

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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A Family Church

Worship Time

10:00am—11:00am



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Montesano, WA 98563

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360-249-3845

March 2022

From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick:

Lent begins March the 2nd and continues for six weeks into April. Lent is the season of Christian faith where we look at our lives and renew our spirits with discipline. It's not meant to be ritualistic or full of strange ceremony. The days are supposed to be healing and contemplative. A time of prayer, reading Scripture and sharing our faith. We are not to expect massive changes or miracles but we do hope for changes. We pray for the needs of others and for ourselves; remembering that everyone has room to grow. Lent, like springtime, is a time for new growth and life that comes after the snows have thawed and the sun breaks forth to bring the flowers of the season.

I was given a devotional book, **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers**. Puritanism, was a religious reform movement in the late 17th century that sought to change or “purify” the Church of England of remnants of the Roman Catholic that the practices Puritans claimed had been retained by Queen Elizabeth I. Puritans became noted in the 17th century for a spirit of moral and religious earnestness that informed their whole way of life, and they sought through church reform, to make their lifestyle the pattern for the whole nation. Their efforts to transform the nation contributed both to civil war in England and to the founding of colonies in America as working models of the Puritan way of life.

The strength of Puritan character and life lay in prayer and meditation. In this practice the spirit of prayer was of first importance and the best form of prayer, for living prayer is the characteristic of genuine spirituality. Yet prayer is also vocal and is therefore written. I write prayers because I get nervous and my dyslexic mind will actually speak the last word first and first word last.

The Valley of Vision is full of written prayers and meditations which constitute a treasure filled body of inspiring devotional readings. Stan Hall, a seminary professor of mine who passed a few years ago, would agree that too often “off-the-cuff” prayers lack variety, order and conviction. We just get caught up in emotion or tongue tied and we forget what to say. But he would also tell me to allow the Spirit to lead you in every prayer you offer. Just be present and thoughtful. It is here that care and scriptural memory or even “psalter word sharing” can be used. I will read a Psalm or two and the Lord will share words that others need to hear and have applied to our time of prayer.

Here is the Isaiah 22 Valley of Vision prayer.

Dependence on God

Let me learn by paradox
that the way down is the way up,
that to be low is to be high,
that the broken heart is the healed heart,
that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,

From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick: Continued

that to have nothing is to possess all,
that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
that to give is to receive,
that the valley is the place of vision.

May your Lenten season be filled with grace and hope through our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to join our prayer meetings, please feel free to attend. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00. See you there. Peace in Christ. <>< P. COBB

Mission Meals

I will be at the church from 2:45-3:30 for folks to bring their parts of the meal. Those delivering the meal will be picking up the food from church at 3:30. The Mission needs the food there by 4:00 to have time to heat it up for their evening meal.

If you have a question or would like to be a part of this ministry, please give me a call at (360) 249-5058. Please leave a message if I cannot get to the phone. Thank you, Diana Hill

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

Mission Schedule—March 15th

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

MAIN DISH

Sharon Scott

(360) 249-5257

Danielle Parker

(360) 581-0207

Peggy Gillespie

(360) 249-5601

SALAD

Jan Morrill

(360) 581-2551

Susan Napiontek

(360) 581-2847

Danielle Parker

(360) 581-0207

DESSERT

Cynthia Crisp

(360) 591-9115

Deliver Meal and Devotion— Susan Mandt (360) 249-1971

Mission Schedule—April 19th

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

MAIN DISH

Emily Meier
(360) 530-7292

Pam Hildreth
(360) 482-3514

Brooke Carroll
(503) 910-5913

SALAD

Edie Johnson
(360) 249-3957

Sue McCombs
(360) 249-3338

Emily Meier
(360) 530-7292

DESSERT

Cynthia Crisp
928-261-0739

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

Mission Schedule—May 17th

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

MAIN DISH

Sandy Thomas
(360) 589-2243

Kindra Schoch
(360) 249-8186

Sue McCombs
(360) 249-3338

SALAD

Lori Minzey
(360) 580-5740

Kathy Case
(360) 249-6392

Chris Wood
(360) 589-7263

DESSERT

Melani Cobb
(210) 867-8088

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.

Luke 6:27-28 “But I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.”

There are times when the gospel message doesn't fit into our way of thinking, and this is one of them. How are we expected to “love our enemies?” Jesus offers us an answer when he tells us to pray for them. So often we think of love as just an emotion, something we have no control over. While it is true that we can't always control our feelings, we can control our actions, and love is a function of the will, not the heart. We are not expected to have gushy feelings for those who attack us, our country, our way of life, the people we love, but we are expected not to take action against them. If we do, are we just as wrong as they are? I have always found it ironic, that people use violence to bring about peace. IT DOESN'T WORK!

Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Jesus, did not resort to violence. Do we realize that our enemies are still God's children loved by him just as we are? God does not want us to hate, but to love. Prayer is a very powerful force. All we need to do is look at the changes brought about over the years by constant prayer. At Fatima, Mary promised that Russia would return to her and her son if we prayed. It may not have happened as quickly as those of us who can barely wait for water to boil would have liked, but it happened. Change doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen – one loving heart at a time. We can begin with our words and move on to our actions. Words of prayer and love can open the stoniest of hearts. As the song says, “Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.”

Lord it is not always easy to love those that hurt us, or whose ideas we disagree with, but this is what God asks of us. Love is the only thing that can make enemies friends, help me to fill my life with friends. Amen

Cynthia

Worship Committee

We would like to thank all of you who have served as Worship Leaders and Welcome Team—Greeters. Very much appreciated.

Worship Leaders

March 6th – Emily Meier
 March 13th – Linda Taylor
 March 20th – Melani Cobb
 March 27th – Garrett Dalan
 April 3rd – Pam Hildreth
 April 10th – John Gillespie
 April 17th – Peggy Gillespie
 April 24th – Emily Meier

Welcome Team (Greeters)

Mar. 6th & 13th – Ron & Lorna Claxton
 Mar. 20th & 27th – Pam Hildreth & Juanita Howell
 April 3rd & 10th – Sue McCombs & Peggy Gillespie
 April 17th & 24th – Bryan & Linda Taylor

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Service 6pm	3 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am	4 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am	5
6	7 Book Club 6pm	8 Women's Book Study 10am Deacon's Mtg 6pm	9 Soup Lunch & Devotion Noon	10 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am Session Mtg 6pm Game Day 1pm	11 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am	12 Patrick JBLM
13 Patrick JBLM Pulpit fill Pastor Urey	14	15 Union Gospel Mission Meal 6pm	16 Soup Lunch & Devotion Noon	17 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am	18 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am	19
20	21	22 Women's Book Study 10am	23 Soup Lunch & Devotion Noon	24 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am Game Day 1pm	25 Women's Luncheon Ministry 11:30am	26 Leadership Retreat 9-2 Location to be determined
27 Pie Sunday After Worship	28	29	30 Soup Lunch & Devotion Noon	31 Men's Breakfast Ministry 7am		

Upcoming April Events

April 14 ~ Maundy Thursday Service 6:00p

April 15~ Good Friday

April 17~ Resurrection Sunday

Starting April 18th, Monday, we will start having our monthly women's birthday Lunch at noon. Watch for more information from Pat Willis and Cynthia Crisp

Missions and Outreach

"Just a heads-up! We are once again scheduled by the Red Cross to host a blood drive at Monte Pres on May 3rd, 1:30-7:00. If you are interested in signing up and/or helping out, we will have more info later." Thanks, Jim

Congregational Life

The indoor mask requirement will be lifted on March 21. We will be able to worship without masks and see each other smile and praise the Lord with song and prayers! It is very important to remember if you are ill do not come to church or church activities and to sanitize your hands and use the tongs provided during Fellowship Hour. If you consider yourself to be at high risk for hospitalization or complications from Covid you may want to continue to wear a mask.

Pie Sunday will be March 27th. Fellowship Hour will be delicious. All you pie bakers look for a sign up list on the first Sunday in March. If the non-bakers would like to bring ice cream or whip cream, so much the better.

Please remember to look for the Fellowship Hour sign up list as to enter the church on Sundays. If you are able to serve your church family by providing treats for Fellowship Hour please sign up. You can partner with others to provide the treats. This is a wonderful way to meet your church family. Please see Juanita or Pam if you have questions.

We will providing soup on Wednesdays during Lent following a prayer service. We are estimating we will only need one large pot of soup and bread. It will be a blessing if we need more. Please talk to Pam or Juanita if you would like to provide the soup or bread.

Monte Pres Book Club

The next book club will be Monday, March 7th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to join us and to share a recent book you have read. Please invite friends for this time of fellowship. Books from the church library will be available for loan for those interested. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Parker.

Harold & Naomi Poyhonen will be together next week in their new nursing home at:
Flori's Care Home 14510 N.W.Perimeter Dr. Beaverton OR 97006

Wally and Rogene Moser are now living at 910 Burrell Ave Lewiston, ID 83501

The winner of the Chili Cookoff on February 27, 2022 was Jason Schallon. Way to go Jason



Something Fun - Matthew 6:9-13

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"Our Father"

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DAILY BREAD
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DELIVER US
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