

# 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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Matthew 16:16-19

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Romans 3:10-12 "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one"

How do we expand the kingdom? How do we let loose the Christian faith of Christ around us? How do we get people to want to attend church? How do we introduce our friends and coworkers to faith in Christ and the benevolence of a loving living God who wants a relationship with us? As I ask myself these questions regularly, I imagine Frodo and Gandalf sitting in the caves of Moria; Frodo, being burdened by the ring, begins to lose

hope. I wonder, is there hope for our people when it seems we have all gone astray and no one is worthy, not even one.

We are all born with the same illness - Sin. Love for God and affection for Christ are not natural to us. Before we can love God, something must happen to us. Our hearts of stone must be changed into hearts of flesh, hearts that beat with new life and true affection for God. When one speaks of being "born again," he is speaking of his or her change of heart. But why are our hearts so hard?

When God quickens us from spiritual death, when He regenerates us by His Holy Spirit, He does heart surgery on us. He turns the stone into living tissue; converted to gain a new character, a new attitude, and a new heart. When once we were hostile, cold, or indifferent to God, now we are warmly attracted to Him. Our souls are awakened to love. We are even given a blood transfusion.

To be a Christian is to be a new person. We have undergone a transformation that is rooted in the heart.

The more we know God, the greater our capacity to love Him. The more we love Him,

the greater our capacity to obey Him. Our new affection, however, must grow, it must be nurtured, and it must be maintained through the keys of the kingdom which unlock the faith within our lives. What are the Keys of the Kingdom? (Please look this up. Think of it as homework).

We are called to love God with our whole hearts. The new heart of flesh must be nurtured. It must be fed by the Word of God. If we neglect our new hearts, they too can undergo a hardening, yes, even more than once or twice. Thankfully, if we are within a body that is tightly knit, and strong, we will not revert to a total heart of stone, but it can get a bit crusty.

Still, the new heart is the re-creation of the Holy Spirit. That same Holy Spirit is working within us to bear His fruit. As our hearts are more inclined to God, so the fruit of His Spirit is multiplied in our lives.

Sanctification is a matter of the heart. The keys to the kingdom are what will allow us to build this church, if we take it with the utmost seriousness as a process that flows from intimate fellowship with God. Jesus summarized the matter by showing the link between love and law: "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

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## 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.

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## Congregational Life

**CHILI COOK OFF TIME IS HERE!** The Cook Off will be Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025, following worship. The cook off will be finished well before the Super Bowl starts. Who will win the coveted Chili Cook Off apron? Everyone is welcome to enter. Pastor Mike is bringing his special chili. If you don't want to compete, please sign up to bring corn bread, shredded cheese, sour cream, corn chips, avocados, or any other fixings you like with your chili or dessert.

The Fellowship Hour sign-up sheet is on the front table in the Fellowship Hall. A rumor is going around that Fellowship Hour has become a competition to see who can provide the most elaborate snacks. Some church family members feel like they cannot compete or won't compete. Dear Church Family, Fellowship Hour is not a competition. There is no prize for the best snacks or a rating on Trip Advisor or Google. The purpose is to provide a light snack, not a meal, for church family and most importantly guests to our church to enjoy while spending time with each other in fellowship. We have special events such as Sausage Sunday, Chili Cook



## 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 or Edie Johnson..

Off, Pie Sunday and Deacons' Fellowship when many church family members or all the Deacons contribute to Fellowship Hour, but regular Fellowship Hour is again SIMPLE and does not have to be homemade. You can bring anything you want. Plan for about 30 people to attend. Please do not be intimidated and sign up for this important church mission to bring our church family together. If you have any questions, ask Pam.

## Uganda

### It's UGANDA AUCTION MONTH!!

The auction is set for Sunday, February 23 following worship. As in the past, there will be an African Peanut Stew Luncheon followed by a Silent and Oral Auction. PLEASE bring in your donated items or services to be auctioned off by February 17 so that we can promote these items and build excitement. Donations can be left in the Sunday School room. The more items we have to auction off the more fun the auction is. AND don't forget to invite your friends, family and neighbors!!

**Kitchen Reminder: A reminder for any individual or group using the kitchen..** PLEASE clean-up after you are done. Wipe up spills, rinse out the sink, wash & put the dishes you use away, if something explodes in the microwave, clean it up.... AND please be sure the oven and stove top are turned off and water is not dripping in the sinks. This helps keep the kitchen clean for the next person/group to use it.

## 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 February is below:

### **Elder on call for the week of:**

Feb 02 ~ Susan Mandt

Feb 09 ~ Peggy Gillespie

Feb 16 ~ Pam Hildreth

Feb 23 ~ Tom Robins



*Rory Baier*

*Carson Cobb*

*Emily Meier*

*Mercedes Morrill*

*Tamra Robins*

*Art Tanner*

# Coming February 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 1:00 p.m.

Games Days for the month of February will be February 13 & 27

If you have any questions, or would like for information, please contact with Diana Hill or Randi Toyra.

**\*Sunday School** Join us for Adult and Youth every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**\*February 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, February 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 7:00 a.m.

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

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

**\*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.

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m      February 11 & 12

**\*Youth Group...** Will meet on Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m. All youth 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited!

## Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

## Session Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 6:00 p.m.

# Who's Doing What...

## Reader of God's Word / Pulpit Fill

Feb 02 ~ David Mandt / Winston Urey

Feb 09 ~ Gattett Dalan / Mike McMillan

Feb 16 ~ Pam Hildreth / Larry Carlson

Feb 23 ~ Randi Toyra / Brian Morgan

Mar 02 ~ Tom Robins / Winston Urey

Mar 09 ~ Melani Cobb /

Mar 16 ~ Emily Meier / Mike McMillan

Mar 23 ~ Jan Morrill /

Mar 30 ~ Peggy Gillespie /



## Greeters

**February 02 & 09 ~**

Peggy Gillespie & Sue McCombs

**February 16 & 23 ~**

Mel & Gale Broughton

**March 02 & 09 ~**

Ron & Lorna Claxton

**March 16 & 23 ~**

David & Susan Mandt

**March 30 & April 6 ~**

Ron Dalan

## Coffee Hour

Feb 02 ~ Winkler & Ryan

Feb 09 ~ Chili Cook-off

Feb 16 ~ Open

Feb 23 ~ Uganda Auction

Mar 02 ~ Morrill

Mar 09 ~ Open

Mar 16 ~ Mandt

Mar 23 ~ Open

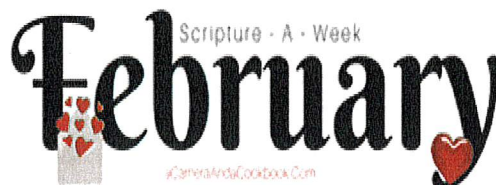
Mar 30 ~ Pi (Pie) Sunday

The coffee hour sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to sign up.

If you feel you are unable to host coffee hour but would like to participate, you can help by donating to the Congregational Life fellowship hour fund. Just write coffee hour on your check or cash envelope and drop in the the tithing basket.

## Union Gospel Mission

The February mission meal will be provided by the Montesano Community Church, Monte Pres will be delivering the message. There are many ways to help with this monthly mission. Helping to cook and bake are just a couple of ways you can participate. If you can't help with preparing the meal, donations are gladly accepted to help with the cost of the meal. A sign-up sheet for the coming year is available in the fellowship hall.



### **Romans 12:9**

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

### **1 Corinthians 16:14**

"Let all that you do be done in love."

### **Proverbs 10:12**

"Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses."

### **1 Corinthians 13:13**

"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

