



# The Spire

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Pastor's Column:

## Holy Moments

Traditionally known as Holy Week, the week before Easter in the church year offers us many holy moments:

- Waving palm branches and the joyful songs of children leading us in a parade around the sanctuary, as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday
- Shared elements of bread and juice, passed from person to person around the table as we celebrate communion together in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, on Maundy Thursday
- Hauntingly beautiful hymns reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross on Good Friday
- A sanctuary full of flowers, and a bright spirit of celebration as we speak and sing our Alleluias, and wave our "Alleluia wands," on Easter Sunday morning

I hope you are able to join us for these and other holy moments during Holy Week this year. For when we remember together the **whole** story of that final week of Jesus' life, our Easter celebration will be all the more meaningful.

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

A blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter to one and all,  
Pastor Deb



## Holy Week Schedule

March 29th - Palm Sunday  
April 2nd - Maundy Thursday  
April 5th - Easter Sunday

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# Holy Week Worship

## **Palm Sunday March 29th**

Our regular 10:30 am service will include a palm processional around the sanctuary, led by our MPC kids.

## **Maundy Thursday April 2nd**

7 pm communion service; we will serve the elements to one another while gathered around the Table, and conclude the service with a look ahead toward Good Friday.

## **Easter Sunday April 5th**

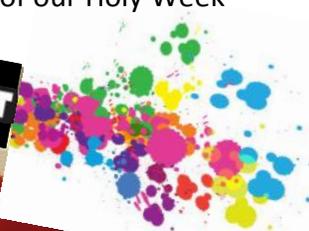
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch
- 10:00 a.m. Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

## **Holy Week and Kids at MPC**

Holy Week is such a special time for everyone at MPC, but especially the children. There are so many joyful traditions and meaningful celebrations.

We kick off Holy Week with Palm Sunday when the children will lead the congregation in singing and marching for our palm processional. This is always a festive Sunday. Be sure to bring your fish banks for our One Great Hour of Sharing. On Palm Sunday both Big BLAST and BLAST Jr. will meet in their classes as usual following the Children's Message.

Easter Sunday is FULL of fun for the kids. Please join us for brunch at 9:00 and then head upstairs at 10 for our annual Egg Hunt which will be held outside, weather permitting. Children are welcome to bring their own Easter baskets, or an Easter basket will be provided for the hunt. Following the egg hunt, all Big BLAST kids will remain in worship for the whole Easter service. Activity bags will be given out after the Children's Message to help with any wiggles. BLAST Jr. children will have the option to go to their class as usual or to remain in the service. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about any of our Holy Week celebrations. Blessings to all! **-Lori Sawyer, Children's Director**



## Rob Jones Joins the Music Team

Welcome to our new accompanist Rob Jones who has served in the music programs at several area churches, including Lynwood and Seattle Unity, and St. Thomas of Tukwila.

Rob has a career in theatre and cabaret performances as an accompanist and music director, with some acting and singing along the way. He has composed and produced several musicals, and is currently writing musicals for area kids to perform, which are playing in several Shoreline and Edmonds public schools. Rob's music has also toured the Northwest with the 5th Avenue Theater's *Adventure Musical Theater* program. He is a regular performer/composer with *Seattle Radio Theater*, a company that does live radio shows with local media talent.

Rob is pleased to be part of the music team here at Magnolia Presbyterian, and feels welcome and appreciated.



## Calling all Graduates

If you or a family member has a graduation coming up this year, please let us know, as we would like to highlight all of our high school, college, and graduate school graduates in the May Spire.



## Interested in Church Membership?

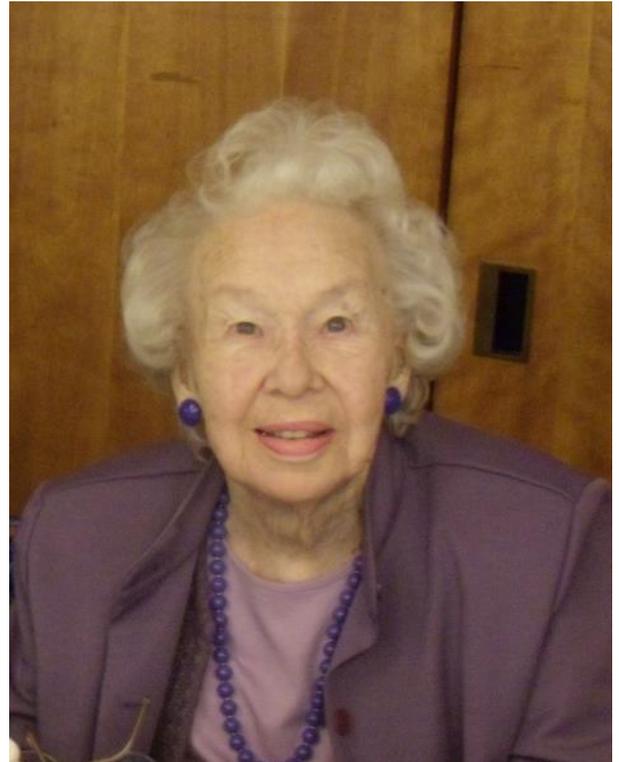
If you have been worshipping with us regularly and would be interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please let Pastor Deb know ([deb@magpres.org](mailto:deb@magpres.org)). She would be happy to find time for conversation with you to include an orientation to this church and to our denomination, the meaning of church membership, and the steps we would take to welcome you to membership at MPC. We are glad you are here!

## Coleman Baby Shower

The Coffee Hour on March 8th was a special Baby Shower of books for Katie and Sean Coleman's expected baby girl Madeleine. Everyone was treated to a special cake and Madeleine cookies to mark the occasion.

# Vada May Corkery

## Remembrance



Long-time member Vada May Corkery died peacefully at her home on March 5, 2015. She was born on March 12, 1921 at Fort Lewis to Jacob and Martha Lawrence, the second of two daughters. As children of a military family she and her sister Helen lived in the Philippine Islands, Georgia, Minnesota, Panama, Wyoming and Ft. Wright in Spokane.

Vada May graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane in 1938 and the University of Washington in 1942 with a Degree in Fine Arts. She was an active member of Kappa Delta Sorority for decades, volunteered as a Camp Fire Girl leader for 12 yrs., and served faithfully at Our Lady of Fatima School, Magnolia Presbyterian Church, and Seattle Children's Hospital. In 1944 on her 23rd birthday Vada May married handsome Coast Guard Lt. Jack Corkery. They honeymooned in Palm Springs, and continued to return there almost yearly. After WWII, Vada May and Jack returned to Seattle, moving to Magnolia where they raised their three children Craig, Karleen and Dale. After the death of her sister Helen in 1954, Vada May became a very important part of her nephew Mike's life.

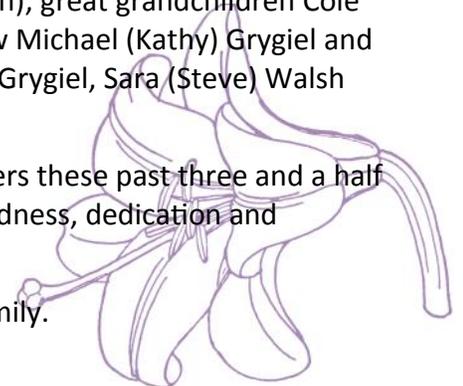
For many years Vada May gave her time and energy to our church, which she joined in April of 1956. She was an active member of the Mariners. Jack joined her at Mariner events and at Supper Club. In return, Vada May attended many social events at Fatima, Jack's church.

Vada May and Jack had the pleasure of traveling extensively throughout the world. Many of her wonderful photos from these trips were shared with the church family when they presented slide shows, usually at Mariners. Vada May's photographs were also the inspirations for her 70 years of ever famous silk-screened Christmas cards. She was happy to be in the water, but especially in a pool doing her lap swimming. She and Jack hiked many trails in the Pacific Northwest. Vada May was a dedicated daily crossword puzzle solver, avid mystery novel reader, and never missed a Jeopardy TV show! They were loyal Husky football fans, holding season tickets for over 55 years. They made endowments to the University of Washington, Seattle Prep and Seattle Children's Hospital. After the deaths of their sons they started scholarship programs in their names.

Vada May was predeceased by her parents, sister Helen Lawrence Grygiel, sons Craig and Dale, and her husband Jack. She is survived by her daughter Karleen Snetsinger; grandchildren Craig (Amy) Corkery, Kristin (Memo) Diaz, Scott (Elissa) Snetsinger and Andrea Snetsinger (Brandon Sherman); great grandchildren Cole Corkery, Galiana Diaz and Evelyn Snetsinger. She is also survived by her nephew Michael (Kathy) Grygiel and great niece and nephews, Chris (JiaYing) Grygiel, Sean (Lisa) Grygiel, Matt (Jan) Grygiel, Sara (Steve) Walsh and the 8 Grygiel Grandchildren.

The family would like to express their heart-felt appreciation to all her care givers these past three and a half years. Vada May's life was joyfully enriched because of their generous love, kindness, dedication and especially everyone's sense of humor.

Vada May gave to us in many ways and will be greatly missed by our church family.



# What's Happening

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit Adult Class Starts April 12th

The April adult class will describe and discuss the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at 9:15 Sundays in the Mt. Rainier Room. This class will give us an insight into the Holy Spirit working in our lives, the fruits we can enjoy, how we relate to others, and a look into our own lives.

In Romans 12:3-9 the **Gifts of the Spirit** are stated as preaching, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leadership, and mercy. These gifts are used by Christians to do the work of the church. When Christians use the gifts they will be rewarded by sharing the **Fruits of the Spirit**. We often think of these fruits as love, peace and joy. However in Galatians 5:22-23 we see the fruits listed as love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. Each Christian receives one of the spiritual gifts. A study guide for the 5 week series will be provided.

Come to the Sunday morning adult class for coffee and a discussion of each gift, the characteristics of people that have the gift and examples of how it is used. See what gift the Holy Spirit has for you!

## Women's Afternoon Bible Study

We'll gather upstairs in the Mt. Baker room at 1:30 pm on April 9th to study Lesson 8, Testimony of an Apostle, the words of Mary Magdalene. Please join us for this women's study from the book: *What She Said: Quotable Women in Scripture*.

## Virtual Offering Pew Cards

Presenting our gifts to God is an important act of worship. It reminds us that all we have comes from God, and we are invited to give back to God with thankful hearts. Some of you, however, may find yourselves without anything to put into the actual offering plate on Sunday mornings, if you give to the church via PayPal or online banking, or even if you make your financial contributions monthly vs. weekly. If so, we invite you to place a 'virtual offering' pew card in the plate to symbolize your giving in other ways. Let us know if you would like more information about online giving.

## Women's Walk & Coffee

Saturday April 4th we will leave the church at 9:00 with return scheduled for 10:00ish, then coffee and muffins in the Mount Rainier room. We adjourn no later than 11:00. Childcare will be available.

You are welcome to come for any portion of the time (e.g. you do not have to walk to join us for coffee). Hope to see you there; we are looking forward to the opportunity to connect with you.

Mark your calendars for upcoming dates May 2nd and June 6th

## Women's Evening Bible Study

The Day of Judgment described in Luke 14:7-24 and 16:19-31 will be the topic for the April 27th Women's Evening Bible Study. We'll meet at the home of Sandra Gorohoff, 2005-36th Avenue West at 7 pm for fellowship and discussion. Hope to see you then.

## Register for Vacation Bible School June 28 - July 2

Registration is now open for Magnolia Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. Sessions will run June 28 - July 2 from 9:00am to 3:00pm and will feature a whole new Rock On program. If you would like to take a role in planning or volunteering for the summer VBS please contact Jenna Bratcher - (206) 240 - 0581. Jenna notes "We look forward to seeing you all again this year!"

## Congratulations, Jack Whipple!

Our whole MPC family congratulates high school senior Jack Whipple on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Jack's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held here at the church on March 19th.



### March MPC Birthdays

#### Thursday, April 2nd

Caleb Park  
Evelyn Freeman

#### Saturday, April 4th

Cole Kang-Crosby  
Dorothy Fergusson  
Riki Clark

#### Wednesday, April 8th

Alex Clark

#### Friday, April 10th

Finley Owen  
Jane Matthews

#### Tuesday, April 14th

Kurt Owen  
Scott Wakefield

#### Wednesday, April 15th

Steven Park

#### Thursday, April 16th

Kathy Vitez

#### Wednesday, April 22nd

Zaidee Owen

#### Saturday, April 25th

Clara Kang-Crosby

#### Sunday, April 26th

Timothy Sawyer

#### Monday, April 27th

Hunter McMullin  
Kelsey Hollingsworth

#### Wednesday, April 29th

Janet Glaser

#### Thursday, April 30th

Alice Eastman



# Final Reminders

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm

### Women's Walk & Coffee Group

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Mt. Rainier Room

### Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in Fellowship Hall

### Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

### Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Mt. Rainier Room

### Nightwatch

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

### Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the Mt. Baker Room

### Deacons Meeting

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Mt. Baker Room

### Men's Coffee Group

Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Mt. Rainier Room

### AA Meetings

Two AA groups are now meeting at MPC—Tuesdays at 8 pm and Wednesdays at 6:45 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Prayers, cards, and calls to those who cannot be with us regularly in worship are always appreciated:

- Marie Barnes
- Eleanor Davison
- Dorothy Fergusson
- Evelyn Freeman
- Katherine Hoagland
- Molly Langdale
- Nancy McPhaden
- Eleanor Miner
- Ruth Weitkamp



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### We welcome you to join us any Sunday!

9:15 am	Choir Practice
9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service
11:30 am	Coffee Hour