



# The Spire

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## Pastor's Column: Giving Thanks

November at MPC will bring with it some important opportunities for thanks-giving.

On Pledge Sunday, November 2nd, we will promise our financial support for the church in the coming year as an act of gratitude to God. Both as individuals and as a church, God has blessed us abundantly, and we are invited to be generous in return.

On Remembrance Sunday, November 9th, we will give thanks for the lives of beloved saints of God from this congregation who have died over the past year. As it is Veteran's Day weekend, we

will also give thanks for all in our church family who have served in the armed forces.

On Sunday, November 23rd, we will vote to elect new church officers for 2015. We will do so with great appreciation for all who have stepped up to serve, and also for those who will complete their terms of service this year.

For each gift and each giver, for every individual that has impacted the life of our congregation, for every Elder and Deacon who leads us, we give you great thanks, O God!

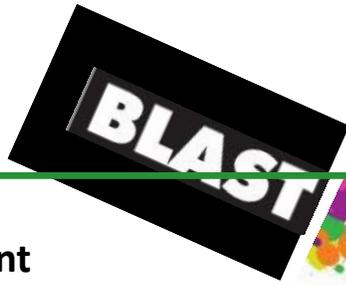
*Grace and peace,*  
Pastor Deb Sunoo



**Pledge Dedication Sunday**  
November 2nd  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
November 9th

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## Children's Christmas Pageant December 14th

In **Big BLAST** our new curriculum has been met with great enthusiasm! The kids are enjoying following the church seasons on our new class calendar. Come in and take a look sometime! We are really having fun with the new videos that go with our Bible lessons each week. This quarter the kids have been going home with "memory stones" each week as a reminder of what they have learned. So far the kids have taken home stones with the words, "forgiveness", "generosity" and "actions" to help them remember the themes of our lessons. They really love collecting their memory stones!

**BLAST Jr** is humming along with our Beginners Bible flannel stories. They enjoy hearing and learning the Creation story, Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark. Our **BLAST Jr** team does a great job with the little ones!

It's hard to believe but before we know it the Advent and Christmas seasons will be upon us and that means the annual Christmas Pageant! The date of the Children's Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, December 14. This year we are dusting off one of John Obourn's classic Christmas pageants: **The Animals' Christmas**. Longtime members of the church will likely remember John's Christmas productions of year's past and will enjoy seeing one of them performed again with a new generation of children. Mark your calendars!



Save the Date!  
**December 7th**  
**Advent Lunch &  
Church Decoration**

## Adult Class to Study Book of Ruth

Please join us for a five week class on the Book of Ruth: The Triumph of Grace starting Sunday, November 2nd. Chuck Zittel will be leading this class starting at 9:15 in the Mount Baker Room. To get things started, please read the book of Ruth and consider the question “What Gospel parallels do you see in the Book of Ruth?” Class #1: Introduction to the Book of Ruth; Class #2: In the Land of Moab; Class #3: In the Fields of Boaz; Class #4: On the Threshing Flood of Boaz; Class #5: At the Gates of Bethlehem. There will be a reading assignment between classes with a few questions for consideration.

## Join the November 24th Women’s Evening Bible Study

The Women’s Evening Bible Study meeting starts at 7 pm Monday, November 24th at the home of Janet Friedrich 4601 Lawton Lane W. 206-285-2098. The third lesson *Debts are Forgiven* will focus on Luke 7:36 – 8:3. Come for coffee and fellowship, followed by the lesson. Study Guides are \$6 and are available at the meeting.

## Red Barrel Collection Needs Outerwear

The Deacons are putting out the Red Barrel through November to collect warm men's and women's outerwear—coats, jackets, sweaters. Some of the men at the Mission have job interviews and could use suits, sport coats and dress shirts. Please hang these items in the hall closet so they won’t need pressing later. The Deacons will donate these items to the Bread of Life Mission.

## Afternoon Women’s Bible Study November 13th

You are welcome to join us as our afternoon women’s Bible study continues on Thursday, November 13th at 1:30 pm, upstairs in the Mt. Baker room at church. This year’s study guide is entitled, “What She Said: Quotable Women in Scripture.” Copies are available from Deb Sunoo in the church office for \$6.00 each, if you wish to purchase one before our next gathering. Our November meeting will focus on Lesson 3 in the study book, “Conversations of Kindness.”

## Supper Club Nov. 8th at the Whipple’s

The next Supper Club gathering will be November 15th at the home of Robin and Mark Whipple, 2557 W Viewmont Way West. Let Robin know if you’ll be at dinner - [whipplefamily@earthlink.net](mailto:whipplefamily@earthlink.net) or 206-352-7945. Please come for dinner at 6:30 pm, bring a dish to share, and join us for a fun evening of good food, conversation and fellowship.

## Are You Ready for a Women’s Walk?

Saturday, November 1st is the next Women's Walk. We will leave the church at 9:00 with return scheduled for 10ish, and then it’s time for coffee and muffins in the Mount Rainier Room. We adjourn at 11:00. Childcare will be available starting at 8:45. You are welcome to come for any portion of the time; if you don’t want to walk, join us for coffee. Hope to see you there for an opportunity to connect with your fellow walkers.

# Remembering Ray Fergusson

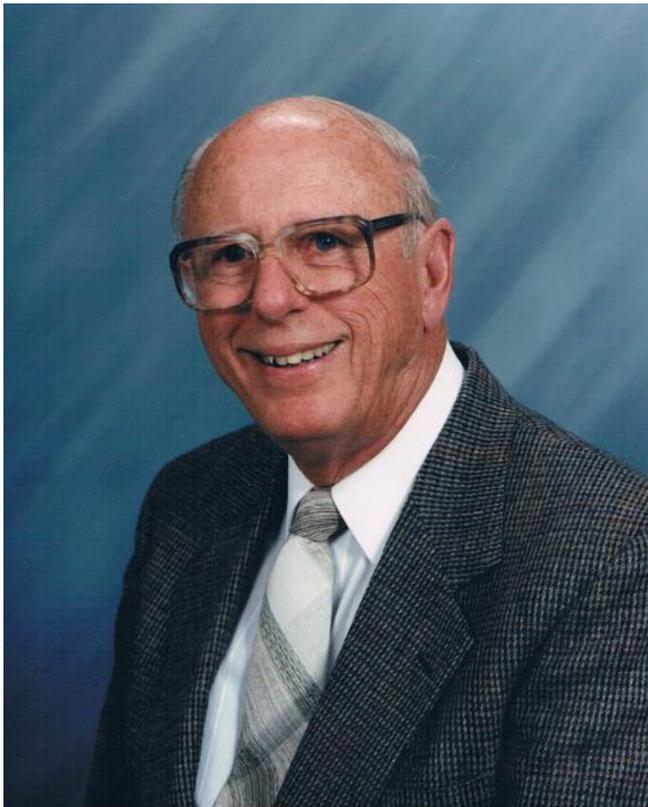
November 21, 1920 – October 7, 2014

Ray passed away peacefully on October 7, 2014 in Seattle. He was a devoted physician, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a quiet, gentle man, who was always there for his patients, his family and anyone who needed him. God has a wonderful man with him now.

Ray was born in Kulm, North Dakota, on November 21, 1920 and was 93 years old at the time of his death. A Memorial Service was held on October 24th at the Magnolia Presbyterian Church.

Ray graduated from University of North Dakota and attended NYU Medical School and Interned at Swedish Hospital in 1945-1946 with a second internship in 1948-1949. In college Ray was in the ROTC. After Medical School, he served as Captain in the Army Medical Corp, spending two years in the Philippines and Japan.

Ray met his future wife Dorothy at Swedish Hospital when he was an intern and she had just graduated



from nursing school. Dorothy and Ray were married November 26, 1948. The Fergussons made their home in Magnolia and welcomed three children to the family: Mary Ann in 1951, Craig in 1952 and Keith in 1955.

Ray started his Family Practice/OB GYN/General Surgery in 1949 in the Medical-Dental Building in Downtown Seattle, later moving to Crown Hill and then Ballard Plaza where he joined the Ballard Hospital Staff in 1954. Ray served on staff at Swedish Hospital, Seattle General Hospital, Cabrini Hospital, Doctors Hospital and Northwest Hospital.

In Family Practice he was dedicated to his patients, making house calls and being available 24/7 for their needs. He was often being called off the sidelines at sporting events where his children were playing for injuries of every kind.

Ray and Dorothy joined Magnolia Presbyterian Church in November 1953 and they were active members for all these years. Ray served as an Elder and a Deacon; he also served many years as an usher and was a longtime member of the Mariners where he was a Skipper for several years.

Ray made every attempt to attend all family activities including baseball and football games, and Rainbow events. He also enjoyed the Fair Weather Golfers, Bridge Club, Magnolia Dance Club and traveling.

Ray was there for counseling, guidance and nurturing for his family. He was highly respected by other physicians and everyone who knew him. Ray will be missed; he was loved dearly.

Ray is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Dorothy; daughter Mary Ann, two sons Craig and Keith (Sharon), grandchildren Jennifer (Scott), Josh, Diana, Sara, Kyle, Kory and Kelly, and great grandson Forest. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for the Magnolia Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund.

## Operation NightWatch Needs You!

Once a month could you donate food or volunteer to serve a meal to the homeless? The MPC **Operation NightWatch** team invites you to join us on the 2nd Wednesday each month to take food to downtown Seattle and serve about 100 people from 9 to 10 pm. This is a great opportunity both to share fellowship with your church family and to help the homeless. The team gathers up the food donations at 7:30 pm at the church, drives together to the **NightWatch** location and then prepares and serves the evening meal, returning by 10:30 pm.

These folks seem to be very grateful for what we are doing and really enjoy the hot meal we serve. If any of you are interested in donating food or volunteering to help us in this fabulous mission, please contact Cheri Yonich [cyonich@msn.com](mailto:cyonich@msn.com) or Jerry Leighton [yacht\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:yacht_1@hotmail.com).



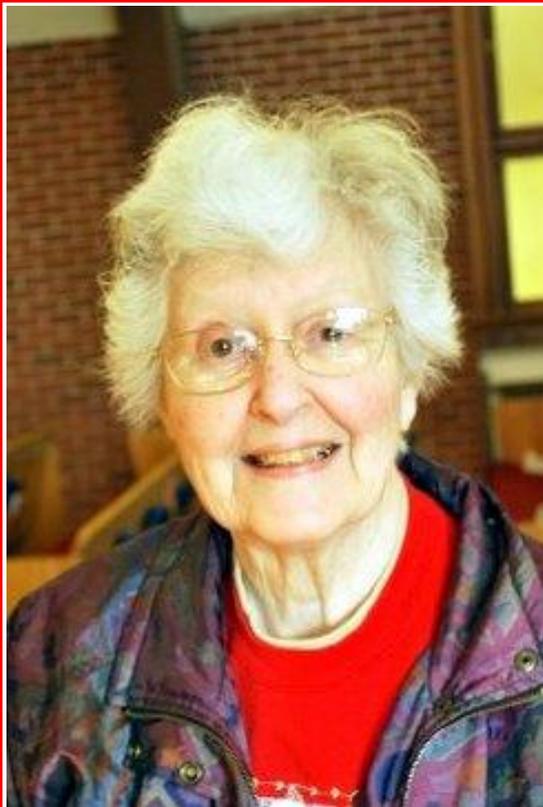
## Tis the Season for the Mary's Place Giving Tree

God has blessed all of us in so many ways and the Giving Tree project is an opportunity to give back to help homeless women and children while they are at Mary's Place. Look for the Giving Tree covered with gift tags in the Narthex soon.

These gift tags represent a child's toy, a gift for a woman, gift cards, or a donation towards the purchase of a new pair of shoes. Please consider selecting one or more of these tags; purchase the gift and return it to the church no later than Sunday, December 7th. If you choose tags for shoes, just make your check out to Church of Mary Magdalene. Of course, cash

donations to the Church of Mary Magdalene are always welcome.

These gifts will help bring the residents of Mary's Place the joy of this holy season. Mary's Place welcomes the residents and sees that their basic needs for food and shelter are met daily. This unique shelter provides referrals to social services, medical care, legal and financial aid, shelter, housing, clean clothing, and employment. Each year this Deacons project has been very successful, so let's keep up the tradition!



### Dolores Kiilsgaard Moves to North Carolina

Longtime MPC member Dolores Kiilsgaard and her husband Paul will shortly be moving to live with their daughter Teresa in Hendersonville, NC. A coffee hour celebration is planned for Sunday, November 16th to thank Dolores for her many contributions to our congregational life over the years. We will offer a special blessing for her in service that day as well. Dolores has been such an important part of our church family that we know you will want to join us in sending her off to her new home with our thanks and prayers!

# Events and Updates November 2014



Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 2nd.**  
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!



**Happy Thanksgiving Day**  
**Thursday, November 27th!**

## November MPC Birthdays

November 2  
Sue Ehart

November 5  
MacKenzie Barany

November 9  
Ben Sawyer

November 12  
Cheri Yonich

November 15  
Natalie Leighton

November 25  
Esmé Canlis

November 26  
Clark Bathum

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## Consider "Amazon Smile" for Holiday Shopping

If you shop with Amazon.com, did you know that you can make a small contribution to Magnolia Presbyterian Church with every purchase? Simply follow the link on the "Contribute" page of our church website [www.magpres.org](http://www.magpres.org) to make any Amazon purchases via Amazon Smile and a portion of every purchase will be donated to the church. Questions? See Deb Sunoo.

## Church Office Hours

The Office Administrator hours for **September to December 2014** are:

**Wednesdays:** 8:00 am — 2:00 pm

**Thursdays:** 8:00 am — 2:00 pm

**Fridays:** 8:00 am — 1:00 pm

(Pastor Deb's hours will remain the same.)

# Final Reminders

## Women's Walk & Coffee Group

Saturday, November 1st at 9:00am.

## Pledge Dedication Sunday

Sunday, November 2nd

## Deacons Meeting

Sunday, November 2nd at 12:00pm.

## MPC Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 5th 7:00pm in the Mt. Baker Room.

## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, November 9th

## Operation NightWatch

Wednesday, November 12th at 7:30pm.

## Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Thursday, November 13th at 1:30pm.

## Supper Club

Saturday, November 15th at 6:30pm at the home of the Whipplers.

## Congregational Meeting for New Officer Election

Sunday, November 23rd at 11:30am.

## Women's Evening Bible Study

Monday, November 24th at 7pm at the home of Janet Friedrich.

## 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 8:00pm and Wednesdays at 6:45pm in the Mt. Rainier Room. All are welcome to attend.

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

- Marie Barnes
- Vada May Corkery
- Eleanor Davison
- Dorothy Fergusson
- Evelyn Freeman
- Katherine Hoagland
- Cecile Horman
- Molly Langdale
- Nancy McPhaden
- Ruth Weitkamp



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We welcome you to join us any Sunday!

9:15 am           Choir Practice

10:30 am        Worship Service

11:30 am        Coffee Hour