

# Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

February 2017

To know to love and  
serve Jesus Christ

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## Did you know .....

Seven Monte Pres men met on January 21 at the Bee Hive and formed a **Men's Ministry**?

The men will meet the first Saturday of the month starting on **February 4 at 8 am in the fellowship hall for breakfast**, fellowship and to receive any work assignment that may be needed in our church and/or community. This ministry will be primarily for single women. The men have pledged to spend **three hours of service** following the breakfast, dividing into teams depending on the number of projects on hand.

Mike Gurney was selected as leader, Ron Dalan will serve as facilitator and Don Bingham will prepare the breakfast.

All men of the church and their sons have been invited to be a part of this ministry. **The leadership hopes to see you on Saturday February 4.** Please call Jay on Tuesday or Wednesday before the Saturday meeting if you plan to attend.

## Pastor's Perspective

What a joy and privilege to have served another year as your pastor. Last year marked a quarter of a century for me as the pastor of Montesano Presbyterian Church. As I look back on the ministry of this past year, I am humbled once again that God and you, brothers and sisters, have called me to this church and its people. I hope that I never forget that the biggest part of my ministry as pastor is found in the daily and weekly service to this congregation and this community.

We are now entering our third 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 Philippians 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 2017 before us, we will be continually pressing on toward the goal of becoming a Missional Church 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.

It is our hope that we will 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

### Events to watch for

Leadership Retreat

February 11

9:15 am - 3 pm

Uganda Auction

March 5

Lunch & Auction following  
morning service

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. Our Elders and I believe that the Lord is calling 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

## JUST A FEW



Both choirs will meet again on February 5; Bell Choir at 6 pm and Sanctuary Choir at 7. We will be working on music for the Easter season and I am looking forward to having all of you back. It was such a joy to work with you, a good group at every practice and everyone giving their very best. Let's do it again! Jay

*Thank you*

Montesano Food Bank would like to thank the members of Monte Pres for the items donated in 2016 i.e., personal items and stuffed toys. The donations were appreciated by our clients and the stuffed animals went out with the Christmas baskets.  
Lynn Kiser, Director

# Who's Doing What & When

## Welcome Team

February 05	Wright Family
February 12	Karen Hughes & Al Royce
February 19	Deb Chambers & Randi Toyra
February 26	Jean Gernon & Pat Willis
March 05	K. Jarvis & S. McCombs
March 12	Sammie & Jim Dameron
March 19	Newbill Family
March 26	Kaivo Family

## Worship Leader

February 05	Pam Hildreth
February 12	John Gillespie
February 19	Linda Taylor
February 26	Sheena Wilson
March 05	Peggy Gillespie
March 12	Sandy Thomas
March 19	Penny Woodruff
March 26	Art Oestreich

## Church 4 Kids

February 05	Peggy Gillespie
February 12	Jodi Willis
February 19	Sue McCombs
February 26	Lisa Ulakovich
March 05	Jill Nelson
March 12	Kate Ewen
March 19	Emily Meier
March 26	Gourdin

## Coffee Hour

February 05	Renee & Ron Dalan
February 12	Deb & Earlene Chambers
February 19	Kim and Ray Cristobal
February 26	L. Anderson & J Neibert
March 05	Uganda Auction
March 12	Johnson, Luark & Simons
March 19	Open
March 26	Emily & Bob Meier

## THREE CHEERS FOR MERCEDES MORRILL!!!

That girl can flat fly!!!  
Two medals to show for it!



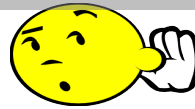


Several of our members have made the trip to Uganda on seven occasions to help and minister in any way they are needed. The leadership at the mission is faithful in reporting to the church and keeping us informed of progress, activities and needs.

## Uganda Mission Auction

The annual auction to benefit the Uganda mission our church has been supporting for more than twenty years will be held on March 5, 2017. The main goal of Set Free Christian Faith Church in Uganda is evangelism; crusades being the main emphasis. They also organize seminars to instruct the elders in the faith.

**All funds** raised at the auction go to the mission to help with the crusades and are also used for building maintenance, vehicles and vehicle up keep, medical issues and local school needs. It is hoped you will mark your calendar now and be present to participate in this event that is not only for a great cause but is great fun.



Pay close attention to the announcements concerning this event to learn about some of the "Big Ticket" items that will be offered.

## Local Mission and Outreach

\$500 was collected Christmas Eve and the money went to Union Gospel Mission to complete their sleeping bag needs and/or use at their discretion.

## Deacon Report

Sharon Royce, Chairman of Deacons, reports five families received Christmas gift cards for food and another food card was given to a family in crisis. In addition, information for children in need of gifts was made available to the membership and all requests were generously filled. The deacons would like to thank those who took the time to shop and make someone's Christmas a little merrier.

## Leadership Retreat

February 11 is the date set for the Leadership Retreat. (Schedule to be announced) Spouses are welcome and Sub sandwiches will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring the following.

Last name starting with:

A- E snacks for the day and lunch (chips, veggies, popcorn etc)

F - M salads

N- Z finger desserts



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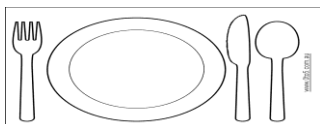


## Reminder!

Remember to contact Susan in the church office with the date of any activity you are planning in order to get it on the church calendar **before** sending it to me for the Newsletter. Thank you.

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

We will need several hosts for this dinner. Each will have six people counting themselves. Please sign up on the clipboard which will be passed around on Feb.12.



## Mission Meals

February 21

### Elma Life Group Conduct Service

P. Woodruff	590-4902	Hot Dish for 20
Rogene Moser	249-4855	Hot Dish for 20
John Davis	249-4670	Hot Dish for 20
Karen Hughes	249-3295	Salad & Dressing for 20
Dondra Newbill	470-2541	Salad & Dressing for 20
Jean Gernon	249-2607	Salad & Dressing for 20

March 21

### Monte 2 Life Group Conduct Service

Carol McDougal	532-0604	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	249-8327	Salad & Dressing for 20

If you have an item for the Newsletter you can email me [chambersearlene@gmail.com](mailto:chambersearlene@gmail.com), put it in my box at church or call me at 508-2798. Thank you.

## Life Group Schedule

Montie 1 Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on February 13 and February 27  
 Montie 2 Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on February 6 and February 20  
 Elma Life Group will meet at 6:30 pm on February 7 and February 21  
 Ladies Life Group will meet at 1:30 pm on February 8 at Renee Dalan's home.

## Other Scheduled Activities

Deacons	February 02	7 pm
Men's Ministry Bkft	February 04	8 am
*Bell Choir	February 05	6 pm
*Choir Practice	February 05	7 pm
*Awana	February 07	6 pm
Prayer Shawl	February 09	1 pm
Session	February 09	7 pm
Leadership Retreat	February 11	9:15-3 pm
Ladies' Bible Stdy	February 14	10 am
Ladies' Bible Stdy	February 28	10 am

\*Indicates group meets weekly

## Office Hours

Monday (closed)  
 Tuesday & Thursday 10 am-4:00 pm  
 Wednesday & Friday 10 am-5:00 pm  
 (Susan is in the Office Wed. & Fri.)

## Birthday Lunch

The lunch will be held at the Bee Hive on Monday, February 6 at 11:30. Those being celebrated are Blanche Campbell, Emily Meier and Louise Simmelink. Happy Birthday ladies!

