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Monthly newsletter of Magnolia Presbyterian Church - November 2018



Celebrating Generosity

Thank you for participating in our "harvest" throughout the month of October! Each Sunday in worship we distributed paper leaves, pumpkins, or apples and asked you to write on them what generosity means to you. As you can see, our horn of plenty is full to overflowing now with beautiful words about what it means to this community to be generous with our church, our neighborhood, and our world.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Deb

Pledge Sunday, November 4th

At the conclusion of worship on Sunday, November 4th we were invited to walk to the front of the sanctuary with our pledge cards to dedicate our gifts to God's work. Our MPC kids and youth had an opportunity to participate in our "pledge parade" too! If you were not able to be with us that day, you may leave your pledge card in the offering plate another Sunday or mail it directly to the church office at 3051 28th Avenue West, Seattle WA 98199. Thank you for sharing the gifts God has given you so that we can continue to share God's love with our community and our world!

CALENDAR

Nov 4th
Pledge Sunday

Nov 8th
Afternoon Bible Study

Nov 11th
Remembrance Sunday

Nov 18th
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Election of New Church Officers

Nov 19th
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Dec 2nd
Advent Lunch,
Decorating Party and
Sandwich Making

Remembrance Sunday November 11th

“For all the saints, who from their labors rest...” Join us in worship on Sunday, November 11th, as we remember those in our congregation who have passed away in the last year. Each church member who has died since our last Remembrance Sunday will have their name read aloud, a chime will be rung, and we will observe a moment of silence to give thanks for all they have meant to our church family. You will also have an opportunity to share aloud the names of others dear to you who have died in the past year.

Welcoming New Members

On Sunday, November 18th we will receive two new members of our congregation during our morning worship service.



Joyce Yost lives just across the street from the church. She and her husband Gary moved to Seattle about 19 years ago from Houston where she was an Executive Director with the AIDS Foundation in the late 1980's and early 90's. After that she was a lecturer at Rice University where she taught popular Health Education courses on drugs and how to use them, and how to stay healthy while studying. She often had Rice football players in her classes. Here in Seattle, Joyce has enjoyed volunteering with the Ballard Food Bank for over 5 years. She also makes crocheted gifts including stuffed animals and baby caps.



Christina Curry moved to Seattle from Idaho and is social worker for Seattle Family Court. Christina has two daughters. One is a student at North Seattle College and the other is studying at Eastern Washington University. Christina enjoys music and sang in the choir in her Idaho church. She has already been a great help with our monthly Operation Nightwatch meals this year.

Welcome to the MPC family, Joyce and Christina!



Election of New Church Officers, November 18th

Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, November 18th for a brief congregational meeting to elect new Session members and Deacons for 2019. New officers will be ordained and installed in worship on Sunday, December 2nd.

Kids' Creativity Featured in Classes on Genesis



Both of our Sunday morning kids' classes are doing really well this fall. Our BLAST Junior kids have finished working through a number of Old Testament stories and next will learn about Paul in the New Testament. Meanwhile, our Big BLAST students have just finished a unit on the creation stories in Genesis. As part of that unit they created a beautiful paper collage of God's creation. (See photo!)



We are also starting to get ready for this year's Christmas pageant, reviewing songs from last year and adding a couple new ones as well. This year's pageant will feature a closer look at preparations by the angels and shepherds before Jesus was born, and we'll be assigning roles soon. The pageant will take place on Sunday, December 16th. Stay tuned for rehearsal times and a call for adult volunteers to help with logistics.

Meanwhile it has been so great to have more volunteers come downstairs to the classrooms to see first-hand what we are learning, and I hope to have more of you join us! It is a fun way to spend part of your Sunday morning and so helpful to me to have you there.

Thank you all for your prayers for our children!

Liina-Ly Roos Beatty
Children's Ministry Director

SAVE THE DATE!
Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 16th



Time to Pick Up Giving Tree Tags

The Giving Tree has made its annual appearance here at church. We invite you to participate in a favorite MPC tradition by purchasing Christmas gifts to place under the tree. Giving Tree gifts go to Treehouse and their program for foster children and youth.

Caregivers and foster parents will be able to "shop" for free gifts because of your donations. Pastor Justin Beatty and the Connect Youth Class will be the overseeing the Giving Tree project this year.

Simply select one or more tags from the tree, purchase the gift suggested on each tag, and return your unwrapped gifts, with tags attached, to the church no later than Sunday, December 2nd.

Donations by check are also welcome. Make out your check to Treehouse, attach it to a tag, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Thank you in advance for your generous support of foster children and youth!



Way to go, MPC Quilters!

On Sunday afternoons throughout the month of October, a team of MPC volunteers donated time, energy, and sewing skills to create 10 cozy quilts and blankets for youth in foster care.

The quilts will be donated to Treehouse along with your giving tree gifts. Thank you, Freda, Riki and Kris Clark, for organizing this effort, and thank you Robin Whipple, Laurie Trettel, Abby Kowalczyk, Linda Keylon, Muriel Kelly and Sally Cummings for your help!

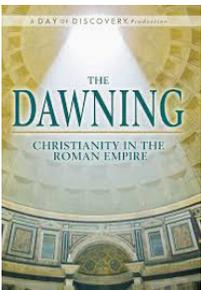


Advent Lunch, Decorating Party, & Sandwich Making December 2nd

Kick off the holiday season at our annual Advent Lunch after worship on Sunday December 2nd with homemade soups, sandwiches, and delicious desserts.

After lunch this year, we'll need teams of volunteers to pitch in on TWO separate projects. Lend a hand decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season, or help us construct "Sandwich Sunday" bag lunches in the Mt. Rainier room for our friends at Tiny Cabins Safe Harbor (formerly Tent City 5).

It promises to be a fun Sunday of fellowship and service!



November 8th Afternoon Bible Study

"The Dawning: Christianity in the Roman Empire" is the focus of our afternoon women's Bible study this year. We meet this month on Thursday November 8th at 1:30 pm. The study invites us to take a closer look at the struggles faced by early Christians and their drive to endure, offering plenty of historical facts and biblical foundation. Study guides are \$7 and will be available at the class. Questions? E-mail Janet Friedrich at philipf@comcast.net.

Romans Bible Study Continues November 19th

Our Evening Bible Study meets at 7 pm on November 19th in the Mt. Rainier Room at church to continue our study of the New Testament book of Romans. This month we will learn about Paul's view of God's Law in Romans 3:21-31. Study guides are available for \$5 from Barb Bily-Parr.