

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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I decided to read a few classics while I am deployed in Germany. The first was, For Whom the Bell Tolls, by E. Hemmingway. The second was East of Eden, by J. Steinbeck.

East of Eden provides Christian readers with much food for thought but it isn't a 'Christian' novel by any stretch of the imagination. In fact, I was embarrassed and ashamed of reading Chapters 20 and 32. Skip those chapters or get the CliffsNotes. Still, Steinbeck uses themes and stories from the Bible in his fiction, but that doesn't mean how he uses them is biblical. He has characters who you root for as faithful hopefuls, only to be disappointed down the line. The novel is about parents and sons, good and evil, nature versus nurture, and a tricky and deceptive idea called free will. It poses the questions, "Do we have the ability to master sin and choose good?" Or "Are we doomed to be mastered by sin, fated to keep repeating the same mistakes over and over, and burdened down by shame and guilt?" The central biblical theme is the story of Cain and Abel. First, the story is read aloud from the Bible by Adam, the main character, his buddy Tom and the ranch hand Lee, who is Chinese and a self-professed Presbyterian. Then the story is discussed between the men to analyze life.

The critical verse is Gen. 4:7 and the Hebrew word, Timshel, is uttered at several key places most significantly at the conclusion of the novel. Steinbeck's main point in the novel is that man has free will, but he won't master sin; therein lies the problem. The characters conclude that because the choice is his--it is not determined by his genes or by fate or by God--there is hope for the future. So, where does that leave the reader, especially if they are a Christian, a young Christian?

Turn to Romans 11:33 – Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are His Judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the ways of the LORD? Or who has become his counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid of him?

The characters of East of Eden do not know the riches of God or pursue his wisdom. They have only received information from a story in the Bible. They do not seek the will or the mind of the Lord. Pay attention to Paul's use of the word LORD. This is Yahweh. And it means there is a relationship present with the seeker and the Lord of Hosts, and the King of Kings.

When we seek a relationship with the Lord, like Paul, we will draw from the sovereign expression of grace and faith in the ONE who offers it first to those whom he calls children. They will respond and the relationship begins. So, to affirm scripture with scripture, Paul says, "So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy." Rom. 9:16.

Rest faithfully in the mercy and grace of the Lord our God and He will show you his plan for your life.

From the small Apartment Desk in Landstuhl

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P. Cobb

Mailing Information for Patrick

Patrick would love to get cards, snack/cookies from the congregation. To send items to Patrick the address must be 'exactly' as it is below in order for it to reach him.

Cobb, Patrick E .
CMR, 402 Box 1331
APO, E 09180
Landstuhl, Germany

Congregational Life

The annual Harvest Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 27th following worship. Time to think of your favorite Thanksgiving side to bring or plan to bake a turkey, we will need at least three. The sign-up list will be in the Fellowship Hall on the first Sunday of October. Remember this is a potluck meal, so if you absolutely have to have your stuffing or

sweet potato casserole made a certain way, please bring it to share. Please make sure whatever you bring will provide at least eight servings.

Thank you to all who have filled in the open spots in the Fellowship Hour sign up list. Everyone enjoys gathering after worship to visit, have a cup of coffee and eat something yummy. This is also a great time to meet our visiting pastors and their families and any new faces you notice. We want to be welcoming to all who join us for Fellowship Hour.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the church, please talk to Pam, who is putting a new members' class together.

In the past several years, the Women's Christmas Party has been organized by a few volunteers. We have had lovely hors d'oeuvres and delicious desserts, an inspirational program, fun games, and a wild gift exchange. If you are interested in planning this year's Women's Christmas Party, please see Pam.

Church Directory

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please let Susan know. A lot of our communication is done through email, so it's important that we have your current contact information. Please take a moment to look at a copy of the directory that can be found on the back table in the sanctuary. If any information is different or you are not in the directory at all, please make the corrections/additions.

Contact Information

If you are in need of counseling, Pastor Urey is in the office every Tuesday, 11 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m. Feel free to stop by and say hi!

If you have a need that cannot wait until Tuesday when Pastor Urey is in, there will be an Elder on call for you to reach out to. The schedule for October is below:

Elder on call for the week of:

Oct 06 ~ Tom Robins

Oct 13 ~ Tom Robins

Oct 20 ~ Pam Hildreth

Oct 27 ~ Lisa Ulakovich

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 are in need of prayer, contact either Peggy Gillespie or Edie Johnson

Operation

Christmas Shoebox

Once again we will be participating in "Operation Christmas Child" by on-line donating. This program helps get a Christmas gift to children who might not receive one. Here is a general idea of what can be put in each box: Toys (jump ropes, dolls, stuffed animals, toy cars, yoyo's etc). personal care products, shoes, markers, crayons, notebooks, picture books, calculators, sunglasses, etc. No food items are sent. Each box is age

appropriate. On-line donation is the simplest way to help but if you want to go shopping you can do that also by ordering a box and they will send you a shoe box to fill up.

To Donate go to:

samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child

Donations need to be made by the 3rd week of November.



H a p p y
October
Birthday
To:

Soren Cobb ~ October 04

Lori Minzey ~ October 06

Matt Schmidt~ October 12

Heidi Schmidt ~ October 18

Virginia Twedt ~ October 21

Rhonda Smith ~ October 28

Tim Leggett ~ October 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. Game Days are October 10 & 24.

***October 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, October 7, 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 morning at 7:00 a.m.

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

***Grief group** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1, at 6:00 p.m

***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. 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.

8:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m. October 15 & 16

There will be no class in November

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. December 17 & 18

***Women's Program...**On October 7th, women in the Grays Harbor area are invited to an evening program featuring Lois Young. The program will focus on a message of hope and restoration for women who have been sexually molested, those who know someone who has been molested or want to know more about God's healing power in horrific situations. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a light dinner followed by the program, in the Montesano Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. There is no charge for, but please leave a message on the church phone if you plan on attending.

***Sunday School** for Adults and Youth has started. Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00a.m.

***Youth Group** will meet on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30p.m, for a Murder Mystery night!

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, October 08, 6:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 6:00 p.m.

Mark Your November Calendars for...

November 17 ~

Seahawk Sunday, 1:05p kick-off

November 21 ~

Community Thanksgiving Service

Location and time TBD

November 30 ~

Hanging of the Greens, 10 a.m.

Who's Doing What...

Reader of God's Word / Pulpit Fill

Oct 06 ~ David Mandt / Winston Urey
Oct 13 ~ Randi Toyra / Brian Morgan
Oct 20 ~ Pam Hildreth / Mike McMillan
Oct 27 ~ Garrett Dalan / Larry Carlson
Nov 03 ~ Tom Robins / Winston Urey
Nov 10 ~ Melani Cobb / Mike McMillan
Nov 17 ~ Emily Meier / Brian Morgan
Nov 24 ~ Jan Morrill / Winston Urey

Union Gospel Mission Meal

The next Mission Meal is October 15. The Montesano Community Church will be providing the meal this month. If you would like to help with the cost of the meals we provide, you may do so in your offering. Be sure to note the funds are to go to UGM meals.

Coffee Hour

October 06 ~ Snow
October 13 ~ Morrill
October 20 ~ Claxton
October 27 ~ Harvest Dinner
November 03 ~ Open
November 10 ~ Open
November 17 ~ Deacons
November 24 ~ Open

Greeters

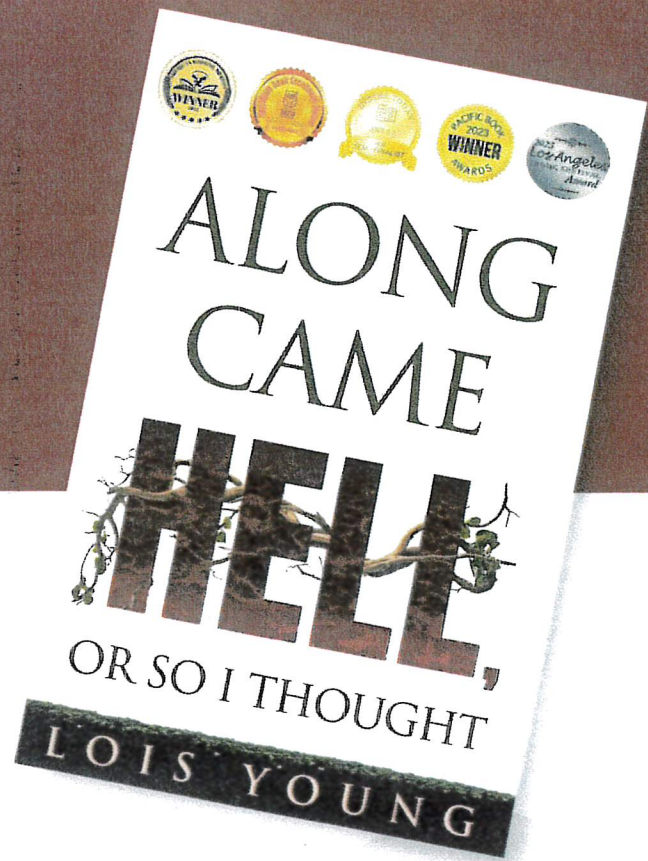
September 29 & October 6~
Mel & Gale Broughton
October 13 & 20 ~
Ron & Lorna Claxton
October 27 & November 3 ~
David & Susan Mandt

Communion Helper

October 06 ~ Lisa Ulakovich
November 03 ~ Randi Toyra (clean up)
December 08 ~ Emily Meier

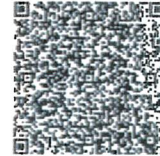


Betrayed?
Abused?
Confused?
Seeking Peace,
Restoration?



You are invited to an outreach for women who have been lied to, betrayed by those you trusted and loved.

Learn how the author and family turned to God for His guidance and healing upon the horrendous discovery of the molestation of their granddaughters.



Lois' book is available for purchase on Amazon

Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Light dinner followed with a presentation by Lois Young

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There is no charge for this event but please text or call (360)580-7292 to reserve a seat.