

# the Spire



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## **Andrew Whipple New Member**



Andrew Whipple was confirmed at worship on Sunday, September 28th. Andrew and his mentor, Scott Wakefield, talked about the mentor experience and how meaningful it was to both of them. Andrew is the son of Mark and Robin Whipple and brother of Jack and Lily. He is a freshman at Lakeside School, where his favorite classes are French and Biology. Andrew plays guitar and drums in a rock band and is active in Magnolia Mission Youth. Although you have been part of our congregation for a number of years, we welcome you to membership, Andrew!

## **Godly Play Leader Training**

The second *Godly Play* training session will be on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 am until noon. If you missed the first session this summer, plan to be at this training. Coffee and doughnuts be waiting for you in the Mt. Rainier Room. Please plan to be there 10 minutes early so we can start right at 9:00 am. The second half of training will be in the Colchuck Peak room now called the Children's Worship Center.

## **Magnolia Preschool**

Jenny, Megan, and Melrose are excited to report that the preschool is now at full attendance capacity and they have begun taking names for a waiting list. Congratulations for a job well done! Also many thanks to our preschool liaison Tina Leighton and her husband Jerry for preparing the wonderful signs advertising the preschool. Your efforts have certainly paid off.

You are welcome to stop by the preschool at any time to see the kids enjoying their activities. The preschool hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9am-1pm and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9am-11:30am. Examples of preschool pictures and art projects will be posted on the new preschool bulletin board. You may contact the preschool by email now at [mpcpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:mpcpreschool@yahoo.com). Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful part of our church community!

## **Chili Feed and Dessert Auction**

You All Come!  
It's a hoe-down, gulp-down,  
red-hot chili cook-off  
sponsored by your  
very own Deacons.

**Sunday, October 26**  
5:00 pm until the cows come home  
in Fellowship Hall

## Walk With God Into The Future

Beloved ones: Do you want to know the future? Sometimes I think it would be nice.

But, I don't really want to know the future. I would be a fool, however, if I did not plan for the future. I want to walk with God into my future; are you ready to walk into yours - your future and the future of the church? But, I don't know what that will look like. For me, as an Interim Minister, the future is wide open with opportunity. For me, as your pastor, the future is looking shorter and shorter – and that is how it should be.

The future is coming at us – the process that will lead to your next installed pastor is working. But, that does not mean that we wait for the future while twiddling our thumbs.

We wait for the future by preparing for it. Just as I am beginning to pray, discern and seek guidance from God concerning my future, as I am reading, writing letters, talking with people and listening to the Holy Spirit, so should you be planning for the future.

Here are some suggestions for waiting for God with your brain/heart/spirit in gear and ready to go.

1. Pray. If we don't believe prayer works, why do it? Pray for the person God is calling here. Pray for the PNC. Pray for me. Pray for each other. Pray some time every day with all your heart – not asking God, but listening for God – make it a real conversation.
2. Support. Support your session in their work; support the PNC in theirs; support the story tellers in the Children's Worship; support the work of the Deacons; support the mission of the church, support our youth and our new members.
3. Give. Give your time and your money. Volunteer for those jobs that need doing around the church. Go with the crew to NightWatch. Go with the food baggers and feed the hungry. Spend time with our young people – they could really use your gifts on Sunday nights. Up your pledge before you are asked.
4. Dream. Dream of a filled sanctuary. Dream of our Sunday School rooms filled. Dream of new programs and classes. Dream of more missions and outreach. Dream of lives changed and empowered for good. Dream big.

5. Continue. Continue doing the good work of stewardship, visiting, caring, sharing, loving, teaching, reaching out, inviting others, singing, praising God and living lives worthy of your calling.

May God bless this church into her future and may your dreams all come true.

Peace and Joy,  
Pastor Elaine

### Quick Notes:

**The Wired Word** is an adult class discussion of contemporary issues from a Christian perspective. Join the group on Sundays at 9:45 in the 2nd floor Mt. Baker Room.

**Operation NightWatch** will serve the homeless on Wednesday, November 12th. Meet at the church by 7pm to volunteer as a server or bring your food contribution for this important mission program.

**Amber Lamond** is the new Office Administrator. Her e-mail address is [amber@magpres.org](mailto:amber@magpres.org).

**Calling all Magnolia Thriftway shoppers:** Please save those receipts from your purchases, they are as good as money for the church budget. Bring your receipts to the office where they will be collected and turned in for cash.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet on Thursday, November 13th to share lunch and fellowship in the Mt. Rainier Room.

## October 18th Supper Club Meets At Mills

Jim & Laura Mills invite you to the Supper Club at their home on October 18th. The Mills are at 3223 W. Viewmont Way W. 286-8777.

Bring a dinner item to share with 8-10 others. Don't let the 'Club' throw you - again, all adults are welcome.

Future Supper Club events are tentatively scheduled as follows, so mark your calendars:

11/15/08 Host - Sharlene Bathum

12/13/08 Host - Doug & Cindy Bain

## Mariners To Hear Rev. David Passey

Save Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for Magnolia Mariners. All members of the church are invited to join in a pot luck dinner in the Mt. Rainier Room. The program will feature the Rev. David Passey, Chaplain at Cristwood Retirement Center. Rev. Passey will talk about the tiny country of Moldova in Eastern Europe between Romania and Ukraine.

The Mariners have been a part of the church for more than 60 years! They continue to contribute to church programs and missions, enjoy friendships and fellowship around the table. Sign up on the bulletin board and let us your dinner contribution. See you at Mariners!

## Spiritual Growth Topic For Women's Bible Study

A new bible study series "Pursuing a Deeper Faith" will be the focus of the fall meetings of the Evening Women's Bible Study. The group will be exploring ways to develop a closer relationship with God through study, prayer and discussion.

You're invited to come to the next Evening Women's Bible Study, Monday, October 27th at 7:30pm at the home of Ruth Trail, 3601-24th Place West, #103. New Study Guides will be available at the meeting.

## MMY Haunted House

The Halloween Haunted House will be open in the cellar of Magnolia Lutherine Church again this year. Trick or treaters' of all ages are invited to drop by to see what the Magnolia Mission Youth have cooked up. The fun starts at 4pm, don't be afraid!

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## Save These Dates

**Tuesday, November 11th:** Magnolia Mission Youth invite you to dress in Black & White attire and come to an old fashioned Big Band Dance. A 20 dollar ticket will get you in to dance to the Magnolia Big Band, plus dessert and coffee. Come to dance or just enjoy listening to the Big Band music. It will be a great evening!!

## Highlights Of October 7th MPC Session Meeting

The Session opened with a devotional reading and prayer from Scott Wakefield.

The order of the day was for session to interview Helen April for membership.

Helen recounted some of her life experiences and her faith journey that brought her to MPC. The session voted unanimously to accept Helen as a new member with her installation date to be determined.

Don Bailey and Cindy Bain of the financial committee reported that the investment accounts at Edward Jones are funded in various certificates of deposit as a previous Spire story noted.

The pre-school is projecting to be ahead of budget for the coming term. The session passed a motion to adopt the PC USA Board of Pensions 403B document per our current practice for Rev. Elaine.

Pastor Elaine announced that the Baptism of Bennett Hasandras is planned for October 26, 2008 and Charlie Phares for November 23, 2008.

Don Bailey reported that the PNC website will be completed soon. Cheri Yonich said that the nominating committee is close to having a list of deacon and elder candidates ready for the next term.

The meeting ended with prayer and Examen at 9:30.

**Sunday, December 7th:** Get ready for our annual Advent Party. The fun starts after church with a wonderful holiday lunch. Everyone is invited to join in decoration the church, making Christmas decorations, and preparing Christmas surprise packages for our homebound members.

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## October 26<sup>th</sup> Chili Feed And Dessert Auction

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## Prayers Are Needed

The Prayer Chain asks that you remember with your prayers the following family and friends who are not well:

Carol Boitano  
Elsie Cole  
Bridget Hopkins  
Marge Stapp  
Evelyn Wiley

Prayers of support are needed the Pastor Nominating Committee, the Session, Deacons and for Pastor Elaine.

Prayers and calls to these homebound members are appreciated: Merial Atkinson, Marion Bledsoe, Mildred Brown, Edna Carlson, Ken Eather, Wilma Egleston, Paul and Marnell Gray, Molly Langdale, Ada Nesbitt, Cora Nordquist, Liz Panteleeff and Dorothy Prince

## Memorial Funds Used For Portable Sound System

Generous contributions in memory of Eric Bathum and Marion Wright's grandmother Lillian Mc Coy were used to purchase the new portable sound system. This will allow us to take the sound system to church rooms outside the sanctuary. Many thanks from the Bathum and Wright families to everyone who contributed to these memorial funds.

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