

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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To know to love and
serve Jesus Christ

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Did you know.....

Linda Anderson was on vacation in Vermont for several days?

Graham Chambers has moved to Olympia and transferred to a Safeway there?

Chris Wood and the children are going to a family reunion in Darrington over Labor Day weekend?

Pastor's Perspective

The school year is upon us! Students are preparing to hit the books, football season has "kicked off", and Monte Pres. is moving into a busy fall season. Hopefully you have had some rest and reflection this summer, but it is always exciting to enter into the busier times - now upon us. The pages of this newsletter will reflect much of our activity, the launching of the school year, youth, and adult offerings, opportunities for service and study for all ages, the forming and re-forming of Sunday School, the resumption of Life Groups, and the launching of a new sermon series. We are "on the move"!

There is always a lot of excitement as a new school year begins. Everything seems to be "on the move" and growing. I remember the first time I read *The Lion, Witch and Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Early in the book the Pevensie children hear Mr. Beaver talk about Aslan, being "on the move". Aslan is the lion who is the Christ-figure in the story. He comes to remedy the awful situation in Narnia, where because of the White Witch's activities, it is "always winter

Save this date!

New Sunday School Begins
and
All Church Breakfast
September 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Pie / Cake Silent Auction and
fellowship
September 16th after
Worship and Sunday School

PW Soup and Bread
September 30th

and never Christmas". Aslan is "on the move" and Narnia begins to be transformed. What a great image of the ministry we share!

The title of this fall's sermon series is, "Jesus on the Move: Lessons from the Gospel of Mark." We will follow Mark's version of the Gospel message on Sundays. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is portrayed as being on the move. He comes into the world and the world begins to be transformed by his life, death, and resurrection.

I'm discovering that this image of "Jesus on the move" in the gospel also relates to our call to be a missional people. 'Missional' -- we use that word from time to time around Monte Pres, but I'm not always sure we know what we mean. One definition of the word is found in the phrase, "inwardly strong and outwardly focused." Jesus' ministry was inwardly strong as all the gospels present it, and it was also outwardly focused. Jesus came to "seek and save" the lost. Jesus came to love and to serve those outside, but as he ministered he was empowered by the Spirit of God—Jesus is on the move and he knows where he's going!

Followers of Christ are also called to be inwardly strong and outwardly focused. Jesus is on the move---and we are called to move with him! My prayer for Monte Pres. is that we will find ourselves more and more—"on the move" with Jesus!

In His Gracious Grip,

Who's Doing What & When

Welcome Team

September 02	P & S Hildreth
September 09	D. Chambers & R. Toyra
September 16	J. Grenon & P. Willis
September 23	McCullough Family
September 30	L. & T. Bullington
October 07	G. & M. Broughton
October 14	K. Jarvis & S. McCombs
October 21	L. & B. Taylor
October 28	S. & J. Dameron

Worship Leader

September 02	J. Gillespie
September 09	P. Gillespie
September 16	P. Woodrull
September 23	L. Taylor
September 30	P. Hildreth

Coffee Hour

September 02	 Open
September 09	R. & W. Moser
September 16	Pie/Cake Auction
September 23	Open
September 30	Soup and Bread
October 07	Open
October 14	L. & R Claxton
October 21	T. & D. Bingham
October 28	Harvest Dinner



**Come on folks
find that clip board and
SIGN UP!**





"Let the
little children
come to me"

We are excited and ready!

Teachers have been recruited and trained to use the new Sunday school literature and are ready to welcome the children to learn about Jesus.

Do you know children that need to be a part of this new and exciting ministry of Monte Pres? Children nursery through 5 years will meet at 10:30 in their usual rooms . Children 1st grade - 6th grade will meet during the worship hour in the fellowship hall.

The classes will be formed as follows:
Grades 1&2, Grades 3&4 and Grades 5&6.

Let's all get behind this with prayers and support.

Changes Coming This Fall...

The Paradigm for effective ministry has changed in the last decade due, in large part, to the encroachment of social-secular demands on family's schedules. Many churches have changed from the 1950's model of separate times for Worship and Sunday School to a model in which Worship and Sunday School take place concurrently. The Elders and I feel that we are at that point also. So this Fall, beginning September 9, we are going to run Sunday School for grades Pre K - 6, during worship. As was the case with Children's church, the kids will be in worship through the opening praise time and then be dismissed for Sunday School. At present worship is scheduled for 1:15 hours, this will not change. However, we are moving the Fall Worship Time to 10:30a instead of 10:45a. Starting on the half hour seems less confusing, especially to guests and new residents. I will still be teaching the adult class at 9:30a. If you have any questions, please talk with me.

Pastor Steve

SILENT PIE/CAKE AUCTION

A silent auction dessert social will be held after worship on **September 16th (this is a date change)**. We need volunteers to bake their favorite dessert and bring it to church Sunday Morning 9/16 before worship. Please attach a label with the type of dessert/ gluten free/sugar free etc. A sign up list will be available soon. After the church service, the congregation will have an opportunity to bid on their favorite dessert for 30 minutes. The winner of the dessert may take it home or share it with others during coffee hour. We need lots of hungry participants to bid on desserts. Proceeds will go to Family Promise.

The Harvest Dinner will be October 28th following worship. A sign up list will be available in the beginning of October. Please sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving food. A reminder, the ovens will be full of turkeys, so there will be no room to heat up food items



Presbyterian Women

At the last leadership meeting it was decided to begin a new community project. We are putting together zip lock bags of items to be given to those less fortunate needing help on our streets. You may take one and put it in your car. If you would like to be a part of this ministry you can either donate items or funds to keep this effort to help going. We would like to keep the bags available to those willing to give them out.

Youth News for Fall



This year Sunday School and Youth group will look a little different since church-wide Sunday School will occur during worship hour. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month Jr/Sr High will have Bible Study during the church hour. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month we will have youth group. What time? 7:17 of course!! The beginning schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Sept. 5th- Youth Group 7:17
Sunday Sept. 9th- Sunday School 10:30
Wednesday, Sept. 19th- Youth Group 7:17
Sunday, Sept. 23rd- Sunday School 10:30
Wednesday, Oct. 3rd- Youth Group 7:17
Sunday, Oct. 14th- Sunday School 10:30

I'm looking forward to another great year together! Carol

Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 10 AM. We will be using the book, "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Phillip Yancy. Anyone interested is welcome to join us; see Peggy Gillespie if you would like more information.



Family Promise

Family Promise of Grays Harbor IS moving along. Plans still include a 2018 opening. An attorney is guiding the procedure, an architect has planned the Day Center renovation, electricians and plumbers are working, and board members have been elected - all these are donating their time. A contractor is being sought. The regional FP Coordinator praised the progress and fund raising success. Newly affiliates, Skagit Valley and Bellingham FP, have had their openings. Well established Spokane FP now assesses community needs and has branched out to answer various calls, such as after school care. Family Promise is not just a shelter, but a solution for one category of homeless. Research has shown that Adverse Childhood Experience is a cause of asthma, heart disease, depression, and academic failure, among others physical ills, and a leading cause of future homelessness. The faster children can be relieved of traumatic situations, the less chance they will suffer permanent damage and depend on society for support.

Monte Pres is collecting OFFICE ITEMS. There is a long list of needs (pens, pencils, file folders, staplers, etc) on the Fellowship Hall table and a chart to record your donation. These items need to be NEW. Thank you for your help.

Submitted by Linda Anderson

Life Group Schedule

Monte 1 Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on
September 10 and September 24
Monte 2 Life Group will meet at 7 pm
September 17
Elma Life Group will meet
September ?

Mission Meals

September 18

Monte 2 conduct services

P. Gillespie	249-5601	Hot Dish for 20
R. Dalan	249-8327	Hot Dish for 20
M. Leggett	249-2008	Hot Dish for 20
S, Jobst	538-1128	Salad & Dressing for 20
S. Royce	249-4262	Salad & Dressing for 20
J. Morrill	580-6143	Salad & Dressing for 20
Sue Gurnes furnishing dessert for 60		

October 16

Session conduct services

B. Campbell	249-3705	Hot Dish for 20
K Case	249-6392	Hot Dish for 20
S, Thomas	249-5198	Hot Dish for 20
C, Fischback	589-1755	Salad & Dressing for 20
W, Cornwall	249-8297	Salad & Dressing for 20
L, Taylor	249-5948	Salad & Dressing for 20
Linda Anderson furnishing dessert for 60		

Monte Pres always furnishes the meal on the third Tuesday of each month.

Other Schedule Activities

S.A.F.E*	Aug 02	7:30 pm
Bible Study	Aug 07	10 am
Life Group Picnic	Aug 12	6 pm
Choir Retreat	Aug 18	10-3 pm
Prayer Shawl	Aug 19	1 pm
Sun Sch Training	Aug 21	7 pm

*Meets weekly

Office Hours

Monday (closed)

Tuesday & Thursday 10 am - 4 pm

Wednesday & Friday 10 am - 5 pm

(Susan is in the office Wednesday & Friday)

Birthday Lunch

Birthday Lunch will be held September 10th at 11:30 and we are going to Geppetos. The ladies we will be celebrating are Peggy Gillespie, Kathy Case and Naomi Poyhonen.

S.A.F.E.

Setting Addicts Free Eternally began on Thursday April 5th. This group is anonymous and 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 and prayer time. The group meets weekly at the Church at 7 pm on Thursdays.

If you know someone that would benefit from this group they can contact Jay Chambers on Wednesday and Thursday at 360-249-3845.

