

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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To know to love and
serve Jesus Christ

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Did you know.....

[Elaina](#) Diaz recently attended the FCCLA statewide conference in the Tri-cities. Her STAR event, Bulldogs Care, received 1st place and she is the National Representative for WA at Nationals in Anaheim this summer. She was elected STATE PRESIDENT! This is an amazing accomplishment. There were about 700 kids from around the state at the conference and small-town Montesano has the State President.



Monte Pres Proud!

Pastor's Perspective..

The following Newsletter was written 10 years ago. I am reposting it as an encouragement to those at Monte Pres who are navigating the inexact science of "Parenting". As our children sometimes 'worked hard' to live down their reputations as 'Pastor's Kids', and we went through seasons of doubting our parenting, it turns out God Was Faithful to His Word.....

Growing up, our three boys heard many Fatherly proverbs (pithy sayings) taken from the Book of Fischback in the *Parents' bible*. Just like Moses' admonition to instruct the next generation with the Ten Commandments, so too, these familial proverbs were taught diligently to our children, "taught when they would walk by the way, repeated when they would lie down and when they rose up." (Numbers 6:7)

These were the essential things to know about life. The importance of knowing "there's no cure for stupid" or "what kind of world would it be like if everyone did that?" Or "You're just singing to the choir here...because your mother and I decided before you were born that we were going to be the 'squarest', 'dumbest', most up-tight pain-in-the butt parents in the neighborhood - in short, we gave birth to you so that we could make your lives miserable....and you're just standing there wanting to tell us how successful we've been."

Then there were the more salutary reminders spoken at more reflective moments. Things like, "The greatest gift we have given you boys is this - that your Mom and I love each other and you have the gift of a stable, loving, and healthy family life." Or one of my more frequent reminders to our boys who did exceptionally well in school - "Your Mom and I are not that

smart...(or talented)... so you didn't come by your intelligence (talent) honestly, it was a special gift from God and you must decide how you will use that gift in the future to honor (and thank) Him."

Three days ago, Tyler's fiancé sent us a cell-phone picture of Tyler holding a framed certificate, under which she texted, "Your Son was just honored, in front of several hundred people, by the Spokane Union Gospel Mission as the "Rookie Volunteer of the Year."

His honor was only exceeded by our surprise. We hadn't even known until a couple of months ago that he was volunteering weekly at the mission; playing his guitar and sharing the gospel in song (he has since confided to us that "it's a tough crowd"), working the front desk and practicing the gift of presence as he engages the broken and homeless in conversation and friendship. We called him to congratulate him and express our surprise, to which he said, "I remembered what you said when we were growing up." I guess, even with fingers firmly planted in their ears, they could still hear after all.....Proverbs 22:6 (from the real Bible) "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Pastor Steve

P.S. Thank you to all who modeled, mentored, and taught our children in the way of the Lord as they grew up in this church.



PW Picnic (Mark your calendar!)

The annual PW Picnic will be held at Sue McCombs' home on June 10th. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. This will also be the annual business/planning meeting. If you would like to present a ministry project to the group this is the meeting to attend.

Mother's Day Celebration

Congregational Life invites you to stay for fellowship hour on Mother's Day and enjoy the annual cheese cake dessert and coffee in honor of our mothers.

Who's Doing What & When

Welcome Team

May 05	D. Chambers & R. Toyra
May 12	P. Hildreth & J Howell
May 19	J. Grenon & P. Willis
May 26	G. & M. Broughton
June not available	

Worship Leader

May 05	P. Woodruff
May 12	L. Taylor
May 19	P. Hildreth
May 25	G. Dalan
June not available	

Coffee Hour

May 05	J. Grenon & P. Willis
May 12	Mother's Day
May 19	P. Winkler
May 26	Open
June not available	

Family Promise

There was wonderful participation and support for our first week receiving Family Promise guests. As churches experience hosting, minor adjustments have been shared. Churches will still provide food for lunches, but the week's supply of groceries will be sent to the Day Center with the van, Monday morning. Guests can then make a lunch at the Center when it fits their schedule. Because guests retire early, hosting shifts will be 5 - 8:30 PM and 8:30 PM - 7 AM. Most people preparing dinners served and covered the first shift. But we will keep evaluating. We are meeting April 29, then Edie will begin contacting those signed up to cook and host. Our next hosting week begins June 9. Your participation is so appreciated.

The quilt raffle will begin in June. A Christmas quilt will rotate every 2 weeks to participating churches; a picture of the quilt will remain on display. Tickets will be \$2, and all proceeds go to Family Promise. The drawing will be Nov. 25. Thanks to Sheena Wilson for the beautiful donation.

FAMILY PROMISE MONTE PRES

HOSTING DATES

June 9 - 16

September 1 - 8

*November 3 -10 (correction)

Guests arrive around 5 PM and depart 7 AM.

*Please note the correction from Oct to Nov.

May 14th 1 - 7 p.m.

Help is still needed to host this event and the sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.



Mission Meals

May 21

Deacons Conduct Service

J. Tanner	249-2074	Hot Dish
K. Jarvis	249-5502	Hot Dish
R. Toyra	249-5888	Hot Dish
K. Case	249-6392	Salad & Dressing for 20
N. Poyhonon	249-4625	Salad & Dressing for 20
S. Jobst	538-1128	Salad & Dressing for 20
Binghams furnishing dessert for 60		

June 18

Elma Life Group Conduct Services

J. Cookston	249-3535	Hot Dish
B. McDougall	249-4862	Hot Dish
E. Chambers	508-2798	Hot Dish
P. Woodruff	530-4902	Salad & Dressing for 20
S. Napiontek	581-2847	Salad & Dressing for 20
L. Bullington	580-3715	Salad & Dressing for 20
Juanita Howell furnishing dessert for 60		

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

If you have an item for the Newsletter you can email me earlenec422@gmail.com or call 508-2798

Summer Schedule coming up.....

Life Group

Monte 1 will meet May 13 & 27 at 6 pm

Monte 2 will meet on May 6 & 20 at 7 pm

Elma Group will meet on May 1 & 15 & 29 at 6 pm

S.A.F.E meets every Thursday at 7 pm

Other Scheduled Activities

Deacons	May 2	7 pm
*Bell Choir	May 5	6 pm
*Choir	May 5	7 pm
*Awana	May 7	6:30 pm
Prayer Shawl	May 9	1 pm
Session	May 9	7 pm
Women's Bible Study	May 14	10 am
Game Day	May 23	1 pm
Women Bible Study	May 28	10 am

*Indicates group 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)

Game Day

Marge Leggett and Linda Taylor have organized a once a month game day. It will be every third Thursday at 1 pm in the fellowship hall at the church. The group put together some guidelines in April and they will be available at the May Game Day. There will be a variety of games and snacks at each get together.

Address for Kenny Darst

Kenny has finished his first course of training and is now able to receive mail. He would much appreciate hearing from some folks from home.

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A funny card would be much appreciated. Thanks.

When I realized I was going to have a blank page in the Newsletter I began to think about what would be appropriate to fill this space. We celebrated Resurrection Sunday last week and are now looking forward to celebrating our mothers. I found this prayer in Ken Gire's book *Moments with the Savior* and felt it made the transition gracefully and with great insight.

I hope it speaks to you,
Earlene Chambers

PRAYER

Dear Man of Sorrows,

Who, with the weight of your body pulling against those nails and the weight of the world's sin pulling against your soul, thought more of the sorrow of others than your own.

Who was such a compelling commentary on the only commandment with a promise, all the while knowing for you the promise would be withheld.

Who was stripped of everything, yet still found so much to give: to executioners, forgiveness; to a thief, paradise; **to your mother a son.**

Even the tortures of a cruel, Roman cross couldn't distract you from providing for your mother. In spite of your suffering, still you cared, still you gave, and still you put the needs of others before your own.

Grant me the grace, O Lord, to see at the cross such a picture of love that I would never forget it . . . that I would never forget how you rose above your forsakenness to make sure your mother would not be forsaken, to make sure she had a warm, caring place to live out her days.

Help me never to forget, Lord, that this is where I need to be - near to the cross, beholding my Savior. For this is the fountain where love is most pure. This is where I am cleansed, not only from my sin but from my pettiness. This is where I am closest to you. This is where I am closest to those who love you. Bring me here daily, Lord. This is where love is. And this is where I need to be. . . .