

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Welcome Home

Family Church

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Worship Time

10:00am—11:00am



201 E McBryde Avenue

Montesano, WA 98563

Pastor Patrick Cobb

360-249-3845

June 2022

From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick:

I hate math and I especially hate fractions. I had to help the kids with adding and subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions and all I wanted to do was cry. The only thing I could remember was making sure there was a common denominator. It dawned on me, last night as I watched the news that we need a common denominator in our lives. Jesus. Christ as the head of the church brought about a communal way of living together, think about it. Jesus is a common denominator.

The greatest attractions of the early church in the eyes of the pagan world were its communal lifestyle. What was it that united such diverse people—Gentiles and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians and Scythians, slaves, and free men (Colossians 3:11)? Jesus Christ. There was no real explanation for the commonality of these Christians' lives together apart from Jesus.

From then to now, the church has always been united in fellowship marked by specific commonalities.

First, it is common faith. The early church did not gather based on ethnicity, education, interests, or anything else; instead, they brought their lives under a shared faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Today, Communion remains the expression of this same unity; there is one loaf and one cup for us to partake of as one body. Jesus is the Bread of life, who sustains and unites us.

Second, we have a common family. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior – truly believe, we are welcomed into His family with other believers, having the same heavenly Father. For us as believers, not to love one another would be not only sad but contradictory: “Whoever loves God must also love his brother” (1 John 4:21).

Third, by God's grace, the true church also experiences common feeling and emotions. We see this played out in two directions every day and some days tragically. We are Bulldogs and we cheer on our team with great anticipation and hope. Each individual fan is different, but together we share a common feeling, conviction, and goal. And should we lose, we are sad even angry, and hurting, but we are still together to support each other. As a body of Christ and the church, when senseless tragedies, when heinous acts of violence like those of Buffalo, NY., Littleton, CO., and The Laguna Presbyterian Church occur taking innocent lives, the body of Christ and the church must remember what Paul shares, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together” (1 Corinthians 12:26). Paul's metaphor in that chapter is of the church as a body: as believers we are different, and we have varying strengths and weaknesses, and so we make up a body that works better together than apart. My limitations and weaknesses are complemented by your strengths, and vice versa. I need you and you need me. Most people hate to admit that. The church must unite.

From Pastor Cobb (continued)

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we need the body of Christ more than ever today. We need Jesus as our common denominator to balance our nation, our world, our faith, and our lives. What will it take to share the gospel with the world? What will it take to open the hearts of humanity to see that Jesus is the only way, the only truth and the only life we need?

Our world, just as in the days of the apostles, is full of division and loneliness. People are fragmented, fearful, and lost. But we, the loving body of Christ, can offer to this world a deep fellowship and an eternal, hope-filled future. You have the opportunity to become the very hands and feet of your heavenly Father, reaching into people's lives as you invite them into His family. Will you seize it? Bring the body together, invite someone to Church.

P. COBB <><

Mission Meals

Again, thank you to those of you who have signed up to help with the Mission Meals Ministry. We still have 10 openings in various categories starting in October through the end of the year. I will bring the list to church, so please see me before or after church if you would like to help us out with the end-of-the-year openings. Remember: **something new** for those who do the main dish casseroles – they no longer need to be hot when delivered to the church. They have asked that the meals be delivered earlier in the day, so the meals have to be at the church no later than 3:30 when they are picked up. If that time is a problem for you, please let me know so we can work something out. Here is my cell phone number so you can text or call me: (360) 964-0024.
Diana Hill

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

Mission Schedule—June 21st

please have your part of the meal to the church by 3:00pm

MAIN DISH

Joann Cookston

(360) 249-3545

Jeanette Schur

(360) 739-5622

Brooke Carroll

(503) 910-5913

SALAD & DRESSING

Peggy Gillespie

(360) 249-5601

Jan Morrill

(360) 581-2551

Linda Taylor

(360) 580-3908

DESSERT

Kellie Dalan

(206) 276-7036

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

Mission Schedule—July 19th

please have your part of the meal to the church by 3:00pm

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Carol McDougall (360) 580-3218	Pat Willis (360) 249-6005	Cynthia Crisp (360) 591-9115
Tamara Robins (360) 820-4075	Sandy Spearin (360) 249-3749	
Diana Hill (360) 964-0024	Susan Mandt (360) 249-1971	

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Peggy Gillespie (360) 249-5601

Mission Schedule—August 16th

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

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Sharon Scott (360) 249-5257	Emily Meier (360) 580-7292	Sandy Spearin (360) 249-3749
Emily Meier (360) 580-7292	Linda Anderson (360) 249-5246	
Peggy Gillespie (360) 249-5601	Diana Hill (360) 964-0024	

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.

Romans 5:3-4 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Have you heard “affliction is a treasure”? This sounds like a contradiction in terms, but it is really a reminder to “rejoice in our sufferings”. Can’t every affliction, or tribulation we endure be a treasure if we learn from it? Our sufferings—afflictions—make us more like Christ, who suffered for us. When we go through tribulations—sickness, rejection, loss—we have to make a choice. We can either wallow in self-pity and give ourselves over to misery, or we can find strength in our pain. We don’t go through hard times in vain. If we can keep our eyes on God, we will see Him through the pain. Some of the most valuable lessons are learned in the darkest times of our lives. When we rise from the ashes of our suffering, we learn to persevere. We learn to give hope to others. Our scars make us tougher and give us a powerful testimony. We become more valuable to the Kingdom. We become true warriors of God and our scars become badges of honor.

Father, I know that I will have to and have gone through suffering in my life. I know that I will have to endure unpleasantness and sometimes pain. I ask, Father, that in those times, you will remind me that You are with me. Give me strength in the midst of my suffering. Turn my afflictions past and future afflictions into treasures. In those times of suffering, teach me and remind me to persevere. I want to be a warrior for you, God. I want to be valuable to your kingdom. Amen
Cynthia Crisp

Worship Committee

WELCOME TEAM: Your welcoming faces are such an important part in drawing people to our Church; Thank you!


Worship Leaders

June 5th – Peggy Gillespie
 June 12th – Linda Taylor
 June 19th – Juanita Howell
 June 26th – Melani Cobb
 July 3rd - Pam Hildreth
 July 10th - David Mandt
 July 17th –Emily Meier
 July 24th – Garrett Dalan
 July 31st – Peggy Gillespie

Welcome Team (Greeters)

June 5th – Schallon Family
 June 12th & 19th Ron & Lorna Claxton
 June 26th & July 3rd Pam Hildreth & Juanita Howell
 July 10th & 17th Sue McCombs & Patty Winkler
 July 24th & 31st Mel & Gale Broughton

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Mens Breakfast Ministry 7am	3 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am Sandy Spearin Piano Recital 7pm	4
5	6	7	8	9 Mens Breakfast Ministry 7am Game Day 1pm Session Meeting 6pm	10 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	11 Patrick JBLM
12 Patrick JBLM Pulpit Fill Pastor Urey	13	14 Womens Bible Study 10am Deacons Meeting 6pm	15 Suicide Prevention Meeting 6pm	16 Mens Breakfast Ministry 7am	17 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	18
19 Father's Day Strawberry Shortcake after Worship	20 Birthday Lunch 11:30am Geppetto's	21 Union Gospel Mission Meals 3pm	 NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE 988 TALKING BEGINS HEALING	23 Mens Breakfast Ministry 7am Game Day 1pm	24 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	25
26	27	28	29	30 Mens Breakfast Ministry 7am		

Missions and Outreach

As you start your spring cleaning remember our annual rummage sale. The sale will be held at the Polish Club in July, and all are welcome to begin bringing your offerings to the church anytime after the first of June. Thank you Jim

Congregational Life

Please join us for our traditional Father's Day strawberry shortcake following worship on June 19.

If you would like your contact information in the church directory, please add your information to the directories at the back of the sanctuary or give your information to Pam. The directory is also available on the church website.

Remember if you do not feel well, please do not attend worship or any church event. Congregational Life continues to monitor state recommendations for Covid precautions and will keep our church family informed of any changes.

Thank you to all who have provided treats for Fellowship Hour. Please check the sign up board in the church lobby if you are interested in hosting.



Sharon Scott

Marge Leggett

Jan Morrill

Harold Poyhonen

Bob Meier

Jim Dameron

Tammy Bigham

Susan Napiontek

Renee Dalan



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

Something Fun - Hebrews 10

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“Sacrifice and Offering”

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FOR ALL

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