

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

August 2022

What is Our Congregation's Next Step? The ECO as a Resource For That!

By: [ECO Team](#)

By Dana Allin, ECO Synod Executive

One day in July I had six appointments with people who were inquiring about resources that we might have available to address challenges that their churches were facing. Each need was different from one another. The needs ranged from creating a disciple-making culture, engaging in a church transformation process, vetting a final candidate for suitability as their senior pastor, and working with senior staff to increase health and performance. Interestingly, two of these were not from ECO churches and came through Flourish via an internet search and a referral from an ECO pastor.

I was thankful that in each case we had tools that we could combine in unique ways, along with trained consultants, that could work with those churches. In each case, the church is taking their Flourishing Next Step. In the case of the non-ECO churches, we were able to charge for our resources and provide additional income for ECO. While having six appointments in one day is an anomaly (especially in the summer!), we are seeing an uptick in congregations seeking help. One of the steps we have recently taken as a staff is to hire Robyn Wood to be both my assistant as well as serve as the Ministry Resource Coordinator for Flourish. Flourish has been the ministry arm of ECO, but we are now in a position to expand the impact of Flourish to churches, networks and denominations beyond ECO. Churches outside of ECO will pay more for services than an ECO church does, which helps offset Robyn's salary. A huge advantage for ECO is that we now have a dedicated person in Robyn who can help your church discern combinations of tools and resources to meet your specific needs, as well as provide administrative support during the implementation of those resources.

Robyn has worked with the college ministry Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) for 17 years. Several of those years have been as a part of regional staff supporting local chapters and their leaders. She is adept at helping to determine the specific needs of the particular situation and match the right resources and coaches to fulfill those needs. She also knows how to approach churches for a "servant-supportive" posture as opposed to a "top-down" stance. She lives here in Goleta, CA with her husband Jeff and their three daughters.



Congregation's Next Step (continued)

Robyn has been learning our resources and culture over the summer. She is ready to have conversations with church leaders, pastors, and presbyteries to catalyze the flourishing of our churches. It is best to connect with Robyn through info@flourishmovement.org as we are seeking to drive all ministry resource traffic through the channel of Flourish. She would love to have a conversation with you!

I pray that as your summer concludes, you are renewed and refreshed to enter this fall and open doors of opportunities that the Lord is putting before you.

In Christ,
Dana

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— 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

Sharon Scott

360-249-5257

Emily Meier

360-580-7292

Peggy Gillespie

360-249-5601

SALAD & DRESSING

Diana Hill

360-249-5058

Emily Meier

360-580-7292

Linda Anderson

360-249-5246

DESSERT

Sandy Spearin

360-249-3749

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	

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Diana Hill (360) 249-5058

Mission Schedule—October 18

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

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Jody Wills 360-593-0558	Lori Minzey 360-580-5740	Cynthia Crisp 360-591-9115
Kindra Schoch 360-249-8186	Mindy Geer 360-470-9766	
Sandy Thomas 360-589-2243	Diana Hill 360-249-5058	

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.

Proverbs 12:18 Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

We should watch our words diligently. Words have such great power to bless or to wound. When we speak carelessly or negatively, we damage others as well as ourselves. This ability to verbalize is an awesome privilege, granted only to those God created in His image. We need help in wielding this might power responsibly.

Though the world applauds quick-witted retorts, God's instructions about communication is quite different: *Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.* Ask the Holy Spirit to help us whenever we speak. God has trained us to pray, "Help me, Holy Spirit", before answering the phone or speaking to someone. I am sure we have seen the benefits of this discipline. We should simply apply this discipline to communicating with people around us on a daily basis. If a person is silent, pray before speaking to them. If they are talking, pray before responding. These are split second prayers that put you in touch with God. I feel in this way, your speaking comes under the control of the Holy Spirit. As positive speech patterns replace our negative ones, I believe we will feel more joy in this complex world we live in.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

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

Aug. 7th – Pam Hildreth
 Aug. 14th – David Mandt
 Aug. 21st - Garrett Dalan
 Aug. 28th – Melani Cobb
 Sept. 4th – Emily Meier
 Sept. 11th – Garrett Dalan
 Sept. 18th – Peggy Gillespie
 Sept. 25th – Linda Taylor

Welcome Team (Greeters)

Aug. 7th & 14th – Tom & Tami Robins
 Aug. 21st & 28th – Bryan & Linda Taylor
 Sept. 4th & 11th – Cynthia Crisp & Jeanette Schur
 Sept. 18th & 25th – Ron & Lorna Claxton

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 No Men's Breakfast	5 No Women lunch	6
7 Communion Sunday & Deacon Sunday Pulpit fill Winston Urey	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10am No Deacon Mtg	10	11 No Men's Breakfast Game Day 1pm No Session Mtg	12 No Women lunch	13
14 Pulpit fill Winston Urey	15 August Birthday Lunch @ Gepetto's 11:30am	16 Union Gospel Mission Meal @ church by 3pm	17	18 No Men's Breakfast	19 No Women lunch	20 Pastor Patricks Birthday
21 Pulpit fill Mark Engles	22	23 Women's Bible Study 10am	24	25 No Men's Breakfast Game Day 1pm	26 No Women lunch	27
28	29	30	31	Patrick at JBLM August 6th through August 22nd		
		Patrick out of office				

Men's Breakfast will resume on September 8th. Women's lunch will resume September 9th

Missions & Outreach

"We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to our Rummage Sale. The Polish Club in Aberdeen, led by Don Norkoski, once again held the sale for us. Our grand total is \$1555, a new record! These funds will be used by our ministry in Uganda for a church water system and an evangelical crusade. Thanks again, Mission and Outreach Committee"

Congregational Life

The sign up list for Fellowship Hour from 1 August through the end of the year is available near the church entrance. This is a great way to contribute to our church family. If you have questions, please talk to Pam, Juanita or Cynthia.

Covid infections are increasing in our county and state. Hospitalization rates are also increasing. Vaccinations, while not preventing all Covid infections, do decrease the severity of disease and continue to be highly recommended. Mask wearing is currently optional while attending worship or church activities. If you are at high risk for severe disease or have family members at high risk, you may want to wear a mask. As always do not attend worship or church activities if you are ill and remember to use hand sanitizer prior to touching common items such as tongs or the cream pitcher during Fellowship Hour.

Common Covid symptoms for the current variants are: fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Less common symptoms are: headache, stuffy nose, aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, and loss of taste or smell. Symptoms appear from two to 14 days after you are infected.

Shari Jobst

Sandy Thomas

Lori Oestererich

Karen Jarvis

Ron Claxton

Patrick Cobb

Diana Hill

Rick Napiontek



Something Fun - Hebrews 11

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“By Faith”

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