

Montesano Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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



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360-249-3845

June 2023

From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick:

John 11:44

When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

I shared Sunday how I had witnessed an unmistakable St. Bernard puppy walking the streets of Aberdeen. I hate to see stray dogs; I hate to see dogs in danger of being hit. So, I went into action for a rescue if needed. And yes, there would have been two dogs to greet you here at MPC should I had succeeded. This is what I was called to do.

We live in daily submission to a host of authorities who define our freedom: from parents to police officers to dog catchers. All authorities are to be respected and, as the Bible declares, honored. But only one authority has the intrinsic right to bind the conscience. God alone imposes absolute obligation, and He does it by the power of His holy voice. His calling is the only one that matters.

He calls the world into existence by divine imperative, by “holy fiat” as C.S. Lewis says. He calls the dead and rotting Lazarus to life again. He calls people who were no people “My people.” He calls us out of darkness and into light. He effectually calls us to redemption. He calls us to service.

Our vocation is so named because of its Latin root vocatio, “a calling.” The term vocational choice is a contradiction in terms to the Christian. To be sure, we do choose it and can, in fact, choose to disobey it. But prior to the choice and hovering with absolute power over it is the divine summons, the imposition to duty from which we dare not flee.

It was vocation that drove Jonah on his flight to Tarshish and caused his terrified shipmates to dump him in the sea to still the vengeful tempest. It was vocation that elicited the anguished cry from Paul, “Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel”. It was vocation that put a cup of bitterness in the hands of Jesus.

The call of God is not always to a glamorous vocation, and its fruit in this world is often bittersweet. Yet God calls us according to our gifts and talents and directs us to paths of the most useful service to His kingdom. How impoverished we would be if Jonah had made it to Tarshish, if Paul



From Pastor Cobb (continued)

had refused to preach, if Jeremiah really had turned in his prophet's card, or if Jesus had politely declined the cup.

I hate leaving you all for my call to Army AT (Annual Training). I wish there were an easier way to receive the benefits from my Army career. Still, these are a calling in and of and from God. I have a special connection to them both and I hope someday these calls will be clear for those who do not understand them. Till then, pray with me.

P. COBB <><

Mission Meals

Thank you to those who have signed up to be the hands of Jesus to those less fortunate in helping with our Mission Meals since Sammie encouraged me to take over the organization of this ministry. Now I am passing the torch on to Tami Robins who has some amazing ideas. Most of you know that she has had many years of food service experience, so her coming along is a God-thing! Here is her cell phone number in case of questions so you can text or call her: (360) 820-4075. Bless you all, Diana Hill

Mission Schedule—June 20th

Deliver Meal ?????

Encouraging word/Music—Patrick Cobb 210-867-8118

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

Tamra Robins
(360) 820-4075

SALAD & DRESSING

Peggy Gillespie
(360) 249-5601

Lori Minzey
(360) 580-5740

Linda Taylor
(360) 580-3908

DESSERT

Pam Hildreth
(360) 470-1973

Mission Schedule—July 18th

Deliver Meal ?????

Encouraging word/Music—?????

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

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Sandy Spearin (360) 589-9253	Jan Morrill (360) 581-2551	Jan Morrill (360) 581-2551
Randi Toyra (360) 580-7880	Pat Willis (360) 249-6005	
Susan Napiontek (360) 581-2847	Edie Johnson (360) 249-3957	

Mission Schedule—August 15th

Deliver Meal—Sandy Spearin

Encouraging word/Music—Patrick Cobb 210-867-8118

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

MAIN DISH	SALAD & DRESSING	DESSERT
Sharon Scott (360) 249-5257	Emily Meier (360) 580-7292	Sandy Spearin (360) 249-3749
Pam Hildreth (360) 470-1973	Tamra Robins (360) 820-4075	
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!

Reader of God’s word

June 4th – Emily Meier
 June 11th – Melanie Cobb
 June 18th – Juanita Howell
 June 26th – Pam Hildreth
 July 2nd – Tom Robins
 July 9th – Garrett Dalan
 July 16th – David Mandt
 July 23rd – Emily Meier
 July 30th – Melanie Cobb

Welcome Team

June 4th & 11th—Patty Winkler & Steve Foshaug
 June 18th & 25th—Ron & Lorna Claxton
 July 2nd & July 9th— Diana Hill
 July 16th & 23rd— Tom & Tamra Robins
 July 30th & August 6th— Pam Hildreth & Juanita Howell

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Ministry 7am	2 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am Susan out of office	3
4 Pulpit fill Winston Urey	5	6 NO Deacons Mtg Grief Mtg 6pm	7	8 Men's Ministry 7am Game Day 1pm Session Mtg 6pm	9 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	10
11 Pulpit fill Winston Urey MHS Graduation 2pm	12	13 Women's Bible Study 10am Union Gospel Mission Meal 3pm Uganda Informational Meeting 6pm	14	15 Men's Ministry 7am	16 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	17
18 9am Worship Service, Strawberry shortcake Fellowship for Dad's Day	19 Patrick at EPC Conference June 18th through June 20th	20	21	22 Men's Ministry 7am Game Day 1pm	23 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	24
25 Worship Service 10am Senior Sunday during Worship	26	27 Women's Bible Study 10am	28	29 Men's Ministry 7am	30 Women's Lunch Ministry 11:30am	

There will be no adult Sunday school or children's church starting June 1st through the summer.
 Red Cross Blood Drive, July 5th at Church of God
 Community Bible Camp July 10-14 at the Church of God
 Church Picnic July 30th at MPC Patio
 No Deacons Meeting June, July, August

Game Day!

Come for Game Day if you want to be out and enjoying time with folks who like playing games of various kinds including ones you bring; who like to laugh; and who like to share and eat snacks! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:00. If you have any questions, you can call or text Randi Toyra at (360)580-7880 or Diana Hill at (360)964-0024.

Congregational Life

No matter how hard you try to stay ahead of the game, Father's Day always finds a way to sneak up on you. The next time you're wondering when you have to have your Father's Day gifts, homemade cards and activities ready for your #1 guy, keep this fact in mind: Father's Day is always celebrated on the third Sunday in June in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and other countries, which means this year's holiday will take place on June 18, 2023.

The annual holiday was started by Sonora Smart Dodd a few years after Mother's Day was first celebrated to "establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents," per History.com. It was a success from the start: The first-ever Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910 in Washington state, although it wasn't named a national holiday until President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

The way that we celebrate dad, grandpa and the other men who shape us continues to evolve from one year to the next. Here, take a look at the rich history of the holiday, starting with the Feast of Saint Joseph in the Catholic Church. Who knows, you may even feel inspired to incorporate past traditions into this year's festivities.

So in our traditional way, we will celebrate Father's Day here at MPC on Sunday, June 18th immediately following Church services...Please Come Join Us!

On another note...

Our Mother's Day celebration was made even more special by the baking talents of our very own Tami Robins. We are so thankful to you Tami for the job so well done. My, my, my, they were delicious!

Beginning Sunday, August 6th, through Sunday September 3rd, there will be no fellowship after church. Fellowship will resume on September 10th.

June Birthdays
Sharon Scott
Jan Morrill
Bob Meier
Jim Dameron
Tammy Bingham
Susan Napiontek



June Fellowship	
June 4	Julie & John Davis
June 11	David & Susan Mandt
June 18	Father's Day
June 25	Mindy Geer

Missions and Outreach

We will be having a Uganda Mission meeting will be June 13, 6:00pm at the church for all who are interested. We plan to offer something to eat. Thanks, Jim

Something Fun - Hebrews 10

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“Sacrifice and Offering”

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