

Montesano Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Winston Urey ~ Tuesdays 11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Office Admin. Hours ~ Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

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From the roll top desk of Pastor Patrick

Off to Germany

Well, as I promised, here is my schedule...pronounced (shed-drool), not Schedule (Sked-rool), for my German preaching tour for my beloved MPC family. I have my Go-Pro and here are the locales I will hit along the way. This is not the order, I haven't planned that far in advance, yet.

Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church ~ The original church on this site was built in the 1890s. It was badly damaged in a bombing raid in 1943. The location is supposed to be spectacular, so I will find the right spot and share a message.

Buchenwald and Dachau Concentration Camps ~ This is where Bonhoeffer was held in 1945. Buchenwald (boo en valt) which means beech forest, was established on a hill near Weimar, Germany, in July 1937. (Yes, I may have to bring home a puppy.) It was one of the first and the largest of the concentration camps within Germany's borders. Dachau (doc how) was one of the first prisons built by Nazi Germany and the longest running one, opening on 22 March 1933. The camp was intended to intern Hitler's political rivals

which consisted of communists, socialists, and democrats. We will be studying for an Officer Professional Development course on these trips.

Cologne Cathedral ~ is a monument of German gothic architecture. It is the seat of the Archbishop of Cologne and of the administration of the Archdiocese of Cologne. One of the most visited churches in Germany, Cologne Cathedral is also the largest Gothic church in Northern Europe.

Maulbronn Monastery ~ was founded in 1147 and is considered to be one of the most complete and well-preserved medieval monastic complexes north of the Alps. I have visited a few monasteries in my career, and they have all been places of quiet rejuvenation for spiritual renewal. I look forward to this opportunity.

The Wittenberg Castle Church ~ is probably the most famous and popular attraction in the old town of Wittenberg. The world-famous 95 Theses Door, now a popular photo spot, is no longer the original door on which Luther probably nailed his 95 Theses, but I will be

sure to take mine along and get a photo op.

The Cathedral of St Andrew ~ Often referred to as St Andrew's Cathedral, is a ruin located in Fife, Scotland. It was built in 1158. St Andrew's, in particular, was the largest in the UK at the time and was the most important center of pilgrimage in medieval Scotland and one of the most important in Europe. Pilgrims from all over Scotland came in large numbers hoping to be blessed, and in many cases to be cured, at the shrine of Saint Andrew, then play a round of 18 holes before settling down with a few scotch eggs and a pint.

SO, there you have it. I will do my best to keep you all well informed of the events that are taking place. Know that you will be in my heart and in my prayers all the while. Grace and Peace to you all, with the love of Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. <><

P. Cobb

Congregational Life

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th. We will be serving strawberry shortcake. Fingers crossed that the Spooner strawberries will be ripe in time. Please plan to celebrate with us following worship.

During Pastor Patrick's absence, it is important as a congregation/church family that we love and support each other and continue to participate in worship, prayer time, Bible studies, and other church activities. In situations where you would normally seek Pastor Patrick's help, please contact a Session member, leave a voicemail with Susan, or contact Pastor Winston Urey during his office hours on Tuesday.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9 - 10: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

Hebrews 10: 24 - 25: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another....

Pam

Stewardship In Action

A REPORT FROM THE SESSION FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Over the years, the people of Montesano Presbyterian Church have historically been faithful, cheerful and generous donors. We nevertheless remember when the Covid-19 pandemic began and our lives were changed -- not just at Monte Pres.

In early 2020 there were many drastic changes: how and where we could work, eat, gather, go to school, serve in our communities, where, how and with how many other of our congregation we could worship. Buildings were ordered to be closed, we were prohibited from worshipping and participating in many other in-person activities at our church and elsewhere for what seemed a very long time.

Nevertheless, our ministry continued even though some of us have not returned to regular in person attendance at Sunday worship. We are a resilient church family. Through activities such as the Facebook streaming of our Sunday worship, publication of our church newsletter, our continued support of the church's mission in Uganda and, through other means, we have responded to continue the

mission of our church both in word as well as in action. And with God's help, we've been able to return to what seems like a more normal church life. But our "return to normal" hasn't been totally complete.

Since the pandemic, our annual giving at Monte Pres has been in decline. Consider the chart below that provides a three-year summary of our giving.

As of Year End Total General Annual Income

12/31/2021 \$184,594

12/31/2022 \$169,473

12/31/2023 \$157,837

That declining trend continues into 2024 and reminds us that financial support, in the form of our tithes and offerings, represents a resource that's vital to our being able to carry out the church's work.

Whether we gather for Sunday worship or participate in other activities of the church inside our building, elsewhere in the community, online on our Facebook page, in our homes or in many other ways, we continue to be the body of Christ through our ministries, our witness, and our care for one another.

We do not know what lies ahead, but we remain confident in the assurance of God's abiding and steadfast love. With our ongoing prayerful, thoughtful and generous giving, our church can keep doing what love requires of us by nurturing life-giving, joyful ministries both inside and outside our walls.

A number of our members make an annual financial pledge. Others do not, preferring instead to tithe to support the work and missions of our church. Some give proportionally by committing a certain

percentage. Still others donate regularly as they're able.

Whether our gifts be tithes, whether they be percentage-based or whether they be gifts based on our ability, it's vital that we all continue to support the work of our church to the extent each of us is able. The Session asks that we all prayerfully consider our level of giving to help ensure that our missions continue, particularly in view of our congregation's recent reception into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest.

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 would like to be a prayer warrior, or are in need of prayer, contact either Peggy Gillespie or Edie Johnson.



Renee Dalan ~ 09

Jan Morrill ~ June 12

Jim Dameron ~ June 20

Bob Meier ~ June 20

Susan Napiontek ~ June 30

If you would like to be added to the Birthday & Anniversary list, please let Susan know.

Wally Moser recently celebrated his **100th Birthday!!** If you would like to send Wally a card to help him celebrate his address is:

910 Burrell Ave.
Lewiston, ID 83501



Coming Events

***Game Day** ...Come and join us for Game Day if you enjoy playing games! We laugh a lot, and eat snacks that we bring to share!

We meet at church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, at 1:00 p.m.

The June Game Days are June 13 & 27. If you have any questions, call or text Randi Toyra or Diana Hill.

***Grief Group** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. here at the church. This group is led by Angela Carter.

***June Birthday Lunch** Each month we celebrate those having a birthday with a lunch held at Gepettos Italian restaurant. This month, the lunch will be held on Monday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m. Come and help us celebrate!

***Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is open to all men of the church. They meet for breakfast Thursday mornings at 7:00a.m.

***Women's Bible Study** is open to all women of the church. Bible study meets every Friday 11 a.m.

***Father's Day is Sunday, June 16.** Join us for Strawberry Shortcake following worship as we celebrate the men in our lives.



***The annual Church Rummage** sale has been set for mid **July**. Now is the time to start gathering items that can you can donate!

***AARP Class**

Pat Anderson, an AARP certified driving instructor, will be teaching an AARP 50+ Driving class here at MPC. Below is a schedule of days in which the class will be taught. Both Days must be attended in order to receive your certificate. Please *TEXT* Pat at 206.854.8961, with your name, phone number and date you would like to sign up for. Cost for the class is \$20 for AARP Members / \$25 for Non Members.

9 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

June 05 & 06

8 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

July 09

9 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

August 13 & 14
September 18 & 19
October 15 & 16

Who's Doing What....

Reader of God's Word

June 02 ~ Bob Morrill

June 09 ~ Pam Hildreth

June 16 ~ David Mandt

June 23 ~ Garrett Dalan

June 30 ~ Emily Meier

July 07 ~ Tom Robins

July 14 ~ Melani Cobb

July 21 ~ Peggy Gillespie

July 28 ~ Randi Toyra

Greeters

May 26 & June 02 ~

Edie Johnson & Pat Willis

June 09 & 16~

Diana Hill

June 23 & 30 ~

Baier Family

July 07 & 14 ~

Ron & Lorna Claxton

July 21 & 28 ~

David & Susan Mandt

Coffee Hour

June 02 ~ Jan Morrill

June 09 ~ Debby Hammer & Randi Toyra

June 16 ~ Father's Day strawberry shortcake

June 23 ~ David & Susan Mandt

June 30 ~ Tom Ryan

July 07 ~ OPEN

July 14 ~ OPEN

July 21 ~ OPEN

July 28 ~ Church Picnic

Mowing Schedule *pay Jack to Mow

Please mow between Wednesday and
Saturday of the week you signed up for.

June 05 - 08.....Gillespie*

June 12 - 15.....Dameron*

June 19 - 22.....Spearin

June 26 - 29.....Ulakovich*

July 03 - 06 OPEN

July 10 - 13Willis*

July 17 - 20Robins*

July 24 - 27.....OPEN

July 31 - Aug 3.....Johnson*

Aug 07 - 10.....OPEN

Aug 14 - 17.....OPEN

Aug 21 - 24..... Robins

Aug 28 - 31.....OPEN

Union Gospel Mission Meal

For the June 18th mission meal, we will fellowship on Monday, June 17, at 9 a.m, to make a mission meal favorite, Cheesy Tuna Bake. We may even get crazy and serve Cole Slaw with it. A lemon bar for dessert would round it out nicely.

Main Course:

JoAnne Cookston

Pam Hildreth

Randi Toyra

Salad:

Emily Meier

Dessert:

Tamra Robins

Communion Helper

June 02 ~ Melani Cobb

July 07 ~ David Mandt

August 04 ~ Tom Robins

September 01 ~ Randi Toyra

October 06 ~ Lisa Ulakovich

November 03 ~Randi Toyra

December 08 ~ OPEN

Deacon and Session Meetings

Deacon Meeting ~ Tuesday, June 11, 6 p

Session Meeting ~ Thursday, June 13, 6p

If you are unsure if you are on the schedule for anything, a list of 'Who's Doing What' can be found on Susan's office door.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Al Kalar will be held June 1 at 11:00 a.m, at the Church of God. Food fellowship will follow the service.