

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 barracks at Fort Hood....

2 Chronicles 5:13 For the glory of the Lord was displayed, "For He is good and his steadfast love endures forever."

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin, who knew no sin. So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

It's funny how easy it is to neglect habits and disciplines that are really good for you and regress into behaviors and habits that may not be bad, but definitely are not beneficial. Say for instances, getting up early and reading your Bible, exercising and filling your day with basic duties. This is what Army life instills and one weekend a month doesn't really do for me if you know what I mean. Over the past four years I have allowed my early morning routine to morph into something very different. Not bad or wrong, just different.

This morning, I was reminded of Solomon's big day. The day he brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel and into the house of the Lord to reside permanently as a place of worship for all God's people. Solomon had to gather all the elders and priests, retrain them, rebuild, clean, organize and plan and prepare

everything perfectly. I forget who says this, but it goes something like this, "Prior planning prevents piss poor performance." And Solomon knew all this too well. He had learned it from his father, and King David's mistakes. So, he didn't want his project to become something that didn't glorify the Lord.

We bug out tomorrow, June 19 at 5:00 P.M. We will fly for 14 hours with two stops until we arrive at our destination, where we will begin our 9-month mission to care for and heal the sick and wounded. An honorable calling. I hope I am ready. The 2 Corinthians passage reminded me that even in all my preparation and training, time itself causes us to be tarnished from our original quality or abilities. It's like the silver forks and knives in my dining room at home. My mom gave us a stunning set of silverware, which had never been polished in quite some time. I could spend hours rubbing each piece to make it shine with beauty; this would take days. I could be diligent every day, making the effort to clean, a good endeavor for sure, but still tedious. Thankfully, Jesus makes things right in one fell swoop. Did you know that if you take aluminum foil and a little dish soap, put

them in a bowl, place the silver in and let it sit, after an hour the tarnish leaves the silver and sets on the foil? I don't know why. But in the same way our tarnished lives, our sin, our brokenness, our failures and our faults transfer to Jesus, and he bears our dirtiness on the cross and makes us shine before the Lord. Thanks be to God.

It seems too good to be true, too easy right? We keep scrubbing and pushing and pulling trying to make ourselves right before the Lord. But no planning or preparation can do what Jesus does out of love and pure grace. And that is OK! Rest in the waters of baptism knowing who you are and what you have been called to do. We are to shine in the glory of the gospel displayed in us for Him who bears the sins of the world. This really is the best way to live. Peace be with you all.

In Christ <><
P. Cobb



Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus as we begin together our nine month journey without Pastor Patrick. We have been richly blessed by Pastor Winston and the EPC, who have ensured that all nine months of Sundays we will have a message preached. These messages are provided by pastors who are passionate about sustaining our church in the absence of our beloved Pastor Patrick. During this time, it is of utmost importance that we stand together as a church family and lift each other up; welcome our visiting pastors and be patient with changes that may occur during worship. Session is committed to keeping the worship services as similar as possible to what you are accustomed to. If you have concerns

about the worship service or anything happening during Pastor Patrick's absence, please speak to the elder on call for the week, or an elder you are comfortable sharing your thoughts with, or Pastor Winston during his Tuesday office hours.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Peter 4:8-9 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

In the adult Sunday School, we have been reading and studying devotionals from a variety of great Christian writers. The following excerpt from John Wesley provides excellent guidance for our church family in the upcoming months.

"Beware of schism, of making a tear in the Church of Christ. Ceasing to have a reciprocal love for one another, is inner disunity which is at the very root of outward separation. Beware of everything which leads to this separation. Beware of a dividing spirit..... Do not despise or run down any preacher. Do not exalt anyone above the rest lest you hurt him and the cause of God. Do not bear hard upon any preacher because of some inconsistency or inaccuracy of expression; no, not even for some mistake, even if you are right. Do not even give a single thought of separating from your brethren, whether their opinions agree with yours or not. Just because someone does not agree with everything you say does not mean that they are sinning. Nor is this or that opinion essential to the work of God. Be patient with those who disagree with you. Do not condemn those who do not see things just as you do, or who think it is their duty to contradict you, whether in a great thing or small."

"We should always remember that love is the highest gift of God. All of our revelations and gifts are little things compared to love. There is nothing higher in religion. If you are looking for anything else, you are looking wide of the mark. Settle in your heart that from this moment on you will aim at nothing more than that love described in the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. You can go no higher than this."

1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails...

So let us show love and grace to one another and our pastors as we build each other up and prosper during the coming coming months.

Pam

Elder on call for the week of:

July 07: Susan Mandt

July 14: Bob Meier

July 21: Bob Morill

July 28: Tom Robins

Congregational Life

Our annual church picnic will be Sunday July 28th following worship. We will again hold the picnic on our patio. As always, Congregational Life will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages. Look for the sign up sheet beginning the first Sunday in July.

Properties

The Church Street sign committee looking for volunteers, call Bob Meier.

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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Joan Tanner ~ July 13

Liesl Schmidt ~ July 18

Grace Geer ~ July 22

Daniel Schmidt ~ July 28

Happy Anniversary to:

Bob & Emily Meier ~ July 01

Patrick & Melani Cobb ~ July 21

Steve & Pam Hildreth ~ July 21

Butch & Shari Jobst ~ July 30

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 Thursday of the month, at 1:00 p.m. July Game Days are July 11 & 25. 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.

***July 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, July 1, 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 7:00 a.m. *Please note there will be no breakfast ministry on July 4.*

***Women's Bible Study...NEW TIME....** is open to all women of the church. Bible study meets every Friday 11:30 a.m.

***The annual Church Rummage** sale has been set for July 20 at the Polish Club in Aberdeen! Start cleaning out those closets, the garage, spare rooms, etc. Items need to be at Church no later than Saturday June 13.

***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. **Please note that July's class is a one day class from 8a - 4:30p**

8 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m. July 09

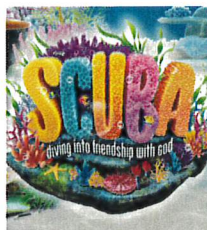
9 a.m. ~ 1 p.m. August 13 & 14

September 18 & 19

October 15 & 16

Red Cross Blood Drive...Here at Monte Pres July 9.

Fam Jam Summer Concert, July 12 at 6:30p. Grays Harbor Foursquare Church.



Community Bible Camp is set for the week of July 8 - 12. Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! CBC is for children pre-school to 6th grade. To register your child / grandchild go to vbspro.events/p/montecbc2024



Who's Doing What....

Reader of God's Word / Pulpit Fill

July 07 ~ Tom Robins / Winston Urey
July 14 ~ Melani Cobb / Larry Carlson
July 21 ~ Emily Meier / Larry Carlson
July 28 ~ Randi Toyra / Mike McMillan
August 04 ~ Pam Hildreth / Winston Urey
August 11 ~ Jan Morrill / Mike McMillan
August 28 ~ David Mandt / Larry Carlson
August 25 ~ Garrett Dalan / Brian Morgan

Greeters

July 07 & 14 ~

Ron & Lorna Claxton

July 21 & 28 ~

David & Susan Mandt

August 04 & 11~

Steve Foshaug & Patty Winkler

August 18 & 25~

Pam Hildreth

Please let Peggy know if you need to change your day.

Coffee Hour

July 07 ~ OPEN

July 14 ~ OPEN

July 21 ~ Mindy Geer & Peggy Gillespie

July 28 ~ Church Picnic

August 04 ~ OPEN

August 11 ~ OPEN

August 18 ~ Deacons

August 25 ~ OPEN

Communion Helper

July 07 ~ David Mandt

August 04 ~ Tom Robins

September 01 ~ Randi Toyra

Mowing Schedule *pay Jack to Mow

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

July 03 - 06 Morrill

July 10 - 13Willis*

July 17 - 20Robins*

July 24 - 27.....Willis*

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

Aug 07 - 10.....Cookston*

Aug 14 - 17.....Toyra*

Aug 21 - 21.....Robins

Aug 28 - 31.....Morrill

Union Gospel Mission Meal

The next Mission Meal is July 16th. It will be hard to top the rave reviews of the Cheesy Tuna Mac casserole that we served in June. Any financial contributions that you would like to make to the program, please mark as Mission Meals and include them with your offering.

Main Course:

Pam Hildreth

Jan Morrill

Salad:

Lori Minzey

Dessert:

Tamra Robins

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.

Deacon and Session Meetings

Deacons Meeting ~ Tuesday, July 9, 6p

Session Meeting ~ Thursday, July 11, 6p



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive
Montesano Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall
201 McBryde Ave
Montesano, WA

Tuesday, July 9, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Montesano
to schedule an appointment.



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blood July 1 to July 14, while supplies last!**



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Songs of
Hope &
Inspiration



FAM JAM

SUMMER CONCERT

JULY 12, 2024 @ 6:30 PM

GRAYS HARBOR FOURSQUARE

4800 CENTRAL PARK DR ABERDEEN

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GET TICKETS!

\$10 EA OR | \$50 PER FAMILY UP TO 6

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Valu Drug - Montesano

FP Center - Call 360.986.3944

