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FROM THE ROLL TOP DESK OF PASTOR PATRICK...

Grace and Peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this letter finds you all well. To the Church in Montesano, the Presbyterian one, and to the Saints called together with those who may not know the news of my departure. May the Lord bless you and keep you all.

As I sit at my desk today, my heart is full - with gratitude, with reflection, and yes, with a touch of sadness. The time has come for me to say farewell, but not goodbye. Here we mark the close of one chapter; a marvelous chapter with many wunderbar memories and it marks the beginning of another, and I want to take a moment to honor this body of Christ for its care and nurture over the past five years.

To my Session, Deacons, and friends—you have shaped my faith journey more than words can express. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated victories, and grown in ways both expected and surprising. I am humbled by your trust, inspired by your dedication, and deeply thankful for your companionship along the way. From living in the church as its personal church mouse learning all its ins and outs, weird noises, and funky smells, I will always be grateful for its

shelter from the storms. To my session members thank you for your mentorship and love. Pam, I can never repay you for all you have done. Bobs X2, we had fun, what else can I say! Jim, you're a true outdoorsman and I cherish the woods; the deer, elk, and grouse are magnificent, don't ever slow down. Peggy and John, thank you for taking care of Soren and I as we struggled through the first year of Washington. We could never have done it without you. Garrett, thanks for your friendship. Peter, thank you for your servant's heart and love for goodness. To all my Deacons your servanthood is immeasurable. It can never be matched, keep it going. To so many more, thank you. For rides on motorcycles, skiing in Packwood, and the sharing of your lives and homes. You will be missed. David, Susan, Tom, Tami, Randi, Lorna, Ron, Mel, Gale, Dene, everyone; serving you and your kindness will never be forgotten. Susan, Rick and Daryl, be blessed. Oh Doug!

Transitions are rarely easy, but they are necessary. They make space for fresh ideas, new voices, and the continued growth of the community we've built together. I leave with pride in what we've accomplished and excitement for what lies ahead—for you and

for me. Montesano Presbyterian Church will always be a place where Christ is found waiting for all who come to seek Him here. Make Him visible and readily available.

As I step into this new season of life, I carry with me the lessons, laughter, and lasting bonds formed in the PNW. Please know that I will always look back on this time with great fondness and deep respect. Until our paths cross again, may you find joy in the work of the Lord and the Kingdom that is open at our doorstep. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes,
Via con Dios.

REV. Patrick E. Cobb

Christian Ed

Did you know Melani Cobb and Teresa Snow have a Youth Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning? Sunday School has been focused on introducing the Bible. They are continuing to go thru each chapter of the Bible, reviewing the highlights and major stories. The Youth Sunday School is welcoming ages 13 and up. Sunday School will continue through out the summer.

The Adult Sunday School meets in the large classroom at the end of hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We are currently studying *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortland. Everyone is welcome.

Congregational Life



Please plan to attend the Annual Church Picnic on July 20, 2025 following worship. We will also be saying goodbye to our beloved Pastor Patrick, Melani, Addison and Carson. Pastor Patrick's last Sunday is July 20th. This is the time to celebrate Pastor Patrick's time with us and to wish him and his family God's blessing and success in their new call in Helena, Montana.

The picnic will be held on our church patio. Congregational Life will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages. Look for the sign-up sheet for chips, salads, desserts or any other favorite picnic food you would like to bring on the serving table in the front of the Fellowship Hall

Coffee Hour The sign-up list for Fellowship Hour is located on the serving tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider providing the refreshments. Remember the refreshments do not have to be elaborate. If no one signs up, coffee and juice will be available

Missions

It's time once again to clean out your cupboards and closets as we prepare for our annual **Mission Rummage Sale!** As in the past, the sale will be held at the Polish Club in Aberdeen, This year the sale will be July 11 & 12, 10a.m. to 3:00p.m. The last day that donations are accepted will be Sunday, July 6. So start organizing those closets!!



Union Gospel Mission

Summer is upon us and the Mission Meal program is busy. We always prepare 60 servings of a main course, salad and dessert. In June every table was full, and every belly was filled. With meal attendance up, and food cost up, MPC has several ways you can help. If you have no spare time, but a willing heart and a few dollars to match, please mark your cash donation "Mission Meal" and place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. If you are available the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m., join in the cooking fellowship that goes into creating the meal. If you have extra produce from your garden it's a welcome addition to the meal. The community we serve greatly appreciates all that we share; the meal, the message, and our Savior's love.

Pastor Search Committee

Pastor Cobb has answered a call to pastor a church in Helena, Montana starting late this summer. Patrick's last Sunday here at Monte Pres will be July 20.

With Patrick's leaving, the search will begin for a new Pastor. On May 18, during a special congregational meeting, the congregation approved the following people as members of the Search Committee.

Debby Hammer
Pam Hildreth
Emily Meier
Mercedes Morrill
Tom Robins

Please lift them up in prayer as they work through this process. There will monthly updates in the coming newsletters

*Attached to this newsletter you will find a Pastor Activity Priority Survey. This survey will help the Search Committee find what the congregation feels is the church families priorities in a new pastor. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return to the church office.

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.

We gather for group prayer on Tuesdays at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us to pray for concerns and blessings and for answered prayer.





Joan Tanner ~ July 13
Liesl Schmidt ~ July 18
Grace Geer ~ July 22
Daniel Schmidt ~ July 28

Bob & Emily Meier ~ July 01
Patrick & Melani Cobb ~ July 21
Steve & Pam Hildreth ~ July 21
Butch & Shari Jobst ~ July 30

Coming July Events

***Sunday School** Join us for Adult and Youth every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will continue throughout the summer.

***Grief group** will take a hiatus for the summer. Watch the September newsletter for date meetings will resume.

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

***Youth Group...** Will meet on Thursday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. All youth 6th - 12th grade are invited!

***July Birthday Lunch** Each month we celebrate those having a birthday with a lunch held at Gepettos Italian restaurant. This is open to everyone. This month the lunch will be held on Monday, July 7, at 11:30 a.m. Come and help us celebrate!

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.

Games Days for the month of July will be July 10 & 24. If you have any questions, or would like for information, please contact with Diana Hill or Randi Toyra.

***Women's Bible Study...** is open to all women of the church. Bible study meets every Friday 11:30 a.m. They are currently studying Job. This Bible Study will continue throughout the summer.

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held here at Monte Pres on Tuesday, July 8. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. A sign up sheet can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Deacons Meeting

No Deacon Meetings for July and August

Session Meeting

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

Who's Doing What...

Reader of God's Word

July 06 ~ Emily Meier

July 13 ~ Jan Morrill

July 20 ~ Peggy Gillespie

July 27 ~ David Mandt

August 03 ~ Garrett Dalan

August 10 ~ Randi Toyra

August 17 ~ Pam Hildreth

August 24 ~ Tom Robins

August 31 ~ Emily Meier

Greeters

July 6 & 13

Patty Winkler & Steve Foshaug

July 20 & 27

Ron & Lorna Claxton

August 3 & 10

Ron Dalan

August 17 & 24

David & Susan Mandt

August 31 & September 7

Diana Hill

Coffee Hour

July 06 ~ OPEN

July 13 ~ OPEN

July 20 ~ Church Picnic/Cobb's Farewell

July 27 ~ Randi Toyra

August 03 ~ OPEN

August 10 ~ David & Susan Mandt

August 17 ~ OPEN

August 23 ~ Ice Cream Sunday

August 31 ~ OPEN

