

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Welcome Home
Family Church
OIKOS
Worship Time
10:00am—11:00am



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July 2021

From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick:

The Fourth of July is here. Another year has passed and I am very thankful that things have loosened up, that school concluded, that sports were played and our Oikos is thriving, happy, and healthy; yet there are many prayerful needs to lift up for those who are facing difficulties. We will continue to pray as we have and care for our community and its needs. And since it is the fourth of July, I feel I need to share how thankful I am for our country and the liberty we have as “One nation under God” and the blessings of a strong and healthy Presbyterian Church. OK, and I will announce that I made the promotion to Major list. Yay!!! Anyway, my question for the summer is this, do you have a summer bucket list?

Something I really wish to do this summer, in some manner, is take my lovely wife to a Broadway show. I love musicals, I love the theater and I love symphony orchestras. In fact, I would really like to see Les Misérables. Les Mis as it is known, is a romantic novel written in 1862 by Victor Hugo. Hugo was an author of poetry and literature in France from 1823 to his death in 1881. Hugo was also more than just a writer of novels and plays, he was a deep thinker and a social activist. Hugo believed in people and what good people could accomplish if given the chance. This was the basis of his story of Jean Valjean. There are lots of versions of Hugo’s storyline so if you choose to read one, plan on reading two and then watching the movie with none other than Hugh Jackman and Russel Crowe. This story, along with the Hunchback of Notre Dame, written by Hugo as well in 1823, are deep, multilayered, and filled with theological and spiritual meaning. Also, Hugo was not always popular with people in his era because of what he shared; right, wrong, or indifferent. My point is, Hugo made people think.

Our Scripture is also, deep, multilayered, and full of meaning for our lives and our relationship with God, thus theologically necessary for our faith maturity. A. A. Hodge wrote, “Scripture is our rule of faith and practice.” Hodge reminds us that many people want to whittle the words of scripture into history as mere literature but they are so much more. They are the words of God for the people of God. It is the Word of God, in three forms; the Word made flesh, the Word Proclaimed and the Word written for our benefit and edification. The Bible is the story of God in the world and the Bible was written into words for our gain (to faith) and our relationship with God. Whenever we open this book, we make God’s acquaintance once again and we renew our faith in Him as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So, I am saying, that all the gospel writers, all the prophets and all the epistles tell an amazing story that folds in upon itself to reveal a storyline that is complex, deep, intense, and rich with insight into who God is and who you are with God at your side. So, scripture is supposed to make you think.

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From Pastor Cobb (continued)

This morning Melani and I drank our coffee and listened to a message about the Apostles as evangelists. They all wrote or shared their faith with the world because they believed the gospel of Jesus was worth dying for and they all gave their lives for Christ in the end. They were both salt and light. The Bible is salt and light. Sometimes salt gets in an open wound and stings a bit. But its cleansing and healing as it works. The light of Christ gives us hope and faith. This is why our Holy Scriptures are so important to our lives. Please share your faith through scripture and open your Bible with a stranger or a loved one and discover who the Lord is for you today and tomorrow and even who he was for you yesterday. Amen

Patrick Cobb is the Pastor and can be reached at **360-249-3845**

Mission Meals

Thank you again for all of you who signed up to help with the mission meals! We have only two spots left to fill for the year. We need folks to deliver the meals to the Union Gospel Mission on October 19, and December 21. . If you can fill one of those spots, please call Diana Hill at (360) 249-5058 -- leave a message if I am not available to answer the phone.

At this point our meals are to be delivered to the church by 2:30, so they can be taken into the mission for their "to-go" meal prep by 3:00. They really do love the meals we bring – remember as you do this for the "least of these", you are working as Jesus' hands, feet, and heart.

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Pam Hildreth (360) 482-3514

Mission Schedule—July 20th

please have your part of the meal to the church by 2:30

MAIN DISH

Sue Gurney

360-240-1488

Sandy Thomas

360-589-2243

Lisa Bullington

360-580-3715

SALAD & DRESSING

Pat Willis

360-249-6005

Kindra Schoch

360-249-8186

Bev Goble

360-589-2877

DESSERT

Sandy Spearin

360-249-3749

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Jim Dameron (360) 590-1285

Mission Schedule—August 17th

please have your part of the meal to the church by 2:30

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Sharon Scott 360-249-5257	Diana Hill 360-249-5058	Diana Hill 360-249-5058
Emily Meier 360-580-7292	Sandy Spearin 360-249-3749	
Peggy Gillespie 360-249-5601	Janell Wedekind 360-580-4122	

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Brian & Linda Taylor (360) 580-3908

Mission Schedule—September 21th

please have your part of the meal to the church by 2:30

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
T. J. Hill (360) 964-0068	Sue Gurney (360) 240-1488	Lorna Claxton (360) 249-6798
Marge Leggett (360) 581-0244	Linda Cole (360) 580-5896	
Sheena Wilson (253) 569-3997	Cynthia Crisp (360) 591-9115	

We are a praying church and we want to pray for your families and friends who are in need. Prayer chains tend to break down in the middle - our "chain" is actually a long list of prayer warriors who are notified by email when someone needs our prayers. If you'd like to be a prayer warrior, contact either Peggy Gillespie (jpgil20@comcast.net) or Edie Johnson (ediejohnson77@gmail.com). We will gladly add you to our lists. The outcome of our prayers is not up to us, but we can certainly let the Lord know that we care.

John 11:25-26 “Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this?”

What would you do with a second chance at life? I know it is in our nature, mine included, to be fearful of death, but why? I look back at missed opportunities and regretful actions and wonder would things be different? Probably not. This is a part of life. When you reach the end of your life, how do you think you will feel about the time you were alive? I have thought about the loves lost, missed encounters, job and financial decisions, parenting decisions and my guilty list, I am sure, goes on and on. I often take for granted the most important factor of all: Christ has already given me and you a second chance. If you believe in Christ read the verses again. It says we shall never die! Our lives can be filled with mistakes, regrets, and pain but it is a brief moment before everlasting peace and glory. Sounds so great. Just remember it is not too late to love the Lord, to love people, and leave everything else to God!

Father I thank you. Through your Son, who paid my debt through his suffering, helped to absolve my sins, to purge and clean my soul of fear and malice, so that I may one day join You in Heaven. May my words and deeds be acceptable to the second chance you have granted me. Amen

Cynthia Crisp

Worship Committee

WELCOME TEAM: We understand that summer schedules may interfere with folks ability to serve. If your scheduled time is a problem, please let me know. Peggy Gillespie

Worship Leaders

July 4th - Emily Meier
 July 11th - Linda Taylor
 July 18th - Melani Cobb
 July 25th - Garrett Dalan
 August 1st - Pam Hildreth
 August 8th - John Gillespie
 August 15th - Peggy Gillespie
 August 22nd - Emily Meier
 August 29th - Linda Taylor

Welcome Team (Greeters)

June 27th & July 4th - Juanita Howell & Pam Hildreth
 July 11th & July 18th - Sue McCombs & Peggy Gillespie
 July 25th & Aug. 1st - Lorna & Ron Claxton
 Aug. 8th & Aug. 15th - Carmin McCullough & Family
 Aug. 22nd & Aug. 29th - Schallon Family
 Sept. 5th & Sept. 12th - Melani Cobb & Family
 Sept. 19th & Sept. 26th - Bryan & Linda Taylor

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Celebrate Pastor's Promotion	5	6	7 Last day to bring items for Uganda rummage sale	8	9 Patrick out of office	10 Patrick out of office
11 Winston on pulpit Patrick gone	12 Patrick out of office	13 Patrick out of office	14	15 Uganda Sale @ Polish Club Game Day 1pm	16 Uganda Sale @ Polish Club	17
18	19	20 Union Gospel Mission Meal	21	22	23	24
25 Annual Picnic Friends Landing	26	27	28 Youth Pizza & Movie Night 6:30-9:30pm	29	30	31

Bible study in on break for the month of July. Will resume the week of August 5th. Men please help on July 8th 0700 to load up the items for the rummage sale.

Patrick will be out of the office July 9 – 13. Winston will fill the pulpit on July 11.

Congratulations to Pastor Patrick! He has been promoted to major. We will hold his promotion ceremony in the Fellowship Hall following worship on July 4th. Please join Pastor Patrick in celebrating his promotion.

Game day has restarted on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 1p at the church. Next game day is July 15, hosted by Diana hill

"This year our annual church Rummage Sale will be held at the Polish Club in Aberdeen. They will run a two-day sale with our rummage and donate the proceeds back to us for our Uganda Ministry. We will be moving everything from Monte Pres on July 8th, so if you have any good items for the sale **please get them to the church before July 7th**, or call Jim at 360-590-1285."

Congregational Life

Congregational Life will be hosting our annual picnic on July 25, 2021 at Friends Landing after worship. As always Congregational Life will be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments and our church family will provide salads, desserts, and chips. Watch for a sign up list.



Many have been asking why we are still wearing masks during worship. We are wearing masks because we love and want to protect each other. The Delta Covid variant is now in Washington. Health experts warn the Delta variant is more transmissible than previous mutations of the coronavirus. It is highly contagious and causes more severe disease. The vaccines are very good and the vaccines are very effective at preventing severe disease, regardless of which variant the person is infected with. While we highly encourage everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated, our children under twelve cannot be vaccinated and some of our church family members for various reasons are not vaccinated and we respect and do not question their decisions.

Nearly all COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. now are in people who weren't vaccinated, a staggering demonstration of how effective the shots have been and an indication that deaths per day — now down to under 300 — could be practically zero if everyone eligible got the vaccine.

An Associated Press analysis of available government data from May shows that "breakthrough" infections in fully vaccinated people accounted for fewer than 1,200 of more than 853,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations. That's about 0.1%.

And only about 150 of the more than 18,000 COVID-19 deaths in May were in fully vaccinated people. That translates to about 0.8%, or five deaths per day on average.

We are continuing our fund drive for some needed cleaning and repair of our Sanctuary roof. We have some funds remaining in our Building Fund, but we will need probably several thousand dollars more to do the job. If you are able to donate or pledge any help toward this project, please designate it in our offering basket, or talk to John Gillespie or Jim Dameron.

Thanks, Properties Committee.

Something Fun - Exodus 20



“My Commandments”

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