

MONTESANO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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He Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!

“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:30

“Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.” Luke 23:46

In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! ... Luke 24:5-6

“So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.” 1 Corinthians 15: 42-44

As we come to the end of Lent, God’s plan to reconcile us to Him concludes. God’s only begotten son, Jesus, has suffered terribly at the hands of the very ones He came to save. He was rejected, mocked, flogged, beaten, humiliated, and spat upon. The crowd, who cried, “Hosanna!” a few days before, now yells, “Crucify Him!”

The critical part of God’s plan was that Jesus, while hanging on the cross, should take on the sins of the world: past, present, and future. His

sinless Son becomes the perfect sacrifice to set aside God’s wrath at man’s disobedience.

Taking on mankind’s sins results in Jesus being separated from His Father. His oneness with God is gone. Jesus is now in both physical and spiritual agony. Then Jesus declares the work God gave Him to do was finished. He bows his head and in a loud voice gives up His spirit to His heavenly Father and dies. Many of the mocking crowd turn away in shame, now believing Jesus was who He said He was, the Son of God.

Then to the glory of God, Christ, on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had overcome sin and the death that results from sin. Hallelujah! We now have a living Savior who reigns in heaven with our Father.

What great joy for those who profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Through faith in Jesus, our sins are forgiven by our God. We have the hope that when our brief time in this world is finished, Jesus will call His faithful home. We will be raised in glory, with a new imperishable, spiritual body. We will see God face to face and spend eternity glorying Him. Forbid that we should ever take God’s amazing grace or Jesus’ terrible sacrifice for granted. Let us give thanks always for the God “who so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).”

Christian Ed

Everyone is welcome to attend the following Bible studies:

The Women's Friday Bible Study meets at 11:00 a.m. We have finished 1 Samuel and will be moving into the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and are currently studying 2 Corinthians.

The second and fourth Tuesday Women's Devotional meets at 10:00 a.m. We are continuing to study the prayers of John Baillie.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We are studying Desiring God by John Piper.

Please note there will be no Sunday School, April 05, Easter morning.

Congregational Life

Thank you to all who participated in Pi Sunday held on March 15th by baking pies, bringing whipped cream or ice cream, and eating lots of pie. The pies were delicious and we had a wide variety. Almost all the pies were eaten, and the leftovers taken home. Jan's blackberry pie was the first gone. Lorna thought Pi Sunday should occur more frequently than once per year.

There will be no Fellowship Hour on April 5th, Easter Sunday, so everyone can get home for Easter brunches or dinners. There will also not be a Fellowship Hour on Sunday April 26 because of a wedding being held in our sanctuary and reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Outreach

Union Gospel Mission Meals

2026 brings some changes to the Mission Meal Program. Most notably, the cost of providing the

main course, salad, and dessert for sixty people. Our previous target was \$2.00 per meal. Currently we are closer to \$2.50 per meal. The meal is funded by your generous donations of cash and food from your gardens. We will have a sign-up sheet, by month, to help prepare the food, as well as to donate funds to purchase the needed supplies. If you would like to donate funds, you can mark your donation "Mission Meal" and put it in the Joash Chest at the back of the sanctuary. A donation of \$25 would be appreciated, but anything you can give helps tremendously. Like last year, I would love to have you join me in preparing the meal on the 3rd Monday of the month. ~ Tamra

Uganda

Uganda...We currently have photos of needy Uganda Orphans on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a look, and if you are able, give ongoing or one-time support for the child of your choice. You can talk with either Tom or Jim. Thank you, Uganda Committee.

Pastor Search

Committee

We were blessed to welcome Brian Morgan as a new part-time staff member on Sunday, March 8th. He is our Intern Associate and will be working hand in hand with our new part-time Teaching Elder (Pastor) on community outreach concentrating on youth, young adults, and young families.

Our call for a part-time Teaching Elder was accepted. The call will not be official until we vote as a congregation to accept this candidate to be our pastor. He will be introduced at a Congregational Meeting on April 12th. It is important that all church members attend and participate in the voting.

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 a need you would like us to pray for, give Peggy Carlson a call or email her and your request will be sent to the Prayer Chain.



Art & Joan Tanner

Stewardship

It is mowing season once again if you can believe it. We will have a mowing sign-up sheet on the back table in the sanctuary to sign up to mow the church lawn or have Jack Sipe mow for you for \$40.00.

Worship

Morning Prayer...We meet for Prayer every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m., to pray for the needs of family, friends, and our Church body. It is our joy to pray together. If you would like to join us during this time of prayer, you are welcome to come and be a part of it.



Happy Birthday to:

Mel Broughton
Butch Jobst
Tom Robins

April Coming Events

***Game Day: Game Day is such a hit that you can now join in EVERY Thursday at 1p!!**

We laugh a lot and eat snacks that we bring to share!

If you have any questions, contact either Diana Hill or Randi Toyra.

***April Birthday Lunch:** 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 6 at Gepetto's, celebrating those having an April Birthday. For additional information or to be added to the list, contact Pat Willis.

***Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is open to all men of the church. They meet for breakfast Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. They are currently studying, 2 Corinthians.

***Morning Prayer:** Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

***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 beginning the New Testament.

***Women's Devotional Study:** Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church Library, continuing the study of the prayers of John Baile.

Deacon Meeting

Monday, April 06, 2:00 p.m.

Session Meeting

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

May 10 & May 17

Mel & Gale Broughton

May 24 & May 31

Ron & Lorna Claxton

Who's Doing What

Elder on Call

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

The list for April is below:

April 05 ~ Tom Robins

April 12 ~ David Mandt

April 19 ~ Pam Hildreth

April 26 ~ Bob Meier

Reader of God's Word

Below is a list of the Worship Readers for the months of April and May.

April 05 ~ Winston Urey / Garrett Dalan

April 12 ~ Pam Hildreth

April 19 ~ Tom Robins

April 26 ~ Emily Meier

May 03 ~ David Mandt

May 10 ~ Peggy Carlson

May 17 ~ Garrett Dalan

May 24 ~ Pam Hildreth

May 31 ~ Tom Robins

Greeters

April 05

Pam Hildreth

April 12 & 19

Eddie Johnson & Pat Willis

April 26 & May 03

Peggy Carlson & Sue McCombs

Coffee Hour

April 05 ~ Easter Sunday, No Fellowship

April 12 ~ Tamra Robins

April 19 ~ Randi Toyra

April 26 ~ No Fellowship

Holy Week Schedule of Events

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 03, 7:00 p.m.

Assembly of God

Resurrection Sunday

Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 05, 7:00 a.m.

Fleet Park

Worship, 10:00 a.m.

