

Montesano Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.

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From Alistair Begg Truth for Life 365 Daily Devotionals, July 19th "Irrevocably Interwoven"

"If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Philippians 2:1-2

"... when we embrace Christ in all of His love and accept the salvation He won for us at the cross, we are united with him - and we are never the same again... Our relationship with Him is a gift of God's grace to us, and we can find security in the knowledge that through the power of His Spirit, He is with us everywhere we go. If you are united with Christ by faith, He is closer to you than you are to your own hands and feet. Your life is permanently interwoven with the Lord.

One of the prevailing difficulties of 21st-century life is that so many of us feel at times forlorn, bereft of companionship, and alone even when we're in the midst of a crowd... Truly, though, Christians need not feel that despair, because we know and experience the reassurance of our union with

Christ. He both knows us completely and loves us infinitely...The "comfort" Paul speaks of here isn't just a simple, cozy feeling; the word describes something with power and attractiveness to it. It is a doing word: comfort flows out into our relationships with each other, for the Spirit unites us not only to Himself but also to one another even on this side of heaven. The more we enjoy the benefits of our union with Christ- the most precious of which is Christ Himself- the more we will grow closer to, and more deeply loving of, our brothers and sisters in faith...

Our knowledge of Christ's mercy and compassion ought to compel us to show affection and sympathy to one another as we grow in our union with Him. It is possible for us to be hardened by life's bumps and bruises, possible for us to lack the grace which reveals itself in tenderness, possible for us to be so taken up with ourselves that we fail to love others...ask the Spirit to show you anyone who needs encouragement or comfort today, and be the means by which Christ's comfort is brought to them."

Christian Ed

Sunday School will continue throughout 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

Thank you to all who participated in our Pastor Patrick Goodbye/Annual church picnic. It was delicious. A special thanks to Tom Robins, who located and ensured a working gas grill to cook hamburgers and Bob Meier who brought his gas grill for the hot dogs, as the burn ban prevented us from using our charcoal grills.

August 24, 2025 will be Ice Cream Sundae (Sunday). Get ready for a sweet treat after Fellowship Hour.

Please review the Fellowship Hour sign up sheet and see a good Sunday for you to host.

MISSIONS

Thank you to all who donated to our annual Mission Rummage Sale. We were able to raise \$800.00 for our continued mission work.

As you may know, folks in our congregation and elsewhere support many orphans in Uganda in boarding school. We have a constant need for more funds for this ministry,

which is entirely supported voluntarily. If you feel led to contribute to this ministry, please talk with Jim Dameron or Tom Robins.

Thank you

Pastor Search Committee

Pastor Search Committee Update:

"The Search Committee, on behalf of the congregation, is seeking to understand the mind of Christ about whom He has called to be the pastoral leader of this congregation." EPC Procedure Manual for Ministerial Candidates and Committees, Chapter 6 Orienting the Search Committee.

The Search Committee met on July 18, 2025, to participate in Search Committee training taught by Ed Cummings, the Stated Clerk of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest, orient us to the search process, and to set up our voting, record keeping, and communication processes. The committee was provided with the Church Information Form (CIF), which will be used to notify Presbytery of our pastor vacancy and solicit candidates for our open Teaching Elder (Pastor) position. Candidates may respond to our vacancy announcement, be referred from the EPC Ministerial Committee or referred from our congregation. A chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary were elected. A covenant of confidentiality was established with clear boundaries for the committee. The names of individuals being reviewed by the committee will be kept confidential, even from committee family members.

Keep us in your prayers as we begin this most important process.

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.



Happy Birthday To:

Ron Claxton - August 5
Shari Jobst ~ August 9
Charlie Schmidt ~ August 10
Sandy Thomas ~ August 15
Lori Oestreich ~ August 16
Karen Jarvis ~ August 19
Patrick Cobb ~ August 20
Diana Hill ~ August 20
Rick Napiontek ~ August 23
Steve Foshaug ~ August 25

Happy Anniversary To:

David & Susan Mandt ~ August 2
Mel & Rhonda Smith ~ August 11
Ron & Lorna Claxton ~ August 14
Steve & Carol Fischback ~ August 18
Marv & Lisa Ulakovich ~ August 22
Rick & Susan Napiontek ~ August 31
Matt & Tracee Schmidt ~ August 31

Coming August 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, August 28, 7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m. All youth 6th - 12th grade are invited!

***August 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, August 4, 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 August will be August 14 & 28. 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.

Deacons Meeting

No Deacon Meeting for the month of August

Session Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 6:00 p.m.

Who's Doing What...

Reader of God's Word

August 03 ~ Garrett Dalan / Brian Morgan
August 10 ~ Randi Toyra / Winston Urey
August 17 ~ Pam Hildreth / Winston Urey
August 24 ~ Tom Robins / Larry Carlson
August 31 ~ Emily Meier / Larry Carlson
September 07 ~ Jan Morrill / Ed Longbaugh
September 14 ~ David Mandt / Winston Urey
September 21 ~ Garrett Dalan / Ed Longbaugh
September 28 ~ Randi Toyra / Winston Urey

Greeters

August 3 & 10

Ron Dalan

August 17 & 24

David & Susan Mandt

August 31 & September 7

Diana Hill

September 14 & 21

Tom & Tamra Robins

September 28 & October 5

Steve Foshaug & Patty Winkler

Coffee Hour

August 03 ~ OPEN

August 10 ~ David & Susan Mandt

August 17 ~ OPEN

August 24 ~ Ice Cream Sundae

August 31 ~ OPEN

September 07 ~ OPEN

September 14 ~ David & Susan Mandt

September 21 ~ OPEN

September 28 ~ OPEN

