

**Montesano
Presbyterian Church
Newsletter
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Welcome Home
Family Church
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Worship Time
10:00am—11:00am

September 2023

Our time, Harvest time...

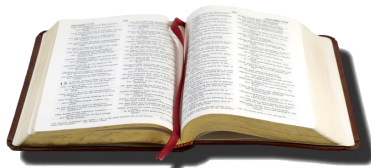
It has been said that life is best when we look at it like looking through a car windshield. Most of the time, we are focused on what is before us. Only once in a while we take a look in the rearview mirror to see what is behind us. I believe that is good advice not only for living our personal lives, but also for how we view the life of the church.

Should we spend our time looking back through the window...because it has also been said that "You can't know where you are going unless you know where you have been." We have a rich heritage of MPC families who have served faithfully, given generously, and prayed fervently so that you and I can reap the *harvest* during our time. We will honor them and remember them. We will also spend some time looking forward. What would God have us to do during our time? What can we do so that those who come behind us will say that we were faithful?

Each generation will decide if a healthy Montesano Presbyterian Church is worth working for, giving for, and sacrificing for. As we are looking back, let's also commit ourselves to looking forward to those who will come after us.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

Juanita Howell



Luke 14:12-14 "when thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just."

How do we choose our friends?

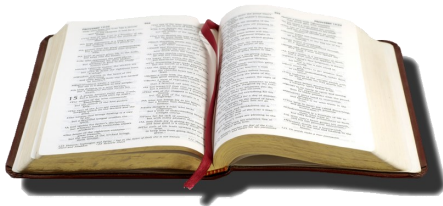
I am sure when we make up an invitation list for a party or other special event we consider a lot of things, but Jesus is trying to tell us something that goes beyond just who we invite, he is also telling us to consider some things about ourselves. Our children learn from us and sometimes we need to learn from our children. Are there people we don't include in our circle of friends because of what other people might think? Perhaps people who are of another race, those who earn less money, those whose educational level is not the same as ours. There are parents who don't want their children to befriend other children for the same reasons. Jesus is trying to tell us that using people for whatever reason is wrong. Whether we surround ourselves with people of "higher status" or those we consider less than ourselves for the purpose of making ourselves look better is using them. Jesus speaks of the need for humility. Humility is a virtue and comes from the same root word as the word for earth. If we are grounded in the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God, then we have no need to either put ourselves down, or try to lift ourselves up. We will also recognize the fact that others are also made in God's image and we will treat them as the images of God that they are. Lord, teach us to be humble as your Son, Jesus, was humble. May we be more generous and open our hearts to all your people. Amen

Cynthia Crisp



Mission & Outreach

"Because of you, the Congregation, Mission and Outreach is able to do the Lord's work in places around the world. We have been sending funds monthly to Uganda for food, medical, and other needs. In Papua New Guinea we support Wycliff Bible Translators. Right here in Grays Harbor, for years we have taken food to the Union Gospel Mission as well as providing financial support. For these efforts, and others, we thank you, the faithful Congregation!" Jim Dameron



Praying Church



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.

Who's Doing What & When?

Mission Meals

Another big success. Costco rotisserie chicken, 4 bean salad, Hawaiian Rolls, chocolate and vanilla pudding with Cool Whip made for a cool summertime meal on a hot night. The devotional message was "getting to know God". Thank you Peggy G, Sharon S, Pam H, Emily M, Sandy S.

Team for September is Main Dish: Emily Meier, Jodi Willis, Tamra Robins, Salad: Jan Morrill, Edie Johnson, Debby Hammer, Dessert: Melanie Cobb. Want to deliver the meal? Just ask Tamra Robins.

Readers of God's Word:

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| Sept. 03 | Emily Meier |
| Sept. 10 | Peggy Gillespie |
| Sept. 17 | David Mandt |
| Sept. 24 | Melani Cobb |
| Oct. 01 | Tom Robins |
| Oct. 08 | Bob Morrill |
| Oct. 15 | Pam Hildreth |
| Oct. 22 | Garrett Dalan |
| Oct. 29 | Emily Meier |

Greeters:

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| Sept. 03 | Bryan & Linda Taylor |
| Sept. 10 & 17 | Cynthia Crisp & Randi Toyra |
| Sept. 24 & Oct. 01 | Mel & Gale Broughton |
| Oct. 08 & 15 | Steve Foshaug & Patty Winkler |
| Oct. 22 & 29 | Ron & Lorna Claxton |



September Birthdays:

Lorna Claxton, Scotty Cookston,
Peggy Gillespie, Pam Hildreth,
Sandy Spearin, Linda Taylor



September Anniversaries:

Tom & Tamra Robins

Congregational Life

It takes many hands to make any church social gather an Enjoyable and Successful event...

A big THANK YOU to the congregation for coming, and bringing a dish and making this our church picnic gathering so much fun. The picnic would not have happened without the many hands and countless hours of prep, set up, serving, and cleanup. We want to extend a special thank you to our wonderful cooks. (Tom, David and Jim)

Utilizing our very own patio was such a great opportunity for all to see what we can accomplish working together.

It was a great turnout and a great afternoon of fellowship and unity!

Juanita



Isaiah 61:10 *"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."*

Save the dates:

Fellowship hour resumes
September 10th. Don't forget to
sign up to host.

Set your sites for our annual
harvest dinner—Sunday, October
29th—something different—more to
come....



September 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 Communion and Deacon Sunday | 4 NO Birthday Lunch  | 5 Red Cross Blood Drive, Assembly of God 1:30 to 7pm Grief Group, 6pm | 6 | 7 Men's Breakfast, 7am | 8 Women's Lunch Ministry, 11:30am | 9 Suicide Prevention 5K walk/run, 8am MPC |
| 10 Coffee hour resumes  | 11 | 12 Women's Bible Study, 10am Deacon's Mtg, 6pm | 13 | 14 Men's Breakfast, 7am Game Day, 1pm Session Mtg, 6pm | 15 Women's Lunch Ministry, 11:30am | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 Union Gospel Mission Meal, 3pm | 20 SPP23 Next Generation Training, 6pm | 21 Men's Breakfast, 7am Game Day, 1pm | 22 Women's Lunch Ministry, 11:30am | 23 |
| 24 Pulpit fill | 25 | 26 Women's Bible Study, 10am | 27 | 28 Men's Breakfast, 7am Game Day, 1pm | 29 Women's Lunch Ministry, 11:30am | 30 |

Psalm 5:3 *"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."*

Psalm 89:15 *"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord."*

Psalm 139:1-4 *"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord."*



Something fun: Hebrews 11

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“By Faith”

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