

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 his roof top, King David could see a kingdom, a culture, a people, and a future. Yet he could not perceive a problem. Was David a man who lacked principle? Was David a King who lost his way ethically and morally? Or was David betrayed by his own way of thinking?

We know the story of King David. A young adolescent who defeats a monster on the battlefield; a young man who learns what it means to follow orders and be betrayed by his own commander. A man who fights for what is right, who offers mercy, who calls upon the Creator God and who receives guidance from the Lord of his Lord. A man after God's own heart. So why the fall? Stories like David's appear in every newspaper, on multiple media channels and in every walk of life we can imagine. The story of David is a common one. I wonder, can you relate to this in your daily life? I can in mine. I know how easily my world way of thinking can betray me, if I fail to see the whole picture.

Mark Driscoll is a pastor author that I find frequently popping up on my Facebook page. He talks at length about being a man of integrity and courage. He makes strong points

about masculinity and fatherhood. He is very critical of men and fathers. Sometimes I am just not sure how to take him. Am I being convicted or offended? Sometimes I just can't tell. I am far from perfect. But more importantly I have learned to listen to what is being said and determine how it impacts me and my life, for my present and my future; applying what I can and leaving for a later date what confuses me. I don't disregard it; I wait on it for later.

I have now been deployed for two months. And being away from my family, both biological and church, has left a hole in my heart. Often, I wish my wife and kids were with me, and at other times, I long for the comradery of men's and women's Bible studies. For it is those concrete and pure moorings that keep a man tethered to the Lord and to the work that is placed before him. I wonder why David didn't have those anchors in place? As I reflect on the success of David – and his failure, his responsibility and his family, I discovered a few points to help me in my leadership within this place and for my church family back home.

Success and achievement are always at the

front of our minds. I won't pretend not to want the next rank. But Lieutenant Colonel comes with a high price and honestly, I am not sure of that cost on my family and church yet. But the want is there. As Shakespeare wrote of Caesar, "Ambition should be made of sterner stuff. And the evil men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones." David's failure cost him dearly. David teaches us to guard our hearts and minds, our way of life, our biblical world view, and most importantly keep those you love close and allow your life accountability. As leaders of the church and our families, we should focus on short-term and long-term effects of decisions and follow through with our goals as a team, as a church, as a family. As leaders, delegating is truly a team effort. As a father, I request my home to work together doing the necessary chores to maintain the home and care for each other. As a pastor, I ask my flock to work together. Each member of the team taking responsibility for the work at hand. Look to where God is working and join him. Whether its in worship or in the garden; whether it's leading a Bible study or serving at fellowship hour, because, perpetuating our love for each other as part of who we are will grow our flock. How? Because that is what people are longing for the most: to be loved by a body of Christ. And don't forget about Nathan. Nathan was the voice of reason, and the best friend David could ever have. We all need accountability, we all need the voice of Jesus to ring true in our ears, especially in times of stress and chaos. This is how the true body functions. We are all part of a whole. 1 Corinthians says, "there is one body but many parts." And it is always and forever the same Christ. One Holy Spirit to help us, one baptism to join us, one faith to guide us, one Lord of all who loves us. And each one of us has a part to play.

As I watch worship from Facebook, as I read

our newsletters and receive messages from MPC beloved, I see a church who has come a long way in a short period of time. Yes, we have had some losses. But the success outweighs the losses. As we continue to grow, set your eyes on the whole of God's work in our church, in your homes, and in our community. Cultivate an attitude of gratitude and hope for tomorrow and peace for today. And set your eyes on Jesus.

Please keep up the great work MPC. Your prayers are being answered and your love extends over the miles.

And of course, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice."

From a cubby hole in a hospital in Landstuhl Germany,

Peace in Christ <><

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

Thank you to all who helped set up, cook, and clean up for the annual church picnic. Also thank you to all who contributed food. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault!

An important reminder that influenza season starts in October and peaks in January through March; other respiratory illness such as RSV and COVID will also increase. September is the month to consider flu shots, updated COVID immunizations, and an RSV immunization, if you did not get one last year. Please remember to use hand sanitizer before touching common items during Fellowship Hour or other church events and always use provided tongs or other serving utensils when getting food. If you feel unwell, please do not come to worship or other church events. Isolating, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing your hands are the best way to prevent transmission of respiratory illnesses.

I have to confess I am turning 70 this month. Sometimes I feel this is too old to keep up my usual pace, as if 70 is a magical number to slow down. My left knee and back hurt after long walks or long periods of standing or bending, but that is nothing new. While I was reading Exodus, I realized Moses was 80 years old when God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt! I am reminded God will always have a way for me to serve for his glory, no matter my age. I need to forget about my age and keep my heart open to where God leads me to serve. I hope you will too. Pam



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 September and October is below:

Elder on call for the week of:

Sept 01 ~ Bob Morrill

Sept 08 ~ Lisa Ulakovich

Sept 15 ~ Pam Hildreth

Sept 22 ~ Susan Mandt

Sept 29 ~ Tom Robins

Oct 06 ~ David Mandt

Oct 13 ~ Tom Robins

Oct 20 ~ Pam Hildreth

Oct 27 ~ Peggy Gillespie

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



Alpha

Alpha to begin Sunday, September 8

Our Fall Alpha program will begin Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. As in the Spring, it will run every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., through the third week of November. Please volunteer to help us welcome visitors and friends from our community. We hope to have a large group. We have been advertising the program at the Saturday Market all July and August. A mailer invitation will be sent out shortly to most of the addresses in the 98563 area. We will need folks to help with dinner, lead small groups and helpers to encourage good questions. Our goal is to share the fruits of our faith and the spirit of Christian fellowship. Tom

Suicide Prevention 5K

The Third Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, September 21. The walk will begin and end at MPC. Registration opens at 8 a.m. the morning of the event, with the first 60 participants receiving a Suicide Prevention coin, a tee shirt and a bag. The event starts at 8:30 a.m., and is hosted by the members of the Montesano Ministerial Association. If you would like to help, please contact Randi or Melani.

Patrick intends to have a similar event in Landstuhl, which will coincide with our event. It will be 10:30 p.m. there so we have a much better time frame for our event! Should you be up for a 5K, walking, running, jogging or however you move along, please join in.

This is a very worthy cause. Over the period of my lifetime in Montesano, there have been numerous suicides. All age groups face this tragedy. Attempts to commit suicide are rarely

reported, so we don't know the full extent of this issue. Raising awareness and getting information out to everyone about the 988 hotline can both change and save lives.

Randi

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



Happy Birthday & Anniversary to:

Sandy Spearin ~ Sept 04
Lorna Claxton ~ Sept 09
Linda Taylor ~ Sept 11
Peggy Gillespie ~ Sept 19
Pam Hildreth ~ Sept 23
Scotty Cookston ~ Sept 28
Tom & Tamra Robins ~ Sept 29

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 September 12 & 26. If you have any questions, call or text Randi Toyra or Diana Hill.

***September 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, September 9, 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..

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

***Grief group** has resumed. The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 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. September 18 & 19
October 15 & 16

***Suicide Prevention Awareness 5K...** Saturday, September 21. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m, race at 8:30 a.m. See the flyer in this newsletter for further details.

***Alpha** begins Sunday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for further details.

***Women's Program, 'Along Came Hell, Or So I Thought',** Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for this special event.

***Youth Pizza Party!** If you are in 6th Grade to 12th grade, come and join the fun on September 26, from 6:30 p.m., to 8:00 p.m.

There will be pizza, games and meet and greet. Plan on joining us!

***Sunday School** for Adults and Youth begins Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m.

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 6:00 p.m.

Who's Doing What...

Reader of God's Word / Pulpit Fill

Sept 01 ~ Tom Robins / Winston Urey
Sept 08 ~ Melani Cobb / Mike McMillan
Sept 15 ~ Emily Meier / George Dakin
Sept 22 ~ Jan Morrill / Ed Longabaugh
Sept 29 ~ Peggy Gillespie / Larry Carlson
Oct 06 ~ David Mandt / Winston Urey
Oct 13 ~ Garrett Dalan / Mike McMillan
Oct 20 ~ Emily Meier / Brian Morgan
Oct 27 ~ Randi Toyra / Larry Carlson

Greeters

September 01 & 08~

Edie Johnson & Pat Willis

September 15 & 22 ~

Peggy Gillespie & Sue McCombs

September 29 & October 6~

Mel & Gale Broughton

Coffee Hour

September 01 ~ Pam Hildreth

September 08 ~ OPEN

September 15 ~ Deacons

September 22 ~ OPEN

September 29 ~ Randi Toyra

Communion Helper

September 01 ~ Randi Toyra (clean up)

October 06 ~ Lisa Ulakovich

November 03 ~ Randi Toyra (clean up)

December 08 ~ Emily Meier

Mowing Schedule *pay Jack to Mow

We have a couple of slots open for September, please take a moment to sign-up, or have Jack mow for you. Cost to have Jack mow is \$40.00

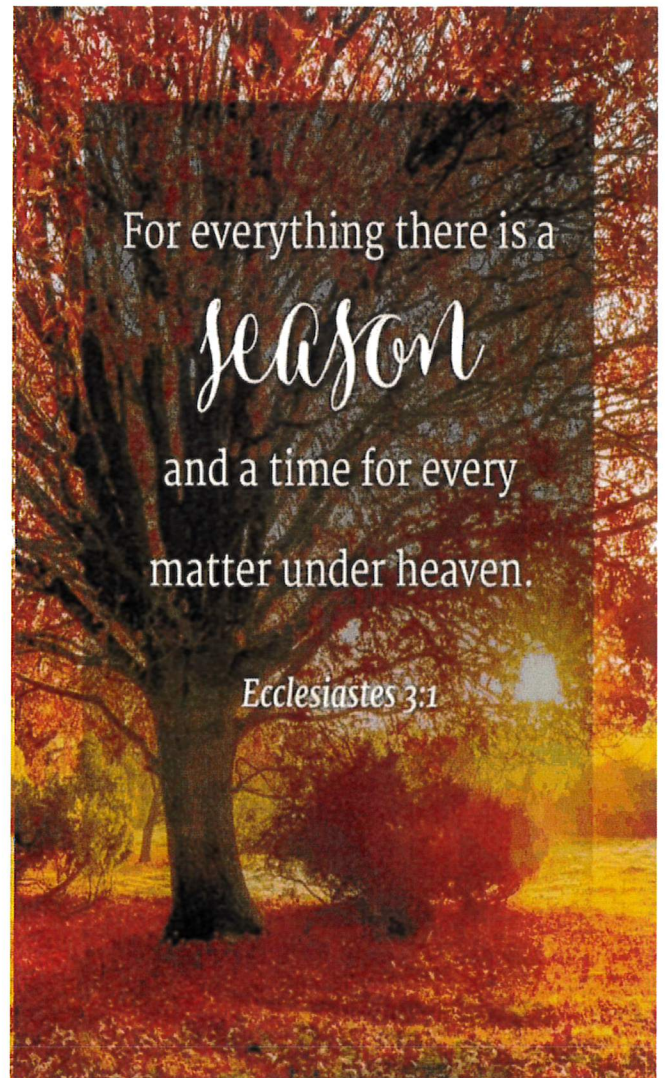
Union Gospel Mission Meal

The next Mission Meal is September 17. 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
OPEN

Salad: Randi Toyra
Pat Willis

Dessert: OPEN



*3rd Annual Suicide
Awareness and Prevention*

5K RUN & WALK



*To Support the 988 National Suicide Prevention Hotline
and those who have been impacted by the loss of a
friend or family member by suicide.*

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 21

Start / Finish at Montesano Presbyterian Church
201 E McBryde Ave

Register the morning of the event. The first 60
participants will receive a coin, t-shirt, and bag.

8:00 am registration opens / 8:30 am start of run/walk

Hosted by the Montesano Ministerial Association

FREE