

Montesano Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. ~ Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Psalm 51: 10 - 12 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Phillipians 4: 4 - 9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Does the news distress you to the point you stop watching? Do Facebook posts you don't agree with make you furious? Do you owe someone an apology? Do you spend more time on social media than you do reading and studying the Bible? Do you live in a state of anxiety thinking the world is beyond saving?

Maybe our hearts and spirits need a good cleaning. As anyone who does housework knows, the longer you put off cleaning, the worse it gets, and the increased effort it takes to get the work done. We get more and more anxious as the work piles up. We dread that someone will see the mess.

King David in Psalm 51 realized what a mess he had made by committing adultery with Bathseba, arranging for her husband to be murdered and then covering it all up. He put his kingdom at risk, but more importantly his soul. King David is asking God for a clean heart and a clear conscience. He knew his sins were so great, only God could do the cleaning. Instead of continuing to live in dread separated from God, King David wants to be restored to a right relationship, to feel His presence again and know the joy of God's salvation. David also asked for a willing spirit, to once again bear the fruits of the Spirit instead of the despair, guilt, and anxiety of a broken relationship with God.

In Phillipians 4, Paul reminds us God is near, no matter what is happening in this broken world. If we trust in the Lord and not what we see on television or read on social media, we can stop worrying so much. Paul tells us if we don't want to be anxious to pray to God about the things that bother us if we want peace. Remember Pastor Winston's message when he loudly declared, while pointing to the cross, "Look to Jesus! Look to Jesus! Look to Jesus!"? This is the way to a clean heart and a renewed spirit.

In the Tuesday Women's Bible study, we are studying A Diary of Private Prayer by John Baille. The Twenty-Sixth Day Morning prayer contains the following, "Break down

O Lord, all the forces of violence, cruelty, and evil. Defeat all selfish and power-driven schemes and bless everything that is planned in the spirit of Jesus and carried out to the honor of his blessed name.”

The Twenty-Seventh Day Morning prayer includes, “Save me from worrying. Give me a strong heart to bear my own burdens. Give me a willing heart to bear the burdens of others. Give me a believing heart to cast all my burdens on you.”

So, church family let us clean our hearts and refresh our spirits of hidden sins and anxiousness about the world around. Let us remember our God is great, good, faithful, and loving. Our salvation, peace and joy are found in Jesus.

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.

Teresa Snow will no longer be able to support our Youth Program. We sincerely thank her for blessing our youth with her time and talent and sharing the good news of Jesus.

Mercedes Morrill will continue a young adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., in the upstairs classroom.

Congregational Life

October 26, 2025, following worship will be our annual Harvest Dinner. Please look for the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall on

the first Sunday of October. This is your chance to bring your favorite Thanksgiving foods and desserts for others to try. Remember to bring a portion large enough for about eight people. You are welcome to invite guests to come with you, please let us know how many people will be joining you.

Please consider signing up for Fellowship Hour. The signup sheet is on the serving table in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring whatever you like; it does not need to be elaborate. This is a great way of meeting your church family. If you have never hosted before, please talk with Pam.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: We are now entering the upper respiratory disease season: COVID, Flu, and RSV. Please do not attend worship or church activities if you are ill. Sanitize your hands and use tongs during Fellowship Hour. Cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands, and consider getting COVID, flu and RSV vaccines.

Pastor Search Committee

On August 20, 2025, our CIF was posted to the EPC Pastors Opportunities website. Thus far there have been no responses.

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.

If you have a question about what the search committee is doing, please speak with Pam.

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

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, give Peggy Gillespie a call or email her and your request will be sent to the Prayer Chain.

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 to Worship Partner to be responsible for.



To Our Church Body...Is there a favorite hymn you would like to sing on a Sunday Morning? Write a note. Put it in the offer-

ing 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.

Elders on call for the month of October are:

Oct 05 ~ Pam Hildreth

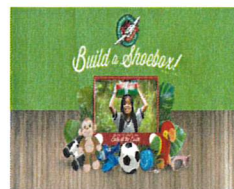
Oct 12 ~ Peggy Gillespie

Oct 19 ~ Bob Morrill

Oct 26 ~ David Mandt

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse organization is starting it's Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift campaign. Montesano Presbyterian Church will be doing our shoeboxes exclusively online this year. The National Shoebox Collection Week is November 17-24. It is easy to fill a shoebox or boxes online. You select boy or girl and the age range of the child. Then you select from groups of items to add to the shoebox. This enables you to ensure the items in your box are acceptable to send. Finally, you pay with your credit card. You are also able to send a personalized message to the child.



[https://
www.samaritanspurse.org/
operation-christmas-child/
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Please be praying how you may support one child or more during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, not only with gifts, but with a message about the Good News of Jesus. Remember to be praying for the child who will receive your gift, that they and their family will be receptive to message of Jesus Christ.



Happy October Birthday to:

Lori Minzey
Matt Schmidt
Heidi Schmidt
Rhonda Smith
Tim Leggett

Coming October 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 Tuesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. This group is led by Angela Carter.

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.

Harvest Dinner... Our annual Harvest Dinner will be held Sunday, October 26 following worship. A sign-up sheet will be available the first Sunday of the month.

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 October will be October 09 & 23. If you have any questions, contact either Diana Hill or Randi Toyra.

Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, October 07, 6:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

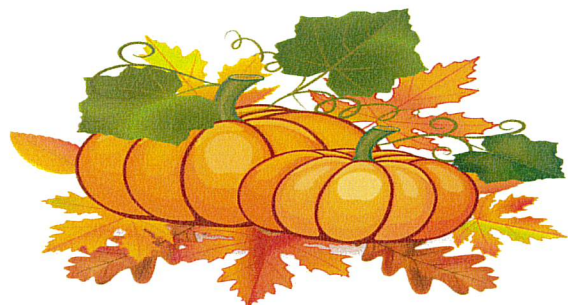
Thursday, October 09, 6:00 p.m.

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 .

Oct 05 ~ Pam Hildreth / Cara Taylor
Oct 12 ~ Tom Robins / Winston Urey
Oct 19 ~ Emily Meier / Brian Morgan
Oct 26 ~ Jan Morrill / Brian Morgan
Nov 02 ~ David Mandt / Winston Urey
Nov 09 ~ Garrett Dalan / Brian Morgan
Nov 16 ~ Randi Toyra / Winston Urey
Nov 23 ~ Pam Hildreth / Larry Carlson
Nov 30 ~ Tom Robins / Brian Morgan



Greeters

October 5

Steve Foshaug & Patty Winkler

October 12 & 19

Debby Hammer & Randi Toyra

October 26 & November 2

Pam Hildreth

November 09 & 16

Edie Johnson & Pat Willis

November 23 & 30

Peggy Gillespie & Sue McCombs

Coffee Hour

Oct 05 ~ Open

Oct 12 ~ Open

Oct 19 ~ Open

Oct 21 ~ Harvest Dinner

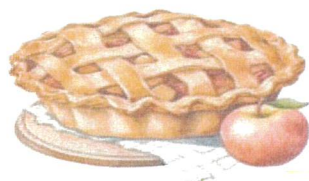
Nov 02 ~ Open

Nov 09 ~ Deacons

Nov 16 ~ Patty Winkler & Tom Ryan

Nov 23 ~ Open

Nov 30 ~ Open



FALL WORD SEARCH



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APPLE PIE
BONFIRE
CIDER
CORN MAZE
FOOTBALL
HARVEST MOON

HAYRIDE
HOT CHOCOLATE
LEAVES
NOVEMBER
OCTOBER
ORCHARDS

PIE
PUMPKIN PATCH
RAKING
SCARECROW
SUNFLOWERS
SWEATER