

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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To know to love and
serve Jesus Christ

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End of Summer

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Did you know.....

Graham Chambers will be transferring to the Lacey Safeway to take the position of Produce Manager on August 1st?

Blanche Campbell is home and getting ready to begin Chemo?

Jim Dameron reported the Rummage Sale raised over \$1100? Family Promise will benefit from a portion of these funds.



Pastor's Perspective..

And we know that God works all things into good, to those who love Him, to those called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

Romans 8:28 is one of the most beloved promises of God in the Bible. It was one of the first verses I memorized as a Christian. I always remember this verse in light of the story of Joseph in Genesis 39-41. Joseph was a man who encountered trouble upon trouble upon trouble. But when all was said and done, Joseph confessed that although others had intended to do him evil, God had worked it together for good. The story of Joseph is a stunning example of the scriptural truth found in Romans 8:28. Here, we pause to take a closer look at the confidence, the commitment, and the calling found in this awesome Bible promise.

Confidence--Paul begins Romans 8:28 by asserting that *we know*. Not that we think, not that we hope, not that we wish, and not that we guess; rather, *we know*. Bold . . . very bold, especially in comparison to so many other philosophies and religions that cannot deliver with such confidence. Today's climate of religious pluralism tells us that we can hold our opinions about faith and that we can prefer our Christian model of religion over all others. But surely we cannot suppose that we grasp God and His ways with the unshakable conviction, can we? Paul says yes, *we know*.

Commitment--What creates this confidence is God's commitment to us, not ours to God. *God works all things into good*, Paul testifies. Many people are trapped in a religion of good works. They operate on the view that they must do all sorts of worthy things for God. If they perform these good works with vigor, God will affirm them. At least they hope so. Real

Coming Events.....



Family Promise Week
September 1 - September 8

Fall Schedule Resumes

September 8

Adult Sunday school 9:30 am

Worship & Children's S.S.

10:30 am

Awana Resumes

September 10

PW Soup & Bread

September 29

Christianity turns the tables, however. Paul tells us that God is the one who works for the good. It is His effort for us, not our exertion for him that makes the difference.

Calling--What is our response to this confidence in God's commitment to work for our good? Paul provides a twofold calling. First, we love God. Loving God is not something that we have to do; rather, it is something that we get to do. We answer the call to love God because He first loved us by working all things together for good. Second, we think, speak, and act according to God's purpose. It becomes our will to want God's will. We look for God's purpose in every breath we take and every move we make as we receive counsel from God's Word and Spirit. Answering God's call becomes our highest good in response to our God who is working all things together for our good.

Take time to read the story of Joseph this week, and you will find these truths from Romans 8:28 worked out in his life. If we take opportunity to reflect on our own walk of faith, we might just find them being worked out in our own lives, as well.

Pastor Steve

FAMILY PROMISE MONTE PRES HOSTING DATES

September 1 - 8

November 3 -10 (correction)

Guests arrive around 5 PM and depart 7 AM.

Linda Anderson would like to call your attention to the inserted letter from Charles, the coordinator of Grays Harbor Family Promise.

Charles is eager to share the successes of the program to date and thank everyone that is making those successes possible.

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Who's Doing What & When

Welcome Team

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|--------------|------------------------|
| August 4 | L. & T. Bullington |
| August 11 | K. Jarvis & S. McCombs |
| August 18 | McCullough Family |
| August 25 | S. & J. Dameron |
| September 1 | D. Chambers & R. Toyra |
| September 8 | J. Grenon & P. Willis |
| September 15 | P. Hildreth & J Howell |
| September 22 | G. & M. Broughton |
| September 29 | L. Taylor & B. Taylor |

Worship Leader

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| August 4 | J. Gillespie |
| August 11 | P. Gillespie |
| August 18 | P. Woodruff |
| August 25 | A. Oestreich |
| September 1 | L. Taylor |
| September 8 | P. Hildreth |
| September 15 | G. Dalan |
| September 22 | J. Howell |
| September 29 | J. Gillespie |

Coffee Hour

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| August | Coffee & Juice |
| September 1 | D. & E. Chambers |
| September 8 | J. Fisher |
| September 15 | Cristobal Family |
| September 22 | P. & J Gillespie |
| September 29 | PW Soup & Bread |

Mowing Schedule

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| August 7-10 | L. Anderson* |
| August 14-17 | C. Wood |
| August 21-24 | Ewen Family |
| August 28-31 | Open |
| September 4-7 | Open |
| September 11-14 | Open |
| September 18-21 | Open |
| September 25-28 | Open |

* Indicates Jack Sip will mow for you. Please have your check to the church the week prior to your scheduled mowing date.

Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Opportunity Profile will be posted to the ECO Presbyterian Job Board by the first part of August. As soon as our profile is approved by our Ministry Partner, a copy of the profile will be posted for the church family to review. The Pastor Nominating Committee thanks the members of the church family who responded to the Pastor Activity Priority Survey. We will use your responses as we interview and ultimately call a new pastor. Please keep praying for the committee.

August 15 - Game Day

Linda Taylor will be hosting Game Day on the 15th at 1 pm. The game will be Mexican Train and everyone is encouraged to bring treats and goodies to be shared.

Congregational Life

Hawaiian Luau

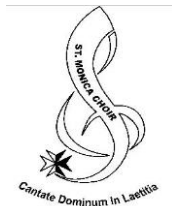
Jim and Sammie Dameron will host a Hawaiian Luau at their home on **August 17** starting at 1 pm. You are asked to bring a Hawaiian/Asian covered dish and join the fun and games.

COME ONE COME ALL!

IT'S SUMMER; YOU CAN'T HAVE TOO MUCH FUN!

Choir and Bell Choir

Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir will resume Sunday evening September 8th at 6 and 7 pm respectively.



If you like to sing (and can carry a tune) and if you enjoy good fellowship come and join us. We would love to have you.

Christian Education

The starting date for Sunday school has not yet been decided. Please check upcoming Sunday bulletins where the date will be announced.

Monte Pres is grateful to all those that volunteered and participated in this summer's Community Bible Camp.

PW Annual Picnic

Presbyterian Women annual picnic will be held on August 12th at the home of Sue McCombs. There will be a short business meeting and discussion concerning community mission projects. Put together your favorite salad and join us, if you would like to carpool be at the church at 11:30. This is a wonderful time for some of the new members to find out who we are and what we do. (If you have a folding lawn chair please bring it.)

Cartoon

Fellowship Goodies

Several people have mentioned how much they miss the goodies and fellowship following worship. It seems people are leaving immediately following services and not making connections with others. The contacts we make at church are very important to the well being of our church body. The signup sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary and there are still openings for September. If you are new to our church and would like to be a part of this ministry Pam Hildreth and Linda Taylor will be happy to explain what you need to do and show you around the kitchen facility.



Mission Meals

August 20

Monte 1 Life Group Conduct Service

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| J. Davis | 249-4670 | Hot Dish |
| E. Meier | 249-4424 | Hot Dish |
| S. Scott | 249-5257 | Hot Dish |
| D. Chambers | 878-5568 | Salad & Dressing for 20 |
| S. McCombs | 249-3338 | Salad & Dressing for 20 |
| Sheena Wilson | 249-6945 | Salad & Dressing for 20 |
| K. Cristobel furnishing dessert for 60 | | |

September 17

Monte 2 Life Group Conduct Services

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| P. Gillespie | 249-5601 | Hot Dish |
| R. Dalan | 249-8327 | Hot Dish |
| M. Leggett | 249-2003 | Hot Dish |
| S. Jobst | 538-1128 | Salad & Dressing for 20 |
| S. Royce | 249-4262 | Salad & Dressing for 20 |
| J. Morrill | 581-2551 | Salad & Dressing for 20 |
| S. Gurney furnishing dessert for 60 | | |

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

Life Group

Monte 1 will meet July 8 & 22 at 6 pm

Elma Group TBA

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

Other Scheduled Activities

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| Birthday Lunch | Aug 5 | 11:30 am |
| Session | Aug 8 | 7 pm |
| PW Picnic | Aug 12 | 12 noon |
| Game Day | Aug 15 | 1 pm |
| Hawaiian Potluck | Aug 17 | 1 pm |

*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)

Birthday Lunch

The birthday lunch will be Monday, August 5 at 11:30 am. This month they will be celebrating Karen Jarvis at El Ranchos. Please call Pat Willis if you plan to attend or need more information.

Happy Birthday!

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will begin on September 10th at 10 AM at the church. We'll be using Max Lucado's book, "Just Like Jesus." If you would like to be part of this study, contact Peggy Gillespie, 3&0-249-5601.



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

