

# Montesano Presbyterian Church

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A few months ago, the Adult Sunday School class studied the Alistair Begg book Brave by Faith, based on the first seven chapters of the book of Daniel. Chapter 4 of Brave by Faith was devoted to the fourth chapter of Daniel and was titled "Speak Out (Because God Is Big). When King Nebuchadnezzar's magicians and enchanters failed to interpret the king's dream, Daniel was called in and spoke the truth of the dream. "It is a decree of the Most High...that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field...till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to who he will" (verses 24-25). Daniel then tells the king to stop sinning by practicing righteousness and stop his iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed. Daniel is telling the king of Babylon to be humble, and God may be merciful!

Begg writes "In the West there is no doubt, in many ways, talking to non-Christians—be they neighbors and colleagues or presidents or kings—is harder than it was a generation ago, even a few years ago. The West's Christian heritage is draining away; those we speak with are often either apathetic about or antagonistic toward the gospel message. Talk about Jesus and you risk being met not with interest or politeness but with hostility and rejection. And so, many of us don't. And, not speaking about Jesus, we notice that no one around us is

coming to faith—and so we conclude that no one will ever. What is the answer? It is to remember what our part is in evangelism, and what God's part is."

Begg tells us to be courageous and tell others about Jesus and then let "God's humbling work" do the rest. Begg quotes his friend Rico Tice's book Honest Evangelism. "Your evangelism will never make someone come to faith in Christ. And your evangelism will never be good enough to win someone. But here's the thing; it doesn't have to be. That's not our job. When it comes to witnessing the most liberating truth is to realize what our job is, and what God's job is." (page 62) Begg says "And what is God's Job? It is to sovereignly, mercifully work through what his servants say."

"So, let us restore our vision of God as he really is. He is the God who was able to humble the king of Babylon and then raise him up to praise him and worship him...Is your God big enough? If you remember that this is who God is and what he can do, you will pray for those around you, and you will share the gospel with them.

So church family, be brave in your faith and tell someone the Good News and see what God can do.

## Christian Ed

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in the large classroom at the end of the hall. We are currently studying Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland. Everyone is Welcome! Youth Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. in the youth room upstairs.

## Congregational Life

Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour. The signup list is on the food table in the Fellowship Hall. Our church family loves to gather and fellowship after worship. Remember the food provided does not have to be elaborate. If you have any questions, please talk to Pam.

## Pastor Search Committee

Our Church Information Form (CIF), to include the Pastor Compensation Form (PCF), was submitted to the EPC Ministerial Committee. The Committee thought the CIF was good, but recommends Session consider adding between \$5000 and \$10,000 to the salary package to make us competitive. At the August Session Meeting, Session approved adding \$5000 to the PCF. Pam Hildreth will update the CIF and resubmit it to the Ministerial Committee.

The Pastor Search Committee met on July 18, 2025 to attend an educational presentation on the Pastor Search process by the Stated Clerk of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery, Ed Cummings. Search Committee officers were chosen:

Committee Chair ~ Pam Hildreth  
Vice Chair ~ Emily Meier  
Secretary ~ Tom Robins

The committee also met on August 3, 2025 to review process steps, communication channels, and member responsibilities. Also discussed was the process of receiving and responding to applications. No applications can be received until our CIF is posted on the EPC website. The members are reviewing the book *"So You're Looking for a Pastor"* and the interviewing process video on the EPC website. If you have a question about what the search committee is doing, please speak with Pam.

On August 20, 2025, our CIF was posted to the EPC Pastors Opportunities website

The committee asks that you continually hold us up in prayer that we be guided by the Holy Spirit to call the pastor God wills for us. We are keeping your survey responses in our hearts as we search for a pastor who loves Jesus, is guided by the Holy Spirit, and whose messages are Bible based.

## Praying Church

Did you know that we are a praying church and we want to pray for your families and friends who have needs? We have a Prayer Chain made up of people who will pray for you. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain and commit to pray for concerns that are sent out, we can add you to this list. If you have needs you'd like us to pray for, just give Peggy Gillespie a call or email her and your request will be sent to the Prayer Chain.

For many years Edie Johnson has been taking phone calls or messages when one of us had a prayer concern to share. Edie is ready to retire from this ministry so we want to give thanks to Edie for her years of giving this way. Thank you Edie, you have been a Blessing!



## Worship

Susan assigns Worship Partners on a rotational basis. If you have a planned vacation or absence please let Susan know not to assign you as the Worship Partner on the Sundays you know you will be gone. Please remember to check the assignment sheet on Susan's door to see when you are scheduled to be the Worship Partner. If something unexpected comes up and you are not able to be the Worship Partner on your assigned date, it is your responsibility to trade with someone else and update the assignment board. Remember the rotation of pastors, who are blessing us during our search for a new pastor, need to be coordinated with in advance to understand which parts of the worship service the pastor wants the Worship Partner to be responsible for.



## *Anniversaries and Birthdays*

### **Happy September Birthday to:**

Sandy Spearin ~ September 04  
Lorna Claxton ~ September 09  
Peggy Gillespie ~ September 19  
Pam Hildreth ~ September 23  
Scotty Cookston ~ September 28

### **Happy Anniversary to:**

Tom and Tamra Robins ~ September 29



To Our Church Body....Is there is a favorite hymn you would like to sing on a Sunday Morning?

Write a note. Put it in the offering basket and it will be passed on to our music team.

### **Elder on Call**

Until Montesano Presbyterian Church has a new pastor, an Elder will be on call weekly for any needs of our church family.

The list for September is below:

Sept 07 ~ Bob Morrill  
Sept 14 ~ Susan Mandt  
Sept 21 ~ David Mandt  
Sept 28 ~ Tom Robins



## **Coming September Events**

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

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

**Grief Group** will resume in October

**NEW TIME! Women's Bible Study...** is open to all women of the church. This study meets every Friday morning at **11:00 a.m.** They are currently studying Job.

**Youth Group....**Will meet on Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. All youth grades 6–12 are invited!

**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 for the month of September will be September 11 & 25. If you have any questions, contact either Diana Hill or Randi Toyra.

### **Deacon Meeting**

Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 p.m.

### **Session Meeting**

Thursday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.

## **Who's Doing What**

### **Reader of God's Word**

Below is a list of the Worship Readers along with the Pastors they will be assisting

Sept 07 ~ Jan Morrill / Ed Longabaugh  
Sept 14 ~ David Mandt / Winston Urey  
Sept 21 ~ Garrett Dalan / Ed Longabaugh  
Sept 28 ~ Randi Toyra / Winston Urey  
Oct 05 ~ Pam Hildreth / Cara Taylor  
Oct 12 ~ Tom Robins / Winston Urey  
Oct 19 ~ Emily Meier / Brian Morgan  
Oct 26 ~ Jan Morrill / Brian Morgan

### **Greeters**

#### **September 7**

Tom & Tamra Robins

#### **September 14**

David & Susan Mandt

#### **September 21**

Tom & Tamra Robins

#### **September 28 & October 5**

Steve Foshaug & Patty Winkler

#### **October 12 & 19**

Debby Hammer & Randi Toyra

#### **October 26 & November 2**

Pam Hildreth

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Sept 07 ~ Meier  
Sept 14 ~ Mandt  
Sept 21 ~ Robins  
Sept 28 ~ OPEN  
Oct 05 ~ OPEN  
Oct 12 ~ OPEN  
Oct 19 ~ OPEN  
Oct 21 ~ Harvest Dinner

