

# Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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



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**Montesano, WA 98563**  
**Pastor Patrick Cobb**  
**360-249-3845**

January 2022

## From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick:

### A look back at my time at Leavenworth.

Remember this in the New Year. In the first chapter of John we are told how Jesus was with God when all things were created. We are introduced to Jesus by John as a witness to what Jesus will do as a sign of grace and love for God's people. We are brought into a circle of people that God the creator, the almighty, the everlasting for all time King who calls us his people. And then we are afforded participation with Him through His baptism of the Holy Spirit. Also because of His grace, we would not have to be separated by the sin and darkness of the "worldliness/secular" divide that is light over darkness and good vs. Evil. Friends, will we be the light shining in the darkness in 2022?

For the last 3 years I have been assigned to be the chaplain for inmates. I was convicted early on that I was and had to be a light shining in a dark place and that was spot on truth. The darkness continually works to snuff me out. But I have always been a fighter for what I am convicted of. Funny use of words. "What I have been convicted of." I was convicted of sin and sentenced to die. I was innocent at first, fighting to prove it and free myself from guilt and shame of all the shameful acts, thoughts, and deeds of my youth. Sex, drugs, profanity, lies told, arrogance, insensitivity, beer runs at the Stop n Go on west Ave. (just seeing who all is still reading this) you know of what I speak, we all have stood on the opposite side of the River. I was convicted that I need a savior. I was convicted that I am no less of a sinner than the men I serve. Scary thought really, as a Chaplain in the prison.

Of all that I have learned of my faith and how we are to live it is without a doubt, to love others as you are loved and to fight the darkness. Loving the unlovable is by far the greatest challenge I have ever faced. And some times the unlovable aren't inmates at all. And I find myself on the opposite side of the river once again. Having to wade through the swift waters to get back to Jesus on the other side. The words of talking headed come to mind. "this is not my home, how did I get here?" But now we are called to cross that river that has no bridge and walk with Christ.



## From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick Continued:

Behold the Lamb of God. Who sees you under a fig tree and that should be enough to get your attention. He now asks you to follow Him and see where He is staying. He asks you to just "hang out with Him". Will you? Will we just hang out with Jesus this new year? I hear lots of people point to Jesus Christ but you need to place the title first. It's Christ Jesus. You will see so much more than this should we all walk together in and with and through Christ Jesus the Lord this new year. I pray for good thing for you all. I hope you have experienced God's love in Christ in ways that are profound. Please share them. Don't let the darkness hide what the Lord and giver of life is doing for you. Be the witness this next year.

Peace be with you all ><> P. Cobb

## Mission Meals

As we come to the end of one year and the beginning of another year, we can thank our God for all He has done for us through 2021. In 2022 we will, once again, have the opportunity to be a blessing to those who are looked on as "the least of these". With the help of Chehalis Valley Community Church, most of our dates are filled for meals through 2022 – Praise God! I will be calling folks to get the last of the dates filled in. If you want to be sure to be included in this ministry, just give me a call at (360) 249-5058 – be sure to leave a message if I cannot come to the phone. Diana Hill

**Deliver Meal and Devotion— Tamara Robins (360) 820-4075**

**Mission Schedule—January 18**

**please have your part of the meal to the church by 6:30**

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Melani Cobb (210) 867-8088	Susan Mandt (360) 249-1971	Tamara Robins (360) 820-4075
Jody Wills (360) 593-0558	Edie Johnson (360) 249-3957	
TJ Hill_(360) 964-0068	Sue McCombs (360) 249-3338	



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

**Mission Schedule—February 15**

**please have your part of the meal to the church by 6:30**

<b>MAIN DISH</b>	<b>SALAD &amp; DRESSING</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Jay Chambers (360) 964-0109	Shari Jobst (360) 580-0845	Cynthia Crisp (360) 591-9115
TJ Hill (360) 964-0068	Melani Cobb (210) 867-8088	
Sheena Wilson (253) 569-3597	Linda Taylor (360) 580-3908	

**Deliver Meal and Devotion— John & Peggy Gillespie (360) 249-5601`**

**Mission Schedule—March 15**

**please have your part of the meal to the church by 6:30**

<b>MAIN DISH</b>	<b>SALAD &amp; DRESSING</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Peggy Gillespie (360) 249-5601	Jan Morrill (360) 581-2551	Diana Hill (360) 249-5058
Danielle Parker (360) 581-0207	Susan Napiontek (360) 581-2847	
Sharon Scott (360) 249-5257	Danielle Parker (360) 581-0207	

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 ([jpqi20@comcast.net](mailto:jpqi20@comcast.net)) or Edie Johnson ([ediejohnson77@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Matthew 7: 15-20 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits."

Have you ever been hungry and seen what looked like a delicious piece of fruit only to take a bite and yuck. Even good looking fruit can sometimes taste bad, and fruit that has not been taken care of well will be rotten. Can you see where I am going with this metaphor? We are the fruits of our labor. The effort that we put into our faith journey is what we will get out. If you didn't study for a test at all or, better yet, studied a book full of the wrong answers, you wouldn't expect to do well on the test. The same is true of our lives. In these verses in Matthew, we are told that men do not gather thorns and thistles, we gather grapes and figs. We don't want the bad and painful, we want the delicious and healthy. The way we care for the plants and trees that the fruit grows on is important to the quality of the fruit. Is it not the same in our spiritual journey and the quality of our relationship with Christ?

Father, help me to tend my spiritual plant. My fruit is ready, ripe, but I know that I must continue to care for it with you as my guide. I pray that you send me your scriptures to learn the ways of your son, whose blood was shed so that I may live with you, together in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Cynthia Crisp

## Worship Committee

**WELCOME TEAM:** To our faithful Welcome Teams, you no longer need to check people in. Just continue to be the welcome faces you are & offer hand sanitizer & a bulletin to each person. If you see an unfamiliar face, please acknowledge that person & offer a Monte Pres. Mug to welcome them, if it is someone new. Peggy Gillespie

### Worship Partners

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Gillespie  
 Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Gillespie  
 Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Emily Meier  
 Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Linda Taylor  
 Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Melani Cobb  
 Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Garrett Dalan  
 Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Pam Hildreth  
 Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – John Gillespie  
 Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Gillespie

### Welcome Team (Greeters)

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Mel & Gale Broughton  
 Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Melani Cobb & Family  
 Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Gillespie & Jeanette Schur  
 Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia Crisp & Jeanette Schur  
 Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Schallon Family

# January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion Sunday Sausage Fellowship Removal of the Greens	3 Book Club 6pm	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am	7 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am  Patrick JBLM	8 Patrick JBLM
9 Patrick JBLM Pulpit fill Winston Urey	10	11 Women's Book Study 10am Deacons Mtg 6pm	12	13 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am	14 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am <b>New Member Class 6pm with dinner</b>	15 New member Class 6pm with dinner
16 New members Introduction during Worship <b>Congregational Mtg. following worship</b>	17	18 Union Gospel Mission Meal 6pm	19	20 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am Game Day 1pm	21 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am	22
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## Congregational Life

January 2, 2022 will be a special Sunday. We ask our church family to stay after worship to take down the greens and participate in the first annual Sausage Sunday. Please bring your favorite sausage and a few to share ready to be cooked/grilled. Rumor has it there are wonderful sauerkraut makers among us and we anxiously anticipate delicious sauerkraut to go with our sausages! Congregational Life will provide applesauce, salad, rolls/buns, and a variety of mustards. If you have any leftover Christmas goodies (fudge, cookies, etc.) that you want to get out of your home to start the New Year, please bring those too. We will take down and put away our Christmas decorations and then enjoy a sausage lunch.

Current research shows Covid booster shots are effective in reducing disease severity for the highly transmissible Omicron Covid variant. If you have not received your booster, please consider doing so. Masks, hand washing, social distancing, and vaccinations continue to be our best defense against Covid transmission. We greatly appreciate your continued efforts to keep our church family safe. Remember to please not attend worship or church activities if you are sick, even if you feel it is something minor.

## Mission and Outreach

"As we end this difficult year, our congregation can take pride in having continued to be a support for ministries both local and abroad. Locally, we support Union Gospel Mission, Heart and Hands, Young Life, and Family Promise. Further afield, we contribute to Wycliffe Bible Translators in New Guinea and Set Free Ministry in Uganda. During this time of pandemic, we continue to send funds for food, medical, and other needs. One current urgent need in Uganda is for their at-risk church, 'Kazzi'. The landlord plans to sell the property. If you are able to contribute toward saving this church, the total amount needed is \$5000. Thank you, Mission and Outreach Committee." Please see Jim Dameron or call him at 360-590-1285 for more information.





## Family Promise of Grays Harbor

THANK YOU for continuing your support of Family Promise during these difficult times. A brief note to any new members not familiar with the program. We are an affiliate of the national Family Promise program. The program serves homeless families with children. It is a comprehensive program where families get support, counseling, and help finding a home and a job. It is a high barrier program. Families generally graduate to a self supporting life style within 6 months. It is the only homeless/shelter type program in Grays Harbor where families can stay together. Following the basic plan, 1 - 4 families receive room and board from dinner to 6:30 AM, in member churches, rotating to different churches each week. This helps keep the budget down. A van picks them up in the morning and takes them to the Day Center in Aberdeen where they shower, do laundry, eat breakfast, and get ready for their day (school, job and new home searching etc.) A director and a caseworker assist and counsel families. The Day Center has 3 bedrooms, family/living room, kitchen, bathrooms, laundry facilities, computer room for families (guests) to work on job and home searches, caseworker office and director office. Running the way it should, and did, it involves a large number of volunteers. It truly is a community based program.

HOWEVER - Along came Covid. The Center is part of Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. The Center was not meant to be the program's static site, but they have graciously allowed us to house one family at a time, and we will soon be able to accept two families. Covid allowances such as "no eviction", slowed the number of applicants we received, but we have graduated families and continue to be in contact with them. Our caseworker screens applicants and while many do not fit our program, she never turns a family or even individual away without some kind of assistance - helping them find shelter and food, applying for benefits, getting driver licenses and IDs and much more. A BUDGET of \$123,085, has been adopted by the board for 2022. While some donations have understandably decreased many grantors and donors have continued. Churches have delivered meals when we have a family in residence. We presently have a mom with two teen girls as guests. VISITS I volunteer at the center every Friday from 10 AM - 2 PM. Feel free to visit then, and find out more about the program and its needs. (Doors are locked, so knock loudly!) Or, check our newly designed website - <http://familypromiseofgraysharbor.org>

FUNDING EVENTS Quilt (s) raffle - The raffle brought in \$1,209 Olson Brothers Concert, 7th St. Theater, March 26, 2022 Thank you Linda Anderson

It's been quite a while since I put anything in the newsletter. This long time of silence does not indicate lack of my love for this ministry. However, the past 3 years have been difficult because of my cancer and the virus. The most difficult thing was the death of Blanche Campbell, my partner and the number 1 knitter, and also losing 2 of my biggest supporters.

I have not lost my commitment or my love of this ministry, but the reality of my age, I can no longer handle the ministry by myself.

I have an inventory of over hundred shawls and throws, and I have not been able to find a proper way to get these shawls to the people who need them.

I need help in finding someone to take over this ministry,

Joan Tanner 360 249-2074

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 - Matthew 5:1-12

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### The Beatitudes

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