

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

July 2022

From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick:

Since moving to Grays Harbor I have made many different life changes. I have had to work really hard on focus and concentration. I love to read books about dragons and far off places. I enjoy history and westerns as well. I also like to play sports and be out doors, there is without a doubt a new way to find balance and focus while living in a rain forest in the pacific northwest. I miss golf, and my shooting sports because concentration is part of that game. So I have had to make lots of trades.

In his essay R. R. Tolkien writes about the reasons why people are drawn to fairy tales. Such stories are often at the opposite end of the emotional spectrum to our daily news: instead of war, financial chaos, pandemic, and domestic violence, fairy tales offer happy endings that reflect the longings of the human heart. Tolkien suggests that at the root of those longings is an ache for Christ to set the world right to unite all things, restore all things, and make the world as perfect and beautiful as it was before the fall. Don't you want God to fix it all? Don't you long for the happy ending? Like, right now? Lord, there has to be a better way to live than this right?

Throughout scripture, as through our lives, are reminders that we are not there yet, we hear the same cry for help. Still, we live in a fallen world, burdened with alienation, frustration, and disintegration. Adam sinned, and death and chaos followed. But Jesus came to undo what Adam had done and to accomplish what no one else could. God will fix it all. In fact, He has already begun to.

Throughout his letters to the first century churches, Paul recognized their hardships and never downplayed them; but he also always reminded his readers that there would be a day when sufferings cease and sorrows die, and all our longings are satisfied. [1] He encouraged them to keep their eyes on what was essential to help them deal with the immediate challenges.



From Pastor Cobb (continued)

What they needed then is what we need now. If you focus only on what you see right in front of you and neglect to allow God's promise of restoration to enter your vision, you won't actually be able to deal with the issues you face. They will grow out of perspective. They will come to dominate. They will drain you of hope and happiness. Even if the problems are global, national, or personal, the best strategy is to keep your eyes on what God's word says about God's plan. There will be a happy ending. There will be a time when all things are united under a perfect King.

What is troubling you today? Change your gaze and focus on a new target, Jesus. Bring an eternal perspective to the affairs of time, with the help of the Spirit, and you can find security in His perfect plan. You can't yet know all the details of the story of this world, but you can know that for those who trust in Christ, the final scene is a happy, endless ending.

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— Tamara Robins (360) 820-4075

Mission Schedule—July 19th

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

MAIN DISH

Carol McDougall

360-580-3218

Tamara Robins

360– 820-4075

Diana Hill

360-964-0024

SALAD & DRESSING

Pat Willis

360– 249-6005

Sandy Spearin

360-249-3749

Susan Mandt

360-249-1971

DESSERT

Cynthia Crisp

360-591-9115

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

Mission Schedule—August 16th

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

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Sharon Scott 360-249-5257	Diana Hill 360-249-5058	Sandy Spearin 360-249-3749
Emily Meier 360-580-7292	Emily Meier 360-580-7292	
Peggy Gillespie 360-249-5601	Linda Anderson 360-249-5246	

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Lorna Claxton (360)249-6798

Mission Schedule—September 20th

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

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Danielle Parker 360-581-0207	Jan Morrill 360-581-2551	Lorna Claxton (360) 249-6798
Jay & Debbie Chambers 360-964-0109	Marge Leggett 360-581-0244	
Sue McCombs 360-249-3338	Mindy Geer 360-470-9766	

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 3rd—Pam Hildreth
 July 10th—David Mandt
 July 17th—Emily Meier
 July 24th—Garrett Dalan
 July 31st—Peggy Gillespie
 Aug 7th—Linda Taylor
 Aug 14th—David Mandt
 Aug 21st—Pam Hildreth
 Aug 28th—Melani Cobb

Welcome Team (Greeters)

June 26 & July 3rd—Mel & Gale Broughton
 July 10th & 17th—Sue McCombs & Patty Winkler
 July 24th & 31st—Pam Hildreth & Juanita Howell
 Aug. 7th & 14th—Tom & Tami Robins
 Aug. 21st & 28th—Bryan & Linda Taylor

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	2
3 Communion Sunday	4 	5 Red Cross Blood Drive Church of God 1:30pm to 7pm	6	7 Men's Ministry Breakfast 7am	8 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	9
10 Rummage sale donation deadline	11	12 Women's Bible Study 10am No Deacon's Meeting	13	14 Men's Ministry Breakfast 7am Game Day 1pm Session Mtg 6pm	15 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	16 MMA 5K Suicide Prevention run/ walk 730am Kelsey Park Mission Rummage sale at Polish Club in Aberdeen
17	18 June Birthday Lunch 11:30am at Geppetto's	19 Union Gospel Mission Meal 3pm	20	21 Men's Ministry Breakfast 7am	22 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	23
24	25	26 Women's Bible Study 10am	27	28 Men's Ministry Breakfast 7am Game Day 1pm	29 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	30
31 MPC Annual Picnic at Friends Landing, following Worship						

Our annual church Rummage Sale will be held at the Polish Club in Aberdeen on July 16th. The 10th of July is the last day to bring items to the church or call Jim at 360-590-1285."

Congregational Life



The annual All Church Picnic will be held at Friends Landing following worship on July 31st. Congregational Life will provide water, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and toppings such as lettuce, tomatoes, and cheese. There will be a sign up list posted on the first Sunday in July for church family contributions such as baked beans, chips and dips, salads and desserts. Please plan on joining us.

As always remember to sanitize your hands before enjoying Fellowship Hour and do not attend worship or church activities if you are sick.

Grace Geer
Al Royce
Joan Tanner
Sheena Wilson



Something Fun - Exodus 20

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“My Commandments”

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COVET
DECALOGUE
ETHICS
GOD
GRAVEN IMAGE

HONOUR
JEALOUS
KILL
LIKENESS
NEIGHBOUR
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SABBATH
SHALT NOT
SPAKE
STEAL
VAIN
WITNESS

