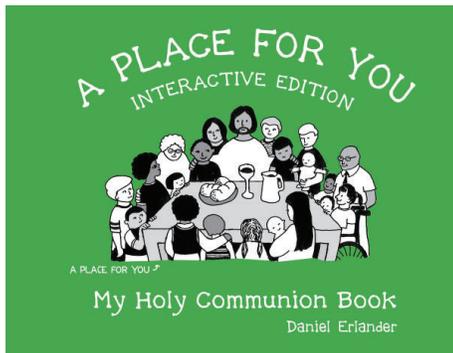




Monthly newsletter of Magnolia Presbyterian Church - May 2019



**Pastor's Column:  
A Place for You**

At our first Sunday communion services in May and June we will join together in teaching our MPC children about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In these specially designed intergenerational services, each child will be presented

with their own copy of a wonderful new book by Daniel Erlander entitled A Place For You. After using the story portions together on May 5th and June 2nd our kids will be invited to bring their books home with them to enjoy follow up activity pages with their families.

We will also have opportunity for conversation together in worship on these special Sundays, sharing what communion meant to us (adults) as children and what it means to us now.

You won't want to miss these unique opportunities to help teach the next generation the significance of our family meal around the Lord's Table.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Deb Sunoo



**CALENDAR**

**May 9th**  
Afternoon Bible Study

**May 11th**  
Blessing of the Animals

**May 18th**  
Supper Club

**May 19th**  
Liina-Ly Roos to Preach

**Save the Date**

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Music in Swahili on  
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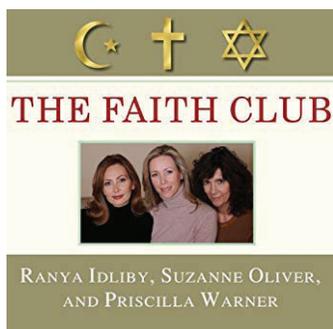
**July 8 - 12th**  
Vacation Bible School at  
Magnolia Lutheran Church





## New Members Join the Church

We were pleased to welcome Michael & Desalyn Graybeal to membership in MPC on Palm Sunday, April 14th. They joined by letter of transfer from Trinity Presbyterian in Pensacola, Florida. They met in Spokane at a Presbyterian wedding and were married 10 years ago in Florida. When Michael's Navy contract ended they moved back to Florida again for three years. Michael was a teacher there for a Title One School. The Graybeals moved to Seattle in January.



## Spring Book Groups

This month we will be reading *The Faith Club: A Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding*. The book has been described as "pioneering, timely, deeply thoughtful,

and full of hope." We have enough interest to offer weekly discussions at two different times: 2 pm Wednesdays and 7 pm Thursdays throughout the month of May. Please purchase your own copy of the book and let Pastor Deb know when you are interested in attending. We will discuss 3-4 chapters each week.



## Children's Director Liina-Ly Roos to preach on May 19th

If you enjoy Liina-Ly's children's messages in worship as much as we do, and have been wishing she'd stick around for more of our adult service, we have good news for you. She will be preaching for us on Sunday, May 19th. Thank you, Liina-Ly, for bringing God's word to all of us adults too!



## Animal Blessing, May 11th

Join us for a Blessing of the Animals, Saturday May 11th at 10 am on the front patio of the church. Along with music and simple prayers, each animal friend will receive a personal blessing from Pastor Deb, and we will end with fellowship and treats for all. All are welcome!

## Youth Class Updates

Our Middle School & High School Connect class is gearing up to finish the school year strong. We've enjoyed hearing guest speakers Aneelah Afzali and Rev. Rick Reynolds this spring, and joining the adult congregation for our Holy Week Evening Service and Easter Celebration. I would also like to take a minute (on behalf of the class) to say thank you to all the adult buddies who have joined us throughout the year.

~ Rev. Justin Beatty, Youth Pastor

## Supper Club Meets May 18th

You are invited to Cheri Yonich's home for Supper Club on Saturday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and join us for dinner and an evening of fellowship. Cheri lives at 3030 – 24th Avenue West. Please let her know if you'll be at dinner by calling 206-412-1448 or e-mailing cyonich@msn.com. (Note that Anné and Brom Wikstrom will host the June 8th Supper Club.)



### One Great Hour of Sharing Generosity

Thank you for your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing to support the Presbyterian

Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Relief. Together we contributed \$106 in our fish coin banks, and \$872 in all to this important offering. Many thanks!



### Red Barrel Thanks

The Deacons want to thank everyone who contributed to our "Red Barrel" collection for Operation Nightwatch last month. Together we donated 162 individual toiletry items.

### Afternoon Bible Study May 9th

Our Afternoon Bible Study will conclude this year's video series The Dawning: Christianity in the Roman Empire at 1:30 pm Thursday May 9th. Questions? E-mail Janet Friedrich philipf@comcast.net

## May 20th Evening Bible Study Meeting

"One Body Many Parts" will be the focus of our Evening Bible Study meeting this spring on Monday, May 20th. We'll gather for a shared dinner at 6 pm at the home of Sharlene Bathum, 1209 NW 120th Street. Please let Sharlene know if you'll be at dinner by e-mailing s.bathum@comcast.net or calling 206-362-2665. Barb Bily-Parr will lead this month's lesson based on Romans 12:1-13. NOTE: the study book has Lesson 10, 11, & 12 as well so we decided to meet on June 17th at the church to finish out the year, with Barb and Joyce leading that final study.

### Save the Date: Music in Swahili on Pentecost Sunday

We look forward to welcoming the choir from City of Glory Church International, an African congregation in our presbytery, on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. We'll also be hearing from founding Pastor Lauden Kangele who will be our preacher that day. Mark your calendars to be sure you can join us for lively Pentecost worship and a luncheon to welcome our guests.



### Ecumenical VBS at Magnolia Lutheran Church, July 8-12th

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School this summer! Follow this link to register: <http://www.magnolialutheranchurch.com/thankyouconfirmation/vbs/vbs-child-registration> or call the Magnolia Lutheran Church office at 206-284-0155 for more information. Note that volunteers are needed (both youth and adults) to make this annual summer tradition a success.



## Nancy McPhaden

Long-time member Nancy McPhaden passed away on March 22nd at the age of 103. Nancy will be remembered for her many contributions to the church including her involvement in the Women's Association and her service as a Deacon. She and her husband Dean joined the church in 1957 and were active in the Mariners group as well.

In her early years Nancy was surrounded by a large loving family of sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles. However, with the death of her mother when Nancy was 12, life took a dramatic change. Two years after her mother's passing the Great Depression hit America, and when Nancy was only 18 her father died.

After graduating from high school Nancy went to work in New York City living in a Christian boarding house for women. She worked at Sterns Department Store and later Chase Bank. In 1944 she met 2nd Lt. Dean McPhaden who was stationed in New Jersey during World War II. They married within three months before

he was shipped overseas. Nancy and Dean were married for 65 years. After the war, the McPhadens moved to the Seattle area and settled in the Magnolia neighborhood where they raised their three children. Nancy was a wonderful loving wife and mother who was involved with Girl Scouts, the Pacific Science Center and Magnolia Presbyterian Church activities. She worked for many years for the Seattle Public Schools and later Lamont's department store.

Nancy was truly a lifelong learner, pursuing her AA degree after retirement and always with a new book to read or a project to undertake. She loved walking, attending aerobics classes and church activities.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers John and George, her sisters Madeline, Catherine and Laura and her husband Dean. She is survived by her sister Joan Lawrence, her children Cathey Philbrick (David), Jean Platt (Tom), Dick McPhaden (Ruthanne) and her grandchildren Kenneth & John Philbrick and Anna & Grace McPhaden.