

CHURCH CHIMES

Magnolia Park United Methodist Church

We are here. We are caring. We are learning. We are worshipping God.



Moments
With
Pastor Chris

February 2019



“Wake Up!”

Zacchaeus, the Gospel of Luke tells us, was a short man who decided one day that he “wanted to see who Jesus was.” We don’t know much more about him, except that he was a chief tax collector and very wealthy, two things that, in first-century Palestine, you did not get to be by being on the up-and-up. Chief tax collectors became wealthy by running a kind of pyramid scheme, where they granted junior tax collectors the right to collect taxes from the people in return for a cut of the proceeds. If a profit was going to be made, these junior tax collectors had to collect more money from people than was due to the government. Tax collecting was a dirty business.

But despite his unwholesome career and a past that made him a pariah to his neighbors, Zacchaeus woke up one morning wanting to “see who Jesus was.” I wonder why? Was it just the lure of seeing a celebrity? Was it the simple desire to take part in an unusual event? Was it an inexplicable “itch,” like a sudden yen to go to the movies or order Chinese food? The text gives us no clue as to the “why” behind Zacchaeus’ decision, but it does end up gracing us with one of the most beautiful stories of inner transformation in the Bible: the changing of a hard-hearted little man into a repentant, generous, rejoicing follower of Jesus. Whatever the reason, when Zacchaeus woke up to the desire to see Jesus, he was awakened to a whole new life.

This month we will be exploring what it is to “Wake Up” to Jesus with the expectation that when we do, we will also wake up to who we can be—in fact, to who we really are. By waking up to Jesus, we can wake up to the Contributing Factors that re-create us and motivate us to positive action. We’ll find how waking up to Jesus means turning the “hooks” from the past that hold us back into ladders that can lead us to a better tomorrow. We’ll find out how waking up to Jesus can give us a whole new outlook on what we believe about God, the “Big Guy” in the sky, and how waking up to Jesus can bring into focus a solid hope for the future that can never be taken away. That’s a lot to “Wake Up” to, but that’s Jesus for you. When we stop slumbering, he starts us wondering if perhaps we can be and do more than we imagine.

Sometime before Zacchaeus’ wake-up call, Jesus invited three of his disciples to the top of a mountain to pray with him. Luke records that as they did, the disciples became “very sleepy”. But he also says that when they “became fully awake” they “saw his glory...” What a beautiful and life-changing thing that was! Whether we are long-time lovers of Christ, new-time believers, or “not at-this-time” skeptics, we can all Wake Up to the glory of who Jesus is. And when we do, we will discover who we really are as well.

See you in church,

Pastor Chris



February Sermons

"Wake Up!"

Feb 3rd - **WAKE UP!**: - "Contributing Factor" - *"Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do" James 2:18*

Feb 10th - **WAKE UP!**: - "Hooks and Ladders" - *"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." John 9:3*

Feb 17th - **WAKE UP!**: - "The Big Guy" - *"...he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Luke 15:20*

Feb 24th - **WAKE UP!**: - "Shimmering" - *"...for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:9*

February Sunday School

Feb 3rd - Wonders of the Bible: "Daniel" - "God delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who saved Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:27

Feb 10th - Basics of the Gospel: "The Problem" - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23

Feb 17th - Basics of the Gospel: "The Rescuer" - "Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Matthew 28:7

Feb 24th - Basics of the Gospel: "The Change" - "But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead." Ephesians 2:4-5

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Buy your loved one a

Rose Magnet

for Valentine's Day

Just \$1.00

February 3, 2019 in Fellowship Hall

Support the United Methodist Women

BAKE SALE

Support our Youth

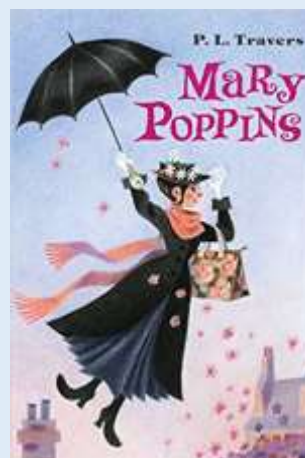
In Fellowship Hall February 17, 2019

All funds will go for our
Sierra Service Project

First Friday Family Night

Friday, February 1, 2019

Free Dinner, games and a movie



Door opens at 5:30pm

movie at 6:15pm

Free popcorn!



NEWSFROM YOUR YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group




Hey Everyone!

This new year has been off to a great start! The youth are tackling topics about their identity and how their faith helps them grow as individuals during Sunday School! We continue those lesson during Thursdays, but we also have been hanging out more in the youth lounge with board and video game nights! Not only are we growing together as a group at church, but we had our first youth outing at Pickwick Bowling! The youth can look forward to fundraising and growing their faith during the next couple months as we gear up for Sierra Service Project! So look for our fundraisers yet to come.

If you wish to stay updated throughout the month on Youth activities please contact Patrick Senense at psenense@gmail.com to get on the mailing list.

Patrick Senense, Youth Director

I  LOVE MY CHURCH!



Chatter from the Children



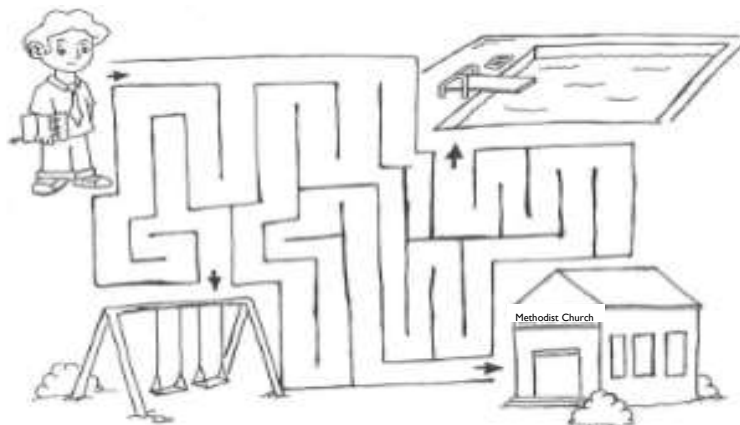
Hello church family!

It's a new year with many new blessings to look forward to. We have already been blessed with new faces to our Sunday School classes with the help of Lexi and Cadence who have brought friends to share God's word.

Our next project will be to paint the cabinets in the Children's Room with paintings of the Creation Story. We'll always be reminded whenever we enter for class and see this. **Awesome!**

We will play, we will learn, and we will grow in the Word of God.

Kayla Bower, Children's Sunday School Director



Carloe Baulista | <http://ministry-to-children.com>

Thank You Patrick for all that you do. You are a blessing to your church family. The violin was a nice touch and Kayla played it beautifully! Thanks for writing the music.

WEEKLY AGENDA AT MPUMC

Monday:

Cub Scouts Den 3	Rm.15	6:00pm 1st only
Cub Scouts Pack 201	FH	6:00pm 2nd only
Youth Band Practice	SA	5:00pm
Praise Band Practice	SA	6:30pm

Tuesday:

Adult Bible Study	FR	10:00am
Worship Design Mtg	FR	11:15am
Cub Scouts Den 4	FH	3:30pm 1st/3rd
Western Weavers	FH	6:00pm
Cub Pack 201 Leaders	CR	7:00pm 1st only
Finance/Trustee Meet	FR	6:30pm 1st only

Wednesday:

Gatekeepers Prayer Grp	SA	6:00am
Daisy Troop 70656	Rm.12	5:45pm
Cub Scouts Den 7	FH	5:00pm 1st only
Cub Scouts Den 9	Rm. 15	6:30pm 2nd/4th
Iglesia Cristiana	SA,FH,FR	7:00pm
Boy Scouts 201/Parents	FH, HS2	7:00pm

Thursday:

UMW Crafty Ladies	CA	9:30am 2nd only
Youth Group	FH/14	5:30pm
Children's Group	FH	7:00pm
Adult Group	FR	7:00pm

Friday:

First Fri. Family Night	FH	5:30pm 1st only
Alcoholics Anonymous	CR	6:00pm
Line Dancing	FH	6:30pm 2nd only

Saturday:

Choir Rehearsal	CR	8:00am
Colin Johnstone	CR	10:30am 2nd only

Sunday:

Adult Bible Study	FR	9:00am
Worship Service	SA	10:00am
Outreach Task Force	FH	11:15am last
Church Council Potluck	FH	11:15am 5th only
Iglesia Cristiana	SA	2:00pm

We provide a storage box in the back of the sanctuary for donations to

**Burbank Temporary Aid Center
also known as BTAC**

They can ALWAYS use the following:

Canned goods with easy-open pull-tabs are especially appreciated and personal hygiene supplies such as toothpaste, tooth brushes and deodorant. **BUT Please, NO ramen noodles, or exotic, specialty-food items!**

Donations include but are not limited to:

Canned Ham or Chicken, Spam, Cereals, Jell-O, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter & Jelly, or Sugar. Canned soup, Cocoa mix, Box juices, puddings, Evaporated or powdered milk, Instant potatoes, rice or pasta, Pancake mix, Syrup, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables.

These are just a few of the items that can be given to help supply this food bank. Just one of our community missions.

DON'T FORGET BTAC DONATIONS

Coffee Hour

Provided and served by **volunteers** of the congregation.

First weekend: UMW ladies. Gay Nichols, Pres.

Second weekend: Kathy K. - 818-644-7075

Third weekend: Sylvia B. - 818-532-4911

Fourth weekend: Ginie H. - 818-238-9783

Fifth weekend: Potluck

Beverly B. - 818-421-5142

Weekly support: Sandy B. - 818-521-9925

Beverly Brinker, Worship Team Chairperson, oversees this scheduling and the supplies. If you would like to donate food or your time to any one of these Sundays please contact Beverly. Any support is always welcomed and **volunteers** are always needed. Sign up on Sunday!



Helping hands make light work.

The **coffee hour volunteers** need your help. They put in the time to prepare your coffee hour and donate the wonderful treats that we all enjoy every Sunday. **A signup sheet is available each Sunday for help with clean up and food items.** It will be greatly appreciated.

Beverly Brinker



Caring Ministry Team

If you are in need of transportation services such as to church or the doctor, we can help. Our team members are here to help you.

Contact Coordinator: Kathy Keating
818-843-6074 or Kathykeating@earthlink.net

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 8 Richard Smirch

Feb. 10 Nick Pavik

Feb. 14 Harrison Proulx

Feb. 26 Patrick Senense

Feb. 9 Dale Gallaher

Feb. 13 Neva Dye

Feb. 15 Danny Etter

Feb. 27 Alice Finch

