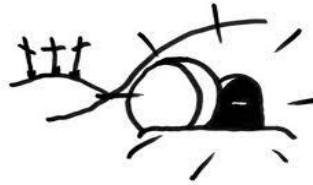


Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2018

To know to love and
serve Jesus Christ

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Did you know.....



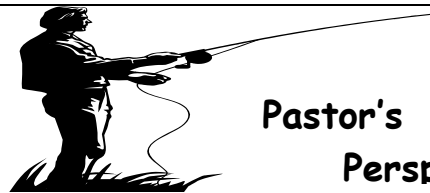
Mercedes Morrill is
Grays Harbor Outstanding Teenager.
Monte Pres Proud!

Elaina Diaz was elected to be a State officer for
FCCLA at the WA Conference?

Lacey Ebert was voted staff of the month at
Simpson for February?

PW will host Soup and Bread during Fellowship
Hour on Sunday, April 29th? Funds raised will be
donated to Family Promise.

**He is not here
He has risen**



Pastor's Perspective

When I look at my 2018 calendar I see twelve pages filled with little squares, each square representing a day. Each square is a frame for one episode of my life - 365 numbered squares. By the time 2018 is over I will have filled the squares with meetings, tasks, conversations, meals, sleep, prayer, study, preaching, Face-timing with grandkids, counseling and helping others, and all that goes in to the making of a life. I live one square at a time.

Each square has an invisible door that leads to the next square. As if by a silent stroke, the door opens and I am pulled through into the next square where I will again fill that 24 hour time frame with my life activities just as I did the day before.

One day I will walk into a square that has no door. There will be no walking into the next square. It will be the last calendar day of my life. Then I will have filled in all the squares God allotted me.

Will I have filled them with what matters most?

The Bible tells us not to squander our lives, but to live significantly for Christ and to make our lives count.

After Christ's Resurrection, in the Book of Acts we see those early Christ followers doing precisely this - living out their days joyfully alive in Christ and fulfilling God's purpose for putting them in this world, filling their days with what matters most.

The adventure they lived and the power of their example provide us with inspiration and instruction on how we are to follow and serve Christ today. After all, we don't just go to church; we are to be the church! We aren't simply to study the adventure of following Christ; we are to take the adventure ourselves in the power of His Resurrection.

That adventure begins with Christ's Resurrection. Nothing is the same for the world and especially for us. As my favorite theologian once said, "The World was Lost, Christ was Born, Rejoice!"

Rejoicing in His Resurrection!

S.A.F.E.

The leadership of Monte Pres has decided to launch a new ministry called S.A.F.E (Setting Addicts Free Eternally). The program will begin on Thursday April 5th at 7 pm. This group is anonymous. The hope is that anyone struggling with drug or alcohol addiction will take advantage of this Christ-centered, 12 step support group. The group will enjoy fellowship, a Bible study related to one of the 12 steps, share time and prayer time. Please help us spread the word. Jesus came to "set the captives free."

Jay

Who's Doing What & When

Welcome Team

April 01	P. & S. Hildreth
April 08	G. & M. Broughton
April 15	S. & J Dameron
April 22	I. & B. Taylor
April 20	L. & T. Bullington
May 06	Wright Family
May 13	K. Hughes & A. Royce
May 20	D. Chambers & R. Toyra
May 27	J. Grenon & P. Willis

Worship Leader

April 01	P. Gillespie
April 08	P. Woodruff
April 15	C. McDougall
April 22	A. Oestreich
April 29	P. Hildreth
May 06	J. Gillespie
May 13	P. Gillespie
May 20	P. Woodruff
May 27	L. Taylor

Church 4 Kids

April 01	Easter	No Church 4 Kids
April 08		S. McCombs
April 15		J. Wills
April 22		C. Fischback h
April 29		C. McCullough
May 06		K. Ewen
May 13		K. Cristobal
May 20		J. Wright
May 27		P. Gillespie

Coffee Hour

April 01	Easter Sunday
April 08	S. & M. Gurney
April 15	E. & B. Mier
April 22	Grenon, Wedekind, Willis
April 29	Soup & Bread
May 06	C. & B McDougall
May 13	Congregational Life
May 20	D. & E. Chambers
May 27	Open

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 indicate whether you plan to bring a dessert. The Nursery will be available.

Plan now to come and be a part of this Maundy Thursday service March 29th at 6 pm.

Education Committee

There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday. The committee is also looking for youth Sunday school teachers for next year. If someone feels led in this direction, please get in touch with Lori Minzey or Penny Woodruff.

Youth News

The Youth are meeting twice a month at the church on Wednesday evenings at 7:17. After a fun activity Carol gives a devotional and we enjoy snacks. Carol did a four part devotional on "Making Choices" from the story of Abraham and Lot. Then we studied being witnesses for Christ by being Salt and Light to the world. Red Solo Cup night was a lot of fun as the youth completed challenges using Red Solo Cups. They then enjoyed a root beer float, in yes, a Red Solo Cup! We attended our first Rock and Bowl. I say first because it ended up being all Junior Highers since the High School boys and girls basketball teams went to the playoffs. Thank you to the many people who have offered to help with snacks.



Presbyterian Women

All the ladies of Monte Pres are invited to attend the annual Spring Lunch on Monday, April 16 at 11:30 am. Penny Woodruff and Bev Goble will be hosting and they have a fun activity planned. Bring your favorite salad and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, good food, fun activity and an inspirational devotion



Mission and Outreach

We had a successful and safe mission trip during which we visited 16 far-flung rural churches. We also visited three boarding schools where orphan children live who are supported by members of our congregation.

We hope everyone was able to follow us through John's facebook photos. A minute-for-mission presentation should be arranged in the up-coming month. Jim and Sammie.



This lovely group of people welcomed us into their church, the Set Free Christian Church in Kazzi, Uganda. We are blessed. We are all God's children and part of one family. (Photo by John Villevik)

No Birthday Lunch In April.

Nursery Helpers

April 1 - Open
 April 8 - Karen Jarvis
 April 15 - Rene Dalan
 April 22 - Peggy Gillespie
 April 29 - Joan Tanner
 May 6 - D. Chambers
 May 13 - V. Twedt
 May 20 - P. Hildreth
 May 27 - K. Jarvis



Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday ~ 10:45am

Thursday, March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday
 Seder Meal & Communion Service ~ 6:00pm

Friday, March 30 ~ Good Friday Service ~
 Montesano Church of God ~ 7:00pm

Sunday, April 01 ~ Resurrection Sunday ~
 10:45am

Mission Meals

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		

May 15

Deacons conduct services

Joan Tanner	249-2074	Hot Dish for 20
Karen Jarvis	249-5502	Hot Dish for 20
Dolores Mooney	249-4812	Hot Dish for 20
Kathy Case	249-6392	Salad & Dressing for 20
Naomi Poyhonen	249-4625	Salad & Dressing for 20
Shari Jobst	538-1128	Salad & Dressing for 20
Don Bingham furnishing dessert for 60		

Life Group Schedule

Monte 1 Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on
 April 9 and April 23

Monte 2 Life Group will meet a 7 pm on
 April 2 and April 16

Elma Life Group will meet at 6:00 pm on
 April 4 and April 18

Other Scheduled Activities

Deacons Session	April 05	7 pm
Men's Breakfast	April 07	8 am
*Bell Choir	April 08	6 pm
*Choir	April 08	7 pm
*Awana	April 10	6 pm
Bible Study	April 10	10 am
Prayer Shawl	April 12	1 pm
PW Spring Lunch	April 16	11:30 am
Bible Study	April 24	10 am

*Meets weekly

Showers

Ladies, it's time for Wedding Showers! Geoff Fischback is marrying Caitlyn Schetter in June. Lisa, Linda and Sammie have offered to host a shower at church for them on May 19th. Then in June Julianne will be having a shower for Colee Ulakovich for the church ladies at her home. Watch for further details on both!

Thanks

I want to thank everyone who has prayed for me and all those who sent cards during my recovery time after surgery. I know your support is the reason why everything has gone so well. I appreciate all of you. You are all so thoughtful!

Marge Leggett



He is Risen